

News of the Churches.

obeyed, he was most impressed and held by the hurt look and tone of his father. He spoke of his wise and tender counsels, his prayers not only at the family altar, but not infrequently at the end of conversations when they were alone. He told of his father's joy when he professed the faith of Jesus, and said he felt yet on his cheek the warmth of the fatherly kiss. — Times without number, he said, when the burden of work had been heavy and perplexities most trying, and in the wakeful hours of the night, he had felt again the pressure of his father's hand on his head, had seen the look of anxious love in his eyes, and had heard the loved voice saying, "God bless and keep you, my son, and make you useful." That touch had been to him again and again like a divine benediction, and the voice, like the voice of the Heavenly Father—a challenge to faithfulness and assurance of strength for all things. Through all the years, he said, his father had been before him—an ideal of great, strong, courageous, pure, godly, useful manhood. Through his father's life God seemed all the time appealing to him to do his best. The ideal was so high that he despaired of ever reaching it, but to have it before him was an inspiration to the best endeavors of which he was capable. Whatever he had been, or tried to be, whatever he had done, or tried to do, that was good, he attributed, under God, to the example of godly manliness his father had set before him.

Fathers, your responsibility is great—greater, perhaps, than you have realized. In a little while you will go away from your sons and daughters. But the memory of what you are now will remain with them. What will that memory be?

Often a father dies without seeing his heart's desire in the lives of his children. His heart aches because of his disappointment. But his godly living has not been in vain, for after he has gone the influences his life exerted continue to have effect, and by them his children are brought to salvation.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—The Moncton Baptist church is to have an assistant pastor. The work is more than one man can do.

—A Methodist church at Upper Coverdale, A. Co., was dedicated on Sunday, 6th inst.

—The Roman Catholic church at French Village, York Co., burned recently, is to be re-built at once.

—Rev. John Coombes died at Cumberland Point, Q. Co., a few days ago. His active ministry was spent principally with the Baptist churches in this province. Of late years he was not regularly engaged in pastoral work. He was esteemed by his brethren.

—The second anniversary of Rev. Mr. Macordum's ministry in the Moncton Presbyterian church was celebrated by the presentation of a cabinet of silver, and gold watch, to him and his wife.

Special meetings are being held in the Reformed Baptist church, St. John. A good interest is reported.

MONCTON, N. B.—Thursday evening, 15th inst., a number of the members of the church and congregation here called at the parsonage and spent the evening with the pastor and his family. The ladies provided refreshments during the evening. Mr. L. D. French, on behalf of those present, presented me with \$20.30 cash, and groceries to the extent of \$5.20; since then \$2.00 more has been received. This donation visit was a surprise to us, and we thanked our good friends very much. Our people here have been very kind, and this last visit indicated the good feeling existing between pastor and people.

GIDEON SWIM.

FROM REV. T. O. DEWITT.—This has certainly been a hard winter to get about. I have been "stalled" at home, if being impossible to get to my appointment for three Sabbaths; the roads have been so bad, snow and freshet interfering. I hope, however, to be able, when the snow settles, to go to my work. We have good congregations when we can get out, and the prospect is good for an increase of strength and spiritual life. We are hoping to see good done in this field.

T. O. DEWITT.

THE NARROWS, Q. Co.—A sister, sending her renewal subscription, writes thus: "Isolated as we have been to a certain extent during the long, cold winter, the visits of the INTELLIGENCER have been most welcome, keeping us in touch with our loved denomination. We have been without a pastor since Bro. Lewis left us, but have kept up our prayer, social and conference meetings. Pray for us that we may not be weary in well doing."

HOME MISSION REPORT.—During the month of February the missionary endeavored to give care to the Prince William, Queensbury and Bear Island pastorates, but because of the extreme cold, storms and blocked roads but little was done. It was impossible to undertake any special services. It was nearly a lost month. Seventeen regular services were held, one funeral attended, twenty-two calls made, and \$7.84 collected. Bro. Paul further reports that it is intended to repaid the church at Bear Island during the summer, that the Christian Endeavour Society is maintaining the services and possesses considerable spiritual life. Bro. Paul has been recalled from there and sent to Millville and vicinity, under direction of Bro. J. J. Barnes. He will labor there during the month of March. If no student is found for the Prince William pastorate, we will, if possible, endeavor to send Bro. Paul that way again during the summer months.

A word to the pastorates which our missionary is visiting. In looking over my accounts I find that we are making large demands upon the young people's treasury for the missionary's salary. Because the young people have been generous with us, and made it possible

to have a missionary visiting the uncared-for pastorates, I trust that none of the churches are feeling that they are receiving a free gift. Too much burden should not be placed upon the League. Every church or pastorate which may be visited should feel an obligation to do all it can toward paying the worker; the League will cheerfully make up the balance. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Let everybody do all they can.

J. B. DAGGETT,
Cor. Sec. H. M.

ST. JOHN, WEST.—The three handsome tablets which have been erected in Carleton Free Baptist church to the memory of departed members of the church were unveiled recently. Two are similar in design and the third is somewhat more ornamental. They are to the memory of Dr. G. A. Hartley, for nearly forty-five years pastor of the church, and D. W. Clark and A. C. Smith, deacons.

The tablets take the form of a panel on a marble base. The lettering is in black and the art work in black and gold. The inscriptions are as follows:

Rev. George A. Hartley, D. D.
Pastor,

1st July, 1858, 15 February, 1903.
Faithful Unto Death.

1831. 1903.

Daniel Wetmore Clark,
First Deacon,

From the Organization of this Church,
30th Jan., 1855, until his death,
27th December, 1902.

And that to Mr. Smith:

Albert Colby Smith,
Deacon

From 9th Jan. 1882, until his death,
27th December, 1901.

After a few remarks about Dr. Hartley's work, W. O. Slipp removed the veil of the first tablet.

Mr. Ferguson spoke of Mr. Clark's life and work, and F. R. Connor drew aside the veil.

Rev. C. T. Phillips then told in a few words of the life of Mr. Smith, and F. R. Connor did the unveiling of the third tablet.—Daily Sun.

MINISTERS.—Rev. A. J. Prosser went to Hamilton, Ont., last week to attend a meeting of the Dominion Council of Royal Templars of Temperance. He is the Secretary for the Maritime Provinces' Grand Council. He spent Sunday, 13th inst., in Montreal, and while away intended visiting Toronto, Ottawa, Buffalo, Niagara, and other places of interest.

Rev. H. A. Bonnell began special meetings at Mount Pleasant, C. Co., last week.

Licentiate Wilson is feeling encouraged in his work at Gibson.

Rev. J. N. Barnes started from Fredericton for home last week, and we trust reached there safely and with health still improving.

Licentiate J. G. Perry, of the U. N. B., preached at McAdam last Sunday.

Y. M. C. A. — The Y. M. C. A. building in St. John is to be sold at once. A site, near the new Public Library, has been secured and a new building is to be erected more suited to the needs of the association.

WHY SOME PREACHERS FAIL.

A writer in the *Christian* accounts thus for the failure of some preachers:

Many preachers fail, not because they lack knowledge, but because they lack unction. They are orthodox, but they never take fire when they preach. Their sermons are all brains, but no blood. They have plenty of thought, but no feeling. The dinner they serve up to their people on Sunday is elaborately prepared, but cold. No preacher is to be excused who does not as diligently study his manner as his matter. It was said of a certain preacher that he had received his matter from God, and his manner from the devil.

Many a good sermon is spoiled by a cold delivery. Two men were addressing a large meeting at Exeter Hall; the one a D. D., and the other a workingman. The doctor was polished and pompous in his style of oratory, and his words fell like a drizzling rain upon the audience—they fairly shivered as he proceeded. Presently the workingman rose to speak. He told of his experience and spoke out of his convictions; he was on fire with his subject, and his words fell like sparks among gunpowder—the people took fire and broke out in thunders of applause. Said a gentleman to a man sitting by his side, and who was applauding most vigorously, "What is he saying?" "Oh, I don't know; but look how he is saying it!" Now, much of pulpit power under God depends on that element of enthusiasm. They make others feel who feel themselves. How can he plead for souls who neither knows nor feels the value of his own? How can he recommend a Saviour to others who himself despises and rejects him?

The man who enters the ministry as a profession, as men do the law or army, and goes through the routine of its duties with the coldness of a mere official, resembles the "ghastly form of a skeleton that in its cold and bony fingers holds a burning lamp." It is true that a man may hold out a light to others who himself does not see it. It is true that he may stand like a lifeless finger-post pointing the way along a road where he neither leads nor follows. It is true that God, in his sovereign mercy, may bless others by one who is himself unblessed. Yet commonly it happens it is that which proceeds from the heart of a preacher that penetrates and affects the heart of the hearer like a ball red-hot from the canon's mouth.

We saw it noted the other day, in one of our exchanges, that Baron Kuno Freiherr von Eitz, a member of the German nobility, about twenty-six years old, is employed as a "scraper" in the locomotive department of the Michigan Central Railroad at Jackson Junction, Michigan. He belongs to the railway department of the German government, and as a special apprentice is practically learning all he can about the railway work. Good for the Baron! He is not afraid of soot or grease, or dirty hands, or grimy overalls. He is educating himself as a practical man can only be educated, by doing practical work. And he is not ashamed of it. Of course he is not. But there are young men—some even in Canada—who think to understand practical work theoretically—to know how to work without working. But it cannot be done. As the Latin proverb says, "The workman is made by working."