

with them they had to leave. This brought me to Saturday evening. Sunday morning we went to hear Dr. Lorimer, and heard a good sermon. In the afternoon I went in search of a grandson, but could not find him. That night I stayed with my nephew, J. W. Noble, and for the first time saw his brother's wife, who had lately come from California. Monday morning I left for Manchester, New Hampshire, to see an old friend and sister in Christ, a Free Baptist anywhere and everywhere, and staid all night with her son and family, and had a beautiful visit. Returned to Boston next day. The next day being wet, I spent the day with my niece and her mother. The day following was Thanksgiving. In the morning we went to hear Doctor Lorimer again, and he gave us good, plain truth, and delivered it as if he meant it. My time was now up, so next morning, I felt as if I must move along. A nephew living in Augusta heard I was in Boston, and that I was coming that day and met me in Gardiner and would have me stop off with him all night, so I stopped. The next morning we went up to the State House; I had not been in Augusta for fifty years; and great changes have taken place in that time. After dinner I started again, and got to Burnham about 2 p. m. in time for conference meeting. I remained there with my son, Joseph; preached Sunday morning and had a social meeting in the evening. Monday morning at three o'clock I left and reached home about one p. m. I had spent about five weeks as I had never spent that much time before, visiting; I had no other purpose in view, and I enjoyed it, and feel the benefit of it. In my next I will tell you about my visit to Nova Scotia.

J. NOBLE.

General Religious News.

—Rev. Dr. Watson (Ian MacLaren) declined the call to London. He will remain with the Liverpool church, of which he has been pastor seventeen years.

—The results of Self-denial Week in the United Evangelical Church foot up to \$3,448, representing an average of about six cents per member.

—The value of the churches and the land on which they are erected, in the United States, up to July 1, 1897, is estimated at \$680,000,000.

—Bishop Fowler says it costs the United States \$120 a year to take care of an unchristian Indian in Dakota, and but \$7.00 to care for a Christian Indian. Again: Missions have not taken out of the world's pocketbook five per cent of the money they have put in that pocketbook.

—The organization of the Colored Southern Presbyterian Church has been postponed till next May. The colored ministers were afraid their churches were not strong enough to support an Independent Church; and indeed they needed time to organize into presbyteries and synods.

—The Schwenkfelders recently celebrated the one hundred and sixty-third anniversary of their settlement in this country. They are a sect with peculiar distinctions from the orthodox doctrine and congregational government, who emigrated to the United States for the sake of religious liberty. They are 750 strong, and more than 600 of them participated in the anniversary services.

—Of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew there are in the United States 1,226 chapters, with 12,000 members; in Canada 312 chapters, with 1,500 members; in Scotland 12 chapters, with 100 members; in Australia 40 chapters, with 500 members; in the West Indies and South America 16 chapters, with 360 members; in the Church of England, where the movement has but recently taken organized form, 39 chapters, with 350 members.

—Of the four chapel cars now in the service of the American Baptist Publication Society, one is engaged under the care of the Rev. J. S. Thomas, one is in use in California and Nevada, one is travelling in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Montana, and the fourth, loaded with Spanish Bibles and tracts, is the instrument of the Rev. A. J. Diaz in his missionary journey to the Mexicans. Money is being collected on pledges for a fifth car, to be known as the Ladies' Chapel Car, and a sixth, to be built by the young men and their friends, is on the way. The cars have traveled 75,000 miles in the five years since they were instituted, and with them 6,000 meetings have been held, 7,000 sermons preached, 4,000 families visited, 4,000 copies of Scripture given away, and books, papers, and tracts distributed almost without number. About Baptist churches have been

started, 50 meeting houses secured, and as many pastors settled over newly organized churches, 100 Baptist Sunday schools begun, 500 persons baptized, and 5,000 persons converted.

Denominational News.

INSTALLATION SERVICE.—The installation of Rev. F. G. Francis as pastor of Free Baptist churches of Pettaquamscutt Corn Hill, Portage and Lower Ridge took place at Pettaquamscutt Wednesday evening, Dec. 15th. The service was interesting. To the ministers present, it was an enjoyable occasion. Apart from the social nature of the meeting of five Free Baptist ministers, an additional reason for the pleasantness was the fact that the five "left the world" about the same time and are now about the same age, excepting Rev. F. G. Francis, who, according to his own statement, is an "old man of years and wide experience." Four of the number, Revs. F. G. Francis, G. F. Currie, Gideon Swim and B. H. Nobles, were fellow students at the Union Baptist Seminary. They ate at the same table, recited in the same classes, spoke the same language, differing only in the use of monosyllabic and derivative words, and slept in the same house. Rev. E. S. Parker claimed a share in the pleasant reunion, having been converted in the same church, baptized by the same minister, and received from the same church his first license to preach, as Bro. Francis. All these pleasant memories and present privileges made the service most enjoyable to the ministers. So we "doubled and twisted" the cord of friendship and did our best to make Bro. Francis feel at home. It was a kind of reunion and installation service combined. All regretted the absence of Rev. Abram Perry pastor of the Salisbury pastorate, whom the brethren would like much to have had with them, but who was unavoidably kept away.

The service began with the usual devotions—singing, scripture reading and prayer, after which Rev. B. H. Nobles preached to a very appreciative congregation a thoroughly practical sermon, a brief synopsis of which is given. The text was from 2 Tim. 3:17, "Thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Bro. Nobles spoke of men in the various callings of life who did not possess themselves of means and instruments with which to properly do the work in their respective callings. They are regarded as incapable, and are unsuccessful. What is said of men in secular work could be said of Christians in religious work. God and man expect the Christian to be prepared for every good work. The world demands it of the church. Speaking of the "furnishing" necessary, he mentioned (1) A knowledge of the scriptures. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction for instruction in righteousness." Jesus used scripture in the temptation, in his preaching, in reproving people for their sins. He spoke of the word of God as "the good seed." The Psalmist said it was "a lamp unto his feet and a light unto his path." Paul called it, "the sword of the spirit." Christians should be prepared to sow the seed, to light the way to heaven, to fight the good fight of faith.

(2) Sympathy is another furnishing, indispensable to the Christian. Cold, ungenerous Christians repel. Christ drew to him the lowest in society by his sympathy. We cannot lift the fallen unless we have love and sympathy.

(3) Patience and Perseverance are evidences of strength of character. They assist in any service, and especially in Christian work. Sabbath school workers learn the usefulness of these two qualities. All need it. All may take to heart the good advice, "Be not weary in well doing."

(4) Piety is the great need in the church of today. The Devil fears piety. It must be true piety. People should be able to see the Christ in us. The reason there are not more good Christian girls is because there are not more good, pious mothers; and the reason there are not more good young men is because there are not more consecrated fathers.

(5) The Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary in Christian life and work. Christ taught this, and bade the disciples tarry in Jerusalem until they should be endued with power. The work which they had to do was great, but equally great was the power. It is not worldly influence, or high social standing which gives that power. A man may have great influence in the world, and yet be without true Christian power. The watch word of the Christian should be power—the power of the Holy Spirit.

Following the good sermon, of which the foregoing is a most imperfect outline, was an address by Rev. E. S. Parker on the "Relation of the Pastor to His People." Notes of this read as follows: A minister of the gospel takes up the work which Christ has

committed to His servants. He said, "As my Father hath sent me unto the world, even so send I you." The three years of Christ's ministry reveal to us the duties of a minister of Christ in his relation to the people.

(1) Jesus was the Christ—the anointed of God. The minister is the ambassador of Christ—the anointed of Christ. He is chosen to succeed Christ as John was to precede Him. He should not doubt that his is a high and holy calling. (2 Tim. I, 9; Tit. I, 7-8.) In Christ's stead he entreats men to be reconciled to God. He should free himself as much as possible from worldly encumbrances; he should not "leave the world of God to serve tables" (Acts 6, 1-5.) He should give himself to reading, meditation and prayer. He should magnify his office. (1 Tim. 5, 17; 2 Cor. 5, 20; Rom. 10, 14-15.)

(2) Christ sustained the relation of a preacher—to the poor and rich. A minister must be a preacher. This is essential since it is "by the foolishness of preaching" that men are saved. (1 Cor. I, 21.) To "preach the word" he must know the word, must know what is technically called "the science of God and His relation to His creatures;" a student of the Bible; and one who presents the truth to men, resolving its messages into the language of the day, defining, explaining, illustrating, harmonizing.

(3) Christ was the good shepherd—the pastor of God's flock. He went before them; they followed His leading. The pastor is often called upon to use what genius he possesses in infusing new life into the church by organization of society or class, or league, and is, therefore, often an organizer; he is often called upon to use what executive ability he has in solving the financial problem of a weak or poorly managed church, where debt, or repair, or building, or church extension work is needed to be taken into consideration. Visiting the sick, seeking the straying ones, being an example to the flock, becoming a companion of his people whose voice is not the voice of a stranger; endeared to his people by the grace of love.

Brother Parker exhausted more time than was really permissible, but escaped with only the slightest touch of Rev. G. F. Currie's tender raillery.

Bro. Currie spoke of "The Relation of People to Pastor." He began by assuring the people that the new pastor Rev. F. G. Francis, "is not an angel." He is simply a man, a good man, of course, but like other good men. The people, he remarked, must expect that Bro. Francis will make mistakes. They should not forget, however, that very likely his judgment was as good as theirs, when questions arise on which there are differences of view, the people should always be willing to confess that they may be wrong. The speaker then assured the people that the pastor is not a spirit. Without attempting to prove the statement, he made the general statement that food and raiment would have to be provided, and bills would need to be paid, and he reminded the people with much emphasis that theirs was the duty of looking after these things. He pointed out that the pastor needed sympathy and hearty cooperation.

Rev. Gideon Swim, as Moderator of conference, welcomed Bro. Francis to the denomination, and as chairman of District meeting welcomed him to the 6th District, and in behalf of the church welcomed him as their pastor. In well chosen words he called attention to the past, with its pleasant associations, praying that success might attend the labors of Bro. Francis.

Rev. F. G. Francis briefly expressed his thanks for the words of welcome, referring to the personnel of the Sixth District ministry, of former acquaintance, now renewed, and of the pleasure it gave him to meet the brethren again under so pleasant circumstances. He called upon the people to co-operate with him in his work, and closed his sympathetic remarks by expressing the hope that together they might work for the salvation of souls.

Revs. Mr. Baker (Methodist) and Estabrooks (Baptist) spoke briefly, welcoming Bro. Francis as a man and Christian minister to the community. E. S. P.

THE I. C. R.—The "Transcript" says: It is understood that after January 1st the name of the I. C. R. will be changed to "The Government Railways of Canada System," in three divisions, viz.: Intercolonial, Prince Edward Island and Leased Lines.

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SYMPATHY.—A correspondent writes: "Much sympathy is felt for Bro. W. H. Heine and his wife (Norton) on account of the death of their child. It is not very long since they laid away two children in one grave, and now another has gone to be with them. They have only one now with them."

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Now Is The Time.

MINISTERS.—A member of one of the churches in Rev. G. F. Currie's pastorate in a private letter, says: Rev. G. F. Currie preaches here every Sunday. He is a good preacher, and is well liked.

Denominational Notices.

NOTICE.

Any Free Baptist church desirous of entertaining the Yarmouth Co. Quarterly Meeting in February '98, will please correspond with the undersigned.

W. C. WESTON,
Yarmouth, N. S.,
Dec. 10th 1897.

POLITICAL NEWS.—Mr. W. H. Olive, Freight and Passenger agent of the I. C. R. at Montreal, appointed about three months ago, was dismissed last week by the new General traffic manager, Mr. Harris.

A report is current in Charlottetown, that the Hon. David Laird may be appointed governor of the North-West Territories, an office which he held some years ago. Another rumor is that he may succeed the late Senator Arsenault.

Marriages.

PATTERSON-KEYES.—At Shannon, on Dec. 15th by Rev. C. B. Lewis, John W. Patterson of Johnston, Queens County, to Mrs. Annie Bell Keyes, of Wickham, Queens Co.

HANNAH DAVIS.—At the F. B. Church, Waterville, C. Co., Oct. 18th, 1897, by Rev. Wm. DeWare, Harry Hannah of Jacksonville, C. Co., and Laura, daughter of Wm. Davis Esq., of Waterville, C. Co.

WHITE COREY.—At the residence of Charles White, Royalton, C. Co., on 15th of Dec. by Rev. Wm. DeWare, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Greenlaw, Burt White, of Royalton, and Mable Corey, of Blaine Me.

MILLER-COUGLE.—At the F. B. parsonage, Tracadie, C. Co., on the 15th of Dec. by Rev. Wm. DeWare, Leslie Miller of Long Settlement, and Louisa Cougle, of Knoxford, C. Co.

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TUFTS-WARNOCK.—At St. John, West, by Rev. G. A. Hartley, on the 15th inst., at the residence of Capt. Edwin Warnock, brother of the bride, Captain Frank Tufts and Miss Ella Maud Warnock both of Charlton St. John.

Deaths.

HEINE.—At Norton Station, on Friday the 3rd inst. of diphtheritic croup, Ida Verice, youngest daughter of W. H. and Prudie Heine aged 3 years and 4 months.

GREEN.—At Shannon, Queens Co., Dec. 9th, Charles Green, aged forty-nine years, leaving a wife, one brother and one sister. He never publicly confessed Christ, but during his illness gave expression to strong confidence in the Saviour.

C. B. LEWIS.

MOTT.—At Wickham, Queens Co., Dec. 6th, of consumption, Laura beloved wife of Bradbury Mott, aged thirty-eight years, leaving a husband, one daughter and two sons, father and other relatives who deeply mourn their loss. Sister Mott professed religion in early life, adorned her profession and died in the triumph of faith.

C. B. LEWIS.

HAGEMAN.—At Bear Island, York Co., on Sunday, 5th Dec., after a short illness, Hannah, widow of the late Irad Hageman, aged 74 years. The deceased leaves two daughters and three sons to mourn their loss. Funeral services conducted by Rev. S. Nykes and the writer.

CHAS. STERLING.

BARNES.—At Upper Queensbury, York Co., on 29th Nov., Mr. Isiah Barnes, aged 78 years. The deceased was a great sufferer. He died in the faith. Funeral conducted by the writer.

CHAS. STERLING.

HICKS.—At Lower Millstream, K. Co. on the 15th inst., Smith Evans, infant son of John and Aenes Hicks. Jesus said: "Suffer the little child to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of heaven."

G. SWIM.

SECORD.—At the public hospital, St. John, Dec. 8th, Fred aged 24 years, only son of the late Capt. N. Secord, leaving a loving mother and one sister to mourn the loss of an affectionate son and brother. He was a grandson of the late Rev. Robert French, and was beloved by all who knew him. Sister Secord has caused through many afflictions, but the blessed Lord has sustained her in all her tribulations. May His comforting grace sustain her in her present deep sorrow. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place from his mother's residence, Main St., on Saturday 11th. The Forester's, of which he was a member, headed by the Temple of Honour band, marched to the Cedar Hill Cemetery, where the burial took place. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. J. W. Clark.

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