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In reply to several persons who have asked concerning our terms, as to whether we take no subscriptions but such as are paid in advance, we answer, most certainly we send this paper to anyone who sends a request for it, whether paid in advance or not. Of course we would like to get paid up subscriptions, because we have the printer to pay as the printing goes on; but our object is, to give the paper as wide a circulation as possible, and when it is not convenient for persons to pay in advance, we will be pleased to send them the paper, and have them pay when it is convenient, anytime between now and next mid-summer. We are grateful for the number of paid up subscriptions already obtained, and wish to say to one and all who would like to have the fortnightly visits of our little sheet, send us your name and address, and we will be pleased to mail you the paper. We are sending out a number of sample copies this week, and we hope to have a large percentage of them subscribed for, whether the pay comes with the subscriptions or not. Please send in your names.

S. S. Conventions.

The Baptist S. S. Convention of St. Martins was held in the Second St. Martins Church at Fairfield on December 31st 1898, and January 1st 1899. Opened at 2.30 p.m. with a devotional service led by Pastor Cornwall, with thirteen earnest prayers, and stirring sacred songs interspersed. At 3 o'clock the president took the chair. After the enrollment of delegates the following officers were elected:

President—J. S. Titus, re-elected.
Vice-President—W. J. Patterson.
Sec'y-Treasurer—Mrs. J. A. Floyd.

The President then gave an address, showing the necessity of training the young in the Sunday-school and in placing good moral literature in the hands of the pupils. The reports from the schools were encouraging, followed by an earnest address on Sunday-school work by Pastor Bynon, followed by Superintendent J. S. Titus.

Evening session opened with thirty minutes devotional service led by Bro. Leonard Floyd, consisting of fervent prayers and earnest testimonies. An address of welcome was then tendered to the visiting delegates and friends by Supt. W. R. Floyd, responded to by Bros. Geo. White and J. Howe. A half hour was then devoted to Temperance, as follows: Singing "The Bugle Call," address by Pastor Cornwall, exercise by two little girls, address by W. J. Patterson, exercise by three little girls, singing, "Father don't drink any now," address by Pastor Bynon.

The meeting was then changed into a testimonial service, many testifying for the Saviour, interspersed with songs of salvation, then a short prayer service for more consecration for the coming new year, in which many took part. After singing, "Throw out the Life-Line," the meeting adjourned to meet at 9.30 on Sunday, the first day of the new year.

Sunday morning session opened with a short devotional meeting led by Bro. Charles Fowler, followed by a very interesting and instructive normal lesson taught by Pastor Bynon, model S. S. lesson from John i. 1-14, taught by Pastor Cornwall, showing up the doctrines in such an impressive manner that all were thoroughly interested. An address on home missions by Bro. Titus. Collection \$1.42, for home missions. Sermon preached by Pastor Cornwall from the words, "And he calleth his own sheep by name and leadeth them out." John x.3.

Afternoon session at 2.30. Devotional service led by Bro. J. Howe. Several earnest prayers and testimonies were enjoyed, preceding a Bible reading and explanations by Pastor Cornwall, which was much enjoyed by all present. Essay, "Life of Hezekiah," by Bro. Geo. White. Foreign Missions, address by Mrs. J. S. Titus, solo, by Miss Eva Floyd.

A letter was then read from Mrs. J. Hal. Smith, missionary in the Soudan, Africa.

Exercise and response by five girls. Collection for Foreign Missions \$1.14.

Evening session met at 7.30. Devotional service led by Bro. J. A. Floyd. Essays showing much thought and careful preparation were read by Mrs. Charles Fowler, Miss Edie Wanamaker, Miss May Howe, Miss Maggie Baird, and Miss S. M. Floyd. Recitation by Miss Annie Floyd, and thirteen verses of scripture

recited in concert by six little children. The essays and recitations were interspersed with S. S. songs by the children, after which Pastor Bynon led a special service which everyone enjoyed. Notwithstanding the thermometer being below zero, and the wind and snow blowing wildly, each session was as well attended as could be expected, and much of the Holy Spirit was manifested. Mrs. J. A. FLOYD, Secretary.

The Queen's County Baptist Sunday-school Convention held its quarterly session in the Baptist Church at Upper Gagetown. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President—Pastor F. W. Patterson.
Secretary-Treasurer—Pastor E. K. Ganong.
Auditor—Bro. F. J. Purdy.

The Model Lesson was taught by Pastor F. W. Patterson from John ii. 1-11.

At 7 p. m. a large congregation gathered in the interests of Sunday-school work.

Pastor F. W. Patterson spoke briefly on our "Aims and Purposes." "The Religious Training of the Child" was the subject of an interesting and instructive address by Rev. J. Coombs. Elder G. W. Springer and Deacon Joshua Colwell spoke briefly of the Sunday-school work. At the close an offering was taken for the work of the convention. This convention is supplying a long-felt want, and is deserving of the large patronage it receives.

The Kars, Springfield and Studholm Parish Sunday-school Convention convened at Kiersteadville, January 4th. On account of storm, bad ice and sickness the gathering was much smaller than it was expected to have been; but the convention proved to be a profitable one. The afternoon session was a very interesting and enthusiastic season. The election of officers resulted in the choice of Deacon J. W. Toole, President; and Deacon J. F. Kierstead and Bro. J. H. Gray, Vice-presidents; Miss A. W. Toole, Secretary-Treasurer; and and Bros. T. A. Leonard, O. E. Davis, M. W. Freeze, Pastors E. K. Ganong, and S. D. Ervine, Executive.

A very interesting Sunday-school lesson was taught to a primary class by Mrs. E. K. Ganong. Also an essay prepared by Deacon D. Crandall, "On the Purpose of the Sunday-school," was read. An interesting discussion followed, "On Method of Running Sunday-school Conventions," discussion opened by Elder G. W. Springer and participated in by several others.

The evening session was opened by a very interesting devotional service, led by Bro. M. A. Freeze, after which a very clear and helpful address was given by Pastor E. K. Ganong

Footprints in the Snow.

We were once passing through the crowded streets of London, a few days after a heavy snowstorm. A thaw had set in and the result was huge piles of mud. The friend who was with us smilingly pointed to it with his cane, as he said, "Whiter than the snow." And this remark called up into our mind many thoughts which, if our readers will bear with us, we will endeavor to set before them.

1. *Humanity came into the world pure and white as the snow*, but, like the latter, had no sooner made its appearance on the earth, than influences so strong were brought to bear against it, that it speedily became defiled and fit only to be trampled under foot.

2. *But a few days before, under the influence of the severe cold, it had frozen as hard as though it were never intended to come apart again.* But, with a different state of atmosphere it had slowly dissolved and was now part running away. Just like our good resolutions. Acting under some noble impulse, we resolve upon a certain line of conduct, and so enthusiastic and so determined are we that we not only deceive others, but ourselves also into the belief that "the thing will stand." But, alas! different surroundings and the instability of our own natures, unaided by a higher power, soon show us that a thaw has set in, and slowly but surely our good resolutions fast melt away.

3. *What a change in the appearance of the earth is wrought by the snow in a night.* We retire to rest with the fields, trees and gardens bare and cold in their winter nakedness, we arise in the morning to find everything covered with snow—snow on everything, from the church tower to the bare sprigs on the bushes, on the lordly mansion and the humble cottage—nothing but snow. How did it all come! Why, just a speck or flake at a time.

So with the man or woman against whom some awful crime has been proved, and against whom the scornful finger of the world is pointed, and who now stands in the pillory brazen and defiant. Their true characters may have been discovered in a night, but they took many years to form, little by little, just a speck at a time, until finally the whole man was covered as with a leprosy—every virtue stunted and shrivelled, and every evil desire and inherent vice blossoming in sinful tropical luxuriance.

4. *And the effects of the snow is seen in opposite ways and results.* Working on the one hand incalculable mischief, stopping traffic by road and rail, swelling brooks into rivers, and rivers into mighty torrents, sweeping and rushing on, carrying everything before them, leaving nothing but ruin and desolation in their track. So does it on the other hand work for good, covering the earth as a blanket, nourishing and preserving the seed committed to its care, so that when the days of winter are past and the sun again asserts its power, the seed will germinate, the earth will yield her increase and food will be stored for future use, both for man and beast.

So little by little, where grace has been im-

planted in the heart, every providence and every experience, falling like snow-flakes during the years of our life, blown upon by the Divine breath and warmed by the Sun of Righteousness, slowly but surely do their work, and form under God's hands, the "man of God thoroughly furnished with every good work," and though the world may suddenly discover that a prophet is, or has been, in their midst, yet the time has been long and the providences many, that have at length fulfilled their mission and made the child of God what he or she is to-day.

5. *The footprints in the snow will show which way the traveller has gone.* And thus, day by day we, being dead, shall speak; the story of our lives shall be shown in the effects that will be visible long after we are dead. The history of some men is that of a hurricane; they pass through life blighting and tearing down and destroying all in their path, and leaving nothing behind but a desolate coast line, strewn with wreckage. While, on the other hand, it can truly be said "The memory of the just is blessed." They are a means of blessing to others from beginning to end, and when at last they are called to their reward, countless numbers can but feel that earth is poorer for their going and heaven the richer for their entry.

Two neighbors died within a short time of each other, of one it was said, "I never knew him do one kind or truly disinterested action in all his life;" and of the other, "She was always doing good, her motto was, I shall pass this way but once and must therefore do all the good I can while passing."

Certain it is that men will see the road we have travelled and point out the same to others and tell our good or evil deeds long after we are out of sight and hearing.

6. *And so whether the snow has marked for good or evil, the time comes when it must go.* "It is appointed unto all men once to die." Whatever our record here it will not alter the great fact that in due time we shall have to gather up our feet in the bed and depart. Childhood, youth, manhood and old age are but so many stages on life's journey, and as each are successively passed, the final resting-place for the body, the grave, comes nearer, and then the judgment, the great white throne and Him who sits upon it, from whose presence the heavens and earth shall flee away, then the sentence, "Come unto me, ye blessed," or "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels." The Lord solemnize our hearts while we meditate upon the awful verities of God's unchanging word, and flee to the shadow of a mighty rock for refuge ere the storm of divine wrath sweep in from earth to the abode of the damned, where there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, and where in the presence of a black despair, the memory of a fatal choice shall mark us through the countless ages of eternity. FREDERICK T. SNEEL.

Our Danish brother, N. P. Gross, visited the recent Queens County quarterly meeting, at Upper Gagetown. He also held meetings at Jemseg, Mill Cove, 2nd Grand Lake and Newcastle. His tour among the churches has been productive of much good, deepening the interest of our people in the far northern districts of the province. When will we fully awaken to the great destitution there?

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 III.

It might be well, perhaps, now to review the varying positions taken by those who have opposed the formation of the New Brunswick convention to show the shifting policy that has been advanced from time to time to baffle our efforts.

When, in 1892, it was contended by us that a provincial organization was needed, in addition to other things, to properly develop our home mission work, it was claimed in opposition that the maritime board was all that was wanted. A memorable defence was set up in its behalf. It was maintained that it had laid out more money in New Brunswick every year than the churches of this province had themselves contributed for home missions. We were the recipients of the bounty of Nova Scotia to a large extent. We would therefore lose by the proposed change, and there would be less money laid out on our fields.

Now what are the facts to-day, after four years of New Brunswick convention history? During the year ending September 1st, 1896, the home mission expenditure in this province was \$2,494.82; for the year ending September 1st, 1897, \$3,213.63, and for the year ending September, 1898, \$2,413.73.

We pass these figures to our maritime friends to produce anything surpassing our work, even in the palmiest days of the Maritime board. Then, too, we have not to include in this expenditure our share of the \$1,000 salary formerly paid the maritime secretary. The work of our board, both of secretary and treasurer, has been done without charge. Thousands of letters have been written, full and lengthy reports given, and current accounts kept of all our work, without any mention of salary in connection with it. It is notorious that wherever a Maritime convention official touches work, "the salary" must accompany it. Even our trust funds in their hands have to be billed for services rendered them.

We published in last year's Annual a comparative statement of home mission giving since 1890, with the additions each year to the churches. Not in a spirit of boastfulness, but in the interests of truth alone, we now ask that the best years of maritime home mission control be produced for comparison along this line. Let the solid evidence of facts answer the claim set up five years ago that our home missions would suffer loss by the withdrawal of Nova Scotia's aid.

It was also urged that the churches which would stand aloof from the New Brunswick convention with their pastors—and we were told they were the strong churches presided over by the intelligence of the denomination—would contribute more than those in favor of it, thus showing after all that a majority of the real strength of our people was against the new convention. The very opposite of this has been the case. From the first a majority of the churches contributing to home missions have sent their money to our treasurer; each year the funds contributed to our board have been in excess of those contributed to the maritime treasurer. Let the figures again corroborates this statement.

(To be continued.)

on "The Sunday-school Teacher and Teaching." An essay of excellent character was read by Bro. T. A. Leonard on "How the Teacher May Win the Pupil to Christ. Also an address on "How to Make the Sunday-school Interesting," by S. D. Ervine. The addresses were interspersed with music. A programme was arranged for another convention, on the third Friday in March, to be held at Collina, and adopted by the convention.

S. D. ERVINE,
By order of Secretary.

Queens County Quarterly Meeting.

The Queens County Quarterly Meeting convened in regular session with the Baptist Church at Upper Gagetown on Saturday, January 14th. Preparatory to the work of the session, Rev. J. Coombs conducted an inspiring social service. The annual business meeting was held at ten o'clock. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. J. Coombs; Secretary-Treasurer, Pastor F. W. Patterson; Committee of Arrangements, Pastors F. W. Patterson, Chas. Henderson and Bro. F. J. Purdy. Since last meeting our esteemed president, Bro. Moses Dykeman, has been called to his reward. The meeting, by a unanimous vote, passed a resolution expressing their appreciation of his faithful work as president of the Quarterly Meeting, and ordered that a copy be sent the bereaved family. Mention being made of the opening for a mission in Newfoundland, several of the brethren spoke favorably, and by a unanimous vote the Quarterly Meeting expressed its sympathy with any movement tending toward the opening of missionary operations there.

At 2.30 p. m. a large number availed themselves of the opportunity given by the Quarterly Conference to speak of the goodness of God.

At the public missionary meeting on Saturday evening the following addresses were given: "Our Colportage Department," Rev. J. Coombs; "The Spirit of Giving," Rev. O. P. Brown; "The Church's Work in Missions," Rev. E. K. Ganong; "Our Danish and French Missions," Rev. N. P. Gross.

On Sunday morning, after an uplifting prayer and praise service, Pastor E. K. Ganong preached the quarterly sermon from Rom. viii. 1.

At 2.30 p. m. Pastor F. W. Patterson preached from Acts ii, 47. At 7 p. m. Rev. O. P. Brown preached from John iii, 16. A powerful social service followed, at the close of which a number expressed a desire to follow Christ. The presence of Elder G. W. Springer added much to the interest and effect of the services. Collections for home and foreign missions, \$8.00. F. W. PATTERSON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

New Hampshire Baptists employ a regular French missionary among the Canadian French, who have come to that State in large numbers. Rev. G. G. Brien, a converted Roman Catholic, with his headquarters at Nashua, has been thus successfully engaged for some time.

HOME MISSIONS.

The regular monthly meeting of the Home Mission Board was held in the parlor of Brussels street church, January 3rd. Brethren present: Revs. S. D. Ervine, F. W. Patterson, J. H. Hughes, W. E. McIntyre, S. H. Cornwall and J. A. Cahill, and Bros. S. E. Frost, W. E. Nobles, N. B. Cottle, M. S. Hall, J. S. Titus, W. H. Morrell, D. H. Spragg, C. W. Morrell, T. H. Hall and E. L. Strange.

The expenses of Bro. Hughes, amounting to \$2, in securing advertisements for the Annual, were ordered paid; also a bill of \$6, due Bro. Cahill. Missionary grants falling due were ordered paid, as follows: to J. W. Gardner, Upper Cape, Westmorland Co., \$50; to H. G. Colpitts, Cape Tormentine, \$25.

The committee in charge of the HOME MISSION JOURNAL reported that a goodly number of subscriptions had been received, and that many favorable commendations had been sent in. All the brethren present agreed to use their utmost efforts to increase the circulation, and so to widen the circle of influence which would prove helpful to our home mission work.

Bro. Titus, the treasurer, reported receiving a note from Rev. T. Todd, stating that the Jewett legacy of \$500 was now ready for payment, and on signing the proper release it would be forwarded at once. Several brethren expressed themselves as highly grateful to our departed brother who had so kindly remembered our work.

The committee on colportage reported that they had engaged Bro. D. A. Branscombe, of Kings County, for one year, and that he had met with good success in his department. They had, during the month, ordered supplies to the amount of \$75.71, and already more was needed. The sale of Bibles had been exceptionally good.

The proposal to establish a Baptist Mission in Newfoundland was favorably received, and discussed at some length.

W. E. MCINTYRE, Secretary.

REVIEWS.

"From Forecastle to Pulpit," by Rev. John Spence, pastor of Chelsea Baptist Church, London. Published by John Robertson, London. An interesting autobiography of a Shetland boy, who, after spending his early life as a sailor, became converted, and was led finally to enter the Christian ministry.

"The Yoke of Rome," an earnest discourse by pastor J. W. Ewing, of Camberwell. Issued by the Baptist Tract and Book Society, London.

"Our Testimony in Relation to Baptism," by Rev. J. H. French, of Hampton Road, London. Also issued by Baptist Tract Society.

"Glimpses of English Baptist History," by Rev. J. Hunt Cooke. Baptist Tract and Book Society. An historical defence of our denominational views; well written.

"Blessed are Ye: Talks on the Beatitudes," by F. B. Meyer; 2s. Sunday School Union, London. Another excellent work of this voluminous author.

"A Cluster of Camphire; or Words of Cheer and Comfort for Sick and Sorrowful Souls," by Mrs. C. H. Spurgeon. Passmore and Alabaster, London. A series of deeply spiritual treatises from choice Scripture texts.

"Ideas from Nature," by Prof. William Elder, of Colby College, Maine; 1898; 202p.; 57c. American Baptist Publication Society. Facts from modern science which prove the goodness of God and the justification of His ways.

"Half Hours with the Christ," by Thomas Moses; 1898; 260p.; 75c. American Baptist Publication Society. A life of the Saviour, written in story form; attractive for the young people.

"A History of the Baptists of the Middle States," by Prof. Henry C. Vedder; 1898. 12mo.; 347p.; \$1.25. American Baptist Publication Society. A history of the denomination in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, and others of the adjoining States of the Union, with many interesting biographies.

"The Pilot of the Mayflower," by Hezekiah Butterworth; with many illustrations; \$1.50. D. Appleton & Co., N. Y. One of the most interesting works by this writer for juvenile readers.

News of the Churches.

FAIRFIELD, N. B.

Our B. Y. P. U. prayer meetings are a power for good in this community, the young people are deeply interested, and have been greatly blessed and sinners are feeling their need of a Saviour. We have our B. Y. P. U. lesson once a month, and our prayer meeting weekly. Pastor Bynon is doing a good work here. We wish THE HOME MISSION JOURNAL every success. L. T. FLOYD, President.

Fairfield, N. B., Dec. 4, 1898.

ALMA, N. B.

The brethren at Alma are building a meeting house. This house when finished will be worthy of the Alma Baptists. Although it is but a few months since we laid the corner stone, we hope to open it for divine service in about six weeks. Enclosed is pay for THE HOME MISSION JOURNAL. Hope to send other names in the near future.

The pastor wishes through THE HOME MISSION JOURNAL to thank the friends at Alma who brought so many good things to his home on Xmas eve. He would also thank the good people of Waterside for the beautiful sleigh robe and the \$6.85. May God bless the giver.

Mrs. Addison has been quite ill for the last eight weeks, but is better now. The board of health at Waterside has ordered the church and day school closed for the present on account of diphtheria. M. ADDISON.

A' Apele for Are to the Sextant.

By A. GASTER.

This is not the first time that the following verse has appeared in print. The moral which it points, however, is not without application in our day and it deserves reproduction. It is copied from an old number of the Illustrated Weekly.

O Sextant of the meeting-house which sweeps
 And dlistes, or is supposed to! and makes fiers
 And lites the gas, and sumtimes leaves a screw loose,
 In which case it smells awful—wust than lampoil;
 And wrings the Bel and toles it, and sweeps paths
 And for these sarvices gits \$100 per annum:
 Wich them that thinks dear let em try it;
 Gittin up before starlite in all wethers, and
 Kindlin fiers when the wether is as cold
 As zero, and like us not green wood for kindlins,
 (I woudn't be herd to do it for no some);
 But O Sextant there are one kernaodity
 Wuth more than gold wich dont cost nothin;
 Wuth more than anything except the Sole of Map!
 I mean power Are, Sextant I mean power Are!
 O it is plenty out o'doors, so plenty it dont no
 What on airth to dew with itself, but lize about
 Scatterin aives and blowin off men's hats;
 In short its just as free as Are out dores;
 But O Sextant! in our church its scarce as piety,
 Scarce as bankbills when ajunts beg for mishuns,
 Wich sum say is purty often, tant nothin to me,
 What I give aint nothin to nobody; but O Sextant!
 You shet 500 men, women and children
 Speshily the latter, up in a tite place,
 Sum has had breaths, none of em aint too sweet,
 Sum is fevry, sum is scrofuls, sum has bad teeth
 And sum haint none, and some aint over clean;
 But evry one of em brethes in and out and out and in
 Say 50 times a minuet, or 1 million and a half breths
 an hour;
 Now how long will a church full of are last at that rate?
 I ask you; say 15 minnets, and then wats to be did?
 Why then they must brethe it all over agin,
 And then agin and so on, til each has took it down
 At least tentimes and let it up agin, and wats more
 The same individible dont hev the privilego
 Of brethin his own are and no ones else,
 Each one must take wotever comes to him,
 O Sextant! dont you no our lungs is bellusses
 To blow the fier of life and keep it from
 Goin out; And how can bellusses blo without wind?
 And aint wind are? I put it to your consens,
 Are is the same to us as milk to babies,
 Or water is to fish, or pendulums to clox,
 Or roots and airts unto an Injun Doctor,
 Or little pills unto an omeopath,
 Or Boze to gurls. Are is for us to brethe.
 What signifies who preches if I cant brethe?
 Whats Pol? Whats Pollus to sinners who are ded?
 Ded for want of breth? why Sextant when we dye
 Its only coze we cant brethe no more—thats all.
 And now O Sextant! let me beg of you
 To let a leetle are into our church;
 (Power are is setting proper for the pews),
 And dew it week days and on Sundays tew—
 It aint much trouble—only make a hoal
 And then the are will come in of itself,
 (It loves to come in where it can git warm),
 And o how it will rouse the people up
 And sperit up the preacher, and stop gurgs
 And yorns and fijfts as effectual
 As wind on the dry Boans the Profit tels of.

To any one sending ten names, with five dollars, an extra copy of THE HOME MISSION JOURNAL will be sent free for one year. It is to be hoped that a large number of clubs may be formed early. 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.

Any persons coming to the city can leave their subscriptions at the office of Barnes & Co., 84 Prince William Street.

New Brunswick Convention Receipts.

Third Hillsboro Church, Home Mission,	\$ 3 50
W. M. A. S. of Second Chipman church, "	5 74
A friend of " "	50
Musquash church, "	20 00
Collected by Rev. C. N. Barton, "	25 00
Mrs. S. H. Estabrooks, "	1 00
" " Foreign Mission,	2 00
Carlton, Victoria and Madawaska Quarterly meeting, Home Mission,	8 00
Hampton Village church, Foreign Mission,	4 26
Upper Gagetown church, " "	1 00
Rev. C. Henderson, Home Mission,	7 00
Maquoanack church, " "	1 60
First Keswick church, " "	2 40
Second Keswick church, " "	1 40
Benton church, " "	2 00
Lower Cambridge church, " "	3 40
Norton church, " "	68
Hanton Station church, " "	5 14
Hampton Village church, " "	4 18
Marysville church, " "	1 90
Florenceville church, " "	5 00
G. W. Titus, " "	1 00
Rev. S. D. Ervine, " "	1 42
St. Martin Parish S. S. convention, " "	1 16
" " " Foreign Mission,	1 30
Hillsdale Mission Band, " "	10 00
Second Chipman church, Home Mission,	1 50
First Chipman church, " "	5 00
Second Grand Lake church, " "	9 17
Centreville church, " "	2 75
First Springfield church Annuity Association, " "	2 50
Second " " " "	
	\$142 50
Before reported,	398 18
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Before reported,

J. S. TITUS, Treasurer.

Married.

DAMERY-SPRAGG.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Z. S. Spragg, Jan. 5th, 1890, by Pastor S. D. Ervine, Thomas Damery, of the Post Office Department, St. John, to Miss Abbie J. Spragg, of Springfield, Kings Co., N. B.

MCLEAN-FARRIS.—By Pastor J. A. Gordon, on Jan. 18th, Percy McLean, of Robertson's Point, Grand Lake, and Clotilda Farris, of Waterborough, Queens Co., N. B.

ROSS-COOPER.—By Pastor J. A. Gordon, on Jan. 18th, Waller C. Ross, of Fairville, and E. Blanch Cooper, of St. John.

ALLEN-McGLASHING.—On Dec. 13th, at Port Elgin, by Rev. J. W. Gardner, Dorey Magee Allen and Ida McGlashing, both of Cape Town, Westmorland Co., N. B.

MILTON-FILLMORE.—On Dec. 26th, at Moncton, by Rev. A. A. Rutledge, William Milton and Annie M. Fillmore, both of Albert Co., N. B.

WILSON-PERRY.—At the residence of the bride's father, Johnston, Queen. Co., N. B., Dec. 24th, by Pastor E. K. Ganong, Adam Wilson and Aramantia Perry, all of Johnston.

PERRY-KNOX.—On the 5th inst., by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, at Chipman, Queens Co., N. B., Wilmot Perry, of Cambridge, and Gussie Knox, of Chipman.

HELMS-JONES.—On the 5th inst., by Pastor J. A. Gordon, Councillor William Helms, of Kars, and Mrs. Mary Jones, of St. John.

KILLAM-FAWCETT.—At the home of the bride, on Jan. 11th, by Rev. H. G. Estabrooks, Isaac N. Killam and Annie Laura, eldest daughter of William Fawcett, of Fawcett Hill, Westmorland Co., N. B.

Died.

WASSON.—Mrs. Wasson, wife of Deacon J. Holley Wasson, deacon of Germain Street Baptist church, passed away very suddenly on the 4th December, 1898. She leaves to sadly mourn, a husband and three little children. She was called up higher in the prime of life, being only 34 years of age. She was a worthy member of the Germain Street church and a true helpmeet to her useful husband, and will be much missed at home and in the church. May comforting grace be given to the bereaved in their affliction.

SMITH.—Delia, eldest daughter of John L. Smith, of Pellett River, aged 18 years, fell asleep in Jesus on Dec. 30th, a victim of that fell disease, consumption. She professed religion and was baptized a year previous by Rev. Ezekiel Hopper. She passed peacefully from the weakness of the flesh to the rest of the Spirit. Rev. F. D. Davidson attended her funeral, and preached an impressive sermon to an attentive audience.

CLUFF.—On Dec. 27th, at the home of her nephew, Mr. E. Justason, Sister Leah Cluff passed calmly from the infirmities of a weak constitution to the home on high, where the inhabitants never say they are sick. She was for many years a valued member of the Pennfield Baptist church, having been baptized years ago by Elder Hopkins. She has left a large number of relatives and friends who will miss her many words and acts of kindness.

RICHARDS.—Fluetta, the beloved wife of William Richards of Temperance Vale, and eldest daughter of Deacon Hoytt Scribner, entered the rest that remains for the people of God on the 8th November last, aged 36 years. She obtained a good hope at the age of 12 years, and was baptized by Rev. J. H. Hughes at Havelock, where her parents then lived. Death had no terrors for her. She was in Him who is the Resurrection and the Life, and with the vision of faith saw the home on high, and peacefully closed her eyes to all that is mortal, to enter the house not made with hands. She has left to mourn, a father, a husband and a daughter, besides a number of warm-hearted friends.

SPRAGG.—At Springfield, Kings Co., N. B., Dec. 22nd, 1898, Zebulon S. Spragg, aged 67 years, leaving a widow and five children to mourn their loss. Deceased was a member of the Second Springfield Baptist church. During his short but severe illness he gave great evidence of the reality of his faith and trust in the Lord, and of his certainty of eternal life beyond. His end was peace.

McGINLEY.—At North Forks, Chipman, N. B., on the 13th inst., of consumption, Alice Maud, wife of William McGinley, and youngest daughter of John Best, Esq., aged 23 years.

BROWN.—From the home of her daughter, Mrs. Spurgeon Smith, Hillsdale, Kings Co., N. B., Dec. 8th, to her heavenly home, whither she had been journeying over 60 years, Sister Rosina Brown, in her 83rd year. Our departed sister had lived with her husband, Isaac Brown, for 66 years. Unto them were born fifteen children, ten survive them. Nearly a year ago the husband passed to the glory land.

MILES.—At Maugerville, Sunbury Co., Dec. 23rd, John T. Miles, in the 65th year of his age. Our brother suffered much, but bore it patiently, looking to Jesus; and so passed away, leaving a widow, four sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral service was on Christmas day, at which a very large concourse of people met to pay a last tribute of respect to the deceased, and sympathize with the sorrowing.

THORNE.—At his residence at Thorne's Brook, on Friday, Jan. 6th, after nearly two years of intense suffering, Caleb Thorne. The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Frederick T. Snell, on Sunday the 8th, when, notwithstanding the cold, a large company of friends and neighbors attended. God has visited this household of late. Only a few months back a daughter was taken. A few weeks since and the only son confessed the Lord in baptism. The widow is in poor health. Pray, friends, that the dear Lord may comfort and sustain her.

BRAGDON.—On Dec. 28th, Clara, eldest daughter of Jeremiah Bragdon, Esq., of Grafton, died of consumption, at the age of 21 years. Our sister had been a member of the Woodstock church for several years, and adorned her profession with a consistent life and a ready testimony. Her faith and hope gave her a cheerful confidence in the hour of dissolution. The sorrow of the loved ones who surrounded her dying bed she mildly rebuked, in the belief that she was only going to a healthier, happier place at the loving bidding of her Saviour. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord!" May the consolations of Christ be the support of the sorely grieved parents and their remaining children.—*Messenger and Visitor.*

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