

successful life of the denomination. Being the property of the denomination the deficits will, for a while, be met from the denominational purse. When it is demonstrated that they must continue in spite of the talk about the great advantage of the lower price, the price will be raised and the deficits be avoided. And then nearly as many people will be reached as when the price was lower, and quite as many will be helped. All denominational papers have similar experience. Perhaps after a few more religious papers have suffered, and a few more of the men who have borne the burden of them have broken down, or "passed into the beyond," the denomination may be wiser. Wisdom sometimes costs a large price.

THE REASON FOR IT.

Writing of the situation in Ontario *The Pioneer* says things that are equally applicable to the whole country:

There is voting power enough in the Christian people of the country to overthrow the liquor traffic. That power has been ineffective, because of our lack of faith in each other. We have refused to sacrifice our party preferences because we were afraid others would not do the same, and that our sacrifices would therefore be of no advantage to our cause. Political leaders ignore us because they believe that we can be relied upon to vote for party candidates whether such candidates are prohibitionists or not.

As a cure for this *The Pioneer* suggests:

An organization of voters pledged to make right principle a political force would change all this. There ought to be good men enough to make such an organization, men who love humanity and hate the chief cause of human suffering more than they love any political party. They ought to be ready to unite in a practical plan to deliver our country from a curse that causes thousands of premature deaths, wrecks thousands of homes, blights thousands of lives, plunders our people of millions of wealth, and loads us with taxation, poverty, sorrow, and sin.

A NEW CHRISTIAN PUBLIC OPINION.

We do not need new religious institutions, but we do need a new Christian public opinion. Men may fear the dominance of a church or of a theology; they can never fear the dominance of the Golden Rule.

So says the *Chicago Christendom*. The *Christian Guardian*, applying them to Canada says there is great need here of a new Christian public opinion,—

A public opinion that is above all mere partyism, and that, having formed its convictions, has the courage of them, and the courage of insisting that they must govern. It is because we lack this stalwart, unpartisan, and unselfish Christian public opinion that grave and burning questions of moral reform become the football of the professional politician. "The dominance of the Golden Rule" is too often not considered "practical politics," where vested interests with money power and vote power are on the other side. True, we are so far advanced that even the professional politician has "a bowing acquaintance" with that God-given rule for human life and conduct, and is fain to admit that, other things being equal, it should everywhere

have sway. But, alas, political ambitions and party exigencies are more immediately pressing matters, and naturally receive prior consideration. "A new Christian public opinion" was never more needed in Canada than now.

LAYMEN RESPONSIBLE.

Dealing with the fact that some ministers give up their chosen work and seek other employment, the *Pacific Advocate* says: It is a question for laymen to answer, for they are responsible. Do not the laymen of our church, by their unreasonableness and insistent demand for young men in the pulpit, practically make it impossible for a minister to secure an appointment once he passes a certain age? A man may grow up and become valuable with years and experience in any other business or profession except that of the ministry. And the profession which of all others in this world requires tact, discretion, experience, knowledge of human nature, ability to treat the most serious phases of life, is singled out by the laymen as the one in which none but young men may have a place. If, therefore, the man of fifty gives up his ministry and goes into business, the laymen are responsible they have driven him out, and in many cases it is a burning shame.

News of the Churches.

OLINVILLE, N. B.—The work of the Lord goes on at Olinville. Sunday, 7th inst., I baptized four more converts, two of whom joined the church there; the other two I expect will join the Hamilton Mountain church. The people of Olinville have engaged Bro. Bonnell as pastor until Conference. I am hoping and praying the good work may continue.
JOHN A. ROBINSON.

FROM REV. J. J. BARNES.—Children's Day at Middle Southampton last Sabbath was a successful entertainment. Mrs. G. A. Grant and her assistant, Mrs. Barnes, took every pains to make it interesting and profitable. When the entertainment was being planned, it was hoped to have Miss Gaunce present, and there was a good deal of pleasurable anticipation. For some reason she was unable to come, which was much regretted. The children did well. The collection amounted to nearly \$4.00.

Mrs. Barnes and I are now off for a few days' vacation. We called on Rev. J. N. Barnes at Jacksontown. They are getting settled in their new home. We are now at Bro. Henry Briggs', Lindsay. Mrs. B., who has been in very poor health, is some improved. We are intending to go to Houlton, where we will spend a few days with relatives, after which we will return home.

I expect to retire from my present pastorate in the fall. It is an important field, and should have a pastor. The parsonage is finished, and will be out of debt when we leave. The churches are, also, out of debt. I hope they may be able to secure a pastor for next year. My health is not very good, and I can not safely occupy so large a field as this. I could do the work of a smaller pastorate, though I may not take a charge next year, but just do occasional work as I feel strong enough for it.
J. J. BARNES.

June 11th.

FROM REV. E. S. PARKER.—I have been at Millville recently. They are to begin work on their new church with

a sod-turning service, June 23rd. Miss Gaunce is with us now. The people of this pastorate (Tracey Mills-Knoxford) have enjoyed her visit very much. The Knoxford church has been thoroughly repaired, having been papered and painted inside, a choir platform built, and pulpit and choir platform carpeted. The exterior of the church has been painted, also. Money raised by direct contributions.
E. S. PARKER.
Tracey Mills, Carleton Co., June 8.

MINISTERS.—Rev. T. O. DeWitt called at the INTELLIGENCER office last week. He has improved somewhat, but is still far from well. He preaches occasionally.

Rev. A. J. Prosser was in Fredericton Friday. He reports the work at Campobello as moving along with some encouragement.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—The New Brunswick and P. E. I. Methodist Conference opens on Thursday of this week in Centenary church, St. John. We trust our brethren may have a very profitable and enjoyable occasion.

—Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Zion's church, St. John, has just completed fifty years in the ministry of the Methodist church. Dr. Wilson is held in high esteem by his brethren in all the denominations.

—The Western Baptist Association of New Brunswick is to meet at Marysville on the 26th inst.

—A new Methodist church, known as the Charles street church, in Halifax, has just been dedicated. It is a fine edifice; its cost was \$29,000, and there is no debt.

—The Nova Scotia Methodist Conference assembles in Sydney, C. B., on Friday of this week.

—There is talk of a Maritime Union of King's Daughters societies. It will be decided at the New Brunswick annual meeting, which is to be held in Fredericton Sept. 11-14. Nova Scotia and P. E. Island have been asked to send delegates.

—The Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec met in annual session last week in London, Ont. It was the fiftieth annual occasion. The mission work of the body is to receive more attention; a superintendent of missions is recommended.

—Among the graduates from Newton Theological School (Baptist) last week were three Nova Scotians, graduates of Acadia—Simeon Spidle, W. H. Dyas and A. F. Newcombe.

DID YOU?

Did you receive a statement recently, with a suggestion that a remittance, if convenient for you, would be very acceptable?

HAVE YOU?

Have you responded to the request! If so, thank you, for you have helped.

WILL YOU?

If, for any reason, you have not responded, will you kindly endeavor to do so very soon? If you can, and will, do so now it will greatly oblige us, and help the INTELLIGENCER'S work.

C. E. CONVENTION.—The International Christian Endeavor Convention is to be held in Denver, Col., July 9-13. A very large attendance is expected.

DEATH OF AN EDITOR.—Mr. James Watts, editor of the *Carleton Sentinel*, died at his home in Woodstock, Tuesday evening of last week. He had not been in robust health for some time, but was able to be at his office till within a few days of his death. He was 74 years of age, and had been connected with the *Sentinel* about forty years, most of the time in association with his brother, Samuel Watts, who died a few years ago. Mr. Watts was a kindly man, and had many friends, who will sincerely mourn his death. He was an ardent temperance man, and in his more vigorous days did much temperance work. He was a member of the Methodist church, and was an active worker in the Sunday school. We join with those who pay their tribute of respect to a good citizen.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.—Rev. J. D. Shearer, B. A., secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada, is in St. John this week. He will address a meeting of the labor unions in Labor Hall on Friday, 19th. The 17th and 18th will be spent at Sussex and Riverside. Sunday, 21st, will be spent in Fredericton, and the 22nd in Woodstock. The provincial convention will be held in the Church of England Institute, St. John, on the afternoon and evening of the 24th.

AN INCREASE.—The Ontario government has increased the sessional allowance of members of the legislature from \$600 to \$1,000.

Marriages.

CURRIE-DROST.—At Tomlinson's Hotel, St. Mary's May 28, by Rev. A. D. Paul, William Currie, of Nackawic, to Emily Drost, of Riffle, Sunbury Co.

BLAIR-BAMFORD.—At the residence of Reid Blair, St. Mary's, June 3rd, by Rev. A. D. Paul, James D. Blair, of St. Mary's, and Miss Lily Bamford, of Boieston, N. B.

JOHNSON-COSMAN.—At Midland, K. Co., June 3rd, by Rev. F. G. Francis, Annie Cosman to Hugh Johnson, both of Springfield.

WHEATON-TEARLES.—At Norton, K. Co., June 4th by Rev. F. G. Francis, Mrs. Emma Teakles to Wm. Wheaton, of Midland.

LOGAN-COLWELL.—In Fredericton, on the 19th inst., by Rev. Dr. McLeod, Stephen E. Logan and Laura M. Colwell, both of Stanley, N. B.

TAIT-KIMBALL.—At the residence of Mr. Harry Chaudler, on May 20th, by Rev. A. A. Rideout, Jas. J. Tait to Violet E. Kimball, both of Marysville, N. B.

KING-MORGAN.—At the residence of the bride's parents, in Hartland, N. B., on June 3rd, by Rev. A. A. Rideout, J. Sterling King, to Miss Lena Morgan.

NEVERS-RIDEOUT.—At the residence of the bride's parents, at Upper Brighton, on June 10th, by Rev. A. A. Rideout, Granville Nevers, of Hartland, to Ida Rideout.

Deaths.

FLAGG.—At Avon, Wash., May 27th, Mrs. Janet Flagg, in the 84th year of her age, leaving one son, four daughters and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Our mother was born at North Head, Grand Manan, on June 23th, 1819, was converted and joined the Free Baptist church there during the first pastorate of the Rev. J. N. Barnes, about 1862, of which church she remained a true and consistent member. She was one who made many friends by her many christian graces. But we do not mourn as those without hope, for "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."
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GUPTILL.—At White Head, Grand Manan, on May 26th, Leavitt Guptill, aged twelve years and ten months; was drowned while he and his playmate were pleasuring in a boat. His mother, who was at home at the time, heard him calling for help. Funeral services by the pastor.

PHILLIPS.—At Rusiagornish on May 5th, Charles B. Phillips, aged 72 years, passed away. His life was one of goodness and zeal. Early identified with the church, her interests became his, and in every way he strove to build up the cause. In the death of Bro. Phillips the church sustains a great loss. May the Great Physician heal the heartbroken ones who are left behind. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Revs. Dr. McLeod, T. O. DeWitt and J. Henderson.
E. H. COCHRANE.

TURNER.—In Fredericton, on the 13th inst., suddenly, Emerensa, aged 76 years, wife of Mr. W. Alfred Turner. She was for many years an active and valuable member of the Free Baptist church. Up to the very close of her life she was interested in christian work and moral reform, and was ready and glad to do everything in her power to further good causes. Her children preceded her to the heavenly home. Her husband and one sister survive her, and deeply feel their bereavement. She had many friends who mourn her death, while they rejoice that for her it was the entering into eternal rest and joy.