

with excursions from all parts of the Provinces and New England. Our city fathers newly elected are taking upon themselves the responsibilities of the Municipal Government. Dominion politics do not figure very largely in our local elections, but just now the question is water—whether the city shall put up with the present diminishing supply, or instal a gravitation plant, which will give us water for the next 25 years. On account of the low pressure of water in the city, the Insurance Companies have added a flat rate of 40 cts. on general fire insurance which has aroused our citizens to public demonstration, and the new council is now grappling with the problem. In brief these are a few of our civic problems.

The winter's work has not been marked by any special features. We have no Baptist churches in the city now without a pastor, unless it is the Victoria St. F. B. church, which has given its pastor, Rev. David Long, a leave of absence for four months, and who, together with his wife and daughter, goes for a vacation in the West. Mrs. Long's health has not been very good, and after serving with this church for seven years they are taking this much needed rest. He expects to return and assume his pastoral charge the first of September. Brother Long is well and favorably known in all the churches of this city as a brother of sterling worth and excellent spirit. He has been commended to the Canadian Baptists by letters of introduction from individual ministers, and from the Baptist Minister's Conference. We commend him to all who may meet him during his well earned vacation.

Of the two other Free Baptist churches in the city, Rev. R. W. Ferguson has succeeded Dr. Hartley as pastor of the Carleton church, and Rev. C. F. Phillips is Bishop of the Waterloo Street church. It is needless to say that these brethren are members of the Baptist Minister's Conference, and that the kindest feeling prevails between the two denominations of Baptists in this city, and indeed throughout the Province. We hope the day is not far distant when the two may become one, without any unnatural dislocation of church interests, nor any mal-adjustment of the truths of the Gospel. There is so little difference between the two Baptist bodies today that we fail to distinguish between one another either in the darkness or in the light. Of our Baptist churches it might be said that the work is progressing favorably.

Brother Nobles is after one week of special meetings rejoicing in a new energy and spiritual life, which is a marked feature of the regular services of his church.

Rev. A. T. Dykeman has been laboring assiduously throughout the entire year, having enjoyed a blessed season of revival, assisted by our veteran, apostle, and missionary, Father Wallace. May the Lord bless and use this dear old man for the next generation, and may his mantle fall upon some of us, so that we may take up his work. His name will always be a happy memory, fragrant and ripe in the pages of the history of the denomination in these provinces. A number were baptized in the Fairville church, and the work progresses favorably there.

In the work of Germain St. church Dr. Gates reports, that the congregations are good, the Sunday school in a flourishing condition, and the offerings for benevolent purposes large. They have recently introduced a new singing book for the congregation, which is the English Baptist Hymnal, Canadian edition. Many of the friends speak very highly of the music in this hymnal. It would be a great boon to the denomination, if we would not have to go outside to adopt other books, but as we do not have hymn and tune book combined, Germain St. thought it wise and necessary to introduce this English book.

Leinster St. has also introduced the "Sarsum Corda," and with it have done away with the choir. One could wish that we might have one hymn book for all of our churches, and that hymn book one of which we could be proud. We hope the day is not far distant when those who have the matter in charge can report fully and favorably on our revised Canadian Hymn and Tune book. Brother Burnett has just finished his second year's pastorate in the Leinster St. church. The work of consolidation of all the departments of the church has progressed remarkably during these two years. At the anniversary occasion Dr. Gates preached the sermon on Sunday evening the 24th, and they had a public meeting on Wednesday evening, the 27th, and last year the Leinster St. church spent \$1400 for repairs upon their church edifice.

Rev. A. B. Cahoe is well on into the work in Brussels St. with energy and wisdom. The finances of the church have strengthened considerably; two new deacons have been appointed, Brother John Sherwood and Charles Vail. The work of the church is progressing favorably, and pastor and people are much encouraged.

Bro. Stackhouse is now well settled in his old pulpit at the Tabernacle. The problem of the Tabernacle is principally a financial one. Brother Stackhouse has finished the work required of him in the Chicago University and expects to receive the degree of B. D. soon. We shall expect to hear of larger accomplishments in the work of the Tabernacle, now that he is free to give his full attention to his parochial duties.

The work of the Main St. church is moving along an even course, presenting features of encouragement to both pastor and people. The Men's League has been organized under the leadership of Mr. E. M. Sipperell and is a very encourag-

ing feature of the work, and well attended by the leading business men of the congregation. The ladies Bible Class under the leadership of Mrs. Roach is another new permanent feature of the Sunday school work. A junior B. Y. P. U. was reorganized last week with two departments. The superintendent of the Sunday school has been laid aside through illness for several weeks, and but for this some very encouraging reports for the Sunday school could be made also. The congregations are large. H. H. R.

From the Northwest.

(Continued from last week.)

Our soil is rich in extreme. It is of the black loam type. There is little or no grit. A spade cuts through it almost as noiselessly as it would through so much meal. Its productiveness is marvelous. This explains the fact that land seekers cannot now get "homesteads" much under 60 miles from the town. Land which was the gift of the government to the homesteaders a few years ago, is selling now from \$5 to \$50 per acre. A steady stream of immigration is still coming, mostly land seekers. Two thousand English settlers are looked for within the next fortnight. The hotels are now crowded to the utmost limit. The significance of all this to the country is most apparent. Do you wonder our representatives—Brothers Young and Stackhouse—talk with large vision. It has become quite the custom to discredit the west. An eastern paper recently made personal reference to a commercial man who had gone east as one "from that country from whose bourn no truthful man ever returns." Such expressions savour more of humor, than of knowledge or of good judgment. Some men have come west and seen nothing, but it is no great credit to them to tell it, some have come west and left in disgust for other quarters, but have been glad to return to the very quarters they discredited to shape their fortunes, wiser and more sober. The men whom the boards have appointed to represent Baptist work are men of vision. That is why they are chosen. But they have ample occasion to have that vision stirred. Brother Stackhouse talks in the west just as he does in the east, and men of mind here appreciate his presentation of the opportunities just as they do in the east. He recently presented the case to us at Strathcona, and this young four year old (self-sustaining) church made him an offering of \$100.00. He was talking to men who knew. Your money spent in N. W. missions is well invested, and more than that a tremendous responsibility rests on the established churches of Canada to provide liberally for the work here which we cannot think of keeping up with under present provision. Every train coming even to this extremity, these spring days is crowded with new settlers who scatter to various points of this great land. The two thousand English settlers expected will alight from the train here in one party, en route to the Barr colony.

The Strathcona church is only a young church of only 76 members, and a larger portion of these are non resident than can be found in any of our Maritime churches. I thought in coming west to get to the land of no "non residents"—but alas, it is worse here than in the east in this regard. The land policy of "homesteading" is favorable to this. "Land-seekers" locate in the towns till they find land and in many cases earn enough to settle at farming. Then they go. Thus we have a large non-resident membership. You would be surprised if I should tell you what this handful of people is doing.

How many eastern churches would face the prospect of a new parsonage and a new church in the one year. That is before us for this summer. Our plans are about matured and we will soon turn the sod. We have lately had to abandon the old church for larger accommodations in a hall. But strong men have been planning wisely and we will soon be in possession of commodious quarters. In the infancy of the church a school-house was purchased with two lots for \$400. The house was removed to more central lots and put in shape for a church. Last week the two original lots sold for \$800.00 and we have an offer of \$1500 for the old building and the lot on which it stands, which lot was given to the church by the C. and E. railway company. Four of the finest lots in the town for church purposes have been financed through and now are in possession of the church for building. We will have thus available assets alone of \$3000 to begin our building project with. This is the result of wise financing of devoted men with whom the church is exceptionally blessed.

These facts indicate that we have men of strength. One of our officers is the representative of this territorial district in the local legislature, and is deputy speaker of that body, and is a man strong in the councils of the liberal party; another officer is the conservative candidate to contest the seat at Ottawa in the coming election; (these strong party leaders, by the way are firm friends and brotherly.)

Another is the head of a large flour milling establishment and has served the town effectively and acceptably as mayor another (the son of our pioneer pastor Rev. A. McDonald is the editor of our local paper. These are not only men of busy and influential public life, but take time to give energy with the rest of the church not only to its finances and Sunday services, but also to its prayer meetings. From what I have met here and observed elsewhere in the Western

work our Churches are reaching out in the work and are joining hands worthily in the great enterprise to which Eastern Baptists have committed themselves. These Western churches are one with you.

The question of unification of our Canadian work is receiving some attention otherwise than from the missionary point of view to which you recently referred. The editor of the "Northwest Baptist" is out in an interview in the daily press of Winnipeg in favor of the unification of the Canadian Baptist press. Brother Vincent talks favorably of one great Baptist periodical for all Canada. Those who know him realize that he does not speak without judgment. From our new field we realize the necessity of the greater oneness in our work than ever before, and believe the time is not far distant when the difficulties in the problem will be met and solved.

Thanking you for space and with Christian regard for you and your readers.

I remain,
Yours in the one service,
C. W. COREY,

Strathcona, Alta, May 6, 1904.

Home Mission Notes.

On May 10, the H. M. Board met in the parlor of Zion Baptist church. A good representation was present. The Treasurer's report showed an almost empty treasury. Constant begging for money is most unpleasant for Board, pastor and people. Sermons upon the duty and measure of giving are looked upon by the people as a part of the pastor's duty and will not elicit liberal response. What then is the more excellent way? Much has been said and written on the subject. The apostle Paul has had his say also. Please read 2 Cor. 8:1-7, where Paul defines liberality as a grace. As the brethren at Corinth abounded in faith, knowledge, diligence and love, he says, "see that ye abound in this grace also." Failing to see liberality as a grace we make it a duty and a burden. As a grace in the heart, it struggles for an outlet in acts of benevolence; as a duty it has to be urged, as a grace it bubbles up as a natural spring. As a duty it has to be brought up out of the soul by mechanical force.

This grace like all other Christian graces is obtained by consecration and prayer. A consecration that does not put all on the altar is not true, and this want of consecration keeps thousands from enjoying this grace of liberality. We pray for love, joy, faith, we want to pray for liberality, that we may see Jesus, see his claims and wants, then the claims of self will dwindle before his. This grace needs cultivation by systematic exercise. Systematic beneficence is as much a duty as singing and praying. Such system would soon develop the grace of liberality, and instead of the pastor spending time in collecting money, the people would pray him to receive their gifts and thus the work of the Lord would be carried on. I believe the financial question of the church is to be settled by the people of God upon their knees praying for the grace of liberality. Brethren it is worth the trying, don't pass it by without a trial.

LUNenburg Co.

We would note some things about our work in Lunenburg Co.

New Ross.—Bro. Asaph Whitman is the faithful pastor of this church, his labors are abundant. They are erecting a church building that is a credit to place and people. It will cost about \$2500. We hope it will be dedicated to the Lord sometime during the summer. When completed this church will have a magnificent church plant.

Lunenburgtown and Papspring is ministered to by Bro. W. S. Shurman. Bro. S. has walked right into the hearts of the people, gracious revivals have taken place in both churches, a goodly number have united with the respective churches, and there are others to follow. We hope that Bro. S. in a short time will lead this group from under the H. M. Board or nearly so at least.

New Canada and Chelsea.—Rev. Geo. H. Beaman of New Brunswick has lately settled with these churches. Bro. Beaman comes to us well recommended, we hope he will be greatly blessed in his present large field of labor. This group should be self-supporting.

Kempt, Queens Co. is still without a regular pastor. Here is a grand field for an energetic man. These kind progressive people, although without a pastor are building a neat comfortable church home and carrying on the church work with a good degree of earnestness. May the Lord send them a good faithful pastor to help carry on the Master's work.
N. W. BROWN.

Our personality is not a closed circuit. It dips deep into God. It is rooted in him, as the tree is rooted in the soil. That which comes up from within is none the less from that which comes down from above.—Willard B. Thorp.

Give a man such a heart as the Son of God describes in the Beatitudes, and a whole universe of sorrow cannot rob him of his blessedness.—C. H. Spurgeon.

The will of God will be done; but O the unspeakable loss for us if we have missed our opportunity of doing it!—Brooke Foss Westcott.