

DIED

In the Public Hospital, Moncton, on Sunday at noon, Oct. 24th, 1915, Mrs. Wm. Ritchie, in the 76th year of her age. Sister Ritchie, whose maiden name was Miss Mary Elizabeth Bissett, was born in Dorchester, N. B., and converted at the age of 21 years. She was baptized by Rev. Mr. Coleman and joined the Baptist church there. Subsequently she removed to Moncton and married Mr. Wm. Ritchie and united with the Reformed Baptist church here January, 1914. On Saturday evening, Oct. 9th, while working in the kitchen of her home, she accidentally tripped and fell, breaking both her hip and shoulder. She was removed to the hospital and everything that medical skill could do was done; but because of her delicate health and advancing years she did not survive the shock, but after a few weeks of suffering, which she meekly bore with Christian resignation, and soon after conversing with her husband, who was at her bedside, she peacefully departed this life in full assurance of eternal life.

Our sister was of a quiet disposition and an intelligent Christian woman and a faithful member of the church, which she always attended when opportunity and health permitted and left her testimony to the saving and keeping power of her Heavenly Father. She was one of a family of ten and only four are known to survive her, viz., Mrs. J. B. Tingley and Mrs. Herbert Colpitts, of Moncton; Mrs. B. Charters, of Charterville, N. B., and Mrs. F. D. Clarke, of New Haven, Conn. Her aged husband, who is in failing health, will not be long behind her.

The writer attended her funeral on the 26th inst., assisted by Rev. G. A. Lawson of the First Baptist Church. The choirs of both churches attended and sang very feelingly, "Safe in the arms of Jesus" and "Abide with me." The floral offerings were beautiful and appropriate. Our sympathy is accorded the sisters and aged husband.

W. B. Wiggins.

Moncton, Oct. 27th, 1915.

At his home, 124 Dominion Street, Moncton, on Friday evening, Oct. 8th, Mr. George Gray, in the 52nd year of his age, leaving a wife and one daughter, also two sisters and five brothers, to mourn their loss.

Mr. Gray had been failing in health for two years or more, but kept at his work in the I. C. R. shops until he was compelled to retire by declining strength. He was not confined to his bed, but was around the house or out on the street, as he was able to walk. The writer, in his visits, found him praying and trusting in the merits of Christ for salvation.

The funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 10th, and conducted by the writer.

Sister Gray is a member of our church and we extend to her and all bereaved our hearty sympathy.

W. B. W.

QUITE SUGGESTIVE.

A man who was very vain of his personal appearance went to the doctor one day and asked him to explain a singular circumstance.

"Doctor," he said, "my hair is perfectly black, but my whiskers are turning white rapidly. Now, how do you account for that?"

"Well," replied the physician, "I don't know, unless it is because your jaws have worked a great deal harder than your brains."—*Ex.*

Ministers and Churches.

Rev. H. S. Dow reports good services and good congregations at Woodstock.

The special services at Gordonsville were closed on the 17th. The meetings were good. Several made a start in the Christian life, but, as usual, the brethren hoped for greater results.

Rev. H. C. Archer visited Riverside Camp Ground recently and found everything in good order. Mr. S. C. Page repaired the roof of the hotel.

Brother Archer also visited Calais, Me., last week.

The Fort Fairfield Praying Band assisted Brother F. W. Foster in the services at Perth on Sunday, the 17th inst. Brother and Sister Archer were also at Perth on the evening of the 14th and assisted in the service.

Brother and Sister H. S. Mullin are assisting Rev. P. J. Trafton at Victoria, Carleton Co. The meeting is starting very encouragingly. Several have been at the altar and the interest is increasing. Brother and Sister Mullen think of going to Royalton for a short meeting after this meeting closes. Before coming to the Fredericton meeting, which begins Nov. 14th, and will be likely to continue for several weeks, after which they expect to go to Nova Scotia, returning for a meeting at Marysville after Christmas. Other pastors are expecting to have Brother and Sister Mullen to assist them. Better write them for dates.

A letter from Seal Cove, Grand Manan, states that the church is getting along well and the people are well pleased with Brother Wright, and that he is doing faithful work at Seal Cove and Wood Island. The church and parsonage are free from debt. Seal Cove church always responds to the calls in aid of the denomination at work. They are now collecting for the Balmoral Farm Fund.

An epidemic of contagious diseases has hindered the church work much at Beals, Me. Brother Hilyard writes that he hopes to get the work revived and in regular working order, now that the hindrances have passed.

Rev. I. F. Kierstead returned home from a visit to Kings and Queens counties on the 26th.

Sunday, the 31st, will be devoted to Missionary Services by Rev. E. W. Lester at Millville. Rev. I. F. and Sister Keirstead will speak morning and evening.

The churches of Maple Ridge and Millville have remembered Bro. Lester as usual this fall. On Friday evening, October 15th, the people of Maple Ridge met at the home of Bro. Eddie Sharp and there presented him, in cash and produce, the amount of \$26.00, and at the parsonage, Millville, on Saturday night, Oct. 16th, the Millville people presented him with \$16.00. Bro. and Sister Lester appreciate these remembrances and wish to acknowledge them.

The Good Will Bible Class gave Brother Lester a great surprise on the evening of October 13th, it being the anniversary of his birthday. When he came in from prayer meeting he found over thirty young people gathered in his parlor. After an hour or so spent socially together Miss Jennie Dunn, in behalf of the class, in the following address, presented him with a nice dining chair which they managed to smuggle into the house.

Dear Mr. Lester,—Unknown to you, the secret of the anniversary of your birthday has become known to us, the "Good Will Bible Class." That is, the day, not the number of years, though we hope to know that too before the evening closes, even though we won't celebrate

this fact, in consideration of your feelings, and the number here present, as children oft times do.

We did not feel like letting this festive occasion pass without giving you some token of our esteem and appreciation for the interest you have taken in all the young people, both in and outside your home, for we all feel that your home is open to us at all times for advice or help in any way. We especially appreciate your work, together with your esteemed wife, in regards to our class. You have kept us together by your own efforts at times when it seemed the class must go down, though we know we must have tried your patience many times. For a class of girls are very often inattentive as well as boys. But the knowledge and insight of the great Book and the lessons which we have learned through discussions and lessons under your guidance cannot help but influence us for the best and noblest work and our future life, and this we owe to you. Therefore allow me in the name of the class to present to you this little gift, and we want to picture you filling this some winter evening as you sit by the fireside and call to mind each of the members of your "Good Will Bible Class" as they go out to fill their places in the great world of today.

Brother Lester was so completely surprised that for a few minutes he was speechless, but he recovered himself and said a few appropriate words of thanks.

Rev. Henry Smith reports good meetings and good interest on the Marysville-Penniac circuit.

The Fredericton church is holding a daily meeting from 3 to 4 o'clock p.m., preparatory for special revival services to begin Nov. 14th. Brother F. W. Foster, of Fort Fairfield, Me., and Brother H. S. and Sister Mullen of Nova Scotia, assisting.

Sister I. F. Keirstead visited her brother at Lower Southampton over Sunday, the 24th, and incidentally held a meeting in which she spoke to the people, who listened very attentively for the unusual length of time people are willing to listen, an hour. Very good for a sick missionary.

The Cedar Lake, N. S., church has adopted the individual communion service.

Rev. S. H. Clark is a hard worker, and only a hard worker can do the work required on a large circuit. Some of our circuits are large enough for two pastors.

Brother F. W. Foster just closed a week's services at Perth, where he enjoyed a successful meeting. He expects to arrive at Fredericton on the 13th.

Rev. W. B. Wiggins visited Beulah Camp Ground on the 20th, accompanied by Brother G. B. Storey, and closed up the grounds and buildings for the season.

AVARICE UNDER A CLOAK.

Avarice says one, "covered with the veil of religion, is one of those things on which Christ looks with the greatest indignation in his church. Merchandise of holy things, simoniacal presentations, fraudulent exchanges, a mercenary spirit in sacred functions; ecclesiastical employments obtained by flattery, service or attendance, or by anything which is instead of money: Collations, nominations and elections made through any other motive than the glory of God. These are all fatal and damnable profanations, of which those in the temple were only a shadow."—*Quesnel.*

Don't forget to read the little label on your Highway; it may be time for you to renew.