

Her weight of years she well could bear, But not the shame and grief That evil times, alas! have brought, And death has brought relief.

In darkness, dread, and doubt misled, An Empire stands aghast! Its brutal folly killed its Queen, And will itself at last!

With the whole respectable press of the United States paying the highest tributes to the Queen and her people, it is too bad that the chief place in a good religious paper should be given to such wretched stuff. The editor must have been absent.

The Queen of Holland was married to Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, on Thursday. The Duke immediately on his marriage to the Queen was proclaimed Prince of the Netherlands.

The women of Toronto propose to erect a Memorial Hall in honour of Queen Victoria, the central feature in which will be a fine statue of the Queen. They intend to take ten cent subscriptions so that everybody can share in the undertaking.

The Emperor of Germany has conferred upon Earl Roberts the Order of the Black Eagle, the highest German decoration.

DeWet, the Boer Commander, who till very lately was regarded as a brave man, is now thought of as a blood-thirsty coward. The slayer of peace messengers has classified himself a cruel brute.

There is a vacant judgeship in Ontario. The Roman Catholics are pressing for the appointment of a Catholic. They are not concerned about the fitness of the man for the position if only he is a Roman.

Fire insurance rates are to be increased throughout Canada to make up for the recent terrible fires in Montreal and elsewhere. Why should the rest of the country pay for Montreal's poor fire department? is the question people are asking.

It is semi-officially asserted, that King Edward desires it to be known that the Duke of Cornwall and York will not be created Prince of Wales until after his visit to the colonies.

It is now stated that the report that Rev. W. B. Hinson had undertaken the editorship of a newspaper in Los Angeles on account of ill health, was incorrect. Mr. Hinson is located at San Diego, Cal., is pastor of the First Baptist church and is in good health.

SHORT COMINGS OF THE CHURCHES.

The present short-comings of the churches is the subject of an article in the February Homeletic Review from the pen of Dr. Joseph Parker, the great London preacher. Among the points he makes are the following, which are worthy the consideration of all who desire the life of the Church of God to be healthy and vigorous that its progress may be steadily onward, in the name of Jesus, to the conquest of the world:

"We shall make no true progress in the direction of health and efficient energy until we get to know how truly impotent the churches have, in many cases, allowed themselves to become. The churches are in danger of losing their distinctiveness as Christian institutions. They are becoming clubs, recreation-grounds, mutual entertainment societies, and the like."

"The churches of Christ have fallen sadly short in the matter of deep spiritual conviction. I mean the word 'conviction' to be the emphatic word in this sentence. We have sunk into indifference, or we have halted at the point of compromise, or we have shown open favor to any creed that allowed conscience to slumber and responsibility to be discharged by proxy. There is a general impression, so far as I know the mind of England, that the best creed is the one that permits most self-indulgence and is satisfied with the gold and the jewels of a fleeting and frivolous world."

"How sadly the churches have come short in the matter of the sanctification of money. This is no sordid subject. Giving to the collection is as truly religious as singing the anthem or listening to the organ recital."

"Nor are such shortcomings to be made up by the toy-efforts, which some people are so fond of multiplying. Anything new is sprung at with avidity, no matter how much may be cast off which has been proved to be of solid worth. Only get up a new society, a new scheme, a new toy of any kind, and like every quack medicine in the world will be loaded with testimonials. We have bands, and gilda, and rings, and fellowships out of count. Under wise and careful control each may be able to do a useful work. I am, however, in favor of unostentatious, persevering, and devout labor for Christ. I do not measure success by statistics."

THE CHANGE OF MONARCH.

Nothing, says the Westminster, would have better illustrated the perfection of administrative organization throughout the vast British Empire than the fact that the passing of one sovereign and the coming of another has not caused the slightest flutter on a single stock exchange the wide world over. The "Exchange" in London, "Wall Street," in New York, "The Bourses" in Paris and Berlin, are the barometers of the world, and they forecast no coming storm in either politics or financial. Placidly Queen Victoria passed into history; calmly King Edward VII steps into the vacancy. The wheels of the most complicated organism in the world, of which he is the head and front, move on as before, and when changes have to be made they will be effected in such a way as to attract little notice hereafter. Such an easy transition is impossible in any other great state, largely because no other state has had so long and so evolutionary a history. For over eight centuries the monarchy of the United Kingdom has been taking on slowly but surely its present character, and for more than two centuries it has been doing this without serious interruption through either war or revolution. Compared with the British monarchy all other existing empires, kingdoms and republics are but as of yesterday, and to bear this in mind is to carry with us the explanation of a political phenomenon that has greatly impressed the whole civilized world.

FINED FOR SELLING ALUM BAKING POWDER.

At Bradford, on Thursday, Walter E. Sugden, grocer, Wakefield road, Bradford, was summoned for selling adulterated baking powder. Mr. Herbert Hankinson, deputy town clerk, who prosecuted, said the inspector called at the defendant's shop and purchased samples of baking powder. There were two kinds on sale. The article described as the best was sold at 2 d. for four ounces, and the cheaper kind was sold at 2d. for half a pound. The cheaper sample when analysed was found to be adulterated with 20 per cent of alum. The use of alum in making bread was injurious to health, and it was used as a cheap substitute for tartaric acid. Alum in bread liberated the gas and made the bread rise, but it was injurious to children. The Bradford Corporation were determined to put a stop to these adulterations, which pressed especially hard upon the poor. The defendant said that he purchased the baking powder ready made up in packets, and did not know that it was adulterated. A fine of £2 and costs was imposed.—London Grocer, Dec. 15.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

BARRINGTON, N. S.—January 31st baptized ten; eight more await baptism. J. E. GOSLINE.

SANFORD, N. S.—The special meetings at Sanford continue with much interest. Sunday, 27th ult, at the close of the morning service, eight were buried with Christ in baptism. At the evening meeting those baptized united with the church. It was a day of God's blessing—a memorable day indeed to the people of Sanford. G. F. CURRIE.

WOODSTOCK, N. B.—The ordinance of baptism was administered to three candidates in the Woodstock church, at the close of the evening service, on Sunday, the 3rd inst. Colds and la grippe, are very prevalent, and many of our congregation are among the sick. We expect to have special meetings soon, but will have to wait a little. Father Noble is improving every day, and we hope soon to see him around again. For some weeks now, we have missed his always welcome calls, and his fatherly attention and care. In several respects he is one of God's wonderful men. J. W. CLARKE

Feb. 7th, 1901.

DONATION.—On the evening of February sixth, the congregation and friends of the Coverdale church made the pastor, Rev. A. Perry, a donation, in cash and groceries, to the amount of thirty dollars.

HARTLAND.—An interesting Memorial service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Daggett, Sabbath morning Feb. 3rd. The church was draped in heavy black and royal purple. Back of the desk and choir a mantle form of drapery was placed, under which, in royal purple letters, were the words "We mourn our Queen," and above were the colours of the 67th regiment. Black silk ribbon ran diagonally to

different parts of the church, and suitable drappings were placed on the Queen's picture on one side of the platform, and on King Edward's on the other side. The congregation was large, and Col. Boyer, commanding the 67th Regiment, and his staff were present and occupied front seats. The choir throughout the service rendered appropriate music, and special mention ought to be made of the rendering of the old familiar hymn, "Asleep in Jesus" and of two others viz, "This too will pass away," and "Home at last."

The text for the sermon was from Prov. 14: 34:—"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." The following is a brief synopsis of the sermon:

"Our Queen is dead!" A King reigneth, let us all pray 'God save the King,' that his rule may be equitable, and that the Empire upon which the sun never sets, may never be less. Let King and people realize the force of the text, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, &c".....Our late Queen bore her 'queenly honours royally, Wherever she touched life, life was better for the touch. In reviewing her life millions exclaim, "What evil had she done, we find no fault in her." During her long reign, millions of subject were added to the Empire,—and by her subjects the gospel has been preached from the rivers to the ends of the earth. Arts, Science and Literature took long steps forward. What part did the Queen play in this great national drama. Republicanism, says, "None, she was a figure head;" but those who know whereof they speak, say, she was mighty in the councils of the nation. God's chosen way of government is not an absolute form, but, "Come let us reason together," and thus was Queen Victoria's rule, as nearly ideal as any has ever been. She set up a standard below which it will be dangerous for any future monarch to fall.....A few of the practical lessons to be learned from the life of our late Queen are, We each have a kingdom for which we are accountable to God. Accept responsibility. Accept it early in life, in the fear of God. She requested prayers for and with her; she sought hours of secret communion with her God; she despised not motherhood, and was no more queen of the nation than of her own home; in all things she sought to be good and do good. These things every man owes to himself and his nation. The service ended with a hearty singing of "God Save the King."

M. O. S.

MINISTERS.—Rev. T. O. DeWitt passed through the city last week on his way to Hoyt Station, to visit his family. He had not been home since early in November. He intended remaining home a week or more. Rev. John Perry took his appointments last Sunday. Bro. D. is looking well, and reports the work in his pastorate (the Rockland, C. Co. group of churches) as moving along somewhat encouragingly.

Rev. W. C. Keirstead writes that he is now supplying every Sunday at Racine, Wis. He likes the people there very much: "It is the most like a New Brunswick Free Baptist church of any I have had. I hope to see some good results. There is already an increased interest. I wish I could give them two weeks special meetings."

GIBSON.—The revival at Gibson continues. The meetings last week, notwithstanding the rough weather were well attended and interesting. Four converts were baptized Sunday morning. Meetings are being held this week with encouraging effect.

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POLITICAL NEWS.—The Newfoundland Legislature is summoned to meet Feb. 21st in special session to renew the French Shore Modus Vivendi for the current year.

The Nova Scotia Legislature is to meet Thursday this week. The Ontario Legislature is now in session.

Mr. G. W. Allen was the only one nominated for the vacant York Co. seat in the Legislature, and was declared elected.

Mr. R. L. Borden M. P. for Halifax was, at a caucus of Conservative members of Parliament Wednesday night chosen leader of the party in Parliament.

It is intimated that Sir Louis Davies will soon become a judge, and that the vacant seat in the government will be filled by Mr. Emmerson.

Mr. S. B. Appleby has been nominated as the government candidate for the vacant Carleton Co. seat in the Local Legislature.

The dates of the Carleton Co. election are announced,—nomination 19th Feb., polling 26th.

The Kent Co. vacancy has been filled by the election of Richard Porier (govt.) by acclamation.

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MARRIAGES.

OSBOURNE-PORTER.—At Wilson's, Beach, Charlotte Co., Feb. 2nd, by Rev. A. J. Prosser, Mr. Wilmot Osbourne and Miss Kilda Porter, both of this place.

HICKEY-SMITH.—At the Free Baptist parsonage, Gibson, on Jan. 28th, by Rev. A. D. Paul, William Hickey and Miss Mattie Smith, both of Fredericton.

COLE-BUCHANAN.—At Gibson, on Feb. 5th, by Rev. A. D. Paul, Herbert Cole, and Miss Ethel Buchanan of Fredericton.

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KELLY.—On Feb. 2nd, William Kelly, aged 31 years, died at his father's home, five miles below Gibson after a painful and protracted illness. For a number of weeks he was in "Victoria Hospital," but skillful treatment proved of no avail, he pronounced himself to be unable to leave his home of his boyhood to die. Bro. Kelly was baptized and received into the Free Baptist church of Gibson during the labors of Rev. W. C. Keirstead, and he continued a faithful and consistent member until his demise. He was a member of the Black Knights of the Orange Order, a number of whom, in full uniform, were present at the funeral service held in the Free Baptist Church, Gibson, on Feb. 5th. The very impressive service of the "Black Knights" was read at the grave. Bro. Kelly leaves a young wife, father, mother, one brother and two sisters to mourn, but their loss is his gain, for he died strong in the faith of Jesus. A. D. PAUL.

GRANT.—At San Antonio, Texas, on the evening of the 24th of January 1901, Edith L., beloved and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Grant, of Woodstock, N. B., moved out of the tenement of clay to the "land that is fairer than day." For a long time Miss Grant's illness had caused her parents and friends much anxiety. Every thing possible was done for the improvement of her health, and only a few short weeks have passed since, accompanied by her mother, she visited the city above mentioned in the hope that a change of climate would improve and perhaps restore her health. But it was not "the Father's will." Calmly and peacefully she viewed the approach of the death angel, saying to her mother, "I am not afraid to die, my trust is in God." The visits of Rev. J. H. Erb to her sick room were frequent and like the visits of an angel. He writes of her triumphant faith, and of the victory which was hers in meeting the last enemy. Our late sister professed religion a few years ago, and was baptized by Rev. C. T. Phillips. Her twenty-fourth birthday was in the same month of her death. Her remains were brought to her late home at Woodstock, and the funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Wiggins. The sympathies of the entire community are strongly exercised toward the parents and only brother, in this hour of their sorrow and bereavement. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with them. J. W. C.

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