

A NEW EVANGELISM.

A new evangelism is sorely needed. The *Christian Intelligencer* says: It is surely coming. It will not come in the guise, or after the fashion, we are looking for. It will come after God's will, and in God's way. The conditions of the first century do not confront us now. We do not need a Peter with a miracle-working shadow to heal our sick before we believe. We have grown out of the superstition, bred of ignorance, that calls for physical wonder-signs to stimulate faith. We will leave all that to the Mrs. Eddies and Dowies of the day, who prey upon the credulous rather than pray for the lost. Neither do we need a Luther to thunder anathemas against the evils of priestcraft. Popery is a passing shadow whose baleful darkness shrouds but one poor crippled nation in the gloom of disguised paganism. Nor do we require a Wesley to call us from ritualism to the simplicity that is in Christ Jesus. Neither the sovereignty of God as exemplified by an Edwards, or the love of God as expounded by a Moody, may be what God will use to move the hearts of twentieth century sinners to repentance. The new evangelism will not be narrowed to a mere moral reformation, or confined within the bounds of any human system of theology. It will have a range that will reach from Nathan pointing a condemning finger at the violators of marriage sanctity, to a Paul demanding the death of the old man and a life from God lived out in the new. It will not bring a new Gospel, because it cannot have a new Christ. Jesus and his glad tidings of blood atonement will be the same yesterday, to-day and forever. We need a new evangelism; but to be effective it must be new only in the sense of being fresh drawn from the fountain-head. We need a new day, but not a new sun; a new evangelism, but not a new evangel. We have gone astray along the path of a head faith. We must be restored by way of a heart faith. Through criticising the Bible we have lost ground; we must regain it by letting the Bible criticise us. We have failed because we have been trying to use God. We will succeed when we let God use us. The field is white. Only God-sent laborers can harvest it. Pray that they may be sent forth.

AN ASSOCIATE PASTOR.

A minister referred not long ago to his church paper as his associate pastor. That is not a bad name, says *The Presbyterian Standard*. All that the minister is to his people in the more effective method of the human voice and the personal influence, the church paper is by the influence of the printed page. It preaches to the sinner and to the saint; it comforts the mourning soul, it brings messages of cheer to the sick room; it pats the little ones on the head and asks after their games and their pets; it expounds the doctrines of God's word; it advocates the causes of the church; it takes an interest in the affairs of the household and the farm; it occasionally cracks a mild joke, and displays considerable knowledge of what is going on in the world.

News of the Churches.

BARRINGTON PASTORATE.—On Friday, January 1st, the church of Port LaTour held its annual business meeting. There were but few present, a matter to be much deplored, as all members of the church and parish ought to be interested in the business of the church. It is important. The report of the treasurer, H. D. Smith, showed a good year's work; better than \$300 was raised for all purposes; this is equal to \$9.00 per resident member. The year's deficit was only \$10.00, which, with last year's deficit, makes the total indebtedness of the church less than \$32.00. This will be paid very soon. Steps are now being taken to raise the amount. The following officers were elected to serve during 1904: J. A. Nickerson, Thomas Smith, J. A. Smith, Wm. H. Smith and Jas. Crowell, trustees; Secretary, and Treasurer, H. D. Smith.

Owing to the stormy weather the annual business meeting of the Temple church, Barrington, was not held until January 11th. A large number was present. The reports of the clerk, treasurer, auditor, treasurer of the Poor Fund, and the nominating committee were duly presented and accepted. The treasurer, P. E. Crowell, on presenting his report said: "It is my pleasure to present the best report that I have ever been able to give since holding office, and the best, so far as I remember, since the church was dedicated. This is due to the special effort of the pastor and to the Ladies' Aid Society." The report showed that over \$700 had been raised during the year, and that sufficient money was on hand to meet the entire obligations of the society. Nearly \$300 was raised for defraying past indebtedness. This, with the amounts raised for benevolences in all departments, raise the total to better than \$900, or a sum equal to \$9.00 per resident member.

The condition of affairs in the three preaching appointments in the parish are in a very satisfactory condition. These places—Doctor's Cove, Villagedale and Oak Park—have raised \$100 towards the pastor's salary, contributed a small amount to missions, met all the bills for current expenses. At Villagedale the church has been shingled and new shades purchased. Oak Park has suffered much by death and removals. That they might not be left without aid, the people of Temple church meet with them each Sunday with leaders, a work that is much appreciated by the people at Oak Park. Since the evangelistic meetings at Doctor's Cove, a prayer service has been organized, meeting each Friday.

I am safe in saying that in this parish not less than \$1,400 has been raised during the past year, and that, financially, matters are better than any time since 1898.

In spiritual matters (while suffering greatly by death and removal, for over two hundred have by death or removal gone from Free Baptist families in the past five years—eighty-six of them by death) the work is fairly prosperous. New workers have come up to fill the

places of those who have gone. Nine of the twelve teachers at the Temple are new; four of the eight at Port LaTour are new. Altogether, we may surely say that matters are as prosperous as can ordinarily be expected. We are not yet satisfied. In spiritual matters we ought not to be satisfied with the ordinary. It could be much better. May the Heavenly Father grant us a deep spiritual revival everywhere.

J. E. GOSLINE.

OTNABOG, Q. Co.—Licentiate R. McIntyre, who has been at Otnabog since last fall, writes that work in the church has gone on quite encouragingly. One wandering member has been restored, two others have made a beginning in the Christian life, and several have shown their anxiety by asking for prayer in their behalf. He hopes in the spring that they will be able to go on with work on the church building and complete it.

HARTLAND, N. B.—The Free Baptist Methodist and Reformed Baptist churches of Hartland are engaged in union services. The programme is indefinite. The week of prayer was productive of good. The work here, though hard, is pleasant. Hartland friends gave us a nice couch on Christmas eve. Among other encouraging features is the promptness with which the financial obligations are met.

A. J. PROSSER.

HOME MISSION REPORT.—As previously reported, Bro. Paul went to the Second District at the beginning of November, and has been working among the uncared-for churches comprising the Waterville and Victoria Corner pastorates. Bro. Prosser has been working in conjunction with him. Bro. Paul reports, that owing to bad roads, exceptionally rough and stormy weather, together with much sickness among the people, the work has been much hindered; nevertheless, he has kept going; has held twenty-five services, made twenty-two calls in the homes of the people, and collected \$13.22; this amount will be increased later, as some of the churches will pay when his work there is done.

We have met with peculiar difficulties in prosecuting our work, but we are pressing on, sowing, we believe, much good seed that will by and by bear its harvest. It is not yet decided where Bro. Paul will go after he is done in the Second District. Pray for the direction of your servants, brethren!

J. B. DAGGETT,

Cor. Sec. H. M. Ex.

MINISTERS.—Rev. B. H. Nobles, Sussex, has been confined to his house by illness, but, we are glad to learn, was able to preach last Sunday.

Rev. H. H. Ferguson reports the work at Marysville moving on pleasantly. Four churches of the town had union prayer-meetings last week.

Rev. A. D. Paul was home, at Gibson, Friday night and part of Saturday. He returned to Lindsay, C. Co., Saturday

night. He reports a good revival interest at Lindsay. He will continue special meetings some time longer.

GRAND MANAN, N. B.—Correspondence of the *Sun* has this item:

A merry party of the members of the Free Baptist church at Grand Harbor invaded the home of their pastor, Rev. A. M. McNinch, on New Year's eve, and after spending the evening in a most enjoyable manner, with music, songs and recitations, cake and coffee were partaken of, and when they took their leave they left a generous donation of money and the necessaries of life. Rev. Mr. McNinch and his amiable wife are greatly esteemed by all their acquaintances on the Island.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—A new Methodist church at Belleisle Station, K. Co., was dedicated last Sunday.

—A new Presbyterian church at Humphrey's, near Moncton, was dedicated last Sunday. It cost about \$3,000.

—Rev. A. E. Ingraham has accepted a call to the Baptist church at Margaree, C. B.

—The first Moncton Baptist church has voted to employ an assistant for the pastor, Rev. D. Hutchinson. Four converts were baptized recently.

—Reports presented at the annual meeting of the Germain Street Baptist church, St. John, Dr. Gates, pastor, showed that the membership is now 434, 103 of them being non-residents. Total receipts during the year were \$5,909.62, and expenditure, \$5,812.43. The weekly offerings were in excess of any preceding year.

—At the annual meeting of the Main Street Baptist church, St. John, Rev. H. H. Roach, pastor, held last week, the membership was reported as 571, of whom 157 are non-resident. Sixteen were added during the year. The receipts for church purposes were \$4,323.30, and the expenditure, \$4,208.33.

—Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, the eminent English Methodist preacher, has been secured to preach the Baccalaureate sermon at Mount Allison University in June.

—The union meetings at Marysville are being continued this week, participated in by four churches.

CIRCULATION NOTES.

** A Moncton lady, who pay for two papers besides her own, says; "The INTELLIGENCER is always welcomed in our homes, and when read is given to others to whom it may be the means of good."

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