

MARRIED.

Nevers-Watson.

A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Viva L. Watson, St. John street, Woodstock, N. B., on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, when Mr. H. Franklin Nevers of Kintore, Victoria Co., N. B., was united in marriage to Miss Hazel Bell, youngest daughter of Mrs. Miriam Watson, of St. John, N. B., in the presence of Miss Watson's most intimate relatives and friends. Rev. W. B. Wiggins officiated.

NOTICE—CHURCH REPORT BLANKS.

I have already mailed the Report Blanks to the churches. If any church fails to receive one please let me know at once and one will be forwarded.

Again we repeat our request that these reports be filled out and forwarded to me at least by the 20th of June. Sooner would be still better. Let the clerks use care and make their work legible and it will save the Corresponding Secretary much trouble.

H. C. MULLEN.

North Head, Grand Manan, N. B.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Highway:

Our special services are still going on, and Brother Smith is preaching the truth, but the truth does not have the effect it did years ago when the people were hungering and thirsting after righteousness, but we are still pressing the battle and looking for victory.

Yours under the blood,

T. W. MOSES.

Beals, Maine, May 25th.

HIGHWAY SUPPLEMENTARY FUND.

Previously acknowledged\$661.82
Rev. F. T. Wright 15.00

MISSIONARY FUND.

P. L. Cosman (Home)\$4.60
Mrs. Howard Cox (Foreign) 1.00
Rev. F. T. Wright (Auto) 5.00
Silas Burt (Foreign) 1.00
Westchester Church (Home) 5.00
F. H. Locke (Home)\$1.00
Mrs. Mary Sipprell (Foreign) 1.00

PRESENTATION.

Dear Highway:

The members of the churches on this circuit made us another surprise when on the eve of our 17th wedding anniversary they presented me with twenty-five dollars and fifty cents. It would be useless for me to try to thank them as I would wish, but I would like to show just a little of my appreciation of their continued thoughtfulness for us through your columns. May the blessing of the Lord rest on them as it always does on the cheerful giver.

Yours truly,

MRS. E. W. LESTER.

Marysville, May 26th, 1918.

MEDUCTIC CHURCH FUND.

Previously acknowledged\$214.50
Mrs. Mary Sipprell 1.00
A Friend 5.00

THE BLESSING OF LIBERALITY.

While Pastor Gossner was living with Fenneburg, one day a poor traveller asked the latter to lend him three dollars, that he might be able to continue his journey, as he had expended all his money sooner than he had calculated. Fenneburg at the time possessed only three dollars, but as the poor man asked him in the name of Jesus, and with much importunity, he lent him all he had, even to his last penny. Some time after, when in extreme want, not knowing what to do or how to help himself, he recollected this fact while at prayer; and, with child-like faith and simplicity, he said, "O Lord, I have lent Thee three dollars, and Thou hast not given them back to me, though Thou knowest how urgently I need them. I pray Thee to return them to me."

The very same day a letter arrived containing money which Gossner delivered to the good man with these words, "Here, sir, you receive what you advanced." The letter contained two hundred dollars, which were sent him by a rich man, at the solicitation of the poor traveller to whom he had lent his all.

Fenneburg, quite overcome with surprise, said in his simple way, "Oh, dear Lord, one cannot say a simple word to Thee without being put to shame."—Sel.

THE CHURCH PAPER.

A prominent Presbyterian Church, on its weekly program, printed the following reasons for taking the church paper:

1. A religious paper makes Christians more intelligent.
2. It makes them more useful.
3. It secures better pay for the pastor.
4. It secures better teachers for the Sabbath School.
5. It secures better attendance at the prayer meeting.
6. It leads to a better understanding of the Scripture.
7. It increases interest in the spread of the Gospel.
8. It promotes unity of faith and practice in the church.
9. It exposes error.
10. It places weapons in the hands of all to defend the truth.
11. It affords a channel of communication between brethren.
12. It gives the news from the churches.
13. It awakens the talent of the church and makes it more useful.
14. It throws light upon obscure questions of practical interest.
15. It is a great aid in the study of the Bible.
16. It cultivates a taste for reading.
17. It makes the children more intelligent.
18. It makes better children.
19. It creates interest in the salvation of others.
20. It gives the current news of general interest.

"Perfect and undisturbed soul-peace is the Christian's privilege, but one that is realized by comparatively few of the people of God."

HE DOES NOT GUIDE WHERE HE DOES NOT GOVERN.

Not long since we met with the above words in our reading. The writer was discussing the person and work of the Holy Spirit. How true this must be: "He does not guide where He does not govern."

There are many who have prayed earnestly for the gift and abiding of the Holy Spirit, and have wondered why He did not come. The promises are very positive, the need very great, the prayers have been very earnest and oft-repeated, but somehow, the answer has not been realized. Perhaps the trouble is just here: The life is not fully consecrated. There may even be a deeply hidden, selfish motive in asking for the gift of the Spirit. James tells us that we ask and receive not because we ask amiss, that we may consume it upon our own pleasure. The human heart is deeply deceitful. Let us carefully examine our motives. Why do we want the Holy Spirit? That we may have an ecstatic experience? That we may be eloquent and influential preachers? That we may have more power over men? That we may have larger results and greater income? Selfishness. Let us desire and ask for Him that we may be fully conformed to the will of God and used entirely for His glory. If we would receive Him, our consecration must be complete. If we would have Him guide, we must let Him govern.—Exchange.

From the "American Messenger" of April, 1918, we reprint the following:

"S. O. S.' and 'Fag Ends for God' were the subjects advertised for morning and evening service in the pulpit of a city church on a recent Sunday. Again and again they have recurred to my mind as I thought of the neglect of public worship by many Christian people. Many are giving the brightest and best Sabbath days to pleasure and physical refreshment and are attending church only occasionally if at all.

"At a gathering of ministers the discussion centered in the question whether nature could exalt a man to true worship. 'Whether mountains and forests can rouse the impulse of praise and adoration is not the practical question: the real question is 'Do they?' said one minister. 'Do the pleasure parties which spend the Sabbath day in the park feel that the groves were God's first temples? Do those who visit the beach glorify God by their worship there?'

"Too much automobile, I guess," was the response of one church member, when he was asked why he did not attend services. The answer was lightly made, but when the doors of the house of the Lord are shut, by his own act, to any human being, the condition is alarming. That soul might appropriately send out the S. O. S. call."—Selected.

NOTICE—S. S. REPORT BLANKS.

Blank Forms have been sent to all Secretaries of the different Sunday Schools. Please attend to filling them in and return by June 20th to

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