

to analyze and clear up in their minds what that sentiment is? Is it actually sheer indifference, and is it endless forbearance? What would be the universe so governed? Is it indifference to the power of evil, personal, domestic, social, political, which curses the world, and which if left alone, will make the earth itself a hell? Is it the amiable squeamishness that covers its eyes at suffering and lets iniquity and blasphemy alone rather than see them smart and wince, and hear them groan? Is it God's love that you so sweetly and benignantly commend, or is it the devil's love? When Dr. Blair, in polished phrases, said to a London congregation, 'Virtue, fair and lovely, if thou could'st once come among us all men would fall down entranced and worship thee!' a calm voice said: 'He did come once, and they hung Him up, stabbed Him and crucified Him.' Such preachers seem to overlook the fact that the great forward movements of Christ's Kingdom in all past ages were made through the preaching and teaching of a full gospel, a gospel which declares the awfulness of sin and its penalties, a gospel which reveals the wrath of God against transgressors, as well as his love for them, even a love which is ready to forgive all who confess their sins and ask forgiveness. This is the true evangel.

C. H. WETHERBE.

## News of the Churches.

**TRACEY MILLS AND KNOXFORD.**—Tracey Mills church is in a better condition, financially, than for a number of years. The debt was paid off last year, and up to the present sufficient money has been raised for painting the exterior of the church. There is need of increased earnestness and devotion in social work and worship and spiritual life. Peace and goodwill prevails.

Knoxford church is in good spiritual condition. There is no debt on the church property. Repairs made last year were paid for at time work was done. This is as it ought to be, when possible. The future promises good things for the cause here. Mrs. Parker and myself wish to express thanks to the people of Knoxford for the furs presented on Christmas.

E. S. PARKER.

**MILLSTREAM, K. Co.**—I wish to acknowledge with thanks a donation of \$42 from friends at Apohaqui. In connection with its presentation the young people gave an excellent entertainment in the I. O. F. hall, the ladies served refreshments, and altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent. I must say that my meeting with the people there and in the other churches of this field has thus far been very pleasant. Every reception has been more cordial, so that I am now beginning to feel quite free and at home among them. I trust that ere long I shall be able to report increased activities along the lines of Christian work and the salvation of precious souls. Some of the churches are suffering sadly from lack of organization, but this we hope to remedy in a little time; then this pastorate will be

able, without doubt, to maintain its past efficiency, and keep the good name it has borne so long.

A. W. CURRIE.

**HARTLAND, N. B.**—The union meetings are still in progress. About 25 have evidenced a desire for the better life. The union services on Sunday evening are held in the Free Baptist church, and the seats are all filled. A union prayer meeting is held on Sunday morning, which is also well attended; they have been especially helpful. The spirit of union between the Baptists, Free Baptists, Methodists and Reformed Baptists in Hartland, according to public opinion, never was stronger. Though quite weary, I am enjoying the work. I expect to visit Wilson's Beach in a few weeks to see my friends there. I propose holding special meetings at Pembroke and Lower Brighton sometime before spring.

A. J. PROSSER.

**SEAL COVE, GRAND MANAN.**—The revival at Seal Cove is going on nicely; good interest in all the meetings; cannot find seating room in the church for the congregations on week nights. Souls are seeking the Saviour; backsliders are returning; we hope to see yet greater things. Bros. E. C. Morgan, the singer, leaves us Monday. His singing has been greatly blessed to the good of all. If this young brother could be engaged to help pastors in special work it could not but be a great blessing. Such help as this is much needed.

It has been decided to build a new church at Seal Cove. The contract will be given to Mr. Edward Ryerson, of Yarmouth, N. S. The new church will be in a more central place; a lot of land has been donated by Mr. Frank Benson, and part of the money subscribed to complete the work. Pray for the work here.

A. M. MCNINTCH.

Jan. 30th.

**ROCKLAND PASTORATE.**—Since Conference I have taken charge of the Rockland pastorate, which includes Rockland, Mount Pleasant, Gordonsville, Knowlesville, Windsor and Foreston churches. The Windsor meeting house is under repair and we have not been able to hold any meetings there. I think it will be ready for occupancy by the middle of March. I have enjoyed my work here very much. I find the people very thoughtful concerning our needs, and I take this opportunity of thanking them for many tokens of friendship. They have remembered our pantry and cellar, and the horse, also supplying him with oats. For all Mrs. B. and I wish to thank them; and we pray the Lord to richly reward them. I purpose commencing special meetings at Gordonsville next week, and would ask the brethren to pray for us that the Lord may bless the work to the salvation of souls.

H. A. BONNELL.

**HAMPSTEAD PASTORATE.**—Not having reported since Conference, probably the time has come for me to give a brief account concerning the cause of Christ in this field. I left this pastorate nine

years ago, and in last October accepted an invitation to again become pastor. In common with other places, many changes have come to the various localities, but the same kind and generous spirit is general throughout the pastorate. As I attempt to report concerning the present I cannot forget the past. I refer to my connection with the Narrows pastorate. The people used me well and I enjoyed the service of the Master among them. With gratitude to God and his people I want to express my appreciation of the kindness of friends at Shannon who, on the eve of my departure, gave me \$20 cash, purely a present. I am sorry that the upper end of the Narrows and Shannon pastorate is left without pastoral care. The desire is upon my heart to make a short visit to the Narrows churches as soon as I can conveniently do so.

Hampstead pastorate is quite large, and there is plenty of work. When I came to the field some of the brethren informed me that Evangelist Beatty had been invited and was expected. So Bro. Beatty came and has been with us about two months and has labored faithfully with a good degree of success. As one result of the special services at Hampstead Village three professed conversions and were baptized, and six at Upper Hampstead. A number of backsliders were reclaimed and Christians generally strengthened and encouraged. Owing to the severe cold and the almost continuous storms work on a pastorate like this has been quite difficult. I have endeavored as best I could to keep up the regular services and attend the special meetings as much as possible. I am confident that much permanent good has been done, and thank the Lord that a good degree of harmony prevails, and that the outlook is quite hopeful. The burden and prayer of my heart is that regenerating grace may reach many more lives throughout our land. Brethren pray for us.

C. B. LEWIS.

Hampstead, Feb. 3rd.

## OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Special meetings in the Leinster St. Baptist Church, St. John, have been blessed, four converts were baptized last week.

—Rev. J. A. Morison, of St. David's Presbyterian Church, St. John, has received a call from the First Presbyterian Church, Chicago.

—Two bands of Salvationists are touring New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, visiting all the places where the Army is established. Each party consists of seven persons.

—Special meetings are being held in the Fredericton Methodist Church.

—Rev. G. R. Raymond, of Prince Edward Island, has accepted a call to the Berwick, N. S., Baptist Church.

**MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS.**—This kind word comes from a Westmorland Co. home: "The INTELLIGENCER has come to this home, and to the same address, for more than fifty years. We have had it from the first issue. It has always been a welcome visitor. We appreciate it now as much as at the first, and hope you may be spared many years to edit it."

## General Religious News.

—A copy of Wycliff's New Testament brought \$580 at a sale in London a short time ago. It was almost five hundred years old, having been written in 1425.

—A Berlin journal, which has been collecting Jewish statistics, states that the number of Jews who have been converted and are occupying the pulpits of Protestant churches is 125.

—The Toronto Young Men's Christian Associations have reached a membership of nearly 4,000. The Grand Trunk Railway has promised the East York Association \$4,000 towards a new building.

—Rev. F. B. Meyer, of Christ Church, London, as president of the National Free Church Council, has had the misfortune to lose the sight of one eye through an accident. The injured member is causing Mr. Meyer a good deal of distress, it is reported, and many of his engagements have had to be cancelled.

—The Rev. G. Campbell Morgan has received a pressing invitation to the pastorate of Westminster Chapel (Congregational), London, England. He has announced that he will spend three Sundays at Westminster in the month of June, and after that give his final decision. Mr. Morgan states that he is now at the parting of the ways, as, should he not accept this invitation, he will likely settle down to spend his life in evangelistic effort in the United States.

—The annual report of the Evangelization Society of London, England, is published, and shows good work during the past year. The evangelists number 264. They preach the gospel simply, heartily, and, as results show, effectively. A total of 1,212 places have been supplied with preaching during the year, including fifty summer tents; the money received from all sources, £12,011; total meetings, 21,000,000; estimated attendances, about 2,000,000.

—The London Times, which has been delving into ecclesiastical statistics, states that the yearly returns of the various sections of the Methodist church throughout the world show a grand total of 48,315 ministers, who have in their charge 89,430 churches and missions. The total membership, with "probationers," is set down at 7,801,311 including 165,452 local preachers. There are 81,580 Sunday schools, with 804,778 officers and teachers and 6,523,230 scholars.

—Ecuador has been of late years one of the most pronounced of Roman Catholic lands. A new marriage law has just been passed, putting Protestants and Catholics on the same legal footing, and this in face of the protests of the Romanists. At the capital, Quito, the old Jesuit College has been closed by the government and its property has been taken for public uses. And the President of Ecuador has suggested to Congress a law to exclude all members of monastic orders from teaching in the schools. These measures originate with men who grew up under Catholicism, and who have seen its unhampered workings.