

the extension of Christ's kingdom. God bids them command his people to go forward. They must not only communicate the divine command, but go before the moving host. We trust that this year more than ever before the churches, being wisely and courageously led, will go forward in local evangelistic work, in support of missions in our own country and in heathen countries, and in everything that develops personal righteousness and hastens the reign of Christ in all the earth.



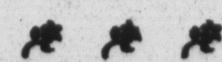
THE CHURCH'S IMPERATIVE DUTY.

A great missionary convention was held by the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Philadelphia, a few days ago. There were many fine addresses. Among the speakers was Mr. John R. Mott, the general secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation, who spoke on the duty of the church to evangelize the world: He said:

The church's imperative duty is to evangelize the world in this generation. This does not mean the conversion of the world or the Christianization of the world; it does not mean hasty or superficial preaching, nor does it mean minimizing the importance of any method of work. The expression is not used as a prophecy. It does mean to give all men an adequate opportunity to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour and to become his disciples. It implies such a distribution of the gospel agents and agencies as will make the knowledge of Christ accessible to all men.

As to the possibility of accomplishing the evangelization of the world in this generation, let us look at a number of considerations. It seems possible, in view of what the Christians of the first generation accomplished, in view of what has been achieved on certain mission fields in our day, through evangelistic, medical, and educational work, and through the patient and thorough efforts of hundreds of missionaries who have devoted themselves to the translation of the scriptures and the preparation of Christian literature.

Moreover, it would seem possible, in view of the resources of the Christian church, such as the total membership of 25,000,000 of evangelical church members in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Australasia; the enormous wealth in the hands of Christians; the development of Christian organizations, such as young people's societies, missionary societies, and Bible societies; and also the present number and development of the native churches. The Christian church has available a knowledge of the world and its peoples, improved and enlarged means of communication, and enormous facilities for the propagation of truth through the printed page. God has made the whole world known and accessible to this generation. He has provided these wonderful agencies not to be wasted, unused or misused. Such vast preparations must have been for a providential purpose. Surely, God is beckoning the church of our day to larger achievements.



There may be times when the minister should strike, and that is when the church for which he labors is abundantly able and culpably unwilling to do its duty, but he should not strike until he has done all he could to arouse the church to a sense of its sin. There are other times, when in face of starvation salary, and other discouragements, a minister of the right sort will stay by a faithful but struggling people.—*Free Baptist.*

News of the Churches.

GASPEREAU DEDICATION.—The new church at Gaspereau was formally dedicated to the worship of God last Sunday, Oct. 25th. The order of services was as follows: At 10.30, dedicatory sermon by Rev. G. W. Foster; at 2.30 p. m., preaching by Rev. J. B. Daggett; at 7.30 p. m., by Bro. Weyman E. Kirkpatrick. Rev. T. O. DeWitt was requested to take the evening service, but was unable to do so, having previously engaged to preach at the opening of the new church in Geary. We were very fortunate in having with us brethren Weyman E. Kirkpatrick and Thomas D. Bell, who rendered very valuable assistance, and spoke many encouraging and helpful words. These brethren were again at their old home and it is needless to say that they enjoyed being present; and the people enjoyed having them. Through their efforts and the untiring energy of the former pastor, Bro. W. O. Kierstead, the people were stimulated and helped to build the neat little church building they are now enjoying. Bro. Kierstead, though invited, was unable to be present. Bro. Kierstead did faithful and effective work on this pastorate, especially along the line of building and improving the church buildings. The services on dedication Sunday were well attended, and a good day was enjoyed by all. God blessed His servants in preaching the Word, and we believe, blessed the people in hearing, and we trust seed was sown that will bring forth fruit to the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

G. W. FOSTER.

DEDICATION.—The new church at Geary, S. Co., was dedicated Sunday, 25th ult. Two or three times attempts to build had been made, but without success. For several years nothing had been done, and some of the older people had concluded they would not see a house of worship erected. They continued to hold meetings in the school houses. But a year ago the brethren began work in earnest, and the work went steadily on till completed. The church at Geary and the church at Victoria united in the undertaking, and the church is located to convenience both communities. They have erected a good house, well finished and commodious. It is certainly greatly creditable to the people. The committee in charge devoted much time and painstaking attention to it, and the builder, Mr. Harry Wood, did his work like the skilful mechanic and conscientious man he is. Less than \$100 was due when the building was completed, and a considerable portion of that was contributed on the day of dedication. Dedication Sunday was a fine day. There were three services, all well attended. The ministers present were: Rev. Jos. Noble, T. O. DeWitt, Jos. McLeod, John Henderson, H. A. Bonnell and A. Allaby (Ref. Bap.) The order of morning service was,—Invocation, Rev. T. O. DeWitt; hymn, Rev. J. Noble; Scripture lesson, Rev. T. O. DeWitt; prayer, Rev. H. A. Bonnell; hymn, Rev. J. Henderson; sermon; Rev. Jos. Noble; offerings; dedi-

catory services and prayer of dedication by Rev. Jos. McLeod; hymn, Rev. Mr. Allaby; benediction, Rev. Jos. Noble. There was preaching in the afternoon by Rev. Jos. McLeod, and in the evening by Rev. T. O. DeWitt. There was a good interest in all the meetings.

The District Meeting, at its session in September, recommended the Geary and Victoria churches to unite, and we understand they are intending to do it at the first opportunity they have of taking formal action. They will, doubtless, be stronger by doing so. They are to be congratulated on the success that has attended them in providing a suitable house of worship. We trust they may have a degree of spiritual prosperity beyond anything they have previously experienced.

HAMPSTEAD, Q. CO.—I have accepted a call to the Hampstead pastorate, and have arranged to commence work there the first of November. We are now preparing to move. My post office address will be Hampstead Village, Queens Co. C. B. LEWIS.



OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—The Truro, N. S., First Presbyterian Church is to put in a new pipe organ, Mr. James Little, of that town, having donated \$2,000 to that purpose.

—Rev. Mr. Brown, of Havelock, Kings Co., has been called to the pastorate of the Hopewell Cape Baptist Church.

—The Nova Scotia Sunday Schools Association held its 19th annual meeting in Truro last week. There was a large attendance of representative S. S. workers. The work of last year was reported prosperous.

—The new Episcopal Church at Blissville, S. Co., was dedicated last Wednesday by Bishop Kingdon.



WANTED: A MINISTER.

The President of the Methodist Protestant Church, one of the smaller Methodist bodies in the United States, recently advertised in the official paper of the denomination, as follows:

This conference needs at least three or four pastors for circuit work, and any who can fill the following conditions will be welcomed, to wit: Must have small family, if any, and be able to furnish a horse and come to a charge unassisted. No doubts as to call to ministry; not afraid of work, no hobbies, no place-hunter, sound on doctrine of holiness as held by the Methodist Protestant church at large; must be less than fifty years of age, willing to begin for nominal salary—\$400 to \$500, and probably a parsonage—a good, clear head, a warm, loving heart, and big feet, well planted on the solid ground of common sense.

Upon which the *Free Baptist* comments thus:

That is a great deal to get for \$400 to \$500. Just why he "must be less than fifty years" of age and "must" have "big feet" is yet to be known. Probably the latter is a figurative expression since they are to be planted on the ground of common sense, but there is many a man over fifty years of age who is able, physically and intellectually, as

A BUSINESS WORD.

An Open Letter.

This "open letter" is addressed to those who owe the *INTELLIGENCER* anything. They number several hundreds—to be exact, seven hundred and sixty-four. This count includes only those who are now receiving the paper, and have not made payments this year. *We wish each of them to regard this letter as addressed to them personally.*

Does some one suggest that a sealed letter to each would be better? We much prefer that way. But having already sent some hundreds of such letters twice this year, we can scarcely be expected to do it again now. It ought not to be necessary even once, as on the address label of his paper every subscriber has a statement of his account. If any one wishes another statement a request by post card will secure it.

To the letters sent during the year some responded promptly, for which we thank them. But so many have continued to delay paying that this appeal has become necessary.

The following considerations will, we trust, move those addressed to prompt action:

1. The money to pay the *INTELLIGENCER*'s bills must come from its subscribers. When that money is not forthcoming things go hard with the business management.

2. A request for payment is not a reflection on the integrity of those in arrears, not on their good intentions as to payment. But the intention of subscribers to pay some time does not meet the demands of the printers, the paper-makers and others who have to do with producing the paper. They have to have cash.

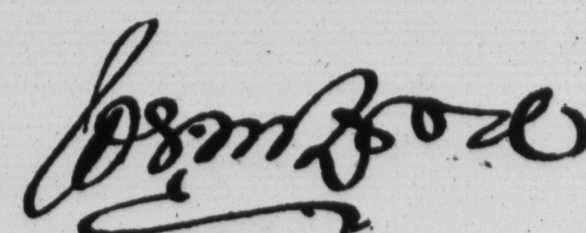
3. The business requirements of the *INTELLIGENCER* move us to make this statement and request. Nothing else would. Every dollar due is needed—and needed now. It is greatly important that every subscription due—whether for one year or more—be paid at once.

4. We are doing the best we can to give *INTELLIGENCER* readers a good paper. They can help us very much by ready payments. We want that help just now. We hope each will be anxious to be the first to respond. *Not one should be delayed another week.*

5. With this plain and kindly statement before them we must believe that no thoughtful subscriber, in arrears, who desires to do to others as he would have others do to him, will fail to make an earnest endeavour to forward payment immediately.

In the hope at least seven hundred and sixty-four prompt responses to this request,

Your truly,




—The *Presbyterian Witness* publishes the names of more than twenty Presbyterian ministers from the Maritime Provinces who are "holding the fort" in various parts of Canada's great western heritage, from Port Arthur up to the distant Yukon!