

THE ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EXERCISES AT MONCTON,

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Reformed Baptist Sunday School took place Friday evening, Dec. 29th, and was largely attended. The Superintendent, Mr. Moses Somers, presided.

The following programme was splendidly carried out:

- Orchestra Selection.
- Chorus, School—"Come to the Feast."
- Scripture Reading and Prayer.—Pastor.
- Exercise, Christmas Welcome—Fifteen Boys and Girls.
- Orchestra Selection.
- Chorus, "Jack Frost"—Children.
- Recitation—Henry Crips.
- Solo—Little Mary Gear.
- Recitation, "His Father's Escape"—Warman Hopper.
- Duet, "Silent Night"—Misses Rose and Helen Blakney.
- Recitation—Fred Blakney.
- Reading with Chorus, Mrs. Frank Somers—"Class Mizpah."
- Orchestra Selection.
- Recitation—Frank Crips.
- Exercise, "Christmas Emblems"—Six Girls.
- Solo—Mrs. W. A. McCallum with Chorus by Class.
- Recitation, "Cripple Tim"—Mrs. Gordon Mitton.
- Chorus, "Bethlehem's Star"—Children.
- Recitation, "Some Things a Boy Can Do"—Harold Freeze.
- Exercise—"Shining Stars"—Six Girls.
- Chorus, "The Heavenly Song"—Mrs. Baker's Class of Young Ladies.
- Exercise, "Signal Lights"—E. M. Tingley's Class of Boys.
- Recitation, "Vote of Thanks"—Clyde Blakney.

PRESENTATION TO MRS. BAKER.

Mrs. E. M. Tingley then read the following address and presented Mrs. (Rev.) S. A. Baker with a purse on behalf of the "Sisters of the Church."

To Mrs. S. A. Baker:

Dear Sister:—Knowing that this is a time of rejoicing on account of the celebrating of the event of God's best gift to man, we take advantage of the festive season (and as the Church has remembered your husband, Rev. Mr. Baker, in another way) we, the Sisters of the Church and Congregation, thought we could not let this opportunity pass without expressing to you in a tangible way our esteem and love for you.

Although you have been with us but a short time, yet it has been long enough for us to see where you have been a great help and blessing to us. We feel that you are interested in us and anxious to be of service to us. In closing we would ask you to accept as a small token of our esteem and appreciation the accompanying purse of \$27, and with it we wish to convey to you and your husband our heartiest good wishes for the future. May God's richest blessing ever rest upon you both is our earnest prayer.

The school and all present were given a Christmas treat, and the evening's programme closed with the National Anthem and Benediction.

A TESTIMONY.

I testify that it is possible for believers to be so filled with the Holy Ghost that they can live many years on the earth conscious every day of a meetness for the inheritance of the saints in light, and of no shrinking back, because of a felt need of further inward cleansing, from an instant translation into the society of the holy angels and into the presence of the Holy God. This was my daily experience since 1870. I have the Johannean evidence that my love is pure and unmixed—that is, perfected—in the fact that I have boldness in view of the day of judgment. This joyful boldness is grounded on the assurance of a conformity to the image of the Son of God, and that I am, through the transfiguring power of the Spirit, like Him in purity, and that the Judge will not condemn facsimiles of Himself, "because, even as he is, so are we in this world."—Dr. Daniel Steele.

SERVE WHERE YOU ARE.

A policeman in Birmingham, becoming a Christian, was so greatly troubled by the sights and sounds of sin among which he worked, that for a long time he and his wife prayed:

"Lord, take me out of the police service. Give me some other work."

Still no answer came and no other work was opened for him. At last he said to his wife:

"I think we have been making a great mistake. We have been praying that I may be taken out of the force, and I begin to think that He has put me there to work. Now I am just going to pray that He will help me serve Him where I am."

That was the beginning of a life of marvelous usefulness. His influence over the men was so great that he was promoted to be the head of detectives. He was instrumental in the salvation of many criminals. The place where God has put you is the place you can do the best service for him.—Selected.

THINGS A PREACHER SHOULD DO.

Grow in grace, power, and adaptation to his work.

Keep up the reputation of his class by being just as good a man as possible.

Read the most important new books.

Cultivate habits of punctuality, begin every service on time and close it on time.

Interest himself in the children and young people, for their own good and his own.

Take kindly all honest criticism, and difficult questions arising in his church. The silence of the pastor will often convince both parties that they are wrong, and a well-pondered judgment will have weight.—Selected.

Some people have the love that "suffers long (sermons and prayers and testimonials) and is kind." Others have the kind of love "that believeth all things" (without stopping to consider the character and spirit of the person who tells them).

FOUR QUESTIONS WITH MYSELF.

1. How long would it take to make my community really Christian if every other follower of Christ worked at it and prayed about it just as I do.

2. How long would it take to make my whole nation really Christian if all Christians gave their prayers and efforts and money toward it just as I am doing?

3. How long would it take to make disciples of all nations if all other Christians were to give this great program of Christ the place in their lives that it has in mine?

4. Have I any moral right to expect or demand of other Christians, or even of preachers and missionaries, any service or sacrifice for Christ that I am unwilling to give myself?

The work of winning the world to Christ is my work as really and as fully as it is the work of any one else.—J. Campbell White in *The Christian Missionary*.

CHEAP TALK AGAINST CREEDS.

There is a good deal of talk these days against creed and theology. Some churches are trying to win the world by eliminating all theology from their standards. I would as soon commit a cargo of diamonds to a chartless ship as commit the religious education of my child to a creedless church. When you can have tulips without bulbs, or a body without bones and blood, then will I believe you can have a vital church without the vital beliefs of the gospel. The first requisite of a sound revival is a sound gospel.—Advance.

Two brethren recently went out of a church together; one had the fulness of the blessing good; the other questioned the possibility of it. They talked for some time before parting without one convincing the other, but between that parting and the next meeting the Lord had a little interview with the doubting brother, and he came to the meeting again and he arose and related the circumstance, and said: "Brethren, I am not satisfied;" and turning to the other brother, said, "I was wrong and you were right, and I want the blessing! It was hard for me to acknowledge I was wrong, but I want the blessing."

THE TIME TO WIN THE BATTLE.

When all seems against one, then is the time to pluck up the spirits and fight. To give up when matters are at the worst is to yield the palm of victory to "fate" at the precise moment when a vengeful mind might be excused for resisting the foe to the uttermost. Many a man has been saved from fatal folly by being roused to a pitch of valorous determination in the turning-point in a downward career. "Give in when the power against me is plainly doing its worst? Verily, no! Outlive this, overcome the foe now, and I shall be safe." The faint heart that does not rally thus at the critical moment deserves to die. "It is hard to rally. Of course it is. Nothing that was easy ever produced any great result. It is the hand-to-hand struggle that carries the field.—James Hain Friswell.