

chief discussion has been how to curb or to prohibit, by civil law, the use of intoxicants, whereas every Sunday-school, every Christian man or woman, should war against the use of these soul-damning poisons. To stop the use is to stop the demand; and, if the Christian will wash his hands of all complicity with the drinking usages, it will have clean hands to aid in the inhibition of the accursed saloons and all their indescribable evils.

Will the churches of this century be what are known as the "institutional" methods? Yes, if they desire and are large enough and strong enough to do so with advantage. Mr. Morgan's Metropolitan Tabernacle in the large Bethany Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia (of which the Rev. John Wanamaker is the "master") have long been "institutional" churches; but they have always maintained orphanages and libraries, dispensaries, etc., to the higher end of saving souls and building up the character. The danger is that churches may put the secular and the temporal above the spiritual. That is the danger with young Men's Christian associations when the gymnasium overshadows the prayer-room. Against the danger of caring more for the material than for the spiritual all Christian Endeavor societies must be on their guard.

SHALL WE HAVE CHURCH UNION?

The last century showed an increasing courtesy and civility between different religious denominations. Intersectarian controversies are almost unknown. The time when a Western Methodist camp-meeting sermon-book (such as I saw fifty years ago) could contain the lines—
 "When I was blind and could not see
 The Calvinists deceived me,
 I am gone by forever. Denominational barriers are so lowered that Christ's flowers can shake hands over them; and I do not indulge in the day-dream of this twentieth century will see an organic unity. Is it very desirable? Or is the Sunday School just a side-show, and its superintendent may be put into place any how? The work the one in charge, our Master, demands different than this at our hands.

Again, does not the church's interest in its Sunday School demand that its Superintendent be given membership beside pastors and delegates in yearly meetings receiving church reports? The Sunday School as far as it goes is good, but what is needed is the one whose heart and brain have come in direct touch with this work. True, the church delegate may be the S. S. Superintendent, but should we leave to accident the personal representation of this department of church work? This surely is not in proportion to the relative value of that church work which more and more becomes the source that must supply the streams of the future. Is not the movement in the New Brunswick Free Baptist Conference, to provide that Sunday School superintendents be given membership in District Meetings, one of the steps of due appreciation and value of Sunday School work, that will give it a much needed impetus in many of the churches? Can not much of the apathy that in some instances has settled on this department of church work be removed by action on lines which are indicated by this proposal.

DAVID PATTERSON.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

No. 1.

As Christmas has gone it has taken with it its peculiar record. In many places, "The Concert," is one of the Sunday School items. Was it a success? This question is open to a variety of answers according to the view taken by the one answering. Without doubt, there is one view not far from the truth. What makes christianity a success to-day? The Living Christ. So, while christian work as well as, or more so than, others is benefited and enlarged through skillful execution by the well trained, our Sunday School concert has in the truest sense been a success so far as Jesus has been set forth in song, recitation and exercise. No amount of preparation in training, or skill in execution, can take the place of the spirit and aim to tell of Jesus.

The concert should always elevate before the public the evangelical agency of the Sabbath School. How many golden opportunities for this have been just used for mere exhibition; or, worse, squandered in the lower motive to merely amuse or en-

tain. The sacred mission of the Sabbath School must never be cheapened. How keenly some unconverted ones, even may feel the loss, when the evangelical spirit of their Sunday School has thus been laid aside. In this room thoughts of God and heaven and of their own salvation have banished in upon their awakened souls as Jesus calls, Sabbath by Sabbath, by the Spirit through the teaching of the Word. Fellow-workers there is too much at stake to be frivolous.

How is our Superintendent getting along with the Sunday School? Does this question concern pastor and church? It should. Can pastor and superintendent afford to have other than the most intimate spiritual relations, mutual understanding and definite correspondence in plans? Can they afford to approach an identical work divided? Ten thousand times no. Keep together. Two is stronger than one.

Whose hands are laid on the Sunday School Superintendent? Should it not be the church's to whom the recognition and fitness is imparted by the Spirit? Can the church afford to forget that one to whom, in the Spirit, they have given so sacred a charge as the oversight of this work which is throwing supplies into the streams of the future? No merchant would think of starting out a freighted vessel without some care concerning the Captain. Can we, as christians, joint heirs with Jesus, afford to start out our Sunday School, freighted with precious souls to be brought to Jesus, without some spiritual concern for our brother in charge? Or, indeed, was his appointment all it should have been to the church? Did it receive prayerful consideration and action from the church in Monthly Conference or other business meeting of the church? Circumstances being equal, those in the church of most spiritual interest attend these meetings. Other officers of the church were thus appointed. Why not have the Sunday School Superintendent so appointed? Or is the Sunday School just a side-show, and its superintendent may be put into place any how? The work the one in charge, our Master, demands different than this at our hands.

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SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES.

There is great eagerness to enlist for South Africa in New South Wales. Fifteen hundred men were waiting when the lists were opened. Many more are offering than can be accepted.

Manitoba would like to furnish the 1000 men wanted from Canada for Baden-Powell's constabulary.

There is much suffering from enteric fever. This is midsummer in South Africa and British troops suffer from the climate.

General Kitchener, telegraphing from Pretoria Friday says Colonel Grey, with the New Zealanders and Bushmen, has vigorously attacked the enemy eight miles west of Ventersburg and completely routed 800 Boers. General Kitchener adds details of the insignificant casualties of both forces, and continues: "Colville's mobile column was attacked north of Stander-ton on January 17 by a concentration of the enemy, who was driven off with severe loss. Our casualties were 15 wounded and one killed."

The Strathcona Horse was announced to sail for home Monday, and probably did sail on that day.

A byman-book which belonged to one of Cronje's drivers and which had been perforated by a bullet brought \$7 as a recent sale in London.

The driest place in the world is that part of Egypt between the two lower falls of the Nile. Rain has never been known to fall there, and the inhabitants do not believe travellers when told that rain falls from the sky.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

FREDERICTON.—The work in our church moves quietly along. We observed the request of the Conference Executive for a week of Special Prayer by one extra service in the church a cottage meeting and a service at St. Marys. The services were helpful. Last week we united with the other churches in the city in observing the Annual Week of Prayer.

We very much miss the absence from among us of some of our more worthy and respected members. One by one the older members are passing over to the other home. During the past year we have laid to rest Aunt Charlotte Atherton and Deacon James Machum two of the oldest members of the congregation. Bro. Machum's genial face and friendly hand grasp are especially missed. Of him it can be truly said he was a "good man and full of the Holy Ghost." A great many times we have listened to his voice praising God and urging the young people to give their hearts to Him. Through his long illness God graciously sustained him and he was extremely confident of God's power to save and keep. He has not loved in vain and while we miss him much out of the home and church yet we cannot but rejoice that he has obtained the reward of faithful service.

While we miss the old we especially welcome the new members who are coming to us. On the first Sunday of the month there were received into membership Bro. Amos O'Brien, Bro. and sister Geo. Harper and sister C. H. Fox.

F. CLARKE HARTLEY.
 F'con, Jan. 18th, 1901.

FROM REV. F. G. FRANCIS.—One of the many difficult things for me to do is to write a newsy letter, even in the way of ordinary social correspondence, much less to adorn your column; yet duty demands it and perforce, I must obey. In reporting the progress of the work of this pastorate I wish to say that the spiritual conditions are hopeful. The preaching and social services in the different churches are well sustained, and, I trust, profitable. A spirit of unity seems to prevail along all the lines of work. Recently I held a few meetings with the church at Midland, and the Lord blessed our labor. I purpose holding meetings with all the churches during these winter months, and shall report results, (if I don't put it off, which I am afraid is a common weakness.)

Since coming to this pastorate, the friends have been untiring in their efforts to make our presence among them happy and contented, and they have succeeded admirably. Apart from many individual acts of kindness, I wish to acknowledge a purse of \$10.00 from the Sunday school at Midland with which I was remembered at the annual Christmas tree concert; also a donation of \$50.00 from the church at Norton. These things belong to the machinery of life in this world and are gratefully received, the more especially because of the love and esteem reflected in them.

FROM REV. A. W. CURRIE.—I wish to gratefully acknowledge the gift of a purse of fifty dollars (50.00) presented to me by the citizens of McAdam, on the eve of my departure to my new field. A farewell reception was held in the church on Saturday evening, the 12th inst., where, in spite of the raging storm, a goodly number were assembled and a very pleasant evening was spent. Speeches were made by J. R. MacKenzie, J. W. Hoyt, J. Green and J. W. Holland, and the following address was read by the chairman of trustees, K. McKenzie on behalf of the church and citizens, accompanied by the above gift.

DEAR PASTOR,
 It has been with feelings of most sincere regret that we learned of your intention to leave us to labor in another part of the Lord's vineyard. During your stay in our community you have endeared yourself to us in the highest degree, by exemplifying in your conduct and work, the highest type, both of the citizen, and the special ambassador of the King of Kings. The good results which have, and which will follow your labour here, and which will re-echo down the corridors of time, will add another star to your "crown of rejoicing" whose life's battles have been fought and its labours over, you stand in the presence of the Master and hear the Divine commendation, "Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord." To your estimable partner we wish to convey the strongest assurance of our love, respect and regard.—And to yourself and family in your new field of labour we wish long life, happiness and prosperity. As a more substantial evidence of our regard than we can express in words we respectfully ask you to accept the accompanying purse.

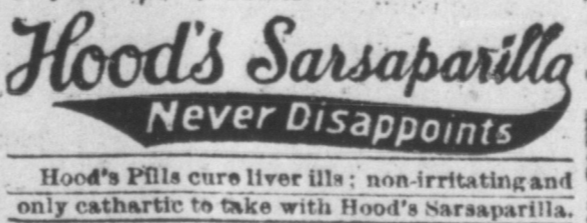
For these encouraging words the expression of their good will, together with all the kindness manifested toward me during my pastorate here; I hereby express my heartfelt gratitude and pray that Heaven's richest blessing may rest upon the large-hearted people with whom it has been my lot to spend two very pleasant years.

A. W. CURRIE.
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—On the evening of January 14th, a goodly number of the people of Kemptville assembled at the parsonage to remember pastor and family by a "pound party." After part of the evening had passed in pleasant sociability, Deacon Jonathan Randall was called to the chair. At his request Mr. E. E. Ring presented pastor and family with the donation of the evening, brought in quantities beyond the pound limit, to the amount of \$46.50. One article, a fur coat, was indeed a pleasant surprise, and a valued gift, as I look forward to more winter, even here, in Nova Scotia. For this, and numerous acts and words of kindness and appreciation, we all join in this expression of thanks, in the name of the Master, to the kind people among whom our lot has been cast.

DAVID PATTERSON.
 Kemptville, N. S.
 Jan. 15th 1901.

FROM GEO. F. CURRIE.—For ten days I have been holding special meetings in Sanford, with very encouraging results. The little church has been greatly strengthened and blessed. Some who had gone away from their Lord have returned; and quite a number have been converted. We praise and thank God for His blessing.

GEO. F. CURRIE,
 Chegoggin, Jan. 17, 1901.

MINISTERS.—Rev. Dr. Hartley was in this city two days last week. He is not quite as well as he was earlier in the winter, but he is doing his work. We trust he may be better soon.

Rev. M. L. Gregg writes that the "interest at Bath, C. Co., is good; several rose for prayer in the meeting last night (13th inst)."

Rev. C. T. Phillips was at Castalia, Grand Manan, last Sabbath, assisting in the dedication of a new church there.

Dr. McLeod spent Sunday in St. John, preaching in the Waterloo St. church.

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DENOMINATIONAL NOTICES.

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MARRIAGES.

DUKE-RUBB & J.—At Moncton, Jan. 16th, by Rev. Gordon Swin, John Duke and Hannah Rubbles, both of Moncton N. B.

CARR-CARR.—At Parsonage, F'con, Jan. 2nd, by Rev. F. Clarke Hartley, Mr. Geo. Carr, to Miss Janet Carr, both of Geary, Sunbury Co.

CARR-FITZ.—At Parsonage, F'con, Jan. 9th, by Rev. F. Clarke Hartley, Mr. David Carr, to Miss Laney Fitz, both of Burton Parish, Sunbury Co.

DEATHS.

KEITH.—At Upper Millstream, K. Co. Jan. 13th, after an illness of only one week, Robert W. Keith, aged 85 years. Early in life bro. Keith accepted Christ, and afterward united with the Free Baptist church at Upper Millstream, of which he continued a member, until death removed him to the "mansions Christ had gone to prepare for him." Nine children survive him. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, at the home of his son, B. Keith, with whom he lived.

H. H. FERGUSON.

LOVEAN.—At Salmon River, Vic. Co., Jan. 6th 1901, George Lovean, aged 57 years. Bro. Lovean formerly lived at Beechwood, C. Co., where, several years ago, he professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, was baptized and received into the Beechwood Free Baptist Church by Rev. J. J. Barnes. He was a highly respected citizen and esteemed by all who knew him. A sorrowing wife and seven children mourn the loss of a kind husband and a christian father. May the consolations and blessings of God comfort and sustain them in their bereavement. Funeral services were held in the Upper Kent Free Baptist Church, conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. Mr. Sprague.

M. L. GREGG.

HAMM.—At the Narrows, Queen Co., Jan. 9th, of paralysis, Mahala, wife of Charles Hamm, in the 67th year of her age. She leaves a husband, one son and

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three daughters to mourn their loss. Sister Hamm was baptiz'd April the 10th, 1881, by Rev. T. W. Carryster, and joined the Free Baptist Church at the Narrows, and has been a Christian indeed.

H. A. BONNELL.

ROSS.—On the 16th inst., at the home of her son, Police Sergeant Jacob Ross, Rodney St., St. John West, Mrs. Anna Ross, relict of the late James Ross, in the 81st year of her age. Sister R. as was the oldest person connected with the Carleton Free Baptist Church or congregation. She was constant in her attendance and faithful in her testimonies until a short time before her death, when failing strength confined her to the house. Her maiden name was Chalmers. She was born at Argyle, N. S., and was converted when quite a young woman.

H.

SLIPP.—At Waterville, on Dec. 21st, Deacon William Slipp fell asleep in Jesus, in the 75th year of his age. Death came to our bro. quite suddenly and unexpectedly; but his end was peaceful and triumphant. The summons found him ready. Bro Slipp professed religion at 16 years of age and was baptized by Rev. Wm. Pappington at Hampstead. Thus for nearly three-score years he was a follower of the Lord, and a faithful burden-bearer in his work. For nearly 30 years he was Deacon of the F. B. church at Waterville, being one of two appointed when the church was organized and in which capacity he served until about 12 years ago when so many of our people were disturbed by the new teaching on the subject of holiness, he was led to unite with the Reformed Baptist church of which he remained a member until death, but he never lost entirely his regard for the people of his first choice. He loved the INTELLIGENCER, a careful reader of its pages, having been a subscriber for about 40 years. His funeral service was conducted by Rev. T. Colpitts assisted by the writer, and was attended by a large concourse of people.

A. W. C.

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