

and that it may safely and comfortably go on with its work.

If we did not believe that this paper is a necessary arm of the denomination's work, it would not be published. But for this persuasion it would not have continued through fifty-one years. It is not published as a business enterprise, but as a branch of the Christian work carried on by and for the Free Baptist denomination, and, in a broader way, for the kingdom of Christ. Few know what cost of labor and anxiety, not to say sacrifice, this part of the service has been done. But the work has been a joy to those who have done it. Only on the business side is there any desire to have the burden lightened.

As in the past, so now the life and success of the INTELLIGENCER depend on the support given it by the people of the Free Baptist churches in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Of course, it has subscribers outside the denomination—some who have been its readers many years, and who say the kindest things about it; but upon our own people it rightly depends for its chief support. Their attitude towards it makes its success or failure.

The INTELLIGENCER cannot, in price or in many other things, compete with secular papers. No religious paper can. Nor is it the competitor of small monthly sheets whose subscribers fail to realize that they are paying more than four times as much for them as they are asked to pay for the INTELLIGENCER. It is the rival of no paper. It is simply the one Free Baptist paper in Canada which, having been in the field more than half a century, with the endorsement and commendation of the Conferences of the denomination, is acknowledged to be the Free Baptist paper, and which may fairly ask to have a place at every fireside of the denomination.

Now, these two things we trust are clear: (1) The work of the denomination needs that the INTELLIGENCER go into many more homes; and (2) the INTELLIGENCER's work and success require that it have a wider circulation and a more generous support.

To help secure these two essentials we are appealing to the ministers of the denomination and others interested in the work. Pastors are busy men. The care of their churches, special meetings, etc., make constant demands on them. But we venture to say that no work they can do will tell more in behalf of denominational strength and progress than what they do for the INTELLIGENCER just now.

We want you, brethren, to make February a special INTELLIGENCER month—a month in which special attention shall be given to securing both renewals and new subscribers. January has not been as satisfactory as we had hoped. We make this statement of fact that our brethren may better understand the necessity of the special work we are asking them to do.

Besides the pastors, we think we may fairly ask Young People's Societies, Sunday-schools and Women's Mission Societies, by their officers and others, to participate in the work of pushing the INTELLIGENCER's circulation. All these branches of the denominational

activities receive regular and large attention in this paper. Their interests will be helped by the help they give the paper.

We hope to hear that what we are asking to be done is begun in every part of the field next Sunday, and then followed up by systematic and persistent work amongst the people in all the congregations of the denomination:

1. Solicit renewals.
2. Urge payment of arrears.
3. Solicit new subscribers.

A Word to Subscribers.

While we are dealing with the matter of subscriptions, we wish to say a few words directly to subscribers:

1. Some subscribers are very prompt in renewals. There are those whose payments come to us every year as regularly as their subscriptions are due. They are a benediction. We have often wondered how we would feel if all our subscribers did the same. We would like the experience—just once, at any rate.

2. Many are less prompt. They mean well, doubtless. Having in mind the smallness of a single subscription they, probably, think its delay a trifling thing. It would be if it stood alone, but when, as is the case, many hundreds delay payments, the amount kept back makes a most perplexing situation. Perhaps some have said, and will say now, "Oh, the paper got along when we delayed, and it will again." But we cannot do it longer. We not only need payments from all, but the need of having them promptly is very great and pressing. To keep up the business end of this work these things must be.

3. The arrears of subscriptions on our books is a considerable amount. With those in arrears we have been lenient—perhaps too much so in some cases. But the time has come when we must require the settlement of these long due accounts. Every dollar due the paper is needed—and needed now. We have, therefore to insist on the quick payment of arrears. The simple statement of the fact should be sufficient to move every one to send his payment without another week's delay. Be sure to do it.

We have sent lists of subscribers to the pastors. If they wish additional lists or other information, we will furnish them on application.

Sample copies of the INTELLIGENCER will be sent to any addresses furnished us.

In conclusion, we again ask our brethren in the ministry, and all the friends of the INTELLIGENCER and the cause it represents, to do their very best in a special effort during February to secure prompt renewals, the payment of arrears, and new subscribers. "A long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether" will accomplish much.

HE WOULD STARVE.

It is a mistake to say that the average preacher is a poor financier, "for if he was, he and his family would surely starve on the small salary he receives."

—Baptist Flag.

News of the Churches.

YARMOUTH, N. S.—Our church work here is making some progress. We have received many tokens of the kindness of the people during the holidays.

EDWIN CROWELL.

GEARY PASTORATE.—I have been supplying the Geary-Waterville pastorate for two months. I expect to give that field my services till next fall if nothing in providence prevents. Our interest has been impaired by death, desertion, and dissension, yet there are some loyal and true brethren and sisters, and there is some good material to build with. I pray that God will lead us in our work and bless our efforts to build for Him. Pray for us, brethren.

T. O. DEWITT.

HARTLAND, N. B.—The union meetings are proving exceedingly helpful. A good number have already taken a decided stand for Christ, and some who had grown negligent in their Christian duties and privileges have put on the armour again. We are expecting greater things. Harmony prevails among the people. For it all we are thankful.

A. J. PROSSER.

January 21st.

SEAL COVE, GRAND MANAN.—Revival work was started at Seal Cove on the 18th. I have associated with me Bro. Edward Morgan, who is a great help. God has richly endowed him with the gift of song; he sings with the spirit, and is creating deep impressions in the hearts of sinners. The work has scarcely more than begun yet. He are hoping for showers of blessing. Will all our brethren remember us in their prayers?

A. M. MCNINTCH.

January 20th.

DEER ISLAND, N. B.—Since Conference I have been busy. I gave Holderville and Kingston all the care I could up to Christmas, when the freezing of the river interfered. Then, accompanied by Bro. Mott, I visited Deer Island. I first visited the Lambert's Cove deacons, then those at Fair Haven, and also many of the people, and then went to Chocolate Cove and had service there on the 6th inst. I planned to have service at Lambert's Cove on the 8th, but the storm prevented and continued over Sunday. I found the brethren desiring a pastor, and I engaged to return the last Sunday in January and remain the balance of the Conference year. I am intending to hold special meetings during the winter months. There is much work to be done there, and I hope the brethren will pray for me. My friends will please note that my P. O. address is now Fair Haven, Deer Island, N. B.

J. J. BONNELL.

MINISTERS.—Revs. D. T. Porter, J. W. Smith and J. W. Freeman, of the Nova Scotia Conference, who have been seriously ill, are recovering, we are glad to hear.

Rev. G. E. Turgis, M. D., has moved to Clark's Harbor, N. S., where he formerly resided.

Members of the Tusket, N. S., pastorate recently presented their pastor, Rev. J. E. Wilson, with the price of a fur coat.

Rev. J. N. Barnes was in Fredericton Thursday. His health is somewhat improved. He is journeying down river.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Special meetings for the deepening of spiritual life are being held in the Leinster Street Baptist church, St. John.

—The Sussex churches are arranging to hold special union meetings, and expect to have Rev. Mr. Meickle, evangelist, to assist them.

—Rev. J. K. Bearisto has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Glassville, C. Co., Presbyterian congregation.

—The Presbyterian churches in St. John held their annual meetings Wednesday night. The reports were generally encouraging. St. David's church report recommended an increase of \$200.00 in the pastor's salary, but Dr. Morison declined to accept the increase. Changes and improvements are to be made in St. David's church at an estimated cost of about \$10,000, the work to be begun soon.

—Rev. Dr. Fotheringham, who has been twenty-one years pastor of St. John's Presbyterian church, St. John, was, at the annual meeting of the congregation, presented with an oak armchair, and Mrs. Fotheringham was given a set of furs.

A QUEEN AND PRINCE.

Rev. F. E. Clarke, head of the Christian Endeavor movement, writing of religious conditions in Norway, says:

The influence of the Queen and her second son, Prince Oscar Bernadotte, are most influential in favor of a pronounced and outspoken type of evangelical piety. The Prince is President of the Y. M. C. A. and of various missionary organizations, and goes as a preacher to the Lapps, to the washerwomen at their tubs, and to any whom his persuasive voice may reach. In Lutheran Finland, too, there is much more warm religious life and constantly increasing evangelical sentiment. This reminds us that Dr. Torrey, of Chicago, in the *Interior* of that city a few months ago, noted the readiness with which many of the aristocracy of Great Britain took part in religious and evangelical work, not only in connection with church services, but also in caring for the religious interests of those employed in connection with their families and estates. It will be a good thing for Canada when her wealthy men and those occupying high positions in public life, take up their cross and place themselves on record as followers of the lowly Nazarene. Some already do this but there are many who do not.

GOOD WORDS FROM AFAR.—A lady, now residing in Bombay, India, writing on Christmas day, says: "By this mail I am sending \$2.00, my renewal for 1904. Ever since I went out from my old home in Nova Scotia, almost twenty years ago, the INTELLIGENCER has made its weekly visit. We have become too good friends to want to part. Once in a while it does not reach here, and then I miss it. Long may it go on its way helping to better the lives of those to whom it goes. I wish both the paper and its editor a prosperous and happy new year."