

holiness because it has been so generally neglected. The church is so far behind in this matter and so few are in the business that we can never catch up if we do nothing else the balance of our days. When we advertise a holiness meeting, it should be holiness from start to finish and with no uncertain sound. People come there to hear about holiness, without which no man will see the Lord, and often it is their only opportunity for a whole year. Hence every moment is precious. The centre of the target ought to be hit at every service. What shall we say of those meetings advertised as holiness meetings where the subject is never preached upon; where it is preached a few times; of those that never discuss the sin question; and we have them, too, and too many, if at all. Some of you will say, "Let me give you some instances that I do not get them second hand." Think of a county holiness association holding a camp meeting for ten days and only four sermons preached on holiness. Think of another held within eighteen months where no one could think at its close of one definite sermon on holiness. Think of another where one of the evangelists complained that he would get the meeting just where he wanted it and the other helpers when it came their time preached on holiness and let it all down. Think of an evangelist endorsed by a state holiness association who held a ten-day meeting and had to be requested by the people to preach on holiness. Think of a president of a state association in the midst of a battle giving a Bible reading of a general religious character, prefacing it by saying, "This is a new Bible reading. I have never given it before." If he had time to study them on holiness. Think of a meeting held in a Methodist church by a Moody student and the holiness leader of a certain city endorsing it, when it was nothing more or less than Keswickism—the baptism with the Holy Ghost giving power for service. I was at a camp meeting where the preacher was indulging in generalities and never showing up the old man or touching the sin question, and a lot of our people really believed they were hearing holiness preaching. Think of a holiness camp where the sermons on the last Sunday evening, the most important service of the meeting, where the sermon was wholly on secret societies, and then an invitation was given at the close to seek holiness, and, of course, no one sought. We have cited these instances which might be multiplied, to show the drift of things in some quarters. Who is interested in straight, definite radical holiness? Let him cry out and spare not.

THE IDEAL MINISTER.

By Timothy Kilbourn.

The man who is simply earning his bread and butter in a straight collar, clerical vest and coat, is no more to be honored than any other man who takes advantage of a tradition or custom to practice an art to secure his mattress, meat and malt.

There is just one great cure for professionalism in the church, and that is love—love for Jesus Christ and our fellow men.

And when a man starts out in the ministry with this love burning in his heart to lead men and women to Jesus Christ, there is no mistaking that dominant note.

Think about yourself, about what you want, what respect people ought to pay you and what people think of you—in other words, centre all your thoughts on self—and you will have abundance of misery.—*Selected.*

Ministers and Churches.

Rev. J. H. Coy was not able to fill his appointments on the 17th on account of having contracted a bad cold.

Rev. H. S. Dow and the editor exchanged pulpits on the 24th. We are glad to report the Woodstock church and Sunday school in excellent working order, having strong spiritual vitality in the fact that it is a praying church and has a strong force of Sunday school workers. The Fredericton church enjoyed Brother Dow's visit very much and want him to come again. While in Woodstock we were royally entertained at the home of Dr. J. E. and Sister Jewett.

Brother F. T. Wright visited his home on the 18th returning to Grand Manan on the 22nd. The Seal Cove church has requested Brother Wright's ordination which the committee who were appointed by the Alliance will arrange for it at an early date.

A note from Rev. H. C. Archer says: Our services are good and the interest is coming up. One professed conversion in the regular service last week.

A new member was received into the Fredericton church Sunday evening the 17th inst.

We now have two Reformed Baptist churches in South Africa. The more recently organized church across the Pongolo river from our Mission Station has a membership of forty. Dr. Sanders baptised three converts there on December 3rd and received several into the church.

Rev. A. H. Trafton preaches regularly at Clearview, N. B., and Easton, Me.

The editor passed through Hartland on the 25th and enjoyed a pleasant call with Rev. P. J. and Mrs. Trafton and their family at the cozy little parsonage. They are deservedly appreciated all over their pastorate. We also had a few minutes call with Brother S. Hayden and Sister Shaw at Somerville, N. B., whom we found in fairly good health of body and triumphant through grace.

Rev. G. B. Trafton is holding special revival services at St. John. Brother Fred W. Foster of Fort Fairfield is assisting him.

Rev. I. F. Kierstead, who has accepted the pastorate of the North Head Grand Manan church, has spent the past week in Fredericton, and will return to Grand Manan on Saturday.

Sister Kierstead has undergone a serious operation at the Victoria Hospital. Although in a weak condition she is doing as well as can be expected and we hope for her speedy recovery.

I want to acknowledge in your columns the kindness of friends, who on Thursday evening, January 21st, gave us such a pleasant surprise by coming to our home for an evening with their pastor and wife. During the evening Bro. G. S. Cosman was called to the chair, and after prayer by Rev. W. W. Howe, he presented to us on behalf of the church and congregation, a purse of \$68.00 as a small token of appreciation of our work among them. We feel very much indebted to these dear ones for their many kindnesses since coming here. Before going home the ladies served a very excellent lunch which they had provided and which all enjoyed. We were also remembered at Christmas with personal gifts of cash and other things from some of our brothers and sisters here, together with our annual gift from Deacon E. Cosman and wife of a very fine turkey. We believe the Lord will richly repay for all these kindnesses.

Am in special meetings now. Brother F. W. Foster is assisting.

Yours, Etc., G. B. TRAFTON.

HOMILY FOR PREACHERS.

E. P. Marvin.

Make no apologies. If you have a message from God, deliver it; if not, hold your peace. Do not waste time with long prefaces or introductions, and spoil the appetite for dinner by too much thin soup. Say good things from the start and stop before you get prosy. Do not keep on talking after you are done. Better leave the people longing than loathing. Do not try to make up in length what is lacking in strength. Let the clatter of the mill cease when the grist is ground.

Remember that you are a Specialist, under a great commission, and not a cyclopedia nor an all-rounder to do house-cleaning for the world. You have a message from Heaven, and it is deeply dyed with sacred blood. Preach the preaching God bids you. He that winneth souls is wise.

You are not to prattle in the dialect of culture for scientists, nor to play vaudeville to the galleries. Do not go daft on X Y Z trumpery society and split in your church. Do not make a specialty of the young or any other class, but serve all impartially. Have no petted nor neglected classes. Cultivate the Catholicity of Christianity and not the clannishness of classes.

Do not preach old sermons without warming and improving. Grown men do not look well in boys clothes. Do not stop growing and making new sermons as long as you live. Do not harp too much on one string; variety is interesting, and God has given you an interesting variety of themes.

Leave self out of the pulpit and take Christ in. Preach the gospel faithfully and fearlessly. Take care of your character and let God take care of your reputation. Do not seek popularity; let it seek you. If lied about, thank the devil for lifting from you the curse on men concerning whom all men speak well. God may love you for the enemies you make.

Any coward can praise Christ, but it takes a royal hero to follow him. Paul kept the faith and lost his head, but God will give it back to him gloriously crowned. A setting star may rise again, but a falling star never. Do not abuse people for not liking you.

Do not run away from your hearers. Engine wheels buzz on an icy track, but they turn slower when they draw a load. Do not scream; too much noise drowns sense. Empty vessels rings loudest, and when a man is empty he often yells. Power is not shot, and thunder is not lightning. The Holy Spirit, with the truth plainly spoken, does the work. Be filled with the Holy Ghost and faith.

You are not a preacher, no matter whose hands have been laid on you, unless you know the truth and are anointed by the Holy Spirit. A horse that can run is a racer, with or without pedigree.

Do not scold. Do not abuse faithful souls, who come to meetings rainy days, because of the absent. Always preach as well as you can, but do your best for those who come on rainy days. Christ preached marvelously to one woman at the well, and to one Rabbi at night.

Ventilate your meetinghouse; sleeping in church is due more to physical causes than bad manners. Do not repeat sentences, saying, "As I said before." If you said it plainly before, say anything else after it. Do not end messages of Scripture with "And so forth." Leave out big words that you cannot define, and do not expect your hearers to bring Webster's dictionary. Stop declaiming and talk to the peo-