

News of the Churches.

in remote country districts, do not seem alive to the necessity for battling against these growing evils with all their might. Irreligion and infidelity are the sins in the cities and towns, and this is especially noticeable among the educated classes. Family worship is rapidly disappearing, even grace at meals is rarely heard.

But the gravest paragraphs in the report deal with the spread of dissent, and he urges the clergy of all ranks to cope with this fearful evil. The drunkard and dissolute person may be reclaimed, and the infidel may be shown the error of his ways and brought back to the fold, but the heretic is in nine cases out of ten a lost soul. At a reasonable computation there are at the present time in Russia over 13,000,000 of these heretics.

CARRIED HELL WITH HIM.

Ungodly people need not go to a place which the Bible calls hell, in order to suffer the pangs of hell. The fact is many a person is even now carrying hell with him, wherever he goes. If such an one were to enter a Christian church during the Sabbath services, he would carry hell with him into that place. Not long ago the experience of a man, who had murdered another man, was reported in a city daily paper. After fleeing from the place of the crime and remaining awhile, he returned and asked to be executed for his deed. Here is his significant story: "From that moment my mind has never been at rest. I wandered about town two or three days, trying to get rid of the sight of that fellow's face, but at night when I suffered. The moment I dozed off I could see him in my dreams beckoning and laughing as he dragged me over some cliffs and I waked up cold with fear. No one knows what I suffered. I left the city. I went to Denver. I went to Bertle. I traveled everywhere, but wherever I went, night and day, that dead man was hovering around me. I couldn't sleep, and my mind began to weaken. One night I went into a gambling den. I thought the excitement might drive that vision out of my head. Right before me I saw that printer's face, just like I see you now, grinning as the dealer dragged in my money. I ran out of that club like a crazy man and wandered about town till I saw a freight train pulling out of the yards. I climbed into an empty car and lay down in the corner to rest. For a few moments the face was gone. Suddenly a flash of lightning lit up that car, as bright as this cell, and there, just a couple of feet from me, I saw that man I'd killed plainer than I see you. I screamed and jumped out of the car. They found me next day lying beside the track, and they got me to a hospital. I've been in a lot of places since that, but I never got over it. Finally it got so bad I couldn't stand it, and I came back here to Chicago to confess." That man carried hot hell with him. An eternity of such torment, wherever the subject of it may be, is just such suffering as very many will experience in the future spirit world. It is a fire, but not a material one; and it is a fire which can never be quenched, for it exists in a spiritual conscience.—C. H. Wetherbe.

DEDICATION.—At Green Mountain, North Lake, York Co., a new church building was dedicated Sunday, 1st inst. The ministers present were Revs. Dr. McLeod and C. T. Phillips. The order of the first service was as follows: Invocation, Rev. C. T. Phillips; hymn; Scripture lesson, Rev. C. T. Phillips; prayer, Rev. Dr. McLeod; hymn; dedication sermon, Rev. Dr. McLeod; offerings; service of dedication, Rev. Dr. McLeod; dedicatory prayer, Rev. C. T. Phillips; hymn; benediction, Rev. C. T. Phillips. In the afternoon there was preaching by Rev. C. T. Phillips, and in the evening by Dr. McLeod. Following the evening preaching there was a testimony meeting, conducted by Bro. Phillips. A number of Christians spoke of their love and faith, and some others asked the prayers of the Lord's people.

Green Mountain Settlement is in the parish of North Lake, and is well up in the northwest corner of York Co. It lies along the shore of Grand Lake, which is at that point the boundary between New Brunswick and the State of Maine. The people of the community, as those all through that region, are industrious and thrifty. They have made good farms, and are evidently tilling them to profit. At Fosterville, about two miles from the Green Mountain church, there is a Methodist church; a few miles nearer Canterbury Station, at Eel River, there is a union church. Religiously the people of Green Mountain are of various denominations. A number of years ago a Free Baptist church was organized. In the face of many difficulties it has held on its way. In late years it has suffered considerably by the removal of members; and in all the years it has suffered much from lack of regular ministerial care. It is about thirty miles from the nearest church of this denomination—the churches at Temple and Middle Southampton being the nearest. The visits of ministers have been irregular and not at all numerous. The wonder is that such a good degree of religious life has been preserved. It is greatly to the credit of the faithful few, an indication of the genuineness of their faith and the strength of their Christian purpose, that they have kept on their way. Five or six years ago they began the erection of a house of worship. They got it far enough along to occupy it, and went on with the work of finishing it only as fast as they could pay for what was done. And when it was completed it was free from debt. It is a neat, well-built and comfortable church, quite suitable in size and appointments for the needs of the community.

The dedication day was a good day in every respect. The weather was fine, the congregations were large, the large-hearted hospitality of the people was fully equal to the entertainment of the large number of their friends who came to share in the dedication services, the builders of the church were happy in the completion, the preachers were glad to be there, and the services were apparently enjoyed, and, we trust, were

profitable. The ministers will long retain pleasant memories of the friends they met. We hope it may be possible to arrange for more regular ministerial care of the North Lake church. But whether it can be done or not, we trust they will keep on their way steadfastly and joyously.

FROM REV. J. A. ROBERTSON.—We have moved to Public Landing, Westfield, K. Co. The people of this pastorate (Westfield, Brown's Flat, Oak Point, and Hamilton Mountain) seemed anxious that I should remain with them another year, so we are now living amongst them. We find them very kind to us in every way. My health continues quite good, and I am hoping and praying for a good year. JOHN A. ROBERTSON.

MINISTERS.—Rev. H. H. Ferguson is having an encouraging beginning in his work at Marysville.

Rev. W. C. Kierstead, Ph. D., of the University of Chicago, has accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of Rockford, Ill., while continuing his studies at the university.

Rev. S. J. Perry's P. O. address is now Belyea's Cove, Queens Co.

Rev. J. K. West's P. O. address is Pubnico, N. S.

Rev. O. N. Mott writes that he and family are now settled in the Campobello parsonage. Mrs. Mott has been quite sick but is improving. Bro. Mott is well and hopeful.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Rev. G. N. Stevenson, pastor of the Coburg St. Christian Church, St. John, has resigned, the resignation to take effect at the end of this month.

—Of the Twentieth Century Fund of \$50,000 which the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces propose to raise, \$30,000 have already been pledged. The money is to be devoted to the mission and educational work of the denomination.

—The Home Missions Committee of the Presbyterian Synod of the Maritime Provinces have just appropriated to mission fields in the three provinces, about \$6,000, as a half yearly allowance. Our Presbyterian brethren are looking very carefully after the home fields, and with marked benefits. Two of the youngest St. John churches which hitherto received mission help, have now become independent.

—The Wolfville, N. S., Baptist church has called Rev. L. D. Morse to become their pastor. He spent several years as a missionary in India, till failing health compelled him to come home.

—Special revival meetings are being held in the Baptist Church, St. John West, with encouraging results.

—Union evangelistic meetings by the Centenary, Queen Square and Carmarthen St. Methodist churches, St. John, have been begun this week.

—A Salvation Army Council was held in St. John last week. Several promotions and changes amongst the officers were made.

DIDN'T WANT IT EDITED.—The *Journal and Messenger* says: The author of a communication published in this paper, says: "I hope you can print it as it is. I do not wish it edited." An editor has spent an hour on it and has made as many as fifty corrections, and yet the author will thank us for printing it "just as it was written." The author of certain articles published during the past year has thanked the editor and praised him many times, because of the correctness of the printing. Yet the same editor had made, perhaps, a thousand corrections, which the author is not aware of and never will be, unless he insists upon having his manuscript returned. Some writers, however, are glad to have their articles edited.

—Forward! is God's command to His people. To disregard the command is to lose strength and die. To obey is to grow in strength, and to have the joy of victory.

Marriages.

JONES-TRACY.—At the home of the bride's father, Lakeville, C. Co., Oct. 21st, by Rev. A. W. Currie, Robert N. Jones and Effie E. Tracey.

RYDER-COLE.—At Sussex, Oct. 31st, by Rev. B. H. Nobles, Frederick W. L. Ryder, of South Boston, and Dorcas W. Cole, of Sussex.

KINNEAR-MCLEOD.—At Apohaqui, Nov. 2nd, by Rev. B. H. Nobles, John H. Kinnear, of Mantoba, and Ruth McLeod, of Apohaqui.

HENRY-LOUNSBURY.—At the Free Baptist parsonage, Salisbury, N. B., on Nov. 5th, by the Rev. W. H. Perry, Walter J. Henry and Miss Annie M. Lounsbury, both of Lewis Mountain, Salisbury, Westmorland Co., N. B.

CURRY-BECKWITH.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Nov. 5th, by Rev. W. H. Perry, Roy Curry, of Portland, Me., and Miss Martha Beckwith, of Salisbury, W. Co.

LODGE-RITCHIE.—At the parsonage, Wilson's Beach, Oct. 31st, by Rev. O. N. Mott, Frederick J. Lodge and Carrie M. Ritchie, both of Eastport, Maine.

Deaths.

PHILLIPS.—At Rustiagornis, S. Co., Oct. 20th, 1903, Floyd E. son of Sherman Phillips, died of bronchitis, aged 2 years. "Suffer little children to come unto me." E. H. COCHRANE.

MCLAUGHLIN.—At French Lake, S. Co., Oct. 24th, 1903, Bessie A., beloved wife of Ernest McLaughlin, died of consumption, aged 29 years. She professed faith in her Lord about nine years ago and was baptized by Rev. S. J. Perry, and united with the French Lake Free Baptist church, of which she lived a consistent member. She leaves a sorrowing husband and child, father and sisters, besides a large circle of relatives and friends. May God comfort them. E. H. C.

KEIRSTEAD.—At his residence, Mount Pleasant Ridge, Kings Co., N. B., on Nov. 2nd, 1903, after a lingering illness, Stephen S. Keirstead, in the 58th year of his age.

NEWMAN.—At Wilson's Beach, Campobello, on Oct. 25th, Effie Newman, aged 25 years and 5 months. A father, with a number of relatives, remain to mourn their loss. O. N. MOTT.

BROWN.—At Wilson's Beach, Campobello, Oct. 23rd, Arthur B. Brown, aged 21 years and eight months. A father and mother, one sister and one brother, with a large circle of relatives and friends mourn their loss. O. N. MOTT.

JEWETT.—At Lower Prince William, York Co., on Oct. 23rd, Fred, son of Mrs. and Annie Jewett, aged 14 years and 4 months, was accidentally killed in a grist mill, at his home. Funeral services conducted by Rev. Calvin Curry, Baptist, assisted by the writer, on Sunday, Oct. 25th. Fred was a good clever boy and gave many signs of making a fine young man. Besides his parents three brothers and two sisters survive him. The bereaved family have the entire sympathy of all the community. May God comfort them in Christ. W. H. MCCUTCHEON.

JOHNSON.—Mrs. Magdalene Johnson, beloved wife of Mr. David M. Johnson, died at the Free Baptist parsonage, North End, St. John, on Saturday, Oct. 31st, 1903. Mrs. Johnson had been in failing health for a number of months, but she died very suddenly. She was ready to go; for her "to die was gain;" she is "forever with the Lord." Our deceased sister professed faith in Christ a good many years ago. She was a devoted Christian woman. She was a member of the Free Baptist church at Lower Millstream. An aged husband, two sisters, one son and two daughters (one of whom is the wife of Rev. David Long, of St. John, at whose home she died) are left to mourn their loss. May God comfort them all. The funeral services were held at the Free Baptist parsonage, North End, St. John, on Monday evening, Nov. 2nd. The writer by request of the deceased conducted the service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Colwell (Baptist) and Rev. F. A. Currier. The remains were taken to Lower Millstream, Tuesday morning, 3rd inst., where the burial took place. The service at the grave was also conducted by the writer. GIDEON SWIM.