

struction, which will turn thousands of acres of dry land into fertile grain fields.—*Selected.*

The power of the Gospel is operating upon Jewish hearts in Germany, and many have been baptized into the Christian faith.—*Selected.*

Nine American Missionary Societies are working in the Turkish Empire—under peculiar difficulties, of course, but with good success.—*Selected.*

Chinese Christianity has a roll-call of 40,000 martyrs, including many missionaries. The stories of their fidelity is most inspiring reading.—*Selected.*

The evils of religious excitement are nothing in comparison with the evils of religious insensibility. There are very many who seem to fear religious excitement above all things else. But bad as religious excitement and confusion may be, one thing is much worse and that is a cold, dead indifference to eternal things. Lord ever keep us "hot" that we may not meet the fate of the lukewarm ones of Rev. 3, 16.—*Selected.*

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." (Matt. ix 38.) Our blessed Master was confronted with the same problems that are pressing upon us to-day. The harvest was great and white; the need urgent and distressing, and the laborers few. His remedy and resort was not a great popular movement and appeal, but prayer. He recognized the responsibility as belonging to the great Husbandman, the Lord of the Harvest, and all the sources of supply in Him alone. He only can select and qualify the true workers. He only can press them into voluntary service. He only can supply the means for their support and open the doors for their service. And so the Master Himself prayed and asked His disciples to pray. In the chapter which follows we find Him sending forth His first apostles, and we read elsewhere that before He did so He spent a whole night in prayer. How mightily that prayer has been answered in the fruits of their enduring work! This also is our supreme resource. Do we adequately appreciate it and utilize it? May the Holy Spirit impress upon our hearts with new force, authority, and so Christ left us for the carrying on of His work and the establishment of His kingdom in the world.—*Rev. A. B. Simpson.*

INCREASING THE ATTENDANCE.

Some time ago the Christian Herald asked several pastors of large city churches how they succeeded in filling their house of worship. The following reply from Dr. Mark A. Matthews of Seattle is both interesting and suggestive. He says in part: "First, This church has been filled for nearly eleven years. Most of the time it is crowded, and scores and hundreds have been turned away. The evening audiences number anywhere from 2,500 to 3,500. We can only seat about 3,000. The rest have to stand or be crowded out. The audience has in it from fifty-five to seventy per cent. men. Second, The results accomplished are entirely due to the operations of the Holy Spirit. We pray much, expect much and get much. Third, The pure, simple Gospel is preached. Sinai and Calvary are held up to the people. The vicarious atonement is emphasized; the sacrifice of Christ is presented daily; his deity and his mediatorial work are kept before the people. The whole Gospel, and nothing but the Gospel, is preached. Fourth, We make the Gospel apply to every condition, circumstance and point of a man's life. We deal with his

social, domestic, commercial, political Gospel. Fifth, Every service is an evangelistic service. We never preach the Gospel or finish a sermon without making an appeal for immediate decisions and confessions of Christ. At every service we urge men to accept Christ and join the church. Sixth, We do not have a sermonette after a long musical programme of questionable ecclesiastical music. Every member of the choir must be a Christian, and spiritual music must be used, but that programme is kept in its minor place. The sermons are not dictated by the clock, nor are they closed at the suggestion of some man who would like to hurry through the service. Time enough is taken to present the case of sin, produce conviction in the hearer's mind and ask for the work of the Holy Spirit to produce conversions. Seventh, Every man, woman and child in this church is supposed to have something to do and is required to do the thing assigned. If the churches of the country could be lifted from their blight of materialism and could get from under the control of Godless trustees, indifferent and lukewarm church officers, and could be made to understand that it is their business as individual Christians to evangelize the world, the pews would be full and the pulpits would be on fire with the love of God and an undying passion for souls."—*Baptist Standard.*

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 3 met with the church at Beals, Me., on Thursday, August 28th, the first meeting being at 7.30, led by Bro. Wright. On Friday evening there was also preaching by Bro. Wright.

On Saturday afternoon a business session was held. Ministers present:—Mr. Cosman, Mr. Henderson, Miss Slipp and Mr. Wright.

The following Delegates reported:—
From Seal Cove—Mr. Foster and Mr. Benson.

Beals—Mr. C. H. Beale and Mr. Eli Beal.
Jonesport—Mrs. Alice Newbury.

The following officers were elected:—
President, Rev. H. H. Cosman; Secretary, Annie Simmons; Treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Beal; Devotional Committee, Rev. H. H. Cosman, Eli Beal, F. W. Beal, C. H. Beal and Henry Benson; Highway Agent, Mrs. Newbury.

By motion Bro. Wright had a seat with us and took part in our deliberations.

Bro. Foster and Bro. Benson reported Seal Cove Church doing fairly well, good interest being shown.

North Head Church reported by letter.

Mrs. Newbury reported Jonesport Church standing firm and looking for great works in the future.

Bros. C. H. Beal and Eli Beale reported Beals Church established on Christ, and looking for victory which will last through eternity.

The Devotional Committee reported as follows:—Saturday evening, preaching by Bro. Wright. Sunday services, Sunday School, 9.30, preaching by Miss Slipp, 11 o'clock, Love Feast led by Bro. Foster, 2 p. m., preaching by Bro. Henderson at 3 p. m., Junior Meeting at 6.30 led by Mrs. Carver, Preaching by Bro. Wright, 7.30 o'clock.

Left with church at Seal Cove to decide time and place of next Quarterly Meeting.

MRS. ANNIE L. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Do thoroughly whatever work God may give you to do, and cultivate all your talents besides.—*Archibald A Hodge.*

QUITTING TOO SOON.

There are two or three things that the minister who reaches middle life should set himself steadfastly to do, and unquestionably the advice applies equally to men in many other callings as well. In the first place, he should determine not to lose his grip on himself. If a man keeps fast hold of his courage, his enthusiasm, his buoyancy of spirit, and does not allow his reverses, or hardships, or disappointments, to sour or embitter him, he has made one of the first and most necessary preparations for the coming-on of the years that are to try him.

Then men sometimes foolishly think that as the hair grows gray and the years crowd on into the fifties, that it is a call to slacken effort. In most cases it is no such thing. There is no reason why any ordinary man should not grow and develop and advance in knowledge and ability and usefulness in the fifties or the sixties—as he did in the thirties or forties; no reason in the world save as he allows carelessness and inertness and slothfulness to settle down upon him. Some of us may perhaps overwork ourselves, but there are not very many of us who do, and there are not a few hopeful careers spoiled through men "settling down" ten or twenty years too early in life.

And then the great necessity for the middle-aged man, let him be preacher or what not, is that he hold on to his faith and optimism and hopefulness. The man who believes in the future really never grows old; the old man is the one who believes in the past. The preacher who is ready to lead his people on into new and better days that are always ahead will very seldom be thrust from his place; but the one who talks overmuch about the "better days" that are gone, and tries to lead back to them very often, will be. The old men who dream dreams are even as the young men who see visions.

It is really a fine thing to see middle-aged men, alert and resourceful, and buoyant and hopeful, registering new achievements and successes, keeping abreast of things, and leading in the forward movements of life; and it is an especially pleasing thing when these men are in the ministry. They are needed there of all places, and there especially are they preparing themselves for lengthening terms of efficient and increasingly useful service.—*Exchange.*

THE SALT OF THE EARTH.

It is not the Bible, not the Gospel, not the Church, not the Holy Spirit, not Christ even, but it is Christ enshrining men and women that are the salt of the earth. These are the true preservatives of society and of civilization. To produce, multiply and intensify these is the great problem of the Church. The Gospel can do nothing in the world until it finds a lodgment in human hearts and is lived out in human lives. It becomes a living gospel when it is thus incarnated, when it is invested in personality and becomes a personal force in the world. It moves as men move; it is aggressive as they are aggressive; it advances as they advance. The Gospel will never dominate society and capture the world until the disciples of Christ come to the front in every legitimate activity of men. In politics, in business, in the shop, on the farm, those who will stand solid and true for Jesus Christ are needed where they are, and are needed in increasing numbers. Theirs is a splendid opportunity.—*Northwestern Christian Advocate.*