

Foreign Missions.

The regular monthly meeting of the Foreign Mission Board was held on Wednesday, the 7th, in Baptist Room, St. John. All the members of the Board were present except two, one of whom was too far away to get here, and the other was sick. Revs. A. E. Ingram, J. A. Gordon, and M. B. Shaw, missionary-elect, were also present, and invited to seats on the Board. The meeting was one of unusual interest. After the routine of business, Bro. T. S. Simms, President of the Board, introduced Bro. Shaw, our newly appointed missionary, to the brethren.

Bro. Shaw responded in a very earnest and feeling address, stating most graphically his experience in relation to missions. He spoke of his conversion to Christ, and convictions in regard to the foreign field. His statements were clear and convincing, and it was very evident to all who heard him that he was a chosen vessel to the heathen. Revs. D. A. Steele and J. A. Gordon spoke in reply to Bro. Shaw, affirming their convictions that the Board was most fortunate in the choice of another mission family for India. On Wednesday evening Bro. Shaw addressed a meeting in the Portland Baptist church on missions.

On Thursday evening a mass missionary meeting was held in the Brussels St. Baptist church under the auspices of the Board. Bro. T. S. Simms presided. There were present on the platform with the president: Revs. D. A. Steele, G. O. Gates, J. A. Ford, S. Nellor, H. G. Mellick, A. E. Ingram, W. J. Stewart, and Bro. J. H. Harding.

Bro. Steele was the first speaker. He spoke of his deep interest in our mission and missionaries, having been connected with the Board from its organization. He called the attention of the meeting to the fact that in February the motto at the head of the Women's column in the Messenger and Visitor was, "Pray for another mission family." While we were praying, Bro. Shaw was wrestling with God in California, and got no rest until he could say: "Here am I, send me."

Bro. Steele was followed by Bro. Ford, of Carleton, who delivered an eloquent address on Missions.

Then came Bro. Shaw. There was a breathless silence in the house as he stepped to the front of the platform. All eyes were fixed on him. It very soon became evident that he was master of the situation. Every heart was moved and many tears were shed as our dear brother told of the steps which led up to the place where he then stood. I am sure that all who heard him will follow him with their prayers and contributions as he goes to the East to dispense the word of life.

Bro. Simms truly said, God is taking the very flower of our young men for foreign service.

Bro. Shaw was followed by a short address by Rev. H. G. Mellick, and one of the most soul stirring missionary meetings which the writer ever attended was brought to a close.

Excellent music was furnished by the choir of the Brussels St. church. Bro. Shaw has been engaged by the Board to visit the churches, associations and conventions during the summer. Soon after Convention (D. V.) he will proceed to his destination in India. Any church or society wishing an address from Bro. Shaw would do well to correspond with him or the secretary of the Board. I am sure all the churches visited by Bro. Shaw will see to it that hospitality is provided and good collections taken for missions. W. J. STEWART, St. John, N. B. Secretary.

Missionary meetings will be conducted by Rev. M. B. Shaw as follows: Sunday, May 18, Parrboro church; Thursday, May 29, Truro, mass meeting; Sunday, June 1, Wolfville. The churches named will please make suitable arrangements for these services.

St. Martins.

My recent visit—and the first—to St. Martins, from Friday evening, 2nd inst. to Tuesday morning of the following week, was one to be long remembered. The cordial greeting from Bro. Parker of the village church, Dr. Hopper and Prof. Warren and their families and the other teachers, and a few old friends among the students at the Seminary, removed all feelings of strangeness at once. The fine Seminary building is occupied by a busy and happy family. The matron, Mrs. Scribner, is the embodiment of motherliness, and cares well for the physical wants of her charges. The fact is being demonstrated by the experience of the year soon to close, that there are methods, which if carefully followed, will make education a grand success. What the Seminary wants now most of all—what she must have—is the hearty and liberal support of her constituents. She is deserving of it.

It was my privilege to attend a meeting of the Students' Literary Society on Saturday evening. The programme was quite elaborate, parts of it were unique, and exhibiting talent of a high order in those who carried out their parts, the whole was keenly appreciated and enjoyed by the visiting stranger. On Sunday morning it rained, and by request I preached at 11 o'clock to the assembled

students in the Seminary chapel. At 2:30 Dr. Hopper kindly gave the opportunity for a missionary meeting for the students, and by his earnest words greatly helped in the exercises. Deep interest in the work of our Board, and of missions in general was manifest in many faces. May the "light of the glory of God which shineth in the face of Jesus Christ" reflect itself in many of those bright young faces to turn them toward their fellows, who now sit in darkness, but who are asking for the light. At 7 p. m., a service had been arranged for in the church in the village. In spite of the rain a large congregation greeted the speaker, and showed in their close attention to his remarks, and in more tangible evidence, their deep interest in mission enterprise. Bro. Parker is being richly blessed in his work. It has been his joy to welcome over thirty of the young people of his congregation into the church fellowship, in the past few months. Twelve received the right hand of fellowship at this service, and sat down for the first time to the table of the Lord. Of this bright young company of converts, two were from the Seminary, a young lady student, and the teacher of education, Miss Patton, daughter of Deacon Patton, of Milton church, Yarmouth.

M. B. SHAW.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

FERRISPORT, N. S.—Received three into the fellowship of this church since my last communication—two by baptism and one by letter.

St. George, N. B.—Baptized two into this church, Sunday, May 4th, and two others were received at our conference meeting, one by letter and one by experience. Brethren pray for us.

C. E. PINNO.

SUSSEX, N. B.—Two promising young sisters were baptized, and united with the church here on the 4th inst. Others have recently come to the Saviour and will soon follow Him at the ordinance.

E. J. G.

DARTMOUTH.—Some tokens of divine favor have been granted us. Four were baptized last Sunday evening (May 4th). We have also received several important additions by letter, and feel much encouraged.

C. W. W.

St. Martins.—Four more young disciples were baptized yesterday. Others are seeking the Saviour. Bro. M. B. Shaw, our missionary elect, addressed us last evening, and made an excellent impression upon our people. We praise God for raising up among us for our Foreign Mission such promising young men as Brethren Higgins and Shaw. May there be more such to follow.

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MECHANICVILLE, New York.—Bro. Walter Bates has a very successful year of work with this church. Grace and revival influences have been present and a large number have been added to the membership. Through mislaying a note received from him just too late for last issue, we are unable to give statistics. We are glad to be able to state that he intends to visit the provinces this month and to remain for several weeks.

MOUNT HANLEY.—God is reviving His work in answer to the earnest prayers of the faithful here. The fervent from our ranks are returning and souls are being saved. It was my privilege to baptize four candidates last Sabbath. These, with one baptized recently at Port George, make five heads of families added, and promise us much additional strength. Others are seeking salvation, and we expect soon to baptize again. With health fully restored and the good hand of our God upon us, we hope to continue in aggressive work. Pray for us dear brethren.

E. E. LOCKE.

HARVEY.—We have entered upon our second year with this church, as also with the New Horton and Germantown churches. We are now holding special services with the New Horton churches, and a growing interest is reviving our hopes. Sinners are anxiously inquiring the way, in whose behalf we ask your prayers. Last night our friends gathered around us on the occasion of the anniversary of the fifth year of our marriage, and cheered our hearts by their good wishes, and replenished our purse and laden by their substantial gifts. May He who has said "it is more blessed to give than to receive," recognize and reward their acts of kindness.

J. W. BEAVER.

BRIDGETOWN.—Last Sabbath (4th) was another happy day with us, when it was our privilege to baptize eight more and receive them into the Bridgetown church. At the service following the house was crowded and the communion service was said to be the largest ever seen in the church. In the evening, while we were at one of the stations, a service was held in the church, conducted by the young men. It was greatly enjoyed by the large congregation present. We feel strong, having around us such a number of earnest-hearted and zealous young men and women. We have reason to expect much from them. Others have been received for baptism, and the work goes on. F. M. YOUNG.

CLEMENTS.—This village has long been famed for the beauty of its situation. The completion of the railroad from Annapolis to Digby, which passes through this place, is working some changes, which will doubtless add to its advantages for trade, and as a place of pleasant summer resort. The Baptist church here is yet in its infancy, but is being well cared for and fed by the faithful and prudent labors of our Bro. Rev. J. C. Read. He brings to his work here the ripe experiences of a thirty years pastorate in Aylesford, and the good influence of his work is readily seen by an interested visitor. Smith's Cove, Clements' West and Upper Clements are now united in this pastorate, all lying along the southern shores of the Digby basin, and so far as location goes, making one of the most pleasant fields of this province. While no special influence of the Holy Spirit's work are seen, as they are by pastor and people longed for, yet indications of substantial growth promise much for the future.

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WINDSOR.—Eight were baptized by Dr. Saunders on Sunday, the 4th inst. Others are coming. Mr. D. L. Moore begins work on the 25th and will spend his vacation with the church.

New Glasgow.—A young woman came down the East River ten or fifteen miles to our last conference and offered herself to the church for baptism. She was baptized on Sunday, also a young man, Pastor Dykeman, although not very strong, is a hard worker, and holds a large place in the hearts of his flock, as also his wife, who is a helpmeet indeed, helping in the choir and Sunday-school. May they live to bear much fruit of the labors in the building up of Christ's church in this place.

FOURTH CORNWALLIS, N. S.—The first Sabbath in May of this year will hereafter be regarded as a memorable day in the history of the 4th Cornwallis Baptist church. On that day it was my privilege to baptize 22 persons into the fellowship of this church—7 at Burlington and 15 at Victoria. Two others received by letter were also welcomed. The services throughout the preceding week were attended with increasing manifestations of God's power to save. They were held at Burlington, Victoria and Fairview, were largely attended, characterized by unusual solemnity, and culminated in large audiences on the Lord's day, and deeply impressive baptisms. Many others seeking the Lord and passing into the Kingdom. Bro. Austin Kempton, from the College, who spent his last summer's vacation here, was present on the Lord's day, and assisted in the services.

ISA WALLACE.

JACKSONVILLE, N. B.—The friends of Rev. J. Archibald will be soon to hear that he is very ill. He has been confined to his house nearly three weeks, and grave fears are entertained for his recovery. Bro. Archibald is one of our most faithful pastors. He knows, loves and preaches the whole truth. He is greatly beloved by his flock, and many prayers are being offered for his recovery, and we ask the brotherhood to join with us in praying that his useful life may be spared to them. Yesterday it was my privilege to conduct the services in both of his churches, and to baptize two young brethren (one of them the second son of Bro. Archibald) into the fellowship of the Jacksonville church. I have received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the Macquarie Baptist church. Expect to leave for the Island on the 18th inst. Brethren please give us a share in your prayers.

S. D. ERVINE.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.—Pastor Mellick, who met with the Conference for the first time since beginning his new pastorate at Leinster street, Carleton (D. V.) on the 18th inst. Pastors Parsons and two on Sabbath. Pastor Gates reported four baptized since last session. Pastor Ingram reports increased congregations and a better financial outlook. Pastor Hartley has baptized two at Carleton and 21 at Deer Island, where he had been holding special meetings for a few days. In Portland and Fairville and at Brussels street, the interest is good with nothing special to report. Bro. Spencer is laboring hopefully in connection with the Marine Hospital and the new Salore House. Since last report, Pastor Capp has had eleven additions to his church. Missionary elect Shaw preached for the Carleton Baptist church on Sabbath morning. The service was of great interest. There was a collection of \$30 taken for the Convention Fund. The following brethren were appointed to bring in five minute papers on the Sabbath-school: Gates, Capp, Ford, Mellick, Parsons. Also, brethren Martell, Welton, Goodspeed, Hartley and Saunders were appointed to discuss the question, "Should the state enforce the observance of the Sabbath by law?" at the following session.

HARTFORD.—Though we have not been able to hold special meetings during this past winter on account of the changeable weather and sickness among the people, and for the past few weeks the presence of the Lord in our regular services. We have been trying to revise our church list. All the absent members whose address we could find have been written to and satisfactory answers received. The majority of them sent a dollar each for the Convention fund as we requested them. We hope to give more for our denominational objects this year than we did in previous years. The pastor and his family were put on the "sunny side" on 3rd of March, by a donation of over \$50, which has since been increased to \$85 by those who could not be present that evening. In our Conference meeting early in April one was received for baptism, and it was resolved to hold some special meetings. Rev. E. M. D. D., of Windsor, exchanged with me on the morning of the second Sunday in April, and addressed the Sabbath-school in the afternoon. His words made a deep impression on the hearts of the school children. Rev. H. N. Parry, of Aylesford, assisted us for over two weeks. He is "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." The people who heard him were delighted with his sermons and addresses, and a number were led to trust in the Saviour. Seven have been baptized lately. The meetings were largely attended, but last Sunday evening the church was crowded. A sermon was preached by the pastor on the symbolism of baptism, after which three believers were baptized. A number of the Sunday-school children have been converted and want to be baptized as soon as their parents will permit them. The church is encouraged and thankful for the blessings received, but we are not satisfied for a few of the church members do not come up to the help of the Lord as they should, and many dear ones are yet out of the ark of safety.

P. S. MACG.

TRURO.—Readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR will be glad to know that the new church at Truro is prospering in its work. It was my privilege to act as supply for the church last Lord's day. I was informed that the attendance at the services on Lord's day and on week-day evenings is good, and the interest in the meetings equally satisfactory. The Sabbath-school has a large number of adults and is well conducted. The members are united, and earnestly engaged in labors on behalf of the church. Last Lord's day the membership was increased by ten, four being received by baptism. The baptism was administered in the house of worship of Prince street church, Rev. J. E. Goucher assisting in the service. About sixty united in observing the Lord's Supper at the evening meeting. In this service Rev. D. W. C. Dimock took part, and in the course of his remarks stated that he was the first Baptist minister, as far as he knew, who presided at the observance of the ordinance in Truro. The occasion was about forty-five years ago. How many blessings have been granted our people since that time! Your readers will be pleased also to know that Prince street church is in every way prosperous. The congregations, as I was told, continue to be large; the several departments of the work are prosecuted with vigor, and spiritual blessings are not withheld from pastor and people. It was a joy to me to assist the pastor, whose sympathy and kindness to me years ago were very helpful, in the observance of baptism. It is not often, I think, that baptism is administered twice in the same house on the same day.

E. M. KIRSTEAD.

THE YARMOUTH CO. BAPTIST QUARTERLY MEETING was held at Port Maitland, May 6th. Ten ministers and six delegates were present. In the absence of the president, Rev. J. E. Bill, Rev. G. B. Whitte was appointed chairman for the session. The meeting gladly welcomed Rev. Aaron Cogswell, pastor of the Lake George church, who has been ill during the winter, but is now much improved in health. The presence of Rev. J. B. Woodland in this quarterly meeting, after an absence of two years in the United States, gave his brethren great pleasure. The first half hour was spent in devotional exercises. The reports from the churches breathed a spirit of hopefulness and courage. All the churches of the country are now supplied with pastors. Baptisms were reported from Beaver River, Hebron, Acadia, and Chebogue churches. The afternoon session was spent in the discussion of subjects of interest to pastors and churches. Rev. W. H. Robinson presented an outline of a sermon on Matt. 11:32, "The unrepentant sin." A suitable order of service for public worship, was presented by Rev. A. Cohoon. Rev. J. H. Poshay delivered an address on the subject, "Has Ritualism any place in public worship? If so to what extent is it admissible in our churches." A paper on the "Scriptural idea of fasting," was read by the writer of this sketch. All these subjects were earnestly discussed by the ministers and delegates. In the evening an evangelistic service was held, opened by Rev. A. F. Browne.

E. P. COLDWELL, Secretary.

NOTICES.
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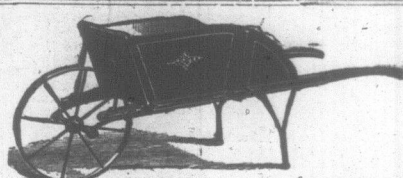
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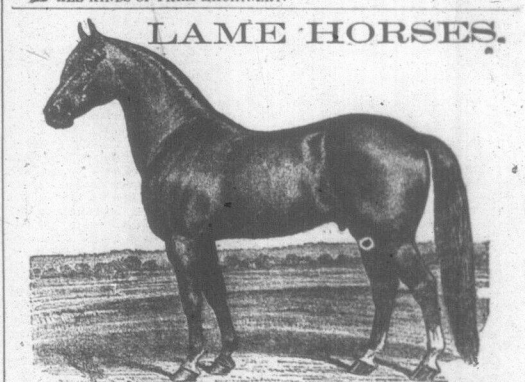


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