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All communications and subscriptions may be forwarded to REV. J. H. HUGHES, Carleton, St. John.

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To any one sending ten names, with five dollars, an extra copy will be sent free for one year. It is to be hoped that a large number of clubs may be formed early in the season—between this and January 1st, 1899. To our young people, both in the Sabbath schools and unions, a great opportunity is offered. Let us have your support promptly. This paper will contain news from the churches, Sunday-school lessons, and general reading pertaining to Baptist interests.

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All funds intended for our work should be forwarded direct to the treasurer, Bro. J. S. Titus.

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Our officers perform their work without salary and all funds entrusted to us will be expended directly upon the objects named, without any deduction whatever.

TO OUR READERS.

With the present number we begin a public record of the home mission affairs of our denomination in this province, hoping thereby to increase the interest of every member in our churches in the important matters we have in hand.

At various sessions of the Board, the opinion has been frequently expressed that we should have some suitable medium of presenting our work more fully to the attention of the people whom we serve. Many misunderstandings as

to our course in the treatment of fields and the appeals that are constantly coming to us would be cleared away by a published presentation of all the business we are now endeavoring to manage, and we feel sure that were our work better known we should receive a much larger support in its behalf.

We propose also to open a department for Sabbath-school and colportage work, and to this end we invite all our brethren in whose hearts these interests have found a place to furnish us with suggestions and counsel as their needs are more and more manifest.

With faith in our mission, relying upon the sympathy and co-operation of the Baptists of the province, we launch our little sheet upon the waters, hoping that in due time we shall yet see greater success in every branch of Christian effort among us.

THE COMMITTEE.

N. B.—We send out this first issue of THE HOME MISSION JOURNAL to a large number of our Baptist people all over the province, hoping that they will send us their subscriptions for it at once for the incoming year of 1899. Those who subscribe now will get another paper next month in addition to the twenty-four copies for 1899. The paper, as you will see by the prospectus, is fifty cents a year, paid in advance.

It would be best, where convenient, to have subscriptions begin the first of the year. But now is the right time to subscribe, so we may know how many copies to issue for January, 1899. Make up your clubs of ten subscribers as soon as possible; to every one sending a club of ten subscriptions we will give a copy free for one year. A club of ten need not be for one post office, so long as ten names are sent with five dollars; they may have different addresses. But be sure and write each name in large, plain letters, with the address of each subscriber. A post office note can now be had at any money order post office for from fifty cents to five dollars. It is the handiest way to remit money, and somewhat cheaper. In localities where these cannot be obtained, then register your remittance; and it is best, where a club of ten cannot be secured, for two subscribers to join in ordering the paper and enclose a dollar bill. Where there is only one subscriber, the best way is to put a fifty cent piece on a bit of pasteboard and mark it round and cut out the place, and put the coin in the hole so made, and then paste a thin piece of paper over each side and seal it up in an envelope.

We invite items of news from churches and localities. Ministers, brethren and sisters, give us brief articles,—notices of marriages,

deaths, births, baptisms, etc. We will give a corner to children's letters, such as are seen in many other papers. Many of them are very interesting, especially to children. We would be pleased to answer their questions pertaining to scripture texts, etc.

This little sheet is intended to meet a need in scores of families where no religious paper is taken, as well as any others who may like to have it. We send it out, praying the Divine Teacher to make it blessing wherever it may go.

We send packages of THE HOME MISSION JOURNAL to several of our brethren, trusting that they will distribute them among their friends and try to get them to subscribe for the paper.

All remittances and correspondence to be addressed to REV. J. H. HUGHES, St. John (West Side) N. B.

GENERAL NOTES.

In 1878 German Baptists in Chicago numbered 200 members, with one church; they now have six churches and two missions, with 1,500 members.

A Chinaman named Lee Hong was recently ordained to the Baptist ministry in Philadelphia. He had been instrumental in gathering a church of forty-eight members, of which he now becomes pastor.

American Baptists have met a great loss in the death of Prof. John M. Gregory, formerly president of Kalamazoo College, Michigan, and afterwards president of Illinois Industrial University. He was the author of "The Problem of Education," "A Hand-book of History," and other valuable works. His death occurred at Washington, D. C., October 20th, 1898.

The death of Dr. S. W. Duncan, October 30th, at his home, Brookline, Mass., removes another prominent minister of our body in the United States. He had been for many years foreign secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, a position which he filled with distinguished ability.

According to recent statistics the different denominations in Newfoundland are as follows: Roman Catholics, 72,696; Episcopalians, 62,834; Methodists, 53,276; Presbyterians, 1,500; with a few Salvationists, Baptists, and others. We have surely neglected to give the people of this great province the truth which God has so freely given to us. Not a single Baptist church exists on the Island.

Bro. Atkins, of Dauphin, N. W. T., appeals to eastern Baptists in behalf of 2,000 Galicians who have settled on his field of labor. Superintendent A. J. Vining recently baptized four converts there.

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District Sunday-school Convention.

The third semi-annual session of Sunday-school convention, District No. 1, Queens Co., including the schools of Waterborough, Chipman, Northfield and Canning, was held with the Ironbound Cove school, Copeland's Corner, November 4th. The session opened with reading of scripture and prayer by Pastor A. Freeman of Newcastle.

The following schools are included in this convention:

Newcastle Field--

- (1) Sypher's Cove, Supt. Chas. Chapman.
- (2) Lower Newcastle, " James Bailey.
- (3) Upper Newcastle, " Rev. A. Freeman.
- (4) New Zion, " Luke Flowers.
- (5) Northfield, " A. Miller.
- (6) Ironbound Cove, " Wm. McAllister.

Chipman Field--

- (1) Upper Salmon Creek, Supt. George Wilson
- (2) Lower " " John Briggs.
- (3) Chipman Station, " E. E. Crandall.
- (4) Gaspereaux, " A. L. Fleming.

Waterborough Field--

- (1) Range, Supt.
- (2) Pennlyn, "
- (3) Cumberland Bay, "
- (4) Lower Cumberland Bay, "

Nearly all of these schools were represented by delegates and presented interesting reports of work done.

At the evening session the executive committee had arranged for the following addresses, which were interspersed with gospel songs: (1) Bro. John P. Yeamans, on the Best Methods of Quickening the Interest in the School; (2) Rev. A. Freeman, on the Relation of Parents to the Sunday-school; (3) Rev. W. E. McIntyre, on the Organization and Objects of the Baptist Sunday-school Convention.

As this was the annual meeting of the convention, officers were elected as follows for the ensuing year: president, Bro. J. P. Yeamans; secretary-treasurer, Miss Leonora Barton; executive committee, Bro. Harry King, E. A. Branscombe, Chas. Allbright, D. J. Bailey, Wm. McAllister.

An invitation having been received from Lower Newcastle to hold the next session there in May, 1899, it was unanimously accepted.

The collections, amounting to \$3.94, were forwarded to the treasurer of the Provincial convention, Pastor S. H. Cornwall, St. Martins.

A good representation of the Sunday-school workers, both of our own and other denominations, was present, and all felt that the session was a most interesting and profitable one.

SECRETARY.

Chipman, Nov. 5th.

Rev. Dr. Augustus H. Strong, president of the Rochester Theological Seminary, who has been opposed to co-education in the University of Rochester, announces that he has changed his views on that question and will co-operate with those who are trying to raise \$100,000 for the purpose of making co-education a fact in the university.

N. B. HOME MISSIONS.

The Board of the N. B. Baptist Convention met in the parlor of the Brussels St. Baptist Church on the 1st inst. Letters and reports were presented from various fields, some of quite an interesting character. By request of the Board, the secretary read a historical sketch of the formation of the New Brunswick Baptist Convention, which was ordered to be published in the Annual of the present year. A committee on Colportage reported that they had engaged Bro. D. A. Branscombe, who had previously been connected with the British-American Society, to serve as colporteur for us. Pastors and churches are urged to encourage our denominational colporteur, who will be fully equipped with the best Christian literature obtainable. We desire to circulate largely the productions of our own authors, especially those which give prominence to our distinctive principles. The colporteur will also have on hand approved works of other authors of the best class. A publishing committee was appointed to have charge of issuing a semi-monthly sheet in the interests of missionary, colportage and Sabbath school work. It will be issued at a low rate, so as to be within the reach of all. A prospectus will shortly be given out, and it is proposed to publish regular numbers, beginning with January 1st, 1899. Our funds are coming in very slowly at this time of the year. Can not our churches and Sabbath schools send us their offerings without delay? We want to pay our missionaries promptly and regularly. Please forward contributions direct to our treasurer, Bro. J. S. Titus, St. Martins.

W. E. MCINTYRE,

Secretary of N. B. Convention.

REVIEWS.

"History of the Baptists in South Dakota," by Dr. T. M. Shanafelt, general missionary for ten years in that state. An interesting sketch of missionary effort in South Dakota from 1864 to present date, containing 250 well-written pages.

"The Blindman's World, and other Stories," by the late Edward Bellamy. 1898; Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston. Price, \$1.50. Mr. Bellamy, who, it will be remembered, died last May, was the son of Rev. R. K. Bellamy, a Baptist pastor at Chicopee Falls, Mass. He is better known through his famous work, "Looking Backward," which was published in 1888.

"The Making of the Sermon," by Dr. T. Harwood Pattison, of Rochester, N. Y., will prove a companion volume to Dr. Broadus's "Treatise on the Preparation and Delivery of Sermons." These are standard works by Baptist writers, which must prove of incalculable benefit to the rising ministry. Dr. Pattison's work is published by the American Baptist Publication Society. Price, \$1.50.

"Baptism and Communion," by Rev. J. R. Jackson, of Kenmore, Ontario, contains our well-known views on these topics. It is a pamphlet of 72 pages; price 10 cents. The second edition has just been issued.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The St. John and Kings Counties Quarterly Meeting was held with the Greenwich Hill Baptist church, Nov. 4th. Opening sermon preached by Elder W. W. McGregor from Matt. i, 21, which proved to be both instructive and inspiring. A very interesting testimony service followed the sermon.

On Saturday a. m., the Quarterly organized for business by the election of officers for the ensuing year. Deacon J. W. Toole was chosen president, and Deacon Joseph McBay, vice-president, and S. D. Ervine secretary-treasurer.

The conference meeting in the afternoon was led by Deacon H. A. Brown and was one of great power and blessing.

At seven o'clock a very appropriate sermon was preached from Acts i: 8 by pastor W. J. Gordon. On Sunday a. m. the Quarterly sermon was delivered by the secretary from Matt. v: 16.

The afternoon and evening sessions were very thinly attended on account of the heavy rain storm that prevailed. Yet good seasons were enjoyed and we trust good was accomplished. The offerings of the meeting amounted to \$3.25, to be divided between home and foreign missions.

The following brethren were appointed to preach, etc., at the next meeting: To preach the opening sermon, Pastor J. D. Wetmore; to preach the Quarterly sermon, Pastor W. J. Gordon; to preach a missionary sermon, Pastor N. A. McNeil; to prepare and present for discussion a sketch of sermon, Pastor E. K. Ganong; to prepare paper on How to Conduct a Prayer-meeting, Pastor W. J. Gordon.

The location of next meeting is left to the president and secretary.

S. D. ERVINE,
Secretary-Treasurer.

The Growth of the Baptists in America from 1780 to 1880.

In 1781, our membership in this country was, in numbers, 25,000. In the next twenty years, we had reached 340,000, an increase of 275,000. In the next twenty years we had reached 690,000; or an increase of 350,000. In the next twenty years, we numbered 1,400,000; an increase of 700,000. In the next ten years (from 1870 to 1881), we grew to 2,300,000—i. e., an increase in a single decade of 900,000! or an average of 90,000 a year!

But what pace have we kept, as a denomination, with the growth of the country?

I answer, in 1810, there were forty-four persons for each Baptist. In 1830, there were thirty-eight persons for each Baptist. In 1850, there were thirty-three for each Baptist. In 1870, there was one Baptist for every twenty-seven of the population; and in 1880, one Baptist for every twenty-two of the population. So we have not only doubled our membership every twenty years, but reduced the proportion of our membership to the population from one to forty-four to one to twenty-two and a half in seventy years.—Exchange.

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HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE CAUSES THAT HAVE LED TO THE FORMATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK CONVENTION.

(Published by request of the Home Mission Board.)

PART I.

During the last few years many inquiries have been made concerning the management of home mission work in this province, and also concerning the success attending it throughout the various periods of our denominational history. A brief review may now be in order.

From Dr. Bill's History we learn that domestic missions, as the fathers termed it, early had a place in the attention of our people, and almost from the beginning of the present century considerable missionary efforts were put forth. We pass over, however, the somewhat desultory operations of the primitive days—the time of associational control, and a little later, the district organizations—in order that a fuller account may be given of those periods in which we find the missionary activity of our people assuming a more systematic and permanent form, directly tending to the plan of organization we have reached to-day.

About the middle of the century Baptists here began to feel the need of a central board for the province, which might be able to call out and unite the resources of those communities in which our interests were strongest in the common support of those parts that were weak. Such an arrangement, it was thought, would more equally divide the force of available workers, and the sooner effect the evangelization of the whole province. There was even then the germ of the idea now more fully developed, and, with the best light and experience obtainable, the brethren of the time set about their mission.

Accordingly, March 21st, 1853, a meeting was called in Brussels street church for the special consideration of methods that would promote existing home mission interests and develop the true policy of the future. After due deliberation a body was formed, known as "The New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society."

This organization, whose records are now a matter of history, received the hearty endorsement of the people, and soon began to make its influence felt among the more destitute sections of the province. Its work opened up with amazing rapidity. In 1854 it reported contributions amounting to \$1,775.00; in 1855, \$2,272.00; in 1856, \$2,204; and in seven years ending with 1860, a total of \$10,000.00, or an average of \$1,428.00 per year.

Now it must be remembered that at this time the membership of the churches was much smaller than at present, ranging from 4,806 in 1850 to 7,828 in 1860, which fact, when compared with the amounts given, goes to show the great interest then manifested in home mission work. For many years this society continued to flourish, doing much good and maintaining a strong hold on the affections of the people. To it, undoubtedly, is owing that systematic administration, which, with slight changes, has characterized the work of the last half century in our religious affairs. The best talents our denomination could furnish were called out in its service, and some of the brightest names on our church rolls were found from year to year serving on its board.

In time, however, interference came to disturb the peaceful course of our Home Mission Society—an interference which continued for several years, harassing its members and greatly

retarding its work. That interruption, it must now be said, came from without, and has been the fruitful cause of many regretful memories, troubling Israel even until this day.

About the year 1870 an agitation was commenced in the Maritime convention aiming to bring the home mission work of the three provinces under the control of that body. Let it not now be forgotten that Baptists in New Brunswick were at the time working harmoniously in home mission affairs, the board receiving each year hearty indorsement in the reports of the associations, with which it was accustomed to meet. Our brethren here were most peaceably united in the prosecution of their benevolent work at home when the proposal for a change came.

It is also to be noticed that the desire for an amalgamation of the home mission interests of the three provinces sprang not from the people themselves, but was a scheme thrust upon them by a few individuals who sought to effect their purpose through persistent agitation in the convention. It had been well if those brethren had first carefully consulted the real wishes of the people, according to Baptist ideas, and then, having found those wishes, had striven to follow the natural channel of their affections and sympathies in any proposed change. Failure to observe this common and simple principle in the prosecution of Christian work must inevitably bring trouble, especially with a people trained from their very conversion in the doctrine of soul liberty and personal responsibility according to the historic faith Baptists have held from the days of the apostles until now.

The agitation for a maritime board was kept up from year to year, until in 1874 a resolution was passed by the convention favoring the new departure. In accordance with this resolution, Rev. A. Cohoon gave notice for amendment of the constitution so as to arrange for the introduction of the home mission work of the three provinces into the convention. From the organization of the convention, in 1846, until that time, home missions had no place in the affairs of that assembly. The chief objects for which it had cared were Acadia College and foreign missions.

Our brethren here were disposed to look askance at the new step. The New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society, having been approached on this question, gave its answer in the report of 1875, in the following words:

"Your board have considered with deep interest the proposition to place the subject of home missions under the care of the convention.

They fully recognize the importance of cherishing the deepest Christian sympathy and good feeling, not only among the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces, but with the whole Baptist brotherhood, and, indeed, with genuine believers in the Lord Jesus wherever they may be located. They, therefore, do most cordially unite with their brethren in those weighty and important objects which are under the charge of the convention, and if it should appear that the home missionary work also could be more efficiently carried on under its direction, they would most cheerfully acquiesce in placing it in the hands of that body; but in the first place your board believe the foreign missions—now largely expanding, and furnishing matter for grave and anxious consideration—together with the increasing importance of our educational operations, furnish sufficient work for the convention satisfactorily to perform; and, secondly, your board feel convinced that, from the very nature of the work, home missions can be carried on more satisfactorily by each province separately.

If the convention should take charge of the home mission work, there must still be an ex-

clusive board located somewhere. Should such board be established in this province, say in Moncton, or Woodstock, or St. John, or Fredericton, we believe that very few of its members could be in a position to understand the spiritual necessities of remote settlements, or the wants of the poorer churches of the different parts of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia; and would feel it to be a serious responsibility to legislate for localities of which they knew so little; and if the board were located at Halifax, or Charlottetown, or Windsor, or Yarmouth, the difficulties, as far as concerns New Brunswick, would be as great. Dissatisfaction would spring up in places that felt themselves neglected, and we should soon be glad to go back to the original plan of committing the work, in each province, into the hands of brethren who would, necessarily, be more thoroughly acquainted with the peculiar necessities of the districts requiring special help in maintaining the worship of God.

The proposition for a grand union of the provinces for carrying on this work has many attractive aspects, but the practical difficulties attending it induced your board, on the 7th of June, to pass unanimously the following resolution:

Whereas, The subject of a union of this province with Nova Scotia in home missionary work was brought before the convention in Portland, in 1874, and left over for further consideration;

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board that home missionary operations can be more effectively and satisfactorily carried on by each province separately than by the proposed union, inasmuch as each province must be in a better position to understand the spiritual necessities of their respective localities, than a general board located in any one of the provinces.

When reviewed today these words seem truly prophetic. Literally indeed have they been fulfilled. Bro. Marsters and the late Inspector Duval were the esteemed secretaries of our board at the time, and to them no doubt is to be attributed the sound utterances here recorded.

The Western Association, at its meeting in Centreville, a little later in the same month, through its committee on home missions, Elder T. M. Munro, Chairman, in the concluding clause of the report, expressed its views as follows:

"Your committee would beg to indorse the action of the Home Mission Board at its last meeting relative to the non-advisability of union with the Nova Scotia Board respecting the home mission work."

This report, after a brief discussion, was adopted unanimously.

The new move had without doubt originated mainly among our Nova Scotia brethren. Taking it for granted that they would ultimately carry their point, they proceeded in due form to amend the constitution of the convention so as to let home missions come in. They soon succeeded without difficulty in transferring Nova Scotia home missions to the care of that body. This was done in the year 1878.

In the meantime the New Brunswick Associations were annually visited and urged to fall in with the proposed change. A few of our brethren, influenced by the action of Nova Scotia, and wearied somewhat with the importunity of the prime movers in the matter, agreed to it, but a majority of New Brunswick Baptists continued to hold out for some time.

The constant annoyance on this question had now become serious. Our Home Mission Society, worried by the frequent appeals made to

them, and finding their efforts impaired by the agitation, as well as by the great business depression following the St. John fire of 1877, at length agreed to important concessions and made partial overtures to the convention agitators. In 1879, after an animated discussion in the annual session held at Hillsborough, they passed the following resolution:

1. "That we request the Baptist convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island to appoint a Board of Home Missions for New Brunswick, located in New Brunswick, who shall annually report to the convention.

2. "That in the event of the convention acceding to our request, we hereby instruct the board of this society to hand over their work and trusts committed to it to the New Brunswick Board of the Convention.

3. "That the convention be requested to instruct the Home Mission Board, which they may appoint for New Brunswick, to present an annual report, as far as practicable, to the respective associations in this province, of their annual work."

Even these resolutions were not unanimously adopted, but, as the secretary records it, "were constitutionally carried."

It was not the intention, however, of convention men to comply with this request. They would be content with nothing short of the original proposal. The following resolution was accordingly passed by that body in August, 1879, and forwarded as an answer to the resolutions of our board:

"Resolved, That this convention does not deem it advisable to respond at present to the request that has come to it from New Brunswick, but would urge upon the brethren there to carefully review the whole question; and that the Home Mission Board of this convention, in its operations within New Brunswick during the current year, be requested to confer with the Board of Home Missions appointed by the Home Missionary Society of New Brunswick, in order that there may be no collision between the operations of the two organizations."

That same year, without waiting for further parley, the newly created Maritime Board began work in this province, while our Home Mission Society was still in existence and still desirous of the maintenance of a separate New Brunswick Board.

This fact is still fresh in the memory of many who to-day witness a second attempt on the part of the Maritime convention to thrust a home mission board upon us, and that, too, in the face of an incorporated board, thoroughly organized for efficient work, and indorsed by the three associations of the province. There might have been an excuse in 1879, because of the decrease of financial support given to our former board; but no such pretext can be found to-day, as the figures appended in this sketch abundantly prove. If ever home mission work flourished in New Brunswick, it has been pre-eminently so during the last four years. If ever our churches had reason to maintain any enterprise because of its signal success and the manifest tokens of Divine blessing, then that plea must now be urged for the continuance of our present organization. It simply remains to be seen whether the Baptists of New Brunswick, after having been worried by foreign influence for more than twenty years, will submit to a second invasion of their rights, and that, too, in direct violation of the St. Martins compact, solemnly agreed upon in 1893.

The old New Brunswick Home Mission Society, worn out at last by the persistent course of its opponents, concluded quietly and honorably to abandon its contention, and for peace sake decided to leave the Maritime Board a free field in New Brunswick. At its last annual meeting, held with the Western Association in Chipman in 1880, this board, after twenty-seven years of useful service, having wronged no man, having corrupted no man, and having defrauded none, relinquished its hold on home mission affairs, leaving the justice of its cause for time and subsequent events to establish. That it has been established, and that its predictions were guided by more than human foresight, few in New Brunswick will now doubt.

(To be continued.)

Reports from Ministers and Churches.

HAVELOCK (Butternut Ridge).—On Sunday, 30th October, three converts were baptized, making a total for October of fourteen, and still there are more to follow. F. T. SNELL.

RICHMOND, Carleton Co.—Nothing of special interest to report. Our Sunday services are very well attended; Sabbath-schools, evergreen and quite interesting; conference and prayer meetings kept up, but not so well attended as we would like. I have begun my seventh year in the pastorate of the Richmond churches, with (so far as I know) the hearty consent and desire of every one on the field, which is very gratifying and encouraging to your humble correspondent. CALVIN CURRIE.

DILIGENT RIVER.—We have completed our special services at Diligent River, eight miles below Parrsboro. The meetings were well attended by all persuasions, and the interest throughout was good. Eight happy believers put on Christ by baptism, and quite a large number manifested a deep interest in their soul's eternal welfare. We stopped with these people as long as we could. Their kindness and hospitality were unbounded. We are now heading for Freeport, N. S. E. H. HOWE.

The First and Second Springfield Baptist churches are rapidly completing the work on their pastor's residence at Hatfield's Point, which will be ready for occupancy by the beginning of the new year. Mr. Geo. Hughson, of Chipman, being the contractor, who is doing the work to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

On the evening of the 29th ult. a very successful birthday party was held, proceeds of which, in conjunction with our autograph quilt, netted about \$200. The sisters deserve the credit for this addition of income to our building fund. S. D. ERVINE.

PERSONALS.

Rev. J. T. Burhoe, who not long since supplied the pulpit of Leinster Street church in this city, has been recalled to the pastorate at Rockford, Ill., where he formerly labored for eight years. His new pastorate begins November 15th.

Evangelist Young and Bro. F. W. Patterson are holding special services at Wiggins' Cove. The interest in the meetings is good and several have expressed a desire for salvation.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

To competitors for securing subscriptions for this paper, we make the following offers: To the person sending us the largest list of paid up subscribers, we will send a gold watch-chain that cost twenty dollars. And to the one sending the next largest list, we will send *The Homiletic Review* for 1898, the subscription price of which is three dollars. And for the third largest list we will send the *Watchman*, the great New England Baptist paper, published weekly, the subscription price being three dollars. We will send it for all of 1899. And for the fourth largest list we will send "Kurtz's Church History," paper cover, in three volumes, worth one dollar and fifty cents. And for the fifth largest list we will send during 1899 "The Commonwealth," a valuable Baptist paper, published in Philadelphia, subscription price one dollar and fifty cents.

All lists to be sent in by the first of January, 1899. The name of each successful contestant, with their number of subscriptions will be published in the first issue in January.

J. H. HUGHES, Manager.

Married.

HIGGINS-WIGGINS.—At the residence of T. B. Barrett, Hampton Falls, N. H., Oct. 26th, by Pastor J. W. Higgins, father of the groom, and Rev. H. N. Wiggins, brother of the bride, assisted by Rev. E. F. Snell, pastor of Hampton Falls Baptist church, Mr. Harvey C. Wiggins, of Brentwood, N. H., and Miss Elsie D. Higgins, of West Newton, Mass.

STACKHOUSE-REID.—On the 2nd inst., by Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M. A., John E. Stackhouse, of Bloomfield, Kings Co., and Jennie O. Reid, of St. John.

SCOVIL-BROOKS.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Isaac Brooks, by Rev. A. H. Hayward, Ambrose L. Scovil, of Beaufort, N. B., and Cordelia Brooks, of Foreston, N. B.

MERITHEW-GOSS.—On Oct. 31st, by Rev. Calvin Currie, Joseph Merithew, Esq., and Annie J. Goss, all of Richmond, Carleton Co., N. B.

PORTER-BRADLEY.—At the Baptist parsonage, Florenceville, N. B., Oct. 26th, by Rev. A. H. Hayward, Arnold W. Porter, of Richardson & Porter, Hartland, Carleton Co., N. B., and Sarah E., daughter of John Bradley.

REID-HARMON.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. C. H. Harmon, at Peel Station, Oct. 31st, by Rev. A. H. Hayward, James Reid, auditor C. P. E., St. John, N. B., and Ella Maud, only daughter of the late C. A. Harmon.

MCDONALD-KINNIE.—At Little Rocher, Albert Co., N. B., Nov. 5th, at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Simon Dixon, by Rev. J. B. Colwell, Miss Emily Kinnie, and Alexander McDonald.

MILLER-HAGERMAN.—At Upper Queensbury, Oct. 5th, by Pastor C. N. Barton, Mr. Ezra Miller, of Southampton, and Dora M. Hagerman, of Upper Queensbury.

BARTON-BARTON.—On Nov. 7th, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Isaac Barton, Cumberland Bay, Queens Co., by Rev. W. F. Patterson, Luke Barton and Ambroze Barton.

WHITE-HENDRY.—At the residence of the bride's parents, on the 8th inst., by the Rev. A. B. McDonald, Frank White, of Limestone, Maine, and Miss Rebecca Hendry, of Wickham, Queens Co., daughter of Thomas Hendry, Esq.

Died.

TAYLOR.—After a prolonged illness, during which she manifested great patience and reconciliation to the divine will, Mrs. Naomi Taylor, aged 73 years, passed serenely to her home on high, October 24th, from the residence of her son-in-law, Mrs. James F. Sutton, Woodstock, N. B. Sister Taylor was one of the earliest members of the Lower Woodstock Baptist church of which her husband, the late John Taylor, was for many years a worthy deacon. To her last moments she was anxious for the salvation of souls and the welfare of the church. Her's was always a welcome home for the Lord's servants. At full age she came to the close of her earthly pilgrimage waiting for the Master's call to go up higher. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."