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THE MINISTER'S SALARY.

Much has been written on this subject by all denominations, but much still might be said. Generally speaking ministers' salaries are small, in many cases less than a day labourer's, yet they are expected to contribute to many things. They must keep their bills paid or their influence suffers, they must dress well or their people are ashamed of them, their children (if they have any) must be fed, clothed and educated, all who do circuit work must keep a horse which is an expensive commodity in the present time; if they travel on the railway they have to pay full fare. Everything costs much more than at any period in the past. All things are on the upward tendency except the minister's salary.

People wonder why more young men do not enter the ministry. There are several reasons. It is an exceedingly rare case that young men's parents want them to enter the gospel ministry; ninety-nine cases out of a hundred they will discourage them if they wish to do so. But not least among other things is the question of a living salary. Many people look upon the minister as a subject of charity, and what they pay toward his salary as so much to their credit on the day of judgment. But few ever think of making an estimate of the blessing brought to their lives directly, and the blessings to homes, communities, and the nations through the gospel ministry. There is no class of men who do so much unremunerated work, so far as money goes, as the gospel ministry. There are exceptions, but they are few compared with the large number who get but little. The general average is small.

THE LOST GRACE.

The grace of humility is the one referred to in the caption of this article as having become lost to the church. Other graces are being cultivated and exhibited, but this one of humility is now rarely met with. Like many other good things it is passing over. It might reasonably be expected that humility would receive recognition and emphasis among holiness people, but alas! there is little of

it even here. When the growth of this lovely plant is not promoted in the good soil of our hearts, noxious weeds generally take its place. Of these, self-appreciation is the first to put in an appearance.

Jesus requires the denial of self at the beginning of discipleship, saying "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." This condition is unsatisfactory to self and he soon demands recognition. This weed grows in the heart of the preacher as well as the layman and will cause him to see in his preaching and in his work a fineness and finish that his brethren are not capable of showing, and will lead him to believe that in the pastoral care of churches, the conduct of revivals, or the promotion of denominational enterprises, the work cannot successfully be carried on without him. Self-appreciation soon develops into self-laudation, and this praising of one's self leads naturally to a depreciation of others. It is always painful to witness a display of egotism in laudatory references to one's past achievements even if they are ever so admirable.

This weed which occupies the place of humility in the heart takes on a further development known as self-assertiveness which in due time becomes absolute bumptiousness. Bumptiousness is simply puff and bluff and blow. It is always noisily apparent and always objectionable. It is not of God and it gives the lie to a profession of perfect love. Bumptiousness exaggerates its own importance. We can get along better without its presence either in the pulpit or the pew. Is it not a pity that a preacher should discredit his preaching and the lay christian his profession by an arrogant self-assertiveness that plainly indicates a lack of compliance with the fundamental requirement of discipleship? The avoidance of all this lies in the cultivation of the spirit of true humility. We have called it a lost grace, but, thank God! it is not irrecoverable. Jesus taught humility and exemplified it. Like every good thing it has been counterfeited but the counterfeit is easily detected.

The apostle Paul enjoins pursuit of this grace, calling it "lowliness of mind." Phill. 2-3, "In lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." There is nothing in humility that is inconsistent with the finest courage and some of the humblest men in history have been men of tested valour.

To thrust ourselves into leadership, to boss the situation, or to rush spectacularly into ill-judged action argues not that we are brave but that we are self-important. There is no way in which Christ-likeness can speak so emphatically as in humility. He washed his disciples' feet and described himself as "meek and lowly in heart." After all we are not very important, and would scarcely be missed if we were to die and go to heaven. In honour let us "prefer one another" and in humility let us follow on to know the Lord.

G. B. M.

REFRESHING.

"I am glad of the coming of Stephanus and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such." 1 Cor. 16, 17, 18.

Any careful observer cannot but notice the effect different individuals have upon a meeting in testimonies, songs, prayers, or exhortations. We do not mean critical observers, but spiritually minded persons whose hearts are open and are sensitive to those influences that lift, or flatten a

meeting, that influence that sweeps over a meeting like a refreshing shower, or the contrary influence which dries up all its freshness and sweeps away all its fragrance. How much is expressed in these words; "For they have refreshed my spirit, and yours." Spiritual minded people estimate others according to the influences they set forth, these men in some way gave an uplift to Paul and the Corinthian brethren, refreshing their spirits and Paul ordered that they should receive the recognition they merited. How the verse of a song coming from a heart that is aglow with the Spirit's light and sweetness, will melt the hearts of the people and bring tears to many eyes. How even a shout of victory will send the electric current tingling through those in touch with the Lord, and shouts and praises will break forth all over the church, no pretender can duplicate it in its effect. Although it may be duplicated in sound, no withered soul can send forth such refreshing though the outward exercises may be alike. No trained voice can put the melody into the song though it be ever so fine, as that song which flows from heart to hearts. The finer strains may please the ear but they don't contain the refreshing. There is a wide distinction between refreshing, uplifting and soul-stirring, joy-filling sensations, and those tear-producing anecdotes that simply stir the emotions, which so many people mistake for the Holy Spirit, and which those lacking the union from the blessed Holy Spirit give forth as a substitute and thousands of poor souls accept, not knowing the sweeter, deeper, more divine influences that refreshes the souls of those in which the Holy Spirit dwells. Lord send Stephanus, Fortunatus and Achaicus from church to church to refresh the spirits of the people, and help the people to recognize and appreciate them, and not exchange them for the glib tongued teller of fictitious anecdotes.

Ministers and Churches.

Rev. G. B. MacDonald closed the special meetings at Meductic on the 2nd inst., and is now assisting Rev. H. H. Cosman at Beals, Me.

The young men of Meductic have organized a praying band. They have an excellent field for work in the surrounding communities. The work of praying bands has a double benefit. It develops workers and brings much blessing to the places they visit.

An excellent public missionary meeting was held in the vestry of the Woodstock church on the evening of the 6th inst.

The Hartland church celebrated the nineteenth anniversary of its organization on the 3rd inst., by an all day meeting. It was a time of much blessing. Brother S. Harleigh Clark and the writer assisted the pastor. The attendance was good, including a number from Gordonsville. An offering was taken for the missionary rest fund.

Pastor F. H. Grass, of Mercer Settlement, received the gift of a nice sett of harness for his horse from the people of that community. Brother Grass is now in the midst of a revival at Mercer settlement. Quite a number have been converted. Four persons were baptized on December 1st.

Rev'ds S. Greenlaw, of Millville, and H. C. Archer and wife, of Hartland, visited Woodstock on the 10th. Brother Greenlaw is having much encouragement in his work, as several have started in the Christian life in the regular prayer meetings of late.

Meetings at Calais are good. Bro. Smith says the Lord is blessing them.

Rev. J. H. Coy is holding special meetings at Greenbush.

The quarterly meeting for Yarmouth county was held with the church at Sandford, N. S. The meetings will be continued. Brother Harleigh Clark has gone over to assist the pastor.

Don't forget the quarterly meeting at Fort Fairfield, Me., on Thursday

December 26th, to continue over Sunday.

Rev. Z. B. Grass has been assisting his brother, Rev. F. H. Grass, for ten weeks at Head of Millstream and Mercer Settlement. Several professed conversion and others were reclaimed.

Rev. G. B. Trafton and wife are the recipients of valuable gifts as will be seen by his letter in another column. In such things both pastor and people are blessed.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Margaret Golding is spending the winter with relatives at Lower Jemseg, N. B.

Mrs. James Golding of Millville is visiting her son, John Golding at Peel.

D. A. Grant, of Woodstock, died on the morning of the 12th inst. of pneumonia.

Rev. J. B. Ganong, the general S. S. secretary, gave a very interesting account of his trip to Rome to attend the meetings of the World's Sunday School Association, on the evening of the 10th inst. at Woodstock.

Rev. A. Hartt is assisting in the services in Massachusetts. His address is Brocton, Mass.

Rev. A. Kinney is engaged in special meetings in Aroostook County, Me.

The widow of the late Rev. B. Minard is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sherwood, at Centreville, N. B.

Miss Gertrude McDonald, court stenographer, has resigned her position and will remove to Ottawa. Miss McDonald has accepted a position on the staff of Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works. She is a very competent reporter and her removal will necessitate a new appointment on the court reporting staff. Miss McDonald is a sister of the Rev. G. B. McDonald at present stationed at Meductic. She is well known in Woodstock.

DIED.

MILLER.—At Royalton, Carleton County, Nov. 29th, 1907, Mrs. Ira Miller aged 67 years.

Sister Miller was a charter member of the Reformed Baptist church. She was converted at the age of 16 and later on united with the Free Baptist church of Tracy Mills and when the Reformed Baptist church was organized, she with her husband joined there. On account of poor health for the last few years she was not always able to be present at the services, but when she could be there she always gave a ringing testimony, so full of hope, faith and courage that it was an inspiration to us all. She will be much missed in the home, community and the church.

She leaves a sorrowing husband, two sons to mourn the loss of an affectionate wife and mother. All of the family were present at the funeral with the exception of one son who lives in British Columbia and did not get the word in time. May the dear Lord help them to look to Him through this hour of trial and bereavement and may He sustain them in our earnest prayer.

The funeral services were conducted at the home by the pastor and the remains were followed to the grave by a large congregation of the relatives and friends.

P. L. COSMAN

McLAUGHLIN.—At Seal Cove, Grand Manan, at the home of Mrs. Turner Ingalls, on Nov. 30th, of pneumonia, Mrs. W. B. McLaughlin, aged 72 years.

Sister McLaughlin's maiden name was Miss Clarinda C. Wormell of Lubec, Me, daughter of Eben Wormell, for some time light-house keeper at Quoddy Head, Maine.

At her father's home she met and formed acquaintance with Mr. Walter B. McLaughlin, her late husband, recently deceased, who was also keeper of G-nnett Rock light, N. B. and with him she spent many happy years of married life, assisting him in his work as she had opportunity.

She leaves to mourn their loss, two sons, D. I. Wood McLaughlin, customs officer at Grand Harbour, Grand Manan, and O. tawa McLaughlin, who lives at the old homestead, Southern Head; also two daughters, Mrs. Turner Ingalls, jr., and Mrs. William D. Brown of Seal Cove; also eleven grandchildren and one great grandchild, the little daughter of Mrs. Samuel Wooster.

On the coming of the late Free Baptist denomination to Grand Manan, she and her husband joined that church, of which she was a faithful and exemplary member all her life.

During her last sickness, which was one of much suffering at times, she was filled with the spirit of patience and sweet resignation to the will of her Heavenly Father on whom she relied for divine strength and spiritual comfort. Her christian life was a inspiration and benediction, and her departure was attended by the presence of her Master. She died in peace.

Her funeral services were held Dec. 3rd from her old home, a very large congregation of sympathizing friends following her remains to the cemetery. Appropriate scripture readings and prayers with suitable remarks were made by Rev. I. Harvey and Rev. A. L. Bubarr.

May the God of all comfort bless and comfort the hearts of the children who have so suddenly been bereft of a true and devoted christian mother.

A. L. BUBARR.

WANAMAKER.—We record with deep sympathy the death of their infant son, Howe

Davis, age eleven days, only child of Hartley and Ethel Wanamaker, at Charlottetown P. E. I. The little body was brought to St. John to the home of the grand-parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Davis, where a service was held Sunday Dec. 1st at 2.30 o'clock.

A large number of friends gathered at the house in sympathy for the parents and relatives. The occasion was more deeply saddened owing to the fact that the mother was lying dangerously ill at their home in Charlottetown which prevented either of the parents or grand-parents from being present.

Safe darling babe in the home above. Free from corroding cares of time. Object and quest of the Saviour's love, Brighter now thy days do shine.

Hard, though young, is the parting dear, Thy infant days our home had blest. We hoped thy days had come to years, But he who loved and gave knows best.

We say amen to the will of God, Tho thy infant days our hearts entwined, He has called and we kiss the rod, He never errs, H's not unkind.

NINETEEN YEAR PROGRESS.

What our Denomination was Nineteen years ago, and what is it to-day.

About twenty years ago, as the result of the study of the Bible and the teaching of some evangelists, a number of people from various parts of the province saw it was their privilege to be sanctified wholly and cleansed from all sin, according to God's word. For seeking and claiming that blessing they were disfellowshipped from their churches.

In the year eighteen hundred and eighty eight they assembled in the unfinished church at Woodstock and organized themselves under the appropriate name of Reformed Baptists.

The church building at that time was unfinished with a standing debt of thirty-six hundred dollars. This was all the property we owned at that time. Some ministers said we would last about three months and that would be the end of it, but they did not count God in this movement.

Well, what do we see to-day? Thirty-eight churches, with a membership of nearly two thousand and a total church denominational property of about sixty thousand dollars, and well regulated Sunday schools in connection with all the churches. These churches extend over the Maritime Provinces, and some in the State of Maine. We have two of the best Camp Grounds in the Dominion of Canada. Now our church in Woodstock is all finished and free from debt.

What shall we say to all this? Has not God helped us in a wonderful manner? And more than this. We are supporting four missionaries in Africa. About twenty years ago, two ministers from Houlton came over to Woodstock to see what was going on in this movement. Both caught the fire, and were sanctified wholly, then went home to preach it to their churches; so the good work began to spread. Now this whole American Continent is permeated with Holiness as well as foreign lands. This glorious doctrine is being taught in India, Africa, China and Japan, in fact the world has been belted with Holiness.

William McDonald and John Inskip, I believe travelled around the world, scattering the seed which has sprang up and is bearing fruit to the glory of God.

Seeing God has done such wonderful things for us in the last thirty years, what may we expect in next decade if we keep true and separate from the world.

Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, "saith the Lord," and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you and will be a Father unto you and ye shall be my sons and daughters "saith the Lord Almighty." II Carinthians VII. 17, 18.

J. BURPEE.

MISSIONARY REST FUND.

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Ira D. Long	5.00
A Friend, Lewiston, Me.	3.75
A Shut in, Woodstock	1.00
Mrs. Paul M. Taylor	5.00
Mrs. Oliver Trites	3.00

CORRECTION.—An amount of \$7.75 which was credited to "a friend in Moncton," should have been a friend in Lutz Mountain.

DONATION

The annual donation of the Millville Congregation was celebrated at our home in November.

When a large company gathered in our home and had a pleasant time, before leaving presented Mrs. Greenlaw and my-self with the handsome sum of fifty dollars, nearly all in cash. It made us feel good, as grateful to God: and the donors

S. GREENLAW

The friends on the Hartland circuit propose making Rev. H. C. Archer a donation visit at his home Wednesday evening 18th inst at 7.30.