

—The Watchman remarks that the discontinuance this year of some of the summer schools that for several seasons have been popular, suggests that the summer school movement may have reached its height. And the tendency among those that continue is to seek for endowment that they may be put upon a permanent basis.

—The resignation of Dr. Whitsitt as President and Professor of Church History in the Southern Baptist Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., has been accepted. Whether the removal of Dr. Whitsitt, around whose name and opinions so fierce a battle has raged for some time past, will bring peace to the Seminary and to the denomination, remains to be seen. It seems evident that there are elements among the Baptists of the South which do not coalesce readily, and it may be found that the Whitsitt controversy was quite as much a symptom as a source of trouble.

—A brave, and it is to be hoped it may be a successful, fight is being made against the Sunday newspaper, or, as it is called, seven day journalism, in England. There are very influential factors in the metropolis and throughout the country strongly opposed to the Sunday newspaper, and an earnest endeavor is being made to unite those factors against the demoralizing innovation. The boycott, which is the only kind of argument which the publishers of the Sunday papers seem able to appreciate, is being applied, but whether or not the argument can be made strong enough to be effective still remains to be seen.

—The much talked-of Peace Conference, called upon the Czar's initiation, has been in session at The Hague since Thursday last. As the sessions are to be secret, the public will not receive any report of the proceedings, which can be regarded as authentic until the close of the Conference. So far as we can gather, the general feeling in regard to the outcome of the Conference is not very optimistic. Certainly it cannot be said that the course pursued by European nations, including Russia, during the past six months, indicates any desire for disarmament. Still it seems reasonable to hope that some good will come out of the Conference, and that the result will be to inspire more confidence in the mutual good faith of the nations and a deeper aversion to devoting the hard-won wealth of the people to the building of armaments and the establishment of great armies, which are in themselves a large tax upon the nation's resources and a menace to its highest interests.

Rev. G. M. W. Carey, D. D.

Less than two months ago, Dr. Carey preached his farewell sermon to the Brussels Street congregation in St. John after a pastorate of some five and a half years. No one who saw and heard him on that Easter Sunday and in the farewell meeting in the church on the evening of April 3rd, could have anticipated that, within a few weeks, he would be called away from earth and all earthly labors. On that last Sunday here he had gone through, and apparently without great fatigue, labors which would have taxed severely the strength of a young man. And, as he said himself at the farewell meeting on Monday evening, though his head had grown white, his eye had not become dim nor was his natural force abated. His step seemed as elastic, his mind as vigorous, his memory as retentive and his powers of expression as great and as facile as of old. The news, therefore, of Dr. Carey's death, which reached St. John on Tuesday of last week, came as a sudden and painful shock to his many friends in the city, and especially to those who so recently had been associated with him in church fellowship and Christian work.

Dr. Carey died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Tyrrel, in Ottawa, on Tuesday morning. Suffering from an attack of what was believed to be acute indigestion, he had lain down and was supposed to be sleeping, and it was not until he had been sometime dead that it was discovered that his sleep was that which knows no waking. Thus suddenly, peacefully, and so quietly that no one knew of what was taking place, the servant of the Lord, having finished his work, fell asleep.

Dr. Carey was born in or near Belfast, Ireland, March, 1829, and had therefore completed seventy years of life. When but a lad he came with his parents to Canada. His acedemical and theological education were received at Rochester, N. Y. He received the M. A. degree in course from his Alma Mater and was admitted *ad eundem* at Acadia College and McMaster. He also received the degree of D. D. from Acadia in 1894. In advanced life Dr. Carey became greatly interested in the study of Hebrew, and held from President Harper, of Chicago, the certificate for having completed an advanced course of study in that language.

The date of Dr. Carey's ordination was 1856. His first pastorate we believe was at St. Catharines, Ont. Subsequently, for 15 years, he was pastor of the Germain St. church, St. John, closing his labors there in 1880 or 1881 and going to Liverpool, England, in response to a call to minister to the congregation at the Princess Gate chapel. Returning to Canada after about four years, Dr. Carey held pastorates at Brantford, Ont., and in Ottawa, and in the summer of 1893 returned to St. John to become pastor of the Brussels St. church, in which service, as



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we have said, he continued until a few weeks ago. Thus it will be seen that nearly half of the 42 or 43 years of Dr. Carey's ministry was spent in St. John. Here, accordingly, and throughout these provinces his acquaintanceship was very large, and he enjoyed the warm friendship of many outside the bounds of his own denomination.

Dr. Carey was a man of an attractive personality and of remarkable ability in certain directions. He was a man of kindly and sensitive spirit, who desired, so far as possible, to live on good terms with all his fellow-men. While he held firmly to certain lines of belief, his disposition toward those who differed from him was conciliatory rather than aggressive. As a pastor he was sympathetic and attentive to the needs of his people, but his talent for organization and practical detail was much less conspicuous than his ability as a student and expounder of religious truth. Dr. Carey's acquaintanceship with men and things was large. He had travelled some and was widely read. What he had learned he held in the grasp of a most retentive memory, and the great stores of information he possessed he was able to impart with almost unequalled facility. He possessed in very generous measure the gifts which go to the making of the orator, and in the pulpit and on the platform he was recognized as a man of remarkable power. His preaching was for the most part biblical in character. He expounded the old themes and the old doctrines with effect, enlivening his discussion by illustrations gathered in the course of his experience and stored in his capacious memory. Dr. Carey was blessed with a fine physique and exuberant vitality. His intensely active mind, his geniality and kindness of heart, his vast fund of humorous anecdote and reminiscence and his wonderfully, ready power of expression made him a brilliant conversationalist. Dr. Carey was a pure-minded man; always a gentleman in conduct, kindly in his feelings toward others, upright and honorable in his dealings with his fellowmen. His name is unsullied by any breath of scandal.

A memorial service of an interesting and impressive character was held on Sunday afternoon in the Brussels Street Church; though the day was very unpleasant, the church was filled. Addresses were delivered by Revs. J. W. Manning, G. O. Gates, M. C. Higgins, J. W. Clarke (F. Baptist), and J. Shenton (Methodist), Rev. A. H. C. Morse, the acting pastor of the church, Rev. Ira Smith, of Leinster Street, and Rev. J. L. Shaw also took part in the service. Very appropriate music was rendered by the choir.

There are in St. John a very large number of persons who have a keen sense of personal bereavement in the death of Dr. Carey, and much sympathy is expressed for Mrs. Carey and the other members of the bereaved family in their deep affliction.

From Halifax.

The telegram from Ottawa published in this morning's papers giving an account of the sudden death of Rev. Dr. Carey gave a shock to his friends in Halifax, as it doubtless has done to his numerous friends in many other places, for Dr. Carey has hosts of friends on both sides of the Atlantic. He has lived in peace with all men, and the blessing of the peace-maker will help to make a sacred memory more sacred. His widow and children will have a flood of sympathy which will help alleviate the anguish of heart caused by this sudden bereavement. Dr. Carey has of late written confidentially to your correspondent about his future. As all know he has always loved to preach. When on his way to

England, to take charge of a church at Liverpool, the steamer was detained over the Sabbath at Halifax. Just as the Sunday morning service began I saw him near the door. I lost no time in going down to him, and asked him to preach his farewell sermon to the Granville Street church. Being assured that being in his travelling clothes was no reason why he should not appear in the pulpit, he readily complied and gave us a good sermon much enjoyed by the entire congregation.

Dr. Carey felt that he should give up the pastorate, but planned to preach as far as he was able to do so. But a short rest with his friends at Ottawa was an introduction to his eternal rest with his friends, happier and more numerous than those on earth, and above all with that Friend who sticketh closer than a brother. Pleasant indeed will be the memory of Dr. Carey to all who knew and loved him.

Rev. W. E. Hall spent about a fortnight at River Hebert and Shulee with Rev. J. M. Parker, preached once every day except Sunday, on which day he preached three times. He baptized five at Shulee for Mr. Parker.

The congregation of the West End church gave Rev. G. A. Lawson a farewell meeting on Monday evening, the 15th. All the Baptist ministers in the city and Dartmouth, except Rev. A. C. Chute, were present. Mr. Chute being unable to attend, sent a letter which was read to the meeting. Its sentiments were in harmony with the harmonious expression of all assembled. Rev. Robert Murray, editor of the Presbyterian Witness, represented other denominations. Deacon Foster presided with tact and grace. An address was given by each one of the ministers present. All spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Lawson. He has the respect, esteem and love of all his friends. The B. Y. P. U. presented him with a copy of Dr. Strong's Theology. The Society had commissioned Miss Norton to express their esteem for Mr. Norton in connection with the presentation. A handsome clock was also presented to Mr. Lawson by the chairman on behalf of the church. Mr. Lawson replied with deep feeling, both for himself and Mrs. Lawson, who had been kindly mentioned by the speakers. They leave on the 18th by steamer for Isaacs Harbor.

Rev. F. O. Weeks, after retiring from his charge in Ontario, has been resting for a few weeks past with his friend, Mr. Wylie Smith, of the firm of A. & W. Smith, of Halifax. The West End church has extended to him a unanimous call to become the successor of Mr. Lawson. Mr. Weeks has not accepted the call but is considering the matter. In the meantime he will begin to preach for the church next Sunday, and further on will give a final reply to the call he has received. Mr. Weeks has earned for himself the reputation of an able and attractive preacher of the gospel.

A number of candidates stand ready in the Preston district for baptism. They were gathered in by the labors of Rev. Mr. Dixon, who held some meetings in that place during the winter.

Mr. Lawson baptized one believer on the last Sunday evening. Mr. Fash also had baptism that evening.

Rev. J. F. Robinson informs your correspondent that he is on the seventh hundred dollars of the \$1,400 which he has undertaken to raise to remove the mortgage from the Cornwallis Street church. He has just returned from St. John and Amherst. At St. John he arranged with Rev. J. A. Gordon for Dr. Lorimer to lecture in Main Street church on the 13th of June, and in the Amherst church on the 14th, and in Halifax on the 15th. He says Rev. Mr. Gordon and people were most cordial and generous in their co-operation. He says the same of Rev. J. H. McDonald and his people, and mentions especially the kind offices of Mr. N. A. Rhodes, of Amherst. Dr. Robinson continues to draw large congregations at Cornwallis Street. REPORTER.

Clarke's Theology.*

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This is a strong and striking book. He who begins to read it will want to "give his days and nights" to it until the whole has been gone over. It is eminently thoughtful and devotional, and its style is the very clearest. Seldom is there furnished us a more suggestive volume. The reader again and again finds himself pausing to think and to pray. There is noteworthy absence of scholastic terms and old-time definitions. Works on theology are usually overburdened with divisions and sub-divisions, with objections and quotations, with theories and explanations, so that consecutive reading of chapter after chapter is not thought of. But dip into Clarke anywhere and there comes the desire to go back and to go forward. There is not a single dull page. A well-known writer of books has told us of the heaps of authorities, illustrations, clippings, etc., that lay scattered about him in the room where one of his works was produced. Dr. Clarke has made no compilation. He has had his abundance in himself, gathered and assimilated through years of patient endeavor; and out of his well-taught self he has written.

But in the saying of all this it must not be supposed that the book will please everybody. If it did it would be useless. The reader who accepts it all without qualification or abatement is not true to himself. Some will not agree with the teaching upon inspiration or upon things to come, but they will be more intelligent upon these matters if they have duly wrestled with the author. It is well that we should be moved to fresh examination of our old ground. The last word in theology will not be uttered for a great while, and it becomes us to hear with candor and docility what is spoken by a devout and faithful student of God's revealed will.

But it is not my purpose to review this fresh and exhilarating volume. It is the design to have a paper read upon it at our next Baptist Institute in August by one of our honored brethren. Indeed we may have two papers, one from the view-point of a younger man and the other from the view-point of a senior. Meanwhile let younger ministers and older obtain the book, and "read, mark and inwardly digest." Laymen may show appreciation of their pastors by securing it for them. It contains about 500 pages and costs about \$2.50. This amount would purchase a number of small volumes certainly but they must needs be very choice to come up to this in worth. In these book-making days there must be special concern for quality. Get Clarke if you possibly can.

*An Outline of Christian Theology, by William Newton Clarke, D. D. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.