

by the power of the Gospel. The Lord's host is marching on from victory unto victory. The truth of God is triumphing and will continue to triumph till Christ shall reign everywhere.

THE MOODY SCHOOLS.

The Northfield schools, founded by Mr. D. L. Moody, have reached a crisis. As is generally known, they were established exclusively for the education of young men and women of small means. For nearly a generation they have been maintained true to the intention of the founder. Students were not given board and tuition free, but the charge was only about one-half the actual cost. Thus those who were willing to help themselves in part were given the advantages that students had in other schools where they paid in full. The growth of the schools has caused a corresponding increase in expenses, the annual cost now amounting to over \$80,000. There were last year over eleven hundred students. It was found difficult to meet the actual running expenses. Certain needed improvements and other extraordinary expenditures caused a deficit of \$17,000. By raising the student fees would change the character of the schools and shut out a large proportion of the very class they were intended to help. Mr. W. R. Moody, who is in charge of the schools, taking the ground that the Northfield work was not intended by his father to be a business undertaking, competing with other schools, but a Christian philanthropy, maintained in the interests of Christian education for those who could not otherwise get it, makes an appeal for help to carry out the founder's intentions. In order to meet the last year's deficit and the running expenses of the current year \$100,000 are needed. Upon the raising of this amount depends the future character of the work. The founder easily got money for his work whenever he chose to ask for it. There will, probably, be a very good response to the present appeal by graduates of these schools and others interested in them.

BAPTIST UNION NOTES.

The following churches have voted approval of union: Tennant's Cove, Waasis. We are expecting to hear very soon from the few unreported churches.

One of the foremost Nova Scotia Free Baptist laymen writes:

"I have appreciated very much the INTELLIGENCER's able and effective promotion of the Baptist union movement during the year and more past. I wish to congratulate the Baptist and Free Baptist people of New Brunswick on the happy issue they have accomplished. Much will come of the union, I believe, in the promotion of God's cause and strengthening of the interests of the Kingdom. Those who have labored in this good work will have satisfaction and reward in the better condition that must come to it."

Poverty and pride make a bad combination—a combination that destroys the peace of many a home.—*The Telescope.*

News of the Churches.

St. JOHN.—The pastor, Rev. A. J. Prosser, has issued a neat directory of the Waterloo St. Church. It contains a list of the members, resident and non-resident, the names of the officers and committees of the church, the Sunday and other services, etc. The frontispiece is a picture of the pastor, with his autograph. There are scattered throughout the directory suggestions and invitations of various kinds, not the least important of which is this: "Subscribe for the INTELLIGENCER. It needs you and you need it. Try it for a year. The pastor will send your subscription."

TRACEY MILLS, C. Co.—I went down to Tracey Mills the day after Christmas. Evangelist Beatty had been there for two weeks and had aroused quite a general interest among the people. Rev. C. T. Phillips was there and preached the evening of Dec. 26. I remained until Jan. 30th. We had a blessed revival. Many wanderers were reclaimed and sinners converted during the meetings. I baptized 26 converts, 25 of whom, with two others, received the hand of fellowship into the church. Many others manifested a desire to become Christians. Rev. H. Hartt was with us some and rendered good service. I think he may be with the church for a time.

H. A. BONNELL.

KEMPTVALLE, N. S.—By the time this appears in print I shall have completed three months of labor with this people. I have fairly well become acquainted with the conditions of the field, and find that here, as perhaps everywhere, there are some features favorable and some unfavorable. During the past five years this pastorate has only had pastoral care about one-half of the time, and while there are words of praise for work done, yet it was natural that the work should not flourish under such circumstances. Pastoral oversight is an absolute necessity for continued growth.

The faithful few were doing their best to maintain the interest and were not unsuccessful. The prayer meetings on Sunday morning and Tuesday were sustained, and a good Sunday school, but many lines of work were wholly dropped. I found that there was a willingness to go to work. Some few changes have been made, and the outlook is fairly favorable, yet not without some difficulties to face. The Sunday school has been changed from afternoon to the close of the morning service. This affords opportunity for the pastor to participate, also for many of the adult members to remain who did not come in the afternoon. It also allows the faithful workers to have some rest upon the Sabbath. A Bible class of nearly 20 members has been organized, which meets at the close of the weekday prayer meeting. One class here, and the second at Carleton will study *Dux Christus*.

The second Sunday in January the subject of missions was presented and pledges secured. When this pledge securing has been fully completed we

hope to raise four times as much as the largest amount ever raised by this church.

The attendance at the morning service has been fairly good; the evening service being rather smaller than hoped for. Perhaps when distances are accounted for the attendance may be called fairly good. Some of the people come six miles.

I must not close these notes without mentioning the thoughtful kindness of the people. On my coming they expended over \$100.00 on the parsonage furnishings, showed no little kindness in putting the house in order and in frequent calls, which we have thoroughly enjoyed.

At this writing we are enjoying a visit from Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Wilson, of Tusket. A few days ago Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Prosser, of St. John, made us a pleasant call.

There are indications of spiritual blessing. One or two new voices have been heard, and several who for some time have been silent. Our prayer is that a large revival may be enjoyed.

J. E. GOSLINE.

MINISTERS.—The Barrington, N. S., church has called Rev. E. E. Phillips, of Byron, N. Y.

It was a pleasure to his many friends that Rev. Jos. Noble was able to be present at the 50th anniversary of the Carleton, St. John, church, of which he was the first pastor. His recital of early experiences was interesting, and the clearness and vigor of his thought at ninety gave much delight not only to his old friends but to all who heard him.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Rev. F. Robertson, of the Episcopal church, St. Stephen, has accepted a call to New Glasgow, N. S.

—Special meetings are being held in the Fredericton Baptist church. There is a good interest.

—The Brussels St. and Leinster St. Baptist churches, St. John, are considering the question of uniting.

—The meetings in Truro, N. S., under the leadership of Evangelists Hunter and Crossley are said to have resulted in about six hundred conversions. All the churches are receiving new members.

—As a result of lectures delivered by Father Moran, Roman Catholic, of New York, 500 persons have signed the total abstinence pledge at Sydney Mines, N. S. That is a good kind of revival.

—About twenty men from Scotland and Ireland were brought out last fall for the Presbyterian Home Mission work in the West, and more fields were supplied than during any past year. But the field is continually expanding, especially amongst the foreign populations. Dr. Herdman says the outlook was never more hopeful than it is now.

—Special services at Lewisville, W. Co., conducted by Rev. I. W. Baird, assistant pastor of the Moncton Baptist church, resulted in twelve conversions.

General Religious News.

—The Pope is feeling the loss of support in France and is appealing to the American Catholics as his main stay. He is also seeking to get Germany to take the place of France as sponsor for Romanism. Let us hope the German people will be true to Protestantism.

—The First Presbyterian Church, of Wichita, Kan., is worth studying. Eight years ago it was heavily in debt and discouraged. The experiment was tried of following the drawings of love to Jesus Christ in taking up work for him abroad. The tide turned at once. Since then the church has paid out \$50,000 for its Wichita work, \$15,000 for home missions, \$15,000 for foreign missions and now supports two missionaries and 25 native workers on the foreign field.

—The death recently of the Rev. John Goodwill, of the Macdonaldite denomination brings to notice the fact that it exists only in Prince Edward Island where there are four or five congregations, and a handful of people in Nova Scotia. They are Presbyterians who are very emotional, being subject to jerks and fainting spells, but a very devoted people, who will listen to a sermon two hours long and travel twenty miles to listen to a strong exposition of the Scriptures. Principal Grant was deeply impressed with their spirituality during a visit made to their churches.

—An Indiana man named A. F. Norton has eleven stores, which he is running avowedly for Jesus Christ. He began a few years ago with a handful of goods and now has a large capital. His customers are permitted at anytime to wait on themselves if in a hurry; he pays his many clerks every night; he runs many excursions and, closing his stores, takes all of the clerks at his own expense; and the new town he is founding is to be free from sale of both whiskey and tobacco. He is striking at a great practical truth.

HOW "JUST AS I AM" CAME TO BE WRITTEN.

In the March *Delineator* Allan Sutherland gives an interesting account of the origin of "Just As I Am," Charlotte Elliott's famous hymn. After telling how the hymn came to be inspired through a remark of Dr. Caesar Malan to the invalid composer, when she had told him that she did not know how to find Christ—"Come to him just as you are," said Dr. Malan—it is related that the hymn first appeared anonymously in *The Yearly Remembrancer*. Dr. C. S. Robinson, a noted clergyman, states: "Beginning thus its public history in the columns of an unpretending magazine, the little anonymous hymn, with its sweet counsel to troubled minds, found its way into scrap-books, then into religious circles and chapel assemblies, and finally into the hymnals." That the hymn has had a deep influence for good upon humanity may be seen from the testimonies of ministers given in this article, and from the fact that after the death of Miss Elliott, above a thousand letters were found among her papers thanking her personally for the great blessings which had come to the lives of the writers through the instrumentality of "Just As I Am."