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UPPER BLACKVILLE, N. B.—Good results have attended the meetings held at this place. Fourteen persons have professed conversion, and others have manifested an interest in the matter of their salvation.

2ND CANTERBURY CHURCH.—Perhaps a word or two from us would be acceptable to the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. On Sunday morning, 9th inst., it was my pleasure to bury with Christ in Baptism three happy converts. In the afternoon they were received into church membership. We are seeking for a higher standard in Christian service and living. Pray for us.

L. A. LOCKHART.

EAST ST. MARGARET'S BAY.—Since the close of the college I have had the pleasure of spending my vacation among a kind and appreciative people. The quiet influence of the Spirit gladdened our hearts in the conversion of souls. At Sea Bright, Aug 2nd, six happy believers were baptized by Bro. Tingley of Hammond's Plains, others are interested. I purpose to continue my studies at the opening of the term. A pastor, desiring to take up the work here, will have the hearty support of the people and much to encourage him.

D. J. MACPERSON.

STUDHOLM, N. B.—The Studholm Baptist Church which is situated at Collina Cotier, Kings Co. N. B., will be re-opened on Sunday September 13th. The church has been moved from its old site to a spot near the corner and has been thoroughly repaired at a cost of some \$500. Rev. Dr. Keirstead of Wolfville is expected to preach the opening sermon. A hearty invitation is hereby extended to ministers and laymen to be present at the opening. Those intending to come will please send their names to Mr. Wm. A. Keirstead, Snider Mountain, Kings Co. A large gathering of the friends is expected and a good time is looked for.

W. CAMP, Pastor.

ARGYLE, YAR. CO., N. S.—When I came here this field had been without a pastor for some eight months. During that time the prayer meetings at Argyle Head and at Argyle Sound had gone down. There were no Baptist meetings held on the field. The spiritual life was in a low condition. Since I came here prayer meetings have been organized at Argyle Head, Argyle Sound and a new one at East Pubnico. Conference meetings are held once a month at each of the above places. There is only one Sunday School as yet, on the field. This Sunday school is held at Argyle Head, in connection with the Argyle church. It has never gone down and is in a good working condition. There is also a Mission Band in connection with it. The Lord is blessing his work here; May the Holy Spirit, lead, guide and direct in all things.

W. S. TEDFORD.

Aug. 18.  
DERBY, N. B.—We closed meetings here last Lord's Day. This is part of Newcastle Church, six miles from town on the South West Miramichi. Bro. Steeves and I labored some time here and found the people kind, generous and active and the Lord blessed. About fifteen professed to have found Christ as Saviour and others asked prayers. During the meetings we enjoyed a visit from Bro. Thorne who is settling on the North West also Bros. I. Wallace and J. H. Hughes. They all gave to the people helpful messages. We begin special meetings in Newcastle this evening 18th. While writing, I would suggest that our General Missionary visit Germantown, A. Co., N. B. A good work was begun there and should be looked after as that church is without preaching now. It

may be another opening for the Sandfordites or some other new sect if the Baptists do not care for it. Our address is Grangeville, Kent Co., N. B., instead of Kings Co., as a mis-print gave it in last letter.

Geo. H. BEAMAN.

WATERVILLE, N. S.—I entered upon work here as pastor of the Cambridge church on May first. The first matter to occupy our attention was the securing of a parsonage which is now in course of erection and which we hope to occupy by the last of October. The appearance of the church at Waterville is being improved by the painter's brush. On July 31st Sister J. L. Read of Aylesford met with us and organized a W. M. A. S. We are hopeful that this society will have a large membership to report in the near future. We find here a very kind warm hearted people. Already we have received many tokens of appreciation and good will, the last of which was a purse containing over \$10 presented to Mrs. Moore as she was about stepping on board the train to attend the Union at Woodstock. On Sunday, Aug 9th, it was my privilege to baptize three happy believers at Grafton. The preaching and social services of the church are well attended and we are expecting large blessings in the near future. Pray for us that in all things Christ may have the preeminence.

C. K. MORSE.

SPRINGFIELD AND KARS.—The work on this field has been carried on quietly and without ostentation. Since my last report, we have had the blessings of peace and unity, while the churches are blest in having in their ranks many willing workers who are also ready to do and give to their utmost for the support of the work. There are also others who claim the ministrations of the church who do and give very little, so the burden falls upon those who are willing to spend and be spent in the Master's service. There are several points of interest to be noticed chief among them the building and completion of two new edifices. We fully expected to have the pleasure to include in this report an account of the dedication of our church at Cromwell Hill; but circumstances which we could not command have arisen to retard a little the seating of the building. The house is a well designed and well finished building, of suitable dimensions and appointments for the purposes of its erection. The building is free of debt with a surplus of \$40 still in the treasury. The house of worship erected at Belleisle Station called (Mount Olivet) was dedicated on Lord's day, June 14th. Dr. Keirstead of Acadia occupied the pulpit morning and evening and in the presence of large congregations preached two eloquent, practical and effective sermons. Rev. H. S. Shaw M. A. of Hampton preached in the afternoon. Our brother spoke effectively on the churches opportunity to do Home Mission Work. This building cost \$1300 and there remains the small debt of \$75. The church is equipped with bell and cabinet organ. Our readers will not be surprised to learn that the undertaking has been attended with many and great difficulties; but as these were calculated upon, they have not appeared so great as they really were. The object which has been by God's grace thus far attained, is worth ten times the trouble, and although we cannot but sensibly feel the weakness of the "earthen vessels" in which he has permitted his heavenly treasure to be deposited, yet knowing the reason, "that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us," though troubled on every side, we are not distressed and though cast down, we are not destroyed. To him be glory. I desire first in my own part, and then on the part of the parishoners, to thank all who have so kindly donated and assisted in the building of these houses of worship. In matters spiritual, the progress is not as perceptible nor as great as one, perhaps, could wish for, but God alone knows the measure and progress of that. On the whole there is much need of deeper spiritual life, as no doubt is the case in most churches. We trust that in God's own good time the spiritual awakening may come, as He sees best.

Wm. M. FIELD.

Hatfields Point, Aug. 17.

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