

other Canadian Chaplains. They are not mentioned in this testimonial. Have Chaplains? Allerton and Cox been and have in their South cities. It is a pledge of the being sent in at be made.

SCIPLE WHOM JESUS LOVED.

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ature likes a compliment; well deserved, a good name great riches. No line Bible is more to be coveted, or as an epitaph, than the disciple whom Jesus loved. The original wearer of this title was John the Apostle, Peter of Patmos, and the in- of five wonderful books Testament.

our blessed Master draw so this Galilean fisherman, and the post of honor at the last supper? Perhaps one reason was one of Christ's earliest was faithful to his Master to and possessed some traits especially attractive. In- being the mild and effeminate that sacred art has painted, peculiarly bold and energetic— the "sons of thunder"—the spoken defender of his Mas- attributes, and red hot both and in his hatred of and iniquity. He never com- never compromises. With splendid, heroic qualities was that marvelous sweetness him the author of those epistles that bear his name.

right that any of us humble of Jesus Christ should as- the honor which the Master in John as the disciple whom Most assuredly it is; and study of the characteristics of the apostle may be of vast ser- us. John, as I have just said, a compromiser. He had the of his convictions; he never in these colors; he never concealed popular truth. His banishment was one of the strongest evi- of his heroic fidelity to his. Satan has no stripes or stakes for cowards.

just here is the sad mistake of Christians who are continually what they call their "in- To be popular is their dar- lation; and they fancy that the way to obtain their end is to nobody's wishes, oppose nobody's They may fancy that they are affection, when they are only secret contempt. My friend, desire to be heartily loved by whose love is worth possessing, must be willing to be denounced enemy of truth and right and Christ. He whom nobody op- nobody loves. Positive, out- Christians who rise high enough visible must expect to be some- a target for the enemy. The that catches the most sunshine is by the most storms; but whether storm be your lot, your only is to tower straight upward into and for Christ.

may hate thee, some may love thee; may flatter, some may smite; from man, and look above thee; in God and do the right!"

able Christian is one who hits golden mean between easy laxity asceticism, on the one hand, and a censoriousness on the other. The Master, he can hate sin with- hating sinners. He never incurs tempt by compromising with wrong; does he incur the antipathy of by doing right in a bitter and straight way.

Jesus did not love the brave fisher- of Bethsaida only on account of fearless fidelity and loyalty. There an inner sympathy between the and the lead-hearted disciple. seems to have penetrated more into Christ's divine mission, understood more of Christ's character teachings, and partaken more of the spirit than any other of the. He was the planet that rode west to the sun. When the dark- drew on, he reflected more of the of his divine Saviour, as the rising star gleams the most brightly the king of day is below the horizon. John sought intimacy with his Master, and Jesus loves to be courted.

was not by accident that John's Gospel embodies a richer revelation of Christ's inmost heart than any other book in the sacred canon; nor was it accidental that his three epistles are so saturated with the word "love." the author of those fragrant love let- ters had gone deeply into heart-com- munion with his Lord; he knew

the meaning of that profound truth, "He that abideth in me bringeth forth much fruit," and also that other truth, "He that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, for God is love." That recline on the breast of Jesus at the Supper had a meaning; it meant that the heart of the disciple was so close to the heart of the Master that the embrace came as naturally as the warm kiss of wed- lock when two hearts are one.

Ah, my fellow-Christians, if we covet John's place in our Saviour's affection, we must copy John's conduct. We must imitate him who forsook his earthly all for Jesus' sake; who stood loyal to his Master beside the cross; who could not sleep on that Sabbath- dawn in his eager desire to be first at the sepulcher; who consecrated his whole outer life to Christ because his inner life was hid with Christ in God. It is a glorious thing to have Christ love us; but the price we must pay for it is to bar his rivals out of our hearts. Don't be singing "I am so glad that Jesus loves me," unless you are sure that you can "stand fire" for him. The crucial test is, "He that keepeth my commandments, he it is that loveth me, and he that loveth me shall be loved of my father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

After all, the one decisive conflict in which the beloved disciple came off conqueror is that battle with the "house-devil" in every man's bosom—Self. Selfishness is the besetting sin in some form with all of us. The first step in conversion is self-surrender; the noblest grace in Christian character is self-denial for Christ's sake and the welfare of others. "What things were gain to myself I counted loss for Christ"—that is the topmost stone of the "higher life." Pure unselfishness is the sweetest and perhaps the rarest of all Christlike qualities. Nothing wins love like that. Love is the only loan for love; the truest love "seeketh not her own." Sir Phillip Sidney's unselfishness on the battle-field, when he refused the drink of water, is im- mortal; but it was not nobler than that of the brave lad in the coal-mine, when, after a fatal accident, a man was sent down on a rope to relieve the sufferers. "Don't mind me," said the lad; "Joe Brown, who is a little lower down, is almost gone! Save him first!" He was saved first, but the boy who came up last was the hero. There are always some "Joe Browns" who are lower down than we are, and if we would be Christ's beloved disciples we must make it our first duty to save them.

Paul tells us that even Christ placed not himself. That crowns unselfish- ness as the king of graces. John re-echoes this truth when he exclaims, "Hereby know we love, because he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. This is the commandment we have from him, that he who loveth God loveth his brother also."

WAR NOTES.

Kruger is still at Loreo Marquet, but is expected to sail soon for Hol- land. He is not likely to be interfered with. When he sails it will be his final good-by to Africa—at least to that portion which he ruled so long and so tyrannically.

The Boer army is pretty well broken up. Lord Roberts reported a few days ago that the 3000 Boers who retreated from Komatipoort before the British advance, seven hundred have entered Portuguese territory, others have de- serted in various directions, and the balance are reported to be occupying spurs of the Lebombo mountain. A general tumult seems to have occurred when they recognized the helplessness of their case. Nothing is left of the Boer army but a number of marching bands, and wherever the British come in contact with them they rout them, capturing whatever they have of arms ammunition, provisions &c.

Five hundred of the Canadian sol- diers are coming home at once, their time having expired. The others have decided to remain in South Africa till all is ended. Those coming home will, probably, sail direct from Capetown to Quebec, may be expected to reach here sometime in October.

Fifty Canadians, invalided home, arrived at Quebec Sunday. Several are New Brunswickers—among them, S. Jones of this city, and Walker and Pring of Stanley.

All war correspondents who partic- ipated in the South African campaign will receive medals in recognition of their services. Canadian and other colonial correspondents, who followed their regiments to the front, will be included in the list.

It is intimated that Lord Roberts will leave South Africa for England about the first of October. Many of the troops will, it is thought, be recalled about the same time.

Sergt. A. H. L. Richardson, of the Strathcona Horse, is the only Cana- dian so far recommended for the Victoria

Cross. He enlisted in the North-West, where he had been residing for several years. Richardson noticed that a trooper, who had been wounded twice and whose horse had been shot, was in grave peril. Quick as flash he rode back under a heavy cross-fire with three hundred yards of the enemy and picked up his wounded comrade. Though Richardson's own side was wounded, he succeeded in riding with the trooper he had rescued out of the fire of the Boers.

Three Canadians captured a town. A Pretoria despatch tells the story thus: The three soldiers lost their way and wandered through the Boer lines unperceived by the enemy. They eventually arrived at Hebron, and felt considerable surprise when the inhabi- tants surrendered the town to them. The burghers thought the Canadians were forerunners of a British force, and thought it was better to give up first as last. Not only was the town surrendered, but the rifles and ammu- nition, all of which the Canadians ac- cepted, again passing through the Boer lines.

There are 15,000 Boers prisoners of war in the hands of the British Gov- ernment. A large portion of these are in St. Helena; others are in Ceylon, and a considerable number are still in South Africa. These prisoners are not to be set free till the Transvaal has been thoroughly pacified. They have been treated kindly, as kindly as pos- sible in all times and places.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

YARMOUTH, N. S.—Rev. F. S. Hattley closes his connection with the Yarmouth church next Sabbath. Rev. E. Crowell, the new pastor, will en- ter upon the work next month.

GRAND MANAN.—A few questions have been before the people of Grand Manan and their pastor during the last four months; four of which are appended, and may perhaps illustrate Rom. 14: 7 and Cor. 3: 9.

1. Can we have two pastorate on the island instead of one?

2. Can we pay our pastor's salary monthly?

3. Are we giving the strength of our minds to the Master?

4. Can the Home Mission Execu- tive grant these loyal Free Baptist churches on the island \$100.00 next year?

To the first question I hear this answer, "We will try."

To the second Grand Harbor says, "yes, and in advance."

To the third I hear a very few say, "yes" and many say "no."

The answer to the fourth must be given by the Home Mission Execu- tive. What do you say, brethren?

We have had "Children's Day," an "Edeavour Rally" and "Temperance Meeting," all of which have been ex- ceedingly helpful. Now I have in my mind a plan for what might be called a "RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER Roll call." All families who are subscribers residing in my pastorate are partici- pants.

Yours,

A. H. McLEOD.

Grand Harbour, Sept 14th, 1900.

FOURTH DISTRICT MEETING.—The annual meeting of the Fourth District was held at Fredericton Junction Sept. 14-16. The first meeting—conference—opened at 10 a. m. Friday. There was a very good attendance, and it was an enjoyable season. At 2 p. m. the first business meeting began. Rev. J. A. Robertson, Chairman of the District, presided. After devotional exercises, the reports of the churches were read; there were sixteen of them. Two churches did not report—Little Lake (a branch of Tracey), and Onabog. One or more delegates were present from each church reported.

The following committees were re- ported: On reports from churches—brethren S. J. Kinney, D. S. Duplisse, O. N. Mott, C. B. Lewis, T. O. DeWitt and Thos. Harper; on Sab- bath Schools reports—brethren Ernest Tracey, T. L. Alexander, Thos. Alex- ander, Dall Smith and Jos. McCutcheon; on preaching meetings—brethren S. Noble, J. N. Barnes, T. D. Bell, Ashley Nevers and Alex. Wooden. At 4 p. m. there was a social service, participated in by a number of the brethren and sisters, and the spirit of the Lord was mani- fest. At 7.30 p. m. the Sunday School meeting was held. The com- mittee reported that in the schools re- ported there were 793 scholars, 65 teachers, 10 schools are "evergreen," they raised \$279.00, and 6 scholars were converted. Following the re- port, which was read by bro. Ernest Tracey, there were speeches by brethren J. Noble, Gregg, Corrie, Alex- ander, Barnes and Robertson.

Saturday at 9 a. m. business was resumed. Prayer by Rev. T. O. De- Witt, Rev. A. W. Currie and Licen. Puddington were invited to seats. Rev. O. N. Mott was elected Chair- man, and Rev. T. O. DeWitt assistant. A question having been asked as to

the appointment of delegates by the Clarendon branch of the Patterson church it was voted that in the plan- tion of the District Meeting the Pat- tern church would do well in the ap- pointment of delegates to choose one from the Clarendon branch when con- venient. Brethren Lewis, O. Mersereau, J. Smith, Bell and Alex- ander were appointed a committee to nominate delegates to Conference. Later the committee nominated brethren D. S. Duplisse, W. R. Smith and Jos. Noble delegates, and brethren Andrew Hoyt, John Smith and Gain Wood substitutes. The report was adopted.

The committee on preaching ser- vices reported. A question about the membership of the Geary church was asked. The Meeting voted that the reorganization (so called) of the Geary church in 1895 was unnecessary, and that the members then received are members of the original Geary church; also, that the officers, whether elected previous to or subsequent to 1895 be recognized as the officers of the church. The committee to summarize the reports of the churches presented a report which set forth these facts: 15 churches and one branch church reported, with 1103 members; \$1321.04 paid for support of the ministry, and for all purposes \$2306.35; fifteen churches receive pas- toral care. An invitation to hold the next annual session at Lunenburg was accepted. The license of bro. E. W. Kirkpatrick, who is now at Cobb Divinity School, was renewed. A vote of thanks to the pastor, church and people of the community for hos- pitable entertainment was adopted. The ministers present during the session were Revs. Jos. Noble, J. N. Barnes, T. O. DeWitt, Dr. McLeod, J. A. Robertson, O. N. Mott, C. B. Lewis and A. W. Currie and Licen- tates Gregg and Puddington. Rev. John Malvern, until recently pastor of the First Free Baptist church in Min- neapolis, was present and spoke words that were enjoyed. Saturday evening a public Missionary meeting was held, Mrs. T. Mersereau, Presi- dent of the District Society, presided. There was singing, Scripture reading by the President, prayer by R. V. J. Noble. The President made a brief and appropriate address in opening the meeting. The Soc. Treas., Miss Dora Mersereau, presented her report. The amount received this year is not as large as that of last year. The adoption of the report was moved by Mrs. J. A. Robertson, who made a brief, but earnest speech, the motion being seconded by Mrs. G. Hayward. A duet was sung by Miss Atherton and Miss H. Mersereau. Miss Myrtle Hayward gave an appropriate reading. Speeches were made by Revs. J. Noble, T. O. DeWitt, J. N. Barnes, J. A. Robertson and Dr. McLeod. It was a good meeting. The Sunday services were as follows: 9 a. m. prayer meeting, led by bro. Puddington; preaching at 10.30 a. m. by Rev. Jos. Noble; at 3 p. m. by Rev. J. N. Barnes; at 7.30 p. m. by Rev. Dr. McLeod. At the close of the after- noon sermon the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered, Rev. J. Noble and Rev. J. A. Robertson, the pastor, officiating. There was preaching at other places by appoint- ment of the District Meeting, as fol- lows: Tracey Station, 10.30 a. m. by Rev. O. N. Mott, at 3 p. m. by Rev. C. B. Lewis; Blissville, 3 p. m. by

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Licen. Puddington, at 7.30 p. m. by Rev. T. O. DeWitt.

Rain, which began to fall about noon and continued the rest of the day, interfered somewhat with the at- tendance at the afternoon and evening meetings; but it was a good day, and we may confidently expect good re- sults from it.

S. J. KENNY, Clerk.

NORTH HEAD AND CASTALIA.—For several years the four churches on Grand Manan have been in one pastorate. But the brethren have now concluded that no man can do himself and the work of the four churches justice. It has, therefore, been decided to divide the island into two pastorate. Grand Harbour and Seal Cove have invited Rev. A. H. McLeod to remain as their pastor. North Head and Castalia are now in need of a pastor. One of the brethren, writing foregoing facts, says,—"We want a preacher who can help us. We cannot promise a very large salary, but if we can get the right man we can pay him very well. We need help very much. Unless we have it, we are likely to suffer loss."

WATERVILLE, C. Co.—A few days ago the Waterville pastorate had not engaged a pastor for next year. The address of the Secretary of the pastorate committee is Geo. McLeod, Farmerston, C. Co.

MINISTERS.—Licentiate Puddington went up river last week to spend a few days.

Licentiate Gregg having declined an earnest invitation to remain a third year at Gibson, the church has called Rev. A. D. Paul, and we hear that he is likely to accept.

Rev. J. A. Robertson, who has been two years pastor of Fredericton Junction and Tracey Station churches, has decided to retire from the pastorate at the end of this month. His leaving is regretted by the people, amongst whom he has done good work. His health is not good, and the winters are especially trying to him. He thinks of going South the coming winter.

It is rumored that the Duke of Argyll (formerly Marquis of Lorne) may succeed Lord Cadogan as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The residence of one of the Queen's daughter (the Princess Louise) in Ireland would no doubt be popular.

—According to the report of a com- mittee for City Missions in Berlin of June, 1900, there are 737 trained Christian women officially at work in that city. These sisters work as fol- lows: 308 in the Berlin "Houses" themselves, caring for the sick, teach- ing children and training young girls; 105 are on duty in the fourteen stations for nurses of the "Evangelical Church Help Union," and 157 labor as Bible workers and parish visitors in connection with various churches.

DENOMINATIONAL NOTICES.

APPOINTMENTS.

On Sabbath, Sept., 30, I will (D. V.) preach at Lower Dumfries at 10.30 a. m. and at Lower Prince William at 2.30 p. m.

J. NOBLE.

Travel Arrangements.

The following arrangements with R. roads and Steamers have been made for members of the Free Baptist Con- ference, to be held at Hampstead, N. B.:

C. P. R. Buy a return ticket. I. C. R. Purchase a first-class ticket to St. John, and at the same time get a standard certificate, which being filled in and signed by the Clerk of Conference will, if ten members have such certificates, entitle the holder to a free return ticket from St. John.

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NOTE. The steamer tickets are good from Oct. 4th to Oct. 12th. Certifi- cates will be good till three days after the close of Conference.

NOTICE.

The sixty eighth Annual Session of The Free Baptist General Conference of New Brunswick will be held with the First Church Hampstead, Queens Co., N. B., on Saturday, the Sixth day of October, A. D. 1900, commencing at the hour of two of the clock in the afternoon. Dated this 4th day of September, A. D. 1900.

D. McLEOD VINCE, Recording Secretary.

NOTICE.

The annual session of the Ministers' Conference of the Free Baptists of New Brunswick will convene with the Church at Hampstead, Queens Co., on Friday, October 5th, 1900, at ten o'clock a. m.

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