

proaching to them gratuitously. No endowed church prospers and this gratuitous preaching is for the time being equivalent to endowing the church. The church prospers best when it acts honorably towards God's ambassadors.

In my long experience among the churches I have seen several severely injured by this gratuitous preaching, for when the preacher dies the church is quite likely to die with him. His gratuitous service has deranged the church as to its relation to the divine order requiring the laborer's reward. The church under this false relation usually fails to profit by the preaching; it becomes paralyzed by failing to do its duty. When the time comes that church must pay or die, it usually prefers to die. There is nothing but peril in the transgression of the divine law.

After I have seen the evil effects of the fatal facility of getting preaching "for nothing," I boldly set my face against it, and succeeds in some cases in saving the churches from this opium death. I will give an instance.

The wealthiest man of a certain rural community was its pastor. He was an able preacher and, so different from most who preach gratuitously, he was faithful in pastoral labors. He visited the sick; he sought the straying; he comforted the unfortunate. In short, the church to the superficial observer seemed to prosper. But there was a worm in the heart.

I pointed out to the dear brother his evil course, for I knew by observation its fatal effects on church life. He protested that being wealthy, he could never bring himself to take pay from those people, who were, as compared with him, poor. I insisted that he had no right to disobey the divine order; that his course would leave the church a desolation to his successor, and that he must seek the future welfare of the church as well as the present. I succeeded in bringing to him a sense of his duty and though he did not accept a salary he insisted upon the church raising the equivalent of a salary and devoting it to Home Missions and other benevolent calls.

That dear brother is now in heaven. The church is not marked in our Register "Lost its visibility;" but the statistics show growth in members and other forms of prosperity.

2. This leads me to inquire the ways to bring a church to the Apostolic practice in supporting ministers of the gospel.

A man of proper feeling does not like to preach about his own salary. Among our people there are several ways out of this as getting a good sermon on the subject of Ministerial Support by means of an exchange and by sermons on the subject at Quarterly meetings and by means of the religious papers. But all these, though they do some good, are very much like scolding fair-weather hearers on a rainy day. Some of the faithful may report the sermon to the delinquents, sure it is that those who most need the class of truth we are speaking of, do not go to quarterly meetings and are not likely to take religious papers.

The only radical cure lies in this: a profound conviction on the part of the pastors and teachers that benevolent giving is an acquired christian grace. Unconverted men give by impulse, but it takes a thorough christian to devote his means steadily to the progress of religion; a christian to give as the Lord prospers one. This grace must be developed by religious instruction. Though the preacher cannot preach on ministerial salaries when by possibility it may suggest that he wants his own salary increased, he can set before his hearers the claim of missions and the care of those endowed with the ministerial gift. Christians so trained will not send money to India to convert the heathen and forget the wants of their own pastor.

I can only suggest here: I have net space to elaborate. I have many more things in this line to say and may yet give your readers a chapter of my experience which I hope may be helpful to them and others.

This is my last scrap for the press for this dying old year, 1887. A good year may the next be to all readers.

D. M. G.
1930 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia.

On The Way To Texas.

Dear Editor.—I thought a line from our party might be of interest to some INTELLIGENCER readers. All the way to New Orleans from St. John is quite a journey, travelling day and night on an express train from Monday morning till Friday noon. We left Boston Tuesday on the California excursion train. The party consisted of twenty-four persons; a more genial company one could not wish. Everything was in fine order, good sleeping

arrangements and good chance for lunching and making tea and coffee. We were of course all intent on sight seeing. From Boston to Albany, thence to Buffalo, thence to Cleveland, thence to Cincinnati, where we crossed the Ohio the scenery was beautiful in the bright moonlight, thence to Lexington Ky., thence to Chattanooga, Tenn. Here is one struck with the large cemetery, and asking why? Is informed that it is the national cemetery where sleep so many brave men who lost their lives in the cruel war. Overshadowing the city is Lookout mountain which was the scene of such terrible blood shed; in different directions one is pointed at the place where army was arrayed against army. But time forbids more comment on the city; suffice it to say that Lookout mountain is one of the most picturesque and grand that I have ever seen. I am writing this in New Orleans, in the depot of the Southern Pacific Railway. Bro. Cosman and family are getting along nicely. Mrs. C's health has improved somewhat since leaving St. John. We are all as well as we could expect. When I write again I will say something of New Orleans and the rest of the journey. We all wish a happy New Year to the Editor and readers of the INTELLIGENCER.

Yours etc,
J. H. Erb.
New Orleans.
Dec. 30th 87

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

REV. A. KINNEY writes: "I am having good success in my work, and the Lord supplies all my wants."

REV. J. OS. NOBLE has gone down river as far as Hampstead. He does not know just how long he will remain; he wants to see Bro. Taylor and his other friends there. We were glad to have a call from him, and to learn that he is in good health.

REV. J. W. CLARK, we are sorry to hear, is not yet recovered from his severe illness. Bro. Phillips was to see him New Year's Day and writes that he was then very poorly. Other medical advice was called, and the next day he was better. Bro. C's many friends will, we know, pray for him that he may soon be recovered and at his work again.

A card from Bro. Clark, written on the 6th inst says: "I am feeling very well to-day. Hope to get out to meeting once next Sunday. I feel quite well some days, but am suddenly taken down again. However, I expect to be around again in a few days."

DONATION.—I wish to acknowledge the receipt on New Year's Eve of a present of \$18.06, the proceeds of a Basket Sociable held at Lewis mountain, in the home of Mrs. D. Killam. Phil 4:19.

A. H. McLEOD.

GRAND HARBOR.—The ladies of the Free Baptist sewing circle at Grand Harbor Gr. Manan, held a sale of fancy and useful articles, accompanied with refreshments, on Monday evening before Christmas. Receipts over \$30, which goes to help pay debt on their Sabbath school organ, which is now nearly accomplished. The Sabbath School at Grand Harbor enjoyed the pleasure and benefit of a Christmas tree and concert in their meeting house on Christmas Eve. It was a good time. The pastor was too ill to be present, which he regrets.

F. BARCOCK.

OF REV. W. H. PERRY.—Bro. T. O. Donnell writes (Jan 4th): "Rev. W. H. Perry had a very interesting 'Praise Meeting' in the Narrows Church Saturday evening. He preached, with usual acceptance, at Perry's Point on Sabbath at 10 a. m. at Narrows 2:30 p. m., and at Big Cove 7 p. m. He also preached at Lakeview Monday evening and at Perry's Point Tuesday evening. He will stop over Sabbath here. The meetings are all well attended."

CONCERTS.—At East Pubnico N. S. on New Year's Eve, the Baptist and F. Baptist Sabbath Schools united and gave an interesting concert, in the F. B. house of worship. The dialogues and recitations were well delivered, and were interspersed with good music. All, we think, felt it was an evening well spent. As to the financial receipts, it was also a success, the amount being divided between the schools. The Sabbath Schools have good Superintendents, Bro. J. F. Larkin and Caleb Larkin. No doubt these brethren, with others who have been earnestly and zealously laboring with them, will be encouraging greatly in their work. Not long since, the F. B. Sabbath school of Lower Argyle N. S. entertained a large congregation in a Sabbath school concert. It was a grand success.

All those who took part did themselves much credit. This school has an efficient Superintendent in the person of Bro. Albert Gayton M. P., who is aided by earnest and successful co-laborers. At the close of concert, the pastor of the church in behalf of community presented a purse, containing fifteen dollars in gold, to Miss Alberta H. Gayton, who for some years has been the faithful organist in the church and S school. Rev. W. C. Weston was present and made an interesting speech. Receipts of evening were \$33.00.

J. W. F.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—The people of this pastorate have time after time made us feel quite at home by the many tangible proofs of their christian friendships and good will. Our hearts go out in gratitude to God, and also to them for all such kindnesses. At East Pubnico, on New Year's day, I met with a very agreeable surprise in the gift of a fine driving coat. To all the friends who interested themselves in my behalf, I extend my sincere thanks, and pray that they may be blessed of God.

A few days ago, the deacons of the 2nd Argyle Church (Glenwood) and some others made us a visit at our home; after we had enjoyed their company for the evening, they made us a handsome present in money etc. In behalf of Mrs. Freeman and myself I extend to them our hearty thanks.

In many ways, we have been remembered, and, in return, we hope and will try to be true and faithful in our ministry amongst them.

J. W. FREEMAN.

HOME MISSION REPORT TO THE COR. Sec. OF THE H. M. SOCIETY.—Dear Bro. Reid.—I am home for a few days rest, and to spend Christmas with my family. I held meetings in Perth Centre each evening, for six weeks and three on the Sabbath, and have no reason to be dissatisfied with the results. The few members of the church still living in the community, have been much encouraged and strengthened, in fact have taken a new lease of spiritual life. Many who had got very far away in the dark and cold, have returned from their wanderings, and are now rejoicing in the light and warmth of the Father's home and love. A large number of strong men and women have been hopefully converted to God, and up till I came away, the interest continued good. In our last meeting new voices were heard declaring their intention to leave the paths of sin, and give their lives and service to Christ.

I found upon inquiry that the 1st church Perth, organized upwards of thirty years ago, still retains its membership in the district meeting, and, although it had been for a long time dormant, was yet recognized as a church. Though nearly all of its members, and all save one, of its officers, had passed away, I thought it only right to honour the memory of the noble men and women, who while they lived were loyal to Christ in sustaining the interest of his cause, by building again the old broken down altars, and rekindling their sacred fires. On the evening of the 20th I appointed a meeting, inviting especially those who had recently followed Christ in baptism to be present, with a view to consolidate them into an organized aggressive body for Christ. I spoke a little while from the impressive declaration of the Apostle 1 Cor. 12:27, "Now ye are the body of Christ," and then, after reading our Church Covenant, I requested all who wished to unite in church fellowship to come forward. Twenty-four responded and were inducted into its membership; two other brethren subsequently joined. The people here are feeling the importance of having one strong united interest, rather than two or three, weak and antagonistic. I am of the opinion that a little loving, judicious labour will succeed in uniting with but few exceptions, the religious strength of the whole community. I have held about sixty meetings, the most of them preaching services, have visited and prayed with forty three families, have baptized twenty six converts, and have seen a large number of wanderers restored to their first love.

It is a hard season of the year to make successful collections for the mission fund, but on the evening before I came away they gave the Society, through me, \$43.18. I purpose returning next week, and resuming work in that and the adjacent neighbourhood. A whitening harvest awaits the reaper's sickle all over the beautiful county of Victoria. Pray for me, that the Lord of the harvest may permit me to gather in more of the golden sheaves.

Fraternally yours,

J. T. PARSONS.

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Dec. 29th 1887.

PUSH THE CANVASS.—Please push the canvass for new subscribers. New names have come in quite freely. We thank our friends who have sent them. We hope none will cease nor slacken their efforts to get new subscribers. We want an increase in every church and community in the land. What has been done shows what can be done if there is earnest work, persisted in. Keep at it, you who have begun. Begin, if you have not already done so.

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Marriages.

SCRIBNER-MCKAY.—At the Rectory, Norton, Dec. 28th, by the Rev. E. A. Warneford, Mr. John M. Scribner, of Springfield, K. C., to Miss Christie Ann McKay, of Hampton, K. C.

SNOW-LEKIN.—At the residence of the bride's father, East Pubnico, on 1st inst., by Rev. J. W. Freeman, Mr. Benjamin F. Snow, of Port la Tour, to Miss Lois L., daughter of Mr. James Lekin.

LOGAN-HALEWOOD.—On New Year's day, by the Rev. J. E. Reid, Mr. Rudolf Logan and Miss Linda Halewood, both of Portland, St. John.

ROBERTS-ROBERTS.—At the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. J. W. Freeman, Lower Argyle, N. S., on 27th ult., Mr. Albert W. Roberts, both of Elmwood.

ROBERTS-CROWELL.—At the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. J. W. Freeman, Lower Argyle, N. S., on the 30th ult., Mr. Oscar Roberts, to Miss Almyna Crowell, both of Glenwood.

WHENMAN-YONG.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 31st ult., by Rev. J. W. Clark, assisted by Rev. G. Howard, Charles Whenman, of the N. B. R. R. and Miss Lizzie Y. Yong, of Wilmet, C. O.

KETCH-TAPLEY.—On the 22nd ult., at Caverhill, by Elder John S. Jones, Amziab Ketch, to Mary Tapley, both of Queensbury, York Co.

Deaths.

ATHERTON.—In this city, on the 4th inst. Mr. John H. Atherton, aged 63 years.

SPINNEY.—At Central Argyle, N. S., on 28th ult., after a long and tedious illness, Mrs. Hannah, aged 67 years, wife of Mr. Andrew Spinney, leaving a large number of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. The departed sister professed religion a number of years ago, was baptized and united to the Lower Argyle Church, under the labors of the late Rev. Charles Knowles. For some years she had been deprived of good health. About four years ago, she lost her sight, which made her trouble greater, but during all these years of sadness she evidently felt the Lord's sustaining grace. It may be truly said of her, "To die is gain."

JONES.—Mrs. Edwin Johnson, Midland, K. C., departed this life on the 18th November, leaving a good evidence that she was going to dwell with Jesus. A husband and daughter mourn their loss.

GUION.—Mrs. Reba Guion, aged 86 years, died in Midland, K. C., Nov. 27th, leaving two sons and two daughters. When she had five little children, her husband was killed by the falling of a tree. Some years after, her father left her home to go to the back field, and was never seen nor heard of, not even his bones were found. The woods were hunted to and fro for days, until all hope was given up. He was an old man and deaf, and probably perished the first night. Nearly 12 years ago, when alone one day, her son and daughter with whom she lived being at a funeral, she fell on the floor and fractured or otherwise hurt her thigh-bone, so that she was confined to her room and most of the time to her bed, and was a great sufferer until relieved by death. All these afflictions she bore with the greatest patience, and was an example of patience to all who knew her. On Sabbath afternoon, Nov. 27, Rev. W. DeWare went to see her, and while he was engaged in prayer she quietly and peacefully passed away to her rest.

INGALLS.—Suddenly at Grand Harbor, Grand Manan, Nov. 22nd, Annie S., beloved wife of Capt. Turner Ingalls, aged 44 years. The deceased was baptized by Rev. N. Barnes, and united with the F. B. church, of which she remained a faithful member until she died. She leaves a deeply sorrowing husband, and a large family of children, some of tender years. May the Lord bless the bereaved and motherless family.—F. B.

SQUIRES.—In this city, on the 4th inst., Annie P. F., aged 32 years, wife of Mr. Nathan Squires, and daughter of Mr. Wm. DeLong.

ANDERSON.—In Boston, on the 31st ult., Martha J., aged 30 years, wife of Mr. John Anderson, formerly of this city. The funeral took place in this city.

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