

that the Bible is not wholly and strictly truthful. The Bible is a very strong and convincing witness against Satan, and hence he seeks to impeach this witness, and thus counteract its influence against him. Prof. Howard Osgood, the renowned Bible scholar, says: "The Old Testament, from beginning to end, bears witness against its containing any myths, for it everywhere declares that Jehovah is the God of truth; his words are truth; his utter abomination is a lie; he will destroy those who speak lies and take pleasure in them. Jehovah's first requirement of man is to love him with all the heart, 'truth in the inward parts,' and that his words shall be upon the truthful heart, and that those who love him should teach his words to their children." Deceit in thought or word or deed is the abhorrence of the God of Truth. It is the pit that man digs for another, but into which God will surely plunge him. The true servants of God pray to be kept and God promises to keep them from deceit and lying lips. According to this whole tenor of the Old Testament there is no place in Jehovah or in his true servants for myths, which are deceit and falsehood in enticing form." I wish that these most wholesome words could be held before the eyes of all ministers, especially those who are infected with rationalism. Many pastors of orthodox churches are believing that parts of the Bible are fables. Such ones are sure to be condemned by God.

C. H. WHETHERBE.

BAPTIST UNION NOTES.

The following churches have, since last week, reported voting approval of union: Stanley, Rockland, Gordonsville, Windsor, Kierstead Mountain, Long Point.

Will other churches that have voted kindly report the result. We make note in these columns of those only that report direct.

Churches that have not yet taken action will, it is hoped, do so as soon as practicable. The committee is hoping to have reports from all before the end of the year.

Two lines of type—the last two lines in last week's Baptist Union Notes—were misplaced; they belong after the first line in the note from Rev. Abram Perry in News of the Churches.

JUBILEE PICTURE.

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We have on hand a limited number of the INTELLIGENCER'S jubilee premium pictures. One will be given to each new subscriber who desires it, and, also, to each present subscriber who sends a new subscriber.

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News of the Churches.

LOWER MILLSTREAM, K. Co.—We had a very pleasant evening at the parsonage November 25th. About 50 of our friends came in, and we had a thoroughly enjoyable time. During the evening Bro. Norman Foster presented me with a beautiful pair of fur driving mittens and a fur cap, in token of the good will and thoughtfulness of the young people of Lower Millstream. I am finding that all the good things said of the Millstream church by former pastors are true. The work in the pastorate goes on quite satisfactorily. The vote on Baptist union was taken in Kierstead Mountain church last Sunday, and the result was unanimous in its favor.

We are glad to have Bro. Swim among us; though not able to do much, his presence is an inspiration, and his companionship is a help. May his health be speedily restored. A. W. CURRIE.

Nov. 30th, 1904.

NORTON STATION.—The work of the Lord is very encouraging with us. On Sunday, Nov. 20th, Bro. Swim was with us, and in the afternoon administered baptism to two persons. In the evening service four were received into church membership. Last Sunday evening two young men showed their desire to begin the "new life;" in fact nearly every Sunday evening we have some seeking to know Christ. We hope to begin special meetings after Christmas.

I am pleased to report that all the churches in the pastorate have unanimously voted their approval of the action of the Conference in regard to Baptist union.

I received a very great and pleasant surprise when, on Nov. 16th, at the close of the C. E. meeting, a company of young people gathered in the church, and M. G. Harmer, in behalf of the pastorate, presented me with a very fine fur-lined coat. May the Lord bless the friends who were so kind and considerate. Surprises did not cease, for on the following day I had another, when Bro. W. R. Carson gave me a fine Saskatchewan sleigh robe. Bro. Carson's a good man, and his help is very much appreciated in the church.

G. FRED BOULSTER.

MINISTERS.—Rev. J. A. Robertson writes that his health is very good since he went to Boston.

Rev. G. Swim's general health is steadily improving.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Revival is being enjoyed in the Leinster St. and Tabernacle Baptist churches, St. John. Ten converts were baptized at Leinster St., and twelve at the Tabernacle on the 27th ult.

—A Mission Hall for the use of the Baptists has just been completed at Pleasant Point, St. John. The pastor of the Fairville church, Rev. A. T. Dykeman, has charge of the mission.

TWO GOOD THINGS.—A Kings County subscriber, paying his 1905 subscription, says:

"My wife says she could not keep house without the INTELLIGENCER, and we won't read it without paying for it."

FAMILY RELIGION.

Religion in the home (says the *Christian Intelligencer*) is the basis of a growing church. That there is a decline in the honoring of God and the training of children in the knowledge of the Scriptures and habits of reverence and obedience, is lamentably evidenced when the matter of family religion is looked into. The family altar has in far too many instances been crowded out by the strenuousness of modern life. The newspaper and magazine and other ephemeral literature have taken the place of the Bible in the reading of both old and young. There is woeful lack of that acquaintance with the Word of God which was common when the Bible was not only the most honored but the most constantly read and studied book of the home. That the Sabbath school cannot and does not take the place of instruction in the family is conspicuous through the amazing and almost ludicrous ignorance of familiar Bible incidents and expressions, revealed among college students when tested by the allusions to them in English literature. There is an urgent need and strong desire for a revival of spiritual religion in our churches. What we desire to call attention to by this note is that such a revival must begin in the home, in the setting up of the altars thrown down, and in the giving of time to the home study of the Bible, and the indoctrinating of children in the great truths of our holy religion.

PRAYERS IN A CART.

This old story will bear repeating, especially about the Christmas season. Prayers carried in a wagon or sled are a good kind in many cases. This is the story:

Once upon a time sickness came to the family of a poorly-paid pastor of a rural church. It was winter, and the pastor was in financial straits. A number of his flock decided to meet at his house and offer prayer for the speedy recovery of the sick ones, and for material blessing upon the pastor's family. While one of the deacons was offering a fervent prayer for the blessing upon the pastor's household there was a loud knock at the door. When the door was opened a stout farmer boy was seen, wrapped up comfortably.

"What do you want, boy?" asked one of the elders.

"I've brought pa's prayers," replied the boy.

"Brought pa's prayers? What do you mean?"

"Yep, brought pa's prayers; an' they're out in the wagon. Just help me, an' we'll get 'em in."

Investigation disclosed the fact that "pa's prayers" consisted of potatoes, flour, bacon, corn meal, turnips, apples, warm clothing, and a lot of jellies for the sick ones.

The prayer-meeting adjourned in short order.

—SIGN OF CONVERSION.—The new life within always shows itself in deeds. It is told of a pottery manufacturer in China, who was converted, that immediately he changed the weights he had been using when he bought materials. They had been so arranged that he got eighteen ounces for a pound. The voice that spoke in his heart when he was converted made him convert his weights also.

PORT ARTHUR'S STRENGTH.

A Japanese expert describes Port Arthur, and says it comes as near as can be to deserving the name "impregnable." Its high central mountain is flanked on every side by precipitous hills whose summits offer every opportunity for defence and every obstacle to an attacking force. Upon this foundation Russian engineers for five years have been exhausting their ingenuity in erecting defences that should be unconquerable. Money has been poured out by millions. Not one device that could occur to the mind of men whose trade is wholesale killing, has been omitted. He says: "Fancy to yourself a slant of over seventy degrees riding away into the skies for many hundred meters, surrounded by a deep moat. Imagine, also, bomb-proof trenches covered with steel plates crowning its crest, surrounding the permanent fort in the centre top of the hill, built of stone and cement, in which are mounted heavy guns. Imagine, once again, that the foot of this fort, just above the moat, is mined, is surrounded with wire entanglements, every iron line of which is charged with electric currents strong enough to fell thousands of men at a touch, and fancy that two or three of just such forts are placed to every one thousand meters of the perimeter of Port Arthur. Behind such fortifications, a few determined women, if they only knew how to handle the guns, would be able to entertain an army of one hundred thousand men of unquestioned courage and thorough training."

DEATH OF MISS TAYLOR.—Those who knew intimately the family of the late Rev. Alexander Taylor, will learn with melancholy interest of the death of his daughter, Miss Ella Taylor. She died at the home of her brother, Mr. B. U. Taylor, in Olean, N. Y., on Tuesday of last week. She was the eldest daughter of Elder Taylor's family, and was fifty-six years of age. Her health was never robust; the immediate cause of her death was heart trouble. She was a member of the Tracey Mills Free Baptist church, and will be remembered by many there, and, also, by those in other parts of the province where her father lived during his ministry.

Marriages.

MCCORMICK-MERRITT.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Bristol, N. B., November 30th, by Rev. A. H. Hayward, Charles Henry McCormick, of Upper Woodstock, N. B., to Idella Maude, daughter of the late Israel Merritt, of Bristol.

HEMPHILL-SPINNEY.—At South Windsor, C. Co., on November 28th, by Rev. H. A. Bonnell, Frederick Hemphill and Agnes E. Spinney, both of Knowlesville, C. Co.

Deaths.

TATTON.—At North Head, Grand Manan, November 20th, Walter, son of William E. and Hannah Tatton, aged 37 years.—A. M. MCINTCH.

HETHERINGTON.—At St. John, North End, on the 3rd of November, of pneumonia, Hannah, wife of W. D. Hetherington, aged 34 years, leaving a husband and five children. Burial was at Hampstead.—C. B. LEWIS.

VANWART.—At Fredericton, of paralysis, Caleb Vanwart, of St. John, aged 61 years, leaving a widow, one son and one brother to mourn their loss. The widow and only son are comforted in the hope that for him to die was gain. Burial at Central Hampstead; service by the writer.—C. B. LEWIS.