

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

We are delighted with the grand triumph of real faith in the erection of Victoria Church. The report of the dedication and the wonderful spirit of benevolence of the people. God certainly blessed this little band of his children.

Rev. P. J. and Mrs. Trafton are spending a week or more among the people of the Hartland circuit.

Rev. S. A. and Mrs. Baker spent last week in Bangor, Me., visiting Mrs. Baker's sister, Mrs. J. R. Carle, who is in a very frail state of health.

Rev. H. C. Mullen will begin his special services at Victoria, assisted by Rev. W. E. Smith, Oct. 31st. Brother Smith visited his family in West Somerville, Mass., last week, after two weeks meeting at Mercer.

Misses Helen and Alice Sterritt began their work in the Calais and Jonesport and Beals section of our churches on the 24th.

Rev. W. W. Howe is in special services assisted by Rev. R. C. Potter.

The Nova Scotia and Grand Manan churches gave a hearty welcome to our missionaries, and were generous in their contributions.

THE BIBLE IN THE HOME.

"It is told by the mother of a family whose husband was an unbeliever, who jested at religion, and did so even before his children, that she, nevertheless, succeeded in bringing them all up in the fear of the Lord.

Asked how she managed to do this, she said:—"Because to the authority of a father I did not oppose the authority of a mother, but that of God."

CHERISHING SELFISHNESS.

Christian parents do greatly err who put ornaments and fine clothing upon their children knowing that this panders to the natural pride of their hearts and makes repentance more difficult. They should never allow them to wear anything that they know they must put off to be genuine Christians. Rev. George C. Baldwin once wrote:

"How terrible is the mistake those parents are making who are constantly cherish the selfishness of their daughters by administering to their vanity, by loading them with finery, and exempting them from duties which they ought to discharge. How many a mother makes herself a slave in order to make her daughter a lady; wears out her own energies in order that her daughter may loll away her time in laziness and waste her sympathies over the sickly sentimentalism of a shilling novel! And what a lady such a girl makes! A man who has regard for his future peace and prosperity had better marry a great doll on whose India rubber face the red and white paint legitimately belong than marry her, for what can humanity expect of a selfish wife—a cold-hearted, selfish mother?"—Sel.

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane babblings.—2 Tim. 2-15.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. David Scoville, Cedar Lake, N. S., says: Find enclosed renewal for the Highway.

Trusting him whate'er befall,
Trusting Jesus; that is all.

Mrs. Adelia Miller says: I love the Highway; it has been worth more than the price to me. I receive so much help and comfort from its clean pages, I would not like to be without it.

A letter from Sister D. H. Nixon Oct. 19th. She reports no improvement in her sight as yet. But Sister Nixon still continues to rejoice in the Lord. She is meeting many friends.

G. B. Nixon will move into the S. Hayden Shaw house at Hartland. This will be a special pleasure to Sister Shaw to get near the church for the winter months, as also for the family.

We are sorry to learn of the illness of Sisters Mrs. Lucy Tedford and Mrs. Howard Thurston, of Sandford, N. S.

Brother P. B. Hurlburt, formerly of Cedar Lake, N. S., has moved to Yarmouth, N. S.

Brother F. T. Kimball and Mrs. Kimball, and daughter left for Florida on the 26th.

Brother A. J. McPherson was a passenger on his way to Evansdale on the 18th inst.

All of the Highway readers will be glad to read the letter of our dear Brother Ingersoll. Pray that the pull may be strong and definite and all needed provisions may develop.

Sister Miss Susie E. Case has changed her residence from Elliott Row, St. John, N. B., to 329 Pearl St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Leslie Wiggins, who was seriously injured by an automobile accident a few weeks ago, is on the way to recovery.

Miss Alice Goodspeed is still very ill in the Victoria Hospital at Fredericton, N. B., having undergone a very serious operation. Very little hope has been entertained for her recovery. The latest report was more favorable. Her recovery would be considered a miracle of God's power by her immediate friends in answer to prayer.

EXPOSITION.

The Ministry of Prayer.

Rev. Joseph H. Smith in Heart and Life.

"Ye are a royal priesthood." I. Pet. 2:9.

Notice that we move at once into a broader circle than that of praying for our own needs, namely, that of ministering to others by praying for them. The highest function of man is prayer. The highest prerogative of man is that of prayer.

Prayer is a law of the universe, as truly as is gravitation. Not an incident, an accident, or an intrusion, but a part of the economy of God. By this law God plans to conjoin the spiritual with the material in the universe. By this law, also, He plans to harness up man with Himself in the accomplishment of His plans for the world.

God is not responsible for all that happens in this world. He is not responsible for the fact that many of us are not as happy nor as useful as we might be. He

has made His great plans, but He is not responsible if work is not accomplished for which we have not prayed. Isa. 59:16, "He . . . wondered that there was no intercessor." Also Ezek. 22:30, "And I sought for a man among them that should . . . stand in the gap before me for the land that I should not destroy it; but I found none."

Consider the story of Abraham's intercession for Sodom and Gomorrah. God told Abraham, His friend, of His plan in order to move Abraham to intercession. Who knows what a sparing of the people for further chance for repentance there might have been had Abraham kept on praying!

We must not let the sound of the warnings in prophecy defeat us in our praying. The policeman blows his whistle, and the automobilist his horn in warning, not that men may cease their watchfulness and efforts for their own safety and that of others, but in warning that there may be added efforts in this direction. Thus the prophets sounded their warnings. What if some great disaster to a community, a church, a home, or a soul, results because we have not prayed. We are enjoined to pray, in order that conditions may be the best possible for the people in this world.

Not only is prayer our highest privilege but it is the imperative support of all our ministry. Paul exhorts us to pray for all rulers, and for those in places of authority. Spurgeon was preaching with great unction and effectiveness, and some one sought to know the secret of his effectiveness. It was found in three hundred men of his church on their knees praying for him. All the advancing interests of His kingdom are as dependent upon prayer as sight is upon an eye, or hearing upon an ear.

The highest ministry, the most forceful ministry, the most necessary ministry is the ministry of prayer. The greatest, the broadest, the deepest, the highest service that we can render is the service of intercessory prayer.

Where is the "man in the breach," where the "man in the gap" to bring things to pass still in our great church? Where are those who know how to pray for our President, for our Governors, for Country in this time of trouble and need?

Both for Country and for Church, let us contribute this to patriotism, our prayer until our loved country is under the sweep of a great old-time revival. No ministry of finances, no mobilization of other forces will accomplish this, but prayer will. The Lord teach us to put "side-boards on our prayers."

For whom have you prayed today?

For what have you prayed?

How much have you prayed for others?

Have you had answers to prayer today?

(Compiled from notes of a lecture given at Chicago Evangelistic Institute.)

In Southern Saskatchewan there are three hundred school districts in which there is no church service nor Sunday School of any denomination among the English-speaking population. Harvest waiting! Laborers few!—Presbyterian Record.