

Ministers and Churches.

The following ministers attended the quarterly meeting at Marysville: Revs. A. H. Trafton, J. H. Coy, W. B. Wiggins, S. H. Clarke, H. S. Dow, I. F. Keirstead and wife, S. A. Baker, Evangelists H. S. and Mrs. Mulen and Licenciate Perley Briggs.

Rev. H. C. Archer preached at Grey's Mills on the 10th.

Rev. E. W. Lester preached in the Methodist church at Penniac Sunday afternoon, the 10th inst.

There was a good attendance at the quarterly meeting Sunday. Rev. W. B. Wiggins preached at 11 a. m.; S. A. Baker at 3 p. m., and H. S. Dow at 7.30 p. m. A good number were at the altar.

Rev. J. H. Coy baptized two persons on Sept. 3 at Listerville and received them into the membership of the church at Royalton—the result of services held by Licenciate Perley Briggs. Brother Briggs has received and accepted a call to remain pastor of the Royalton church.

Rev. S. H. Clark preached at the morning and evening services on the 10th inst. at Fredericton. Brother Clarke made a good impression upon the audiences present.

The Editor will begin his pastoral duties with the Moncton church on the 17th.

Rev. J. H. Coy spent two days in Fredericton this week.

Sister I. F. Keirstead spent two days in Fredericton after the close of the quarterly meeting, returning to Millville on the 13th.

Revs. P. J. Trafton and H. S. Dow returned last week from the Richland Camp meeting. They enjoyed a good time and feel that it paid them well to go. They will write up their trip.

Rev. P. J. Trafton received one member into the church at Gordonsville on the 10th inst.

Brother Dow and Brother and Sister Mulen began the tent meeting at Meductic on the 12th.

MARRIED.

At the Reformed Baptist parsonage, Marysville, N. B., by Rev. E. W. Lester, on August 30th, 1916, Mr. Kenneth J. Moore and Miss Bessie A. Christie, both of Penniac, N. B.

At Woodstock, N. B., Aug. 26th, by Rev. W. B. Wiggins, B. A., Wm. H. Owen of Milo, Me., to Lillian M. Webster of Patten, Me.

At Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 5th, by Rev. W. B. Wiggins, B. A., Andrew Peterson of Houlton, Me., to Mary Jones of Bridgewater, Me.

A pleasant event took place at the home of B. F. Richardson, Lower Brighton, Wednesday, August 23rd, at 3 o'clock, p. m., when Annie Helen Davis and James Fraser Richardson were united in marriage by Rev. P. J. Trafton, in the presence of a large number of invited guests. After the ceremony a sumptuous repast was partaken of. The presents were numerous and beautiful showing the high esteem in which they were held.

MISSIONARY FUND.

Mrs. F. H. H., per I. M. K., Native Worker \$10.00

When you hear an ill report about anyone, halve and quarter it, and then say nothing about the rest.—*Spurgeon*.

Personals.

Mrs. Edward Higgins started Friday for Boston to join her son, Clarence, who went to that place Monday. They then went to New York, whence they sail for England Thursday, September 7, to visit Mrs. Higgins' son, Clyde, a soldier in the Canadian contingent of the British army. The trip will probably occupy nearly six weeks.—*Ft. Fairfield Review*.

Sister Dibblee Tanner, who has been living with her children near Boston, Mass., is visiting her old home at Norton, accompanied by her daughter, Miss F. M. Dibblee. They spent last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood, Mrs. Tanner's brother, at Fredericton.

All will sympathize with Mrs. Dr. Sanders, and her father, Rev. A. Kinney, and their family, in the death of her brother, Redmond Kinney, who was killed in action in France on June 5th.

We call special attention in this issue regarding the purchase of the Missionary Farm.

Brother Frank McLardy is now in England. His address is No. 709936 C. E. T. D., Shorneclift, Kent, England. He sent his renewal for the Highway. His brother, Donald, is in the same camp. He says: "Benj. Oliver, ex-C. P. R. agent at Cardigan, and Arthur Rockwell of St. Marys are with me. I see Frank Watson quite often."

OBITUARY.

KILLED IN ACTION.

North Head, N. B., Aug. 7.—The sad news came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Flagg of the death of their son, Eugene N. Flagg, who was killed in action on July 5 in one of the big battles somewhere in France. Previous to enlisting for the 55th Battalion he had spent five years in business in New York. Besides his sorrowing parents he is survived by three sisters—Mrs. J. C. Gould, of Cardiff, Wales; Mrs. H. E. Atwood, of Medford (Mass.), and Miss Florence, at home.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Brother and Sister Flagg in this sad loss of another son by a tragic death. They lost a son some years ago by being lost from a vessel at sea.

Died—At Jacksonville, Fla., on July 6th, Mrs. John Paxton. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Crosby of East Brenton, Yarmouth Co., N. S. She leaves to mourn their loss, besides her parents, a husband, son, one sister and two brothers. The remains were brought home, accompanied by her husband, and interment was made on the 12th inst. at the Reformed Baptist Cemetery at Brazil Lake. Formerly she was a member of that church.

SELFISH GRASPING.

In Brazil there is a plant called the "nata-dor," or murderer. It climbs the most vigorous tree with its arm-like tendrils at short intervals, until it reaches the top, when it shoots out a huge flowery head above the strangled summit, as if in token of triumph, for the tree is destroyed. Selfish grasping after earthly gain constitutes that parasite of the soul which climbs up into a man's being, ever sending out its arm-like tendrils as it ascends, until its deadly bloom of utter worldliness at the summit of his being declares that so far as God and heaven are concerned, the man is lost; "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." He may seem wise in his own eyes, but God's verdict is, "thou fool."—*Sel.*

injunction of James into modern language it would be, "Use the best approved means, quinine, aconite, etc., and pray and call upon the church, represented by the elders, to invoke the divine blessing upon the remedies."

Before we leave this text in St. James, we call attention to an irrefutable proof that the phrase "prayer of faith" is not the grace of faith which anybody can exercise, but a special gift sovereignly bestowed. James says, "the effectual prayer....availeth much." This translation, as Dr. Wheldon observes, "is almost tautology," the effectual prayer produces an effect. The Revised Version endeavors to obviate this difficulty thus: "The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working." But the old English annotators, Benson, Bull, Hammond, MacKnight, and the German Machaelis, and the modern Dr. Wheldon insist that the original for "in its working" is passive, signifying inwrought." The prayer is a special exercise supernaturally inspired, and the faith is not the common grace of faith required of all, but the extraordinary gift of faith *inwrought* by the Holy Spirit, and it is classed with the nine charisms described in I Cor. 12:8-11, which are distributed by the Spirit "to every man severally as he will." Hence, failure in the faith-cure is inevitable in every case where the prayer of faith is not energized or inwrought by the Holy Spirit. There were probably such failures in the days of James in the case of those who did not by prayer seek to know the will of God before calling for the elders. In all cases where the gift of faith preceded this call, there could be no failure.

The relation of this subject to the work of the Holy Spirit is very intimate. "Likewise, the Spirit also helpeth our infirmity (singular number, Rev. Ver.); for we know not how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit maketh intercession for us with groanings which can not be uttered." Here the infirmity is ignorance of what lies in the divine will. Is it pardon, the new birth, entire sanctification, the fulness of the Spirit or grace to help in time of need? No Bible reader need be in perplexity respecting all these spiritual blessings. "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not also with Him freely give us all things?" This text (Rom. 8:32) following so soon after that which emphasizes our ignorance of what is best for us and our need of a divine Teacher (cer.26), is in seeming contradiction to it, and it can be harmonized in no other way than by understanding that the "all things" which are promised "with Him" are spiritual blessings, while the things in respect to which we are ignorant, whether we should pray for them or not, are temporal blessings, relief in want, deliverance out of peril, ease when in pain, and restoration from sickness.

SINGING BOOKS.

The Editor of the Highway has made arrangements with the Christian Witness Company for their singing books, so that churches wanting any number, from a half dozen up, can obtain them through him. "The Best of All Complete," "The Songs of Praise and Power," "The Songs of the Kingdom," and others.

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S. A. BAKER.

"If a man is growing large in wealth, nothing but constant giving can keep him from growing small in soul."—J. Campbell White.