

small chance that the offering taken that morning should be a means of grace to the people, or that any one should have his views broadened or his convictions deepened in regard to one important phase of Christian duty.

If any cause is worthy of our gifts, the giving is worthy of being made an act of Christian worship. This is the thought that the pulpit has not brought home to us as faithfully as it should have done. When we grasp it, our giving takes more vital place in our life of service and stewardship. There are many people in the church from whom money does not need to be coaxed, who have a real sense of duty in regard to their gifts, but who have never yet been able to raise their giving up into an act of worship. It is only when we realize the Godward side of it, and make our offering an offering unto the Lord, that we can possibly have a quickened conscience in regard to the amount and the regularity of our givings, or that this part of our Christian life may become a joyful and an acceptable service.

We need impressive teaching and training along this line of thought, and we need to begin to give it at once to our children—the boys and girls in the Sunday school. Giving in the mass for the whole family, by the head of the family, robs the children of the much-needed early culture in benevolence and liberality, and of the dignity and wealth which comes to the soul-life through gifts of sacrifice. By all means make it possible for your boy or girl to make an offering of his or her very own unto the cause of God, and do not fail to teach him or her the higher nature of that service, for it is in childhood that that lesson can best be taught. If the parents of today would faithfully act upon this suggestion, the next generation would fill our church treasuries without the need of special appeals, and the whole Church would enter upon a new era of efficiency and success.

CONFERENCE SPARKS.

When men are satisfied with small things, it is because they are used to small things, work for small things, pray for small things, and expect small things.—*F. A. Currier.*

A great call comes to us from the Canadian west. God has a most important work for His people to do there.—*D. Long.*

So conduct yourself that the dog in the home you visit will be glad to see you.—*T. S. VanWart.*

No man should attempt to preach unless he feels that "necessity is upon him."—*G. W. Foster.*

Doing our work in the spirit of our Master we will succeed.—*L. A. Fenwick.*

God has pledged His character in every promise He has made.—*E. Bosworth.*

Our foreign mission work is not a very gratifying exhibit.—*R. W. Ferguson.*

We have the money. We need to learn how to use it in the Lord's service.—*A. M. McNitch.*

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN.—The congregation of Waterloo street Free Baptist church held a reception last evening to welcome their new pastor, Rev. A. J. Prosser. There was a large attendance of friends of the church, and the rooms were tastefully decorated. Thos. Dunlop was in the chair. Short addresses were given by Deacons Phillips and Paterson, and by S. Scribner, C. Lake, P. Cosmir and the chairman. All had kind words of welcome for the new pastor; and later Mr. Prosser made a short reply, thanking all for their expressions of good will. A piano duet was given by Mrs. Dunfield and Miss Hoyt, and Mrs. Galley rendered a song, entitled, Queen of the Earth. The ladies of the church provided light refreshments, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent by all.—*Saturday's Sun.*

FREDERICTON, N. B.—The new pastor, Rev. A. A. Rideout, was formally inducted Thursday evening. It was an interesting service. The order of service was as follows: Rev. Jos. McLeod, D. D. presided, and made brief introductory remarks. Invocation, Rev. E. H. Cochrane; Scripture lesson, Rev. J. C. Wilson; prayer, Rev. J. H. McDonald; solo, Miss McKee; address of welcome on behalf of other churches, Rev. Willard McDonald; anthem, choir; charge to pastor and congregation, Dr. McLeod; address, Rev. Dr. Rogers; response, Rev. A. A. Rideout. Bro. Rideout begins his work under pleasant auspices, and with the best wishes of his people and the other churches for large success.

FROM REV. G. SWIM.—I am glad to be able to say to my friends through the INTELLIGENCER that the treatment I received in Montreal from the celebrated Dr. Buller was beneficial. My hearing is gradually improving, and I believe it will be brought back to a serviceable condition. I can now hear ordinary conversation. My general health has improved, and I am hopeful that after six months rest I will be able to take up the work I love so well. I wish in this letter to thank my friends for expressions of love and sympathy, in my hours of trial; and, also, my brethren at Conference for their prayers; I believe God is answering them. I closed my work in Moncton on the 2nd inst. It is hard for me to leave the church here, but it seems to be God's will. I will move to Apohaqui in a short time, just as soon as the house is ready for me. My love to all the brethren. May they win many to Christ during this year. **GIDEON SWIM.**

CALEDONIA, N. S.—Conference has passed once again. I wished to be there but I was obliged to stay at home. One reason was that I had just returned from our yearly meeting here and did not feel like asking for leave of absence again so soon. The spiritual interest is not as good as desired, but we believe there is an increase, and we are hoping and praying for better days. Westfield church is advancing, the attendance is very large, especially at the prayer meetings. We have a union prayer meeting in Caledonia every Wednesday night—Methodist, Baptist and Free Baptists uniting. This service, I am sorry to

say, has not the attendance it should have. The preaching services in this church are largely attended. I was presented with a fur sleigh robe by Westfield church, recently, for which I am grateful. We feel the loss of some of our young men in the Westfield church who have gone to Maine for the winter. They took a prominent part in the choir and were always present. We look forward with pleasure to the time when they shall return to us.

L. A. COSMAN.

GRAND MANAN.—The work here is progressing very favorably along all lines. This is a busy place for a pastor. The work here is never done. I am glad to report that the new church at Seal Cove is about finished. The contractor has completed his work, the painters are at work now, and everything will be ready for dedication October 30th. Everyone is much pleased with the work done by the contractor, Mr. Edward Ryerson, of Brooklyn, N. S. The church is not large, but very neat. All the money has been raised but \$300. The Seal Cove church is a growing church; when one compares its present strength to that of three years ago he is led to say, "What hath God wrought?" The church and congregation have raised \$1,200 during the past year.

We had one last service in the old church September 25th. This was a very impressive occasion. There were twenty present who were present forty-one years ago when the church was dedicated. Rev. Ezekial McLeod preached in the morning the dedicatory sermon; Rev. J. N. Barnes in the afternoon, Rev. E. McLeod again in the evening. It must have been a great day, for the impression made that day lives still. Rev. E. McLeod's text of the dedication sermon was Eccles. 5: 1—"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools." It must have been an extraordinarily powerful sermon, every person present was moved, some were converted at that service, and those now living who were present on that occasion can scarcely refer to it without being moved to tears. The church has invited the son of this man of God to be present and preach at the dedication of the new church. We would also like to have Bro. Barnes present; he is afraid he cannot come, but we hope he may so plan as to be with us Oct. 30th.

A. M. MCNITCH.

MINISTERS.—Rev. J. B. Daggett went to Carleton Co. last week to spend about ten days.

Rev. F. A. Currier was at Grand Manan last week.

The St. John Baptist ministers meeting unanimously passed a resolution of appreciation of Rev. C. T. Phillips, who has moved from the city.

Rev. J. Noble spent Sunday, 9th inst., at Southampton and Campbell Settlement, preaching twice. He will be there again next Sunday. He writes that he is well, though not very strong.

Rev. F. C. Hartley writes from Houlton, Me., that "the church is very much like one of our own, made up largely of

province people. It offers a good opportunity for work."

Rev. J. M. Perry preached in the Baptist church, Jacksonville, C. Co., on a recent Sunday.

The *St. John Globe* says: "Rev. David Long, of Victoria street Free Baptist church, delivered a lecture on the West before a large audience in the Orange Hall, Simonds street, Thursday evening. The lecture is a very interesting and instructive one and describes the scenery along the C. P. R. and life in the different sections visited. The audience was delighted with his word paintings of the things seen."

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Rev. C. D. Schofield, Hampton, has accepted a call to the Episcopal church, Sydney, C. B.

—The annual meeting of the N. B. Baptist Sunday School Association is to be held at Salisbury, W. Co., on Wednesday, 26th inst.

—Rev. H. M. Spike, one of the oldest Episcopal ministers in the Province, died in St. John Friday. He was many years rector of Musquash parish, St. John.

—Archbishop Bond, of Montreal, has been appointed Primate of the Anglican Church in Canada.

—The special meetings in the Coburg St. Disciples' Church, St. John are being blessed. Several have been converted.

—The Salvation Army in St. John had a happy time last Sunday. The head of the Army in Canada was in the city. Miss Booth is saying good-by, having been transferred to the leadership of the Army work in the United States.

A PROTEST AGAINST CORRUPTION.

A correspondent, who signs himself "An Advocate for the Truth," writes some things about election methods. Some professing Christians do very reprehensible things in their anxiety for party success. He writes: "How can a man bow down and ask God to bless and direct him in all his ways, and then go out and encourage corruption? There are men who stand up in the house of worship and say they love the souls of men and desire to win them to Christ, and then go out and debauch men by giving countenance to illegal and corrupt acts to secure their votes. Church members who engage in boodling, or encourage it in others, are betraying their Lord and hindering Christ's Kingdom. They must know they are doing a great wrong. Do they expect God to overlook their sin? They should read Hebrews 10: 26-27. The Lord help all His professed disciples to have done with the unchristian things so much practised, and to strongly discountenance them in others. Have no fellowship with the works of darkness."

There are people, too many of them, who are seeking to get their religion at too cheap a price, not paying enough for it really to border on what may be called monetary care, and therefore of precious little practical or other value to them.—*Can. Baptist.*