

he was not yet prepared aright for the great achievement; he must be tried 40 years longer as a fit preparation for conquest and triumph. And today those Christians who have achieved marked success in the spheres to which God has called them had preparatory trials in line with their coming work and warfare. The greater trials connected with their present positions were preceded by a series of lesser ones, giving them a drilling of thought and character which no hall of learning could impart. Let every young Christian welcome all trial as a needed preparation of the further trials which a great work may yet bring to him.—C. H. Wetherbee.

A VOICE FROM THE WEST.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.,
July 21, 1904.

REV. DR. McLEOD,—

My Dear Bro.—This is a time in our work when we have occasion to review the progress made during the year, and to express gratitude to the friends who have aided us in the work. I therefore take this opportunity to thank you for the very kind way in which your Conference received our representative, Bro. A. J. Vining, and for the kind things you have said about our work through the columns of your valuable paper. I understand that a copy of the *North West Baptist* has been sent you which contains a full report of the last year's work and of the proceedings of our Convention held at Portage la Prairie on the 28-30th of June. From this report you will be able to gather a fair idea of the work done and the results attending during the year.

We are now making plans for the future and by God's grace we expect this year to exceed all others in work and results for God and His church. The need is very great and the opportunity is golden. The openings for successful missionary effort are far in advance of our supply of men and means. In the west we hail with joy any word giving promise of the final consummation of the proposed union of the Eastern Baptist forces. For while we believe this union is both wise and possible without sacrifice of a single principle held sacred by either body, it at the same time will greatly aid in the strengthening of the cause of all Baptists in the west. Let us put our differences into dollars, and our cherished methods into consecrated men, and send them out west to do a mighty work for God in this rapidly growing country.

We now have Bro. Long, of St. John, with us, and it is scarcely necessary that I should say that we love him and will keep him out here if we can. He has given us very efficient service since he came west, and has taken a very active interest in our work. Make it as easy for him to stay with us as you can, by coming yourself.

In closing let me say that in as far as our Free Baptist brethren feel it in their hearts to aid us in this great work of planting the Church of Christ in this new country, we shall be glad to wisely use their gifts to the best of our knowledge in the purpose for which given. Thanking you again for your own personal interest in our work.

I am yours in Christ,

W. F. STACKHOUSE.

News of the Churches.

YARMOUTH, N. S.—The Free Baptist church has purchased a parsonage, having had an excellent opportunity to secure the premises where the pastor now lives, corner of Pleasant and Forest streets, at a reasonable price. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cushing, of Caledonia, assisted the church to make the purchase.—*Yarmouth Times*.

BLISSVILLE, C. Co.—We have just closed a few special meetings with the Blissville church, and while we cannot report the success we would desire, we can say the Lord was with us and graciously blessed the brethren and sisters who attended the meetings. We believe that much good has been done, and seeds of truth sown in hearts that, we trust, will in the near future ripen into salvation for precious souls. We had baptism Sunday, 24th, when four followed their Lord in His ordinance. We hope and pray that God may abundantly bless them, and make them a blessing. We are encouraged in the work all over the pastorate, and believe that we are at the dawn of brighter days.

GEORGE W. FOSTER.

SHAG HARBOR, N. S.—The work of the Lord in this part of the land and among the Free Baptist churches, during the three or four years past, has not exhibited, like in some other places, extraordinary and surprising manifestations in gifts and graces; but most assuredly the Lord's work, discernable to spiritual eyes, has held its character, its divinity and dignity over the humanity of its instrumentalities. We must give thanks that the Gospel is the Gospel of Christ, and grace and salvation in the heart of the believer. As viewed from a worker's standpoint, though often disappointed in the turns of a transitory world, we cannot say that we have labored in vain. A few special meetings have been held at different times with, at least, the good effect of staying the stakes in some measure against the sin-tide of temptation, and helping the believer to believe more truly.

During spring months, meetings at Bear Point in many ways appeared encouraging. A few weeks' union services, Baptist and Free Baptist at Woods Harbor, revealed a hitherto almost unknown interest among a number of young people, mostly girls, who have been living a quiet religious life. Some of their number have made public confession, and others have become, we trust, permanently influenced to follow Christ. The meetings conducted by Rev. G. Durkee were of a very pleasing and profitable quality. One of the most pleasing features of the services was the inquiry, or after service, to which quite a number usually remained and awaited personal instructions with the simplicity of faith; though weak and trembling in themselves, desiring to "see Jesus" and know his ways. I shall not soon forget the scenes of that spiritually sitting together and the candor of some of the young people, while they were weighing the worth of eternal hopes. The creation of new conditions

was the aim in the start; it is now the reality, I believe, because the work is not of men but of God.

J. W. SMITH.

MINISTERS.—Rev. C. T. Phillips spent a pleasant week at Beaver Harbour.

Licentiate McCutcheon is at Beaver Harbour for a while, sent by the H. M. Executive.

Licentiate Wilson has returned from a three weeks' vacation, much invigorated.

Rev. G. E. Manter, of Maine, has been spending a few weeks with some of the Nova Scotia churches.

Rev. F. C. Hartley has received a call from the Houlton, Me., church. He is not likely to accept.

Rev. A. W. Currie has received a call to the Kemptville, N. S., pastorate.

Rev. F. A. Currier has been invited to remain pastor of the Woodstock church another year.

Rev. A. J. Prosser has received a call to the Waterloo St. Church, St. John.

Rev. A. D. Paul is holding special meetings at Upper Gagetown.

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NEWS.

—The following are the Sunday school statistics of the world: Number of schools, 254,698; scholars, 25,910,000; teachers and officers, 2,410,818.

—A pleasant illustration of—shall we say Christian charity?—is given in Denver, Col., where, since the destruction of the Episcopal cathedral by fire in May, 1903, the congregation has met for worship in the Jewish synagogue.

—The trustees of the Methodist church at Baldwin City, Ind., have adopted a resolution requesting the ladies of the congregation to remove their hats during services. We see no reason why they should not, when the pulpits are low and the great feminine overhangs are high.

—The Anglican bishops in the Northwest have asked for \$50,000 per annum to carry on missions. That is a modest sum to carry the gospel to the red and white races in such a vast territory. We hope they will get that amount and a great deal more, for the object is worthy and the church has no time to lose.

—A correspondent from the Baptist church writes thus to the *Christian Herald*: "We are without a pastor, and want one. We can pay \$300 and furnish a good parsonage. We want a spiritual man." Certainly let him be a spiritual as possible, with bodily wants reduced to a minimum.

—For the Torrey-Alexander evangelistic meeting, to be held in Liverpool this September, an immense building, to seat eleven thousand people, is being erected. A choir of three thousand voices is being organized, as well as a band of ushers numbering one thousand. The recent tour of these evangelists through Great Britain and Ireland has been spoken of as one of the most notable evangelistic efforts in fifty years.

—The President of the English Baptist Union, in his opening address, called attention to the growth of the Free Churches in England. Three hundred years ago, he said, they were one in thirty of the religious population of the

country; a hundred years ago, one in eight; today, one in two; and in fifty years they would be two to one, or rather, by that time their witness to liberty would be crowned with success, and the Anglican church, freed from the bondage of state, would unite with the Free Churches in every conflict for righteousness and truth.

—Greenland, in New Hampshire, has no "icy mountains," but its Congregational Church has had one pastor for more than sixty years, and the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Edward Robie, has had no other charge. A parishioner who had "sat under him," as we Methodists say, for forty years was recently asked his opinion of Dr. Robie's preaching. He said it grew better every year. Dr. Robie evidently intends to keep up his reputation, for it is announced that at the age of eighty-three he is spending his vacation in Cambridge, attending the Summer School of Divinity.

JOKING IN RELIGIOUS MEETING.

The New York *Christian Advocate* takes exception to the disposition sometimes manifested by speakers at religious meetings to indulge in untimely jokes calculated to provoke mirth and laughter. The *Christian Observer* endorses the protest of its cotemporary in the following thoughtful paragraph: "Very often the joke detracts from the effect and the influence of the truth. The hearers remember the joke and forget the teaching in whose behalf it was used. On returning home they may be so full of the joke that they make this, rather than the important lesson, the theme of their home discussion. There are times and places for wit and humor; in their place they are strengthening and refreshing. But only rarely is their place to be found in gatherings of the church. For the purpose of these gatherings is not to please men, but to glorify God." This is something worth bearing in mind.

Marriages.

CLARK - MOOR.—At the residence of the bride's father, Marysville, July 27th, by Rev. H. H. Ferguson, Mr. George A. Clarke to Miss Millie Moore, both of Marysville.

HENDERSON - SOUTH.—At the home of Miss Pond, Needham street, Fredericton, July 20th, by Rev. F. Clarke Hartley, Mr. Archibald Henderson, of Durham, to Miss Nancy South, of Fredericton.

PETERSON - WHITE.—At the parsonage, Fredericton, July 20th, by Rev. F. Clarke Hartley, Mr. Burton Peterson to Miss Mary White, both of Marysville.

HOWLAND - DEGRASS.—At Waasis Free Baptist church, July 27th, by Rev. F. Clarke Hartley, Mr. Charles D. Howland to Miss Bessie B. DeGrass, both of Waasis.

Deaths.

FLEWELLING.—Fred. Flewelling died at his residence, on Belliveau Avenue, on June 17th, after a lingering illness of catarrh of the stomach. Wife and five children survive. His hope was Jesus; his end peace. Interment at Cedar Hill.—J. G. P.

RAWDING.—At Lake May, N. S., July 19th, Alice B. Rawding, aged 14 years, daughter of John W. and Florence Rawding. Three sisters and five brothers survive her. Funeral services by L. A. Cosman.

COSMAN.—At Havelock, Kings Co., July 23rd, James Cosman, in the 56th year of his age. Bro. Cosman was a good man, greatly beloved by all who knew him; very patient in his illness, and died in a blessed hope. May the Lord sustain the widow and family in their great sorrow.—A. W. C.

SLIPP.—At St. John, on the 12th of July, after a lingering illness, George Leonard Slipp, aged 56 years, son of the late James Slipp, Esq., of Hampstead. Mr. Slipp had been a successful business man in St. John for a number of years, but of late years, through failing health, he had been compelled to give up his business. The funeral service was held at Douglas Avenue, from the residence of his brother-in-law, G. W. Slipp, Esq. The interment was at Fernhill, Rev. C. T. Phillips officiating.