

her wishes. And should Chinese territory come into her possession all missions, except those carried on by Russian priests, would quickly be made an end of. The missionaries of every Protestant church in China are anxious for the success of Japan, which would assure an unhindered opportunity to all Christian teachers.



**PLAINNESS OF SPEECH.**

Under this heading Dr. Lyman Abbott says some things of worth to preachers, especially to any who think that if they can only string together and give fluent utterance to "great, swelling words," every tenth one of which is in an unknown tongue, they are doing some great preaching. He says:

The best way to make people attend to the preaching is to give them something to attend to; and the best way to keep a congregation wide awake is for the preacher to be wide awake himself. Stupid preachers make stupid hearers; and men who use a vocabulary where every tenth word is in an unknown tongue to half the hearers need not be surprised if, in the absence of intelligible, connected, and inspiring thought, people cease to struggle after scanty and unattainable ideas, yield themselves to the concord of well-modulated sounds, and sink to sleep under the dulcet influence of the ministerial lullaby. Let a God-sent man come with the message and the methods of the prophet Ezekiel, smiting with the hand and stamping with the foot (Ezek. 6: 11); let the Bedford tinker come with his homely parables and his speech that none can misapprehend; let the honest workingman come with his accent of conviction and his common talk for common people; let the student come with plainness of speech and frankness of utterance, instead of his seminary essays, his Hebrew roots, his Greek derivatives, and his Latinized vocabulary; let him put away his rhetorical flourishes and artistic and artificial tones, and talk to the people, and they will hear him, if he has anything to say worth hearing; and if he has not, let him hold his tongue till he has.



**SUPPORTING THE GOSPEL.**

Men grumble at the bills of the physician, but pay them. We cannot do without his help. Men groan under the taxes, yet pay them, because of compulsion. Men demur at the expense of maintaining the church, but they do not pay, at least, not what would be a fair support for the gospel. The Lord leaves it to their option, to be measured by their love, and many take advantage of this to pay the least they can.

Is an illustration wanted? A church member was heard to say, "If I were a deacon, I would get a pastor for at least two hundred dollars less, per annum." Doubtless that man pays his physician's bill in full; yet he desires not to pay his minister a sum that will support him in comfort. Is this right? Is not the minister's contribution to his earthly and heavenly welfare greater than that of either the physician or the sheriff? Then why demur at the comfortable support?—*Chris. Observer.*



**HIS BEST FRIEND.**—A Canadian away from home writes:

"A stranger in strange land, the INTELLIGENCER is the best friend I have. Those verses in the issue of January 27th were fine, and were alone worth more than a year's subscription."

**News of the Churches.**

FROM REV. J. NOBLE.—I take up my pen to write a few lines for the paper. What can I say that will interest anyone? I have no work to report, nor anything good to say of myself; but I can say the Lord is good and a very present help in time of need. My last visit was to Lakeville. The day was cold and stormy. When I got home on Monday I thought it best to stop for a while; the roads bad, the snow deep, and the weather very cold, and it was quite unsafe for me to be driving on such roads in such weather. The next day I let my horse go to a man to drive for his keeping, and I have remained home since. While I am home my mind is still going. When I read the reports of the work of the brethren, how many times I wish I could step into the meetings and participate with them in the work. But I cannot do it. The Lord knows best. He knows, too, that when I could I did what I could, although imperfectly. My mind is very peaceful, and I have good times thinking of the past. I got a letter a short time ago from a sister, which led me back to years ago when I used to go to Dutch Valley, and reminded me of the enjoyable times I had in her father's house, and in many places where I have been blessed to see good days. When I read the notice of the dedication at Corn Hill, what joy it would be to me to be with them, to congratulate them on their success. But if I cannot be with my brethren in person in their work, my heart is with them.

Go on, brethren, the work is the Lord's, and he will bless the workers and give the reward. If I am never permitted to stand before a congregation again to preach, the old gospel which I tried to preach, and which you are preaching now, is good, God has blessed it to the salvation of many precious souls, and he will continue to bless it. Pray for me that patience may have its perfect work in me that I may be perfect, entire, wanting nothing.

J. NOBLE.

Woodstock, Feb. 25, 1904.

**MINISTERS.**—Rev. Gideon Swim has not been in the best health lately, but is hoping to be better soon.

Rev. W. M. Knollin has been ministering to the Beaver River, N. S., pastorate since the Christmas holidays. He is encouraged in the work.

Rev. G. M. Wilson's work in his new field—the Canning-Hall's Harbor, N. S., pastorate—is much appreciated.

Rev. L. A. Cosman has moved his family to Kempt, Yarmouth Co., N. S.

Rev. J. B. Daggett was in Fredericton Thursday. He is quite well again.



**OTHER DENOMINATIONS.**

—Rev. J. K. Bearisto, who has recently resigned the charge of the Presbyterian church at Glassville, C. Co., had been pastor there twenty-one years, and is highly esteemed. It is stated that he will move to Amherst, N. S.

—Rev. John Hartt, a son of the late

Rev. Samuel Hartt, and brother of Rev. H. Hartt, died on the 4th ult., at Hillandale, V. Co. He was nearly seventy-four years old. Some years ago he was ordained by the Free Baptists in Maine; later he joined the Primitive Baptists, and his labor in this province was with that body.

—Rev. Dr. Hartt, for many years superintendent of Canadian Methodist missions in China, died at Burlington, Ont., last Wednesday. He was but 64 years old, but was worn out in the work.



**General Religious News.**

—There is only one Baptist missionary to the Jews in the United States. He was formerly a Jewish Rabbi.

—The total of Presbyterian communicants and adherents throughout the world is about 25,000,000.

—While in French Canada the work of evangelization, owing to the great power of the church, is somewhat slow, we are glad to note from the column of the Boston *Watchman* that the French Baptist missionaries in New England are making great inroads upon Romanism. Conversions and baptisms are frequent.

—A Bible class at Rochester, N. Y., which grew out of a class of boys formed in 1884, now has a thousand names on its roll. In the twenty years of its existence over ten thousand young men have been enrolled in it, many of whom have started similar classes in other places, and from whom have come at least four clergymen.

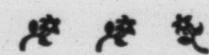
—The Wesleyan church in the Transvaal reports an increase in membership for the past year of two thousand eight hundred, with six thousand on trial. For several months past a new chapel has been dedicated every week, and the work is growing in every direction, both the colonial and native churches sharing in the prosperity.

—In Chicago there are seventy-four Presbyterian churches with twenty-one thousand members; and 107 Congregational churches with fifteen thousand. The city furnishes a locality in which the two denominations had an equal opportunity. The Presbyterians worked in unity under the direction of the Presbytery; Congregationalists have preferred to have each church work independently of its fellows.

—The Salvation Army, realizing its need of efficient officers, has provided an improved system of training. General Booth recently held a reception at Exeter Hall of five hundred new cadets who are about to be put in training for Army work. These cadets come from all parts of the country, and several from Germany and Switzerland. In addition to the training they will receive by actual contact with the poor in East London, they will be required to attend 700 class meetings during the year, of which 145 will be lectures.

—The Railway Mission, the object of

which is the spiritual, moral, and social welfare of the more than 5,000,000 men employed on the railways of Great Britain, as well as those in its colonies, is doing a grand work in evangelizing. Organized twenty-one years ago, 400 branches have been formed, at which over 1,000 religious and temperance meetings are held every week for the men and their friends. In addition to the home work, missionaries have been sent to India, Japan, and South Africa, through this organization. Hundreds of men have been led to find in Jesus their Almighty Saviour, and are now witnessing brightly for him among their mates. A foreman of a large number of men, who is himself an unconverted man, recently said: "The Railroad Mission has made an alteration in this yard; the whole tone of the place is different."



**THREE THINGS.**

These three things are needed—and needed *now*:

1. Renewals for 1904 from all present subscribers.
2. More subscribers in every congregation.
3. The payment of all arrears.

If you are in either of the three classes kindly respond without delay. A quick response is the best favor you can do the INTELLIGENCER.

**Deaths.**

**PRICE.**—At Upper Greenwich, Kings Co., Feb. 12th Miss Esther Price, in the 71st year of her age, leaving three brothers and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss of a loving sister and kind friend. Our sister professed religion about forty years ago and united with the Free Baptist church at Tennant's Cove. She lived a consistent Christian until her death. She died at the home of her brother, Mr. Isaiah Price, where she was kindly cared for by the family. She used to say she wanted her brother to live to see her laid away, and God granted her request. May our kind heavenly father comfort and sustain all the sorrowing friends in their bereavement. Funeral service by the writer. JOHN A. ROBERTSON.

**FORBES.**—At Kemptville, Yar. Co., N. S., on the 28th Feb., Hattie, beloved wife of Abner Forbes, in the 35th year of her age, leaving a husband and two young daughters—8 and 7 years of age—to mourn their sad loss. Bro. Forbes has the sympathy of the community. This makes three I have buried of his family since coming to this place—mother, son and wife—and there are just three left. Funeral service by the writer. L. A. COSMAN.

**PARLEE.**—At Metcalf Street, St. John, Feb. 18th, Susie, wife of Wm. H. Parlee, in the 45th year of her age, leaving a kind husband, four sons and three daughters to mourn. Sister Parlee was a faithful member of Victoria Street Free Baptist church. She had been ill for some time, but was patient, having strong faith in God. May the Lord protect and guide the bereaved family left without a mother's care. The remains were interred in Cedar Hill cemetery. D. L.

**GARDNER.**—After a brief illness, there passed away at Port Mouton, N. S., on Feb. 8th, the greatly beloved mother, neighbor and friend, Mrs. Sarah Gardner, aged 78 years, leaving a brother, Mr. Michael Lewis, of Fortland; and two sisters, Mrs. Stephen Coloon, of Ontario, and Mrs. Harlow, of Sable River; two daughters, Mrs. Jason Payzant, of Port Mouton, and Mrs. McPherson, of Portland, also a number of grandchildren to mourn the loss of one whose memory will long be cherished as one who truly walked with God in the ways of godness, peace and gentleness. "For the memory of the just is blessed." For a number of years the deceased had been kindly cared for by one of her grandchildren, and when the end came, surrounded by some of those dear to her, she passed away in good hope of eternal life, and heaven seems nearer to many hearts "because the Master has come" and taken to himself one who in an eminent degree exhibited his own wise and gracious spirit. At the request of the departed, Rev. T. H. Siddall, who for the past twenty-five years has been a friend of the family, conducted the funeral services on Feb. 10th. Although a bitterly cold day, a large number were present to mark their esteem for the memory of the departed and to express their sympathy with the bereaved. An address was given from the words Matt. 5: 9: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God," expressing the law and spirit of the good life just closed, who ever sought to live in the peaceable ways of the Kingdom, in peace and good will to all.