ed that the forest was aflame with the very presence and glory of God. It was all there before the sun came up and streaked the forest with light, he simply beautified, made it apparent. Even so does the Holy Spirit take the Christ of Calvary and beautify and reveal Him to men as the fairest of ten thousand, the one altogether lovely, until the people long for this Christ to be theirs. The Spirit then explains and reveals and applies Christ. Brethren, we need this great qualification, the power of the Spirit upon us, upon the people we seek to win (convincing them of sin, etc.,) and upon Him whom we present—the precious Christ. When Jesus is thus held up he will draw people to Himself. May it be that this equipment shall rest upon all, in this present winter's campaign of soul-winning: A holy life, a great burning love for the perishing, and the Holy Spirit. N.

CARD-PLAYING IN THE CHURCH.

There are members of other churches than those of the denomination addressed by a writer in the *Advance*, who might give some consideration to his strong words. He says:

If card-playing among professing Christians resulted in nothing worse than the division of sentiment, which always produces hard feelings in the church, it would stand overwhelmingly condemned. But its influence does not end here. It is not only subversive of unity in the church, but it is the uncompromising enemy of all spirituality and high thinking. Many pastors could testify to the habitual absence of some of their flock from the prayer-meetings who never fail to attend every neighborhood whist-party.

But the worst indictment against this accursed evil is the brazen defiance of the law of Christian love characteristic of its devotees. Granting that church-members see no danger to their own souls in card-playing, that their example may lead a weaker Christian, or even their own children, to plunge to their ruin is a thought that they stoutly and boastfully resent. And here let us lay the blame for this wide-spread evil where it belongs, not upon the young people exclusively, although they are partly responsible, but upon their elders. Nothing is more distressing to a devoted pastor than to receive into church membership a goodly number of bright, consecrated young people, only to have them initiated, possibly the very next winter, into the infernal mysteries of whist or pedro by their card-playing parents or older friends, many of whom have been church-members for thirty or more years. These are the old, hardened sinners that corrupt the youth of each succeeding generation. Gambling for a prize in a communicant's parlor is not different in principle from gambling for the drinks in a rumseller's saloon; and the dens of infamy in our great cities will never lack for recruits so long as Christian (?) parents, and even some ministers and Sunday-school teachers, help their young people down the hellward way by encouraging and apologizing for the card-playing habit.

THE EDITOR.—Replying to the enquiries of many, and for the information of all his friends, we are glad to be able to say that the editor of the INTELLIGENCER is making encouraging progress towards recovery from the effects of the somewhat severe accident which he sustained nearly two weeks ago. He expects to be about soon.

News of the Churches.

SUSSEX.—The ladies of our church have placed in the parsonage recently the town water and sewerage, also bath room and fixtures. We are very grateful for it all, and find it a great convenience. Our annual business meeting of a few weeks ago revealed a very satisfactory financial condition. The last year was commenced with a deficit of several dollars (about $50), yet the report at the end of the year showed a surplus of about $60. The other branches of work are moving along about as usual. We held a special service Sunday. The singing was conducted by a full choir of children. They did well. The subject of the pastor's sermon was "A Plea for the Child." Evangelist Britton was present and addressed the meeting and sang some of his sweet songs.

We (Bro. Britton and myself) are holding evangelistic services at Newtown this week. We are praying for and expecting victory.

I was very sorry to hear of the serious accident to our esteemed editor. Hope he may soon be restored to his usual good health. I know he has the prayers of all his brethren for his speedy restoration. B. H. NOBLES.

Sussex, Nov. 12.

HAYNESVILLE, YORK CO.—We began special meetings with Haynesville church on 22nd October. The work was much interrupted by the recent storms. We had a good interest and the church was much strengthened. I had to return to Southampton on Friday last for Sunday work and other duties. I shall return to the Haynesville work again on Wednesday or Thursday of this week. We are hoping to be able to continue the work with good results.

J. J. BARNES.

HARTLAND-BRIGHTON.—The preliminaries incident to a change of residence and pastorate are now experiences of the past as far as our own home is concerned. We are enjoying the fruits of Bro. Daggett's labor both in the house where we live and in the hearts of the people with whom we labor. The pastorate has sustained its regular meetings throughout the past year, though having pastoral care but part of the time. I have particularly enjoyed being present at the monthly missionary meetings of the women of Hartland and Lower Brighton. They are very helpful to all who attend. I shall suggest that some of the sisters report the plan they are conducted upon to the missionary column of the INTELLIGENCER soon.

I purpose beginning special work as soon as the way opens. I find the people here, as I have always found them elsewhere, very kind and considerate.

A. J. PROSSER.

ST. JOHN, NORTH.—I have entered upon my seventh year as pastor of the church at Victoria Street. The years have passed quickly. The last year has been the one which showed the best visible results. What this year may be God only can know; "we have never gone this way before;" but we know we have the Master with us as our Helper. The young people who came out in the meetings last winter have been very faithful, and I hope are growing in the Divine life. What a responsibility it places on the church and pastor to care for the young Christians. I fear that while the older members of the church are pleased to see a revival and souls saved that they are often too careless in shepherding and helping the young converts, and as a result many go astray and become backsliders. God help the church member who possesses the spirit of "the elder brother" rather than that of the true Father in caring for the weak. I am doing my best to build up the spiritual life of the church. The prayer services are well attended, especially by the young people. The Sunday school has grown in numbers, the attendance per Sunday is from one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred. What an opportunity to work for Christ. May He help us as teachers to so teach as to help those in our classes to give their lives to Jesus for His service.

D. LONG.

A MINISTER ABROAD.—Last week we mentioned that Rev. W. C. Keirstead had accepted a call to a Baptist church at Rockford, Illinois, while continuing his studies at the Chicago University. The following notice from the Rockford *Star* will be of interest to his many friends in this province:

The Rev. W. C. Keirstead, the new pastor of the First Baptist church, comes to Rockford with splendid recommendations. Since he has been preaching here as supply, he has made a fine impression which fully bears out all the good things said of him before he came.

The coming of Mr. Keirstead opens the way to new endeavor for the First Baptist people. They feel the need of a young and active man to give an impetus to their church life. A growing man who will develop while here and impart some of his vitality to the church. Such was the fortune of this society when it secured the Rev. Theodore G. Soares, and the members feel the good fortune of that time is to be repeated.

The Rev. Mr. Keirstead is a Canadian by birth. He took a B. A. degree at the University of New Brunswick in 1898, and continuing his study received an M. A. from the same institution two years later. Being an ambitious young man he was satisfied with nothing less than a complete preparation, so he came to the University of Chicago to continue his work. This year he completed the work necessary for a Ph. D. at the big Chicago school. For two years previous to his graduation at the university he held a fellowship in theology. Mr. Keirstead will continue his study during his pastorate here, and it was the proximity of Rockford to Chicago that led him to accept the call of the First Baptist church. He was offered better salary elsewhere, but would have been unable to continue his theological research.

Mr. Keirstead is an excellent speaker, of pleasing manner, and his sermons thus far have been models of clear thinking, precisely and forcefully expressed. It seems certain his coming will send a flood of renewed life through all the arteries of the Baptist society, and the people are greatly pleased at the prospect.

MINISTERS.—Rev. H. A. Bonnell has taken charge of the Rockland and Mount Pleasant pastorate, C. Co. He moved there last week. His P. O. address is Coldstream, C. Co.

Licentiate Bell has moved from Kilburn to Arthurette, V. Co. His friends will make note of the change of P. O. address.

Rev. R. Heine was at Douglas and Kingsley last Sunday.

Rev. J. E. Gosline is holding special meetings at Doctor's Cove, N. S.

A CHRISTIAN LEAGUE.—The Toronto *Mail and Empire*, October 29th, says: "The Canadian Citizens' League is the name of a new body which is being organized all over the province. The league's object is stated to be the union of electors of various municipalities of the province for independent political action along non-partizan lines for the enactment and enforcement of such moral legislation as will tend to promote good citizenship. It is the intention to put candidates in the field in the Dominion election in every constituency which will have been organized before that time. While the league is at present only a provincial body, it is intended to make it of national scope as the work of formation progresses.

Marriages.

KENT-CRANDLEMIRE.—At Mount Pleasant, Car. Co., by Rev. A. J. Prosser, Elmer Kent and Sadie Crandlemire, at the home of the bride on the 3rd of November.

NEWMAN-KERN.—At the residence of Mr. Stephen Carlisle, Douglas, York Co., Oct. 28th, by Rev. H. A. Bonnell, Henry Newman to Miss Maud Kern, both of Douglas.

OWEN-HOLMES.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mark Hill, Nov. 7th, by Rev. A. M. McNintch, Frank M. Owen, of Lubec, Me., to Florence Holmes, of Mark Hill, Grand Manan.

CORBELL-YOUNG.—At Woodstock, on the 31st inst, by Rev. F. Allison Currier, A. M., Wm. G. Corbell, of Millinocket, Me., to Miss Jennie Young, of Wodgden, Me.

CLARK-CLOWES.—At the residence of the bride's father, Grafton, C. Co., by Rev. F. A. Currier, A. M., on the 27th ult, Mr. S. A. Clark, of Hartfield, to Miss Emma Clowes.

Deaths.

HAY.—At Millville, on the 30th ult, William Hay, in the 87th year of his age. Deceased was a good man and deservedly respected by all who knew him. His remains were taken to Northampton for interment. Short services were conducted in his late home by Rev. J. J. Barnes.

BUNKER.—At Tracey Station, S. Co., on 7th inst, of consumption; Miss Alberta Bunker, in the 36th year of her age. Our sister had been a long time ill, but bore her sufferings with marked patience and submission. She calmly awaited the summons, realizing that death would be a happy release. Funeral services at Rusagornis by her pastor. J. B. D.

WAY.—At Middle Southampton, York Co., on the 7th inst, Josephine, beloved wife of Ransford Way, suddenly departed this life, in the 43rd year of her age. She was true and faithful as wife and mother, and much beloved by all who knew her. She was a member of the Free Baptist church, M. Southampton, in which the funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. J. Barnes, in the presence of a large congregation of sympathizing friends. A sorrowing husband and eight children, the youngest only a few days old, mourn the loss of a loving, painstaking wife and mother. "Blessed are the dead who die in Lord." J. J. BARNES.

PALMER.—Mr. Bradford Palmer, one of the best known and highly respected farmers of Carleton Co., died of heart failure, at his home at ten o'clock Friday evening, Nov. 6th. Mr. Palmer leaves four sons, three daughters and a wife, all of whom were present at the funeral. His four sons acted as pallbearers. The funeral services were held in the Free Baptist church at Waterville, C. Co., Rev. F. Allison Currier, of Woodstock, preaching the sermon. He was assisted in the service by Revs. T. S. Vanwart, Henry Hartt, F. G. Todd (Baptist) and I. E. Berry (Methodist.) The funeral was very largely attended, neither the house nor the church being large enough to seat the many friends who had come to express their sympathy with the family and their loss of a friend. Mr. Palmer was the clerk in the Third District, having professed religion some 25 years ago under the labors of Rev. G. F. Hartley. He was a man of great sociability and of unbounded hospitality, and the community has suffered a severe loss in his death. May the Lord bless and comfort the family in their sore bereavement. F. A. C.