

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

Rev. John E. Hewson is now assisting Brother E. Ray Hagerman in special services at Seal Cove, with success, as about fifteen have come out to the altar so far. Brother H. S. Mullen and wife and Miss Hudson are at Marysville assisting Brother Dow in services there and will continue over Easter Sunday.

We are glad to note the success of the special services at North Head, as also at Seal Cove.

The Camp Meeting Workers Committee report that they have secured Rev. A. P. Gouthey, of Portland, Ore., as the Evangelist for Beulah Camp Meeting the coming summer from June 29th till July 8th, as also Rev. A. L. Whitcomb, of University Park, Iowa, for Riverside Camp Meeting from August 3rd till the 12th.

Rev. H. C. Archer left Moncton on the 20th inst. for St. John, Fredericton and Millville, where he expected to remain on his old circuit for two Sundays, preaching on the 25th as also April 1st.

Mrs. I. F. Keirstead preached at Millville on Sunday, the 11th inst., while visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Estey, there.

Brother Kierstead preached at Bridge-water Centre, Me., on Sunday, the 18th, and while there, Brother R. J. Kimball presented him with a nice Topical Bible. He expects (D. V.) to preach there again on the 25th. He reports the services and Sunday school at Royalton as excellent, and expects to close his pastorate there the last of June.

## HIGHWAY FUND

Below is a list of those who have paid their subscription to the Highway Fund. The need at the present time is pressing. We trust that many more will help us meet our obligations. The Lord bless you, brethren and sisters. We can all give something to this fund.

Please send your subscriptions to the editor by Post Office Order or Postal Note.

P. J. TRAFTON.

Previously acknowledged .....\$404.00  
Hrs. Harry Belyea ..... 3.00  
Mrs. Geo. H. Hartley ..... 10.00

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## GOD IS DEPARTED.

There comes a time when the Spirit, grieved at irresponsiveness, departs to knock no more. Nothing in this world or the next can be compared for horror to the withdrawal of God from us. It involves the perdition of the body and soul, because it is the one force by which evil is restrained and good fostered. Take the sun from the center of the solar system, and each planet breaking from its leash, would pursue a headlong course, colliding with the rest, and dashing into the abyss. So when God's presence is lost, every power of man rises in revolt. Ah! bitter wail when a man realizes the true measure of the calamity which has befallen him, and cries with Saul, "I am sore distressed; for God is departed from me, and answereth me no more."

—F. B. Meyer.

## PERSONALS.

Reports from California state that Mr. and Mrs. Mont Stiles, of Fredericton, are enjoying a good time with their friends.

Brother E. M. Smith and Miss Gayla Smith and Dr. Jewett and wife and other N. B. people are well.

Mrs. G. B. Nixon is going to Somerville, Mass., soon to accompany Sister S. Hayden Shaw back to her home at Hartland. Sister Shaw has enjoyed a pleasant visit with her friends there for the past few months.

Mrs. Lucy Tedford, of Port Maitland, N. S., who has been quite ill, is improving in health.

## MISSIONARY FUND.

Mrs. Abner Sharp .....\$1.00  
Mrs. Annie Hopkins (dresses) ..... 1.00  
New Tuskett S. S. Class, Mite Box,  
by Mrs. P. W. Briggs for Ster-  
ritt Sisters ..... 1.50  
Miss Lillie Blaney ..... 1.00  
Mrs. J. W. Moore (native worker). 16.00

Only three months remain before the meeting of the General Missionary Society for 1923. All of our missionary societies of the churches need to be active in their work. We must not relax in our efforts; our missionaries cannot stay in the field unless we hold them up by our support. Look out for people who talk against missionaries, and want to divert our money to other purposes. Let us pull together. All your money goes to the missionaries. We pay no official salaries.

S. A. BAKER,

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## CHEAP RELIGION.

The passion for cheapness seems to affect all phases of life. The masses must have not only clothes and food at "popular prices" but religion as well. I once read of a lady of fashion who had changed her church relation. On being asked why she had left the old Puritan communion of her fathers for one of so doubtful and recent growth, she frankly replied, "I wish to go to heaven but have made up my mind to go the cheapest way." What this woman honestly confessed, others persistently follow.

The masses want religion at "popular prices." There is little demand for the "pearl of great price" that is worth our greatest sacrifice. A religion that involves no crucifixion of pride, no renunciation of worldly pleasures or Christless associations (no persecution or reproach is the demand of the present age. They want heaven but they want even that at "marked down" prices. Hence the world is filled with cheap religion. The uplifted hand, or a signed card expressing a desire to get something or be something—just what no one knows—is all that is required. Beware of such. A religion that costs nothing is worth nothing. Salvation does not cost too much, even if it costs all one has in this world.

Reader, be fully committed to the will of God. His approval will insure your eternal security. The opposition of Satan often conduces to the spread of the gospel

he so much despises. In working out His purpose God makes even the "wrath of man to praise Him."—B. R. J. in Free Methodist.

## ASKING AMISS IN PRAYER.

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss." We borrow the following list of unanswered prayers:

Selfish prayers.

Prayers of ambition and pride.

Prayers for unnecessary things.

Prayers for anything which would lead to sin.

Prayers for things which if given would cause us to forget God.

Prayers of vain glory and self-righteousness.

Prayers which impose conditions on God.

Prayers which have not as their end the glory of God.

Prayers offered in doubt and distrust.

Prayers of those who are ashamed to own Christ.

Prayers of those who do not reverence and those who discredit his Word.

Prayers of those who are careless and unconcerned about salvation.

The prayers of those who put a single object between themselves and God. The prayers of those who are not willing to obey God implicitly.

The prayers of those who are not willing to sacrifice anything for God.

The prayers of those who love their earthly treasures more than they love God.

When lips pray one way, and the hands work another—or work not at all.

God will not answer prayers that we can answer ourselves.

Any prayer that is not offered through the grace of God and the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ.

How much praying of this kind is heard on earth, but not in heaven—heard by men but not heeded by God. Men often pray to have carnal lusts gratified.—Ex.

## SERIOUS MENACE: TWO SOURCES.

Lovers of purity with clean manhood and womanhood see and fear the great increase of the cigarette habit, and the movie picture shows.

The habit of smoking cigarettes is rapidly growing and the tobacco men are happy over that for it means money to them, and they are as little conscientious as the liquor men were. Railroads are compelled to provide smoking rooms for women as well as for men. The worst thing is that young women students are smoking cigarettes in Methodist Universities. Think what that means to the future type of society.

The movie men give what the lewd men want, and are fighting censorship most bitterly. "The love of money is the root of all evil." Lovers of it are blind to its peril.—E. S. D. in Christian Witness.

"A creed is good only when it serves as a stepping stone to an experience."

"There is a difference between being a visionary and having a vision."