

## Ministers and Churches.

Rev. P. J. Trafton preached at Perth morning and evening, Sunday, May 16.

Rev. H. C. Archer visited Woodstock last week. He was the guest of Brother and Sister F. M. Boyd.

Dr. Sanders reports the baptism and reception of four members into the church across the Pongolo river at Eutungwina, in South Africa, the first of March.

Brother Sabine will go to Beulah the second week in June to take charge of the work of the preparation of the camp ground for the meeting.

Rev. A. H. Trafton had charge of the service on the Hartland circuit May 16th and 23rd, in the absence of the pastor.

Rev. H. S. Dow has been holding special services at Woodstock assisted by Rev. P. J. Trafton. A good interest has been awakened and many helped and the work strengthened. Brothers Trafton and Dow held an all day meeting at Hartland on the 24th.

Rev. S. H. Clark expects to come to Beulah about June 24th.

Rev. L. T. Sabine has received a call to remain pastor of the Norton circuit for another year. He has the matter under consideration.

Rev. F. T. Wright baptised one convert at Seal Cove, Grand Manan, on the 23rd inst.

An excellent missionary meeting was held in the church at Fredericton on the evening of the 27th. The programme by the children and young people was enjoyed very much by the audience.

Rev. W. B. Wiggins expects to visit Westchester, N. S., church June 18-20.

All will be interested in Dr. Sanders' letter in this issue. Don't forget to pray for our work in South Africa.

Don't forget the Calais church fund. We feel assured of a generous response from the people.

Rev. S. H. Clark will conclude his pastoral work on the Sandford, Port Maitland, Cedar Lake, and Brazil Lake, N. S., circuit with the meeting of the Alliance. Brother Clark has done good, faithful work on this circuit, including the addition of a fine new little church at Cedar Lake, and repairs on Brazil Lake church, as well as his work as a faithful pastor and preacher.

Rev. I. F. Kierstead gave the hand of fellowship to one new member on the 16th inst., at North Head church.

We are glad to note that the daughter of Rev. C. S. Hilyard, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis in the hospital at Portland, Me., is now recovering.

Sister Ella Slipp, our Sunday school agent, will send the blank forms to the secretaries of the Sunday schools. Please fill them out and return to her at West Jonesport, Me., as early as possible.

## HUMILITY.

Humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is to have no trouble.

It is never to be fretted, or vexed, or irritated, or sore, or disappointed.

It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go in and shut the door, and kneel to my Father in secret, and am at peace as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and above is trouble.—*Andrew Murray.*

## THE CROSS.

Blest they who seek,  
While in their youth,  
With spirit meek,  
The way of truth.

To them the sacred Scriptures now display  
Christ as the only true and living way.  
His precious blood on Calvary was given  
To make us heirs of endless bliss in heaven.  
And e'en on earth the child of God can trace  
The glorious blessings of his Savior's grace.

For them He bore  
His Father's frown;  
For them He wore  
The thorny crown,  
Nailed to the cross,  
Endured its pain,  
That this life's loss  
Might be our gain.  
Then haste to choose  
That better part,  
Nor e'er refuse  
The Lord thy heart,  
Lest He declare,  
"I know you not,"  
And deep despair  
Should be your lot.

Now look to Jesus, who on Calvary died,  
And trust in Him who there was crucified.

—*Selected.*

## GOD CARES! DO WE?

"Forget not that your first and principal business as a disciple of Christ is to give the gospel to those who have it not. He who is not a missionary Christian will be a missing Christian when the great day comes of bestowing awards of service. Therefore, ask yourselves daily what the Lord would have you do in connection with the work of carrying the news of salvation to the perishing millions. Search carefully whether he would have you go yourself to the heathen, if you have the youth and fitness required for the work. Or, if you cannot go in person, inquire diligently what blood mortgage there is upon your property in the interest of Foreign Missions, how much you owe to the heathen because of what you owe to Christ for redeeming you with his precious blood. I warn you that it will go hard with you, when your Lord comes to reckon with you, if he finds your wealth hoarded up in needless accumulations instead of being sacredly devoted to giving the gospel to the lost.—*Dr. A. J. Gordon.*

## WHAT A PRAYER!

How long will it take this sort of living and praying to save the world? Yet how many are dangerously near it: "O Christ, I belong to thy Church. I go once in a while, when I'm not too tired, the weather is not too alluring for automobiling, or company does not drop in, or other essential matters take up my attention. I give for the support of thy Church, though I confess it is not what it might be, still it is something. I love to feel that my name is on the Church book, though I have no great interest in the work of the Church. I know my heart is not really there. But to me the Church is a sort of refuge after all, and I pray thee at the last day to let me in."—*Exchange.*

"Man cannot outgrow the Bible till he outgrows his need of God."

"It is not right to sacrifice your principles to save another's feelings."

## THE MINISTER WHO WOULD NOT GO.

Old Jason Strong looked up as Mr. Aman came into the store. Jason Strong was rich, irreligious, old and stubborn.

"Come to talk religion to me, I suppose," he said to himself, for Mr. Aman was a prominent church man.

"Well, he might as well save his words. It won't do any good. I'm not going to church now or ever. I know preachers pretty well. All they're after is the money. Cut the salary down and see how long they'll stay. I know 'em to a man. Well, I guess I do."

Mr. Aman came toward the counter. Old Jason lifted his shrewd eyes.

"Things moving along pretty well at the church now?" he asked, casually.

"Never better," was the reply, given a little absently.

"By the way, our minister has been offered a larger salary," he added.

Jason smiled a hard, shrewd smile.

"Same old story," he answered, dryly. "Sorry to go, but he feels he must—has a larger field. When does he start?"

Mr. Aman smiled.

"He's not going," he returned, quickly.

"Not going!" demanded old Jason. "How much was the increase in salary, then? I'll warrant it doesn't amount to much or he'd have gone."

"We pay him six hundred; he was offered twelve," replied Mr. Aman. "Twice as much as we give him."

Jason Strong stood still and stared at the good man.

"Twelve," he repeated, "and he wouldn't go!"

"No," answered Mr. Aman, "he wouldn't go."

There was a silence. Jason broke it.

"Well," he said, "if anybody but you had told me that I wouldn't have believed it, but I know your word is as good as your bond. I suppose it's true, all right enough?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Aman, "it is quite true."

He took Jason's hand.

"Dear old friend," he said, "didn't you know that there are some people yet who love the Lord so well they'd work for him with small thought of earthly gain? You remember there was one who did it a long time ago—Paul. Well, there has been a few since. Our minister knows our needs. He understands our financial straits. He knows that we are not able to pay him another dollar, and he knows, too, that if he left us now we might have to give up the struggle. He is going to stay; and if he is offered more than twice as much as we can pay him he is not going to leave us. He's a rare man, is our minister."

For a moment Jason did not reply. Then, squaring his shoulders, he looked up.

"Brother," he said, "I've held out long enough, and I acknowledge it. I'm beaten, and I am glad I am. And, see here, I guess other people besides the minister can do things, too. You may expect me over at the church next Sunday morning, and I want to be no drone, sir. I want to be no drone."—*Watchword.*

There is great danger that some preachers who have opposed the great Wesleyan doctrine of sanctification, lose sight of the importance of regeneration and simply seek to get people into the church instead of repenting and seeking a new heart and salvation in Christ. The church-joining meeting is becoming distressingly common.—*Pentecostal Herald.*