

DONATION.

It is with pleasure we again acknowledge the generosity of the good people of St. John church. On Dec. 30th P. J. Trafton, of Fredericton, gave us a splendid message from Phil. 3-16 in which he urged both pastor and people to stand shoulder to shoulder and to walk by the same rule and to mind the same things we did in receiving God's pardoning and sanctifying grace. Before beginning his message he gave us a hearty surprise by announcing that any who wished to contribute to a donation for pastor and wife would have the privilege of so doing on Wednesday evening, Jan. 3rd.

On the evening mentioned about forty or fifty of the church members with their friends arrived, bringing not only their money, but a joyful glowing spirit that was soon kindled into a flame, causing the parsonage to be filled with songs of praise and shouts of victory.

After everyone had exhausted his feelings to his own satisfaction a period of quietness prevailed in which the following interesting events took place. After a brief but interesting address of appreciation by Brother Springer Cosman in behalf of those present and others, he presented us with the sum of \$36.00 with the addition of two passed in later, making a total of \$38.00. Following this Brother H. K. Ingersoll presented the pastor with a silver eversharp pencil from his Sunday School class. There was yet another surprise awaiting that was soon to reveal itself when Brother A. L. Bubar stepped out from the crowd with a present from the male members of the Praying Band. The following is what took place:
Dear Brother Sears:

The male members of the Praying Band (of which you are our leader) have had in mind to make you a little present, as a small expression of our sympathy with you in your good work. We have decided that this expression to you would be most pleasing, if in the form of suitable books, such as a pastor would best appreciate. We, therefore, have great pleasure in presenting to you these books "The International Bible Dictionary," by Dr. F. N. Peloubet, the great Bible teacher.

"Ambassadors of God," by Dr. Parkes Cadman, the brilliant Bible scholar and evangelist.

"Out For Character," written by 26 of the most eminent spiritual teachers and writers of the present day. These are all new books, and well worthy of a place in the thinking and studies of every minister. We trust that the Blessed Holy Spirit will put His seal upon your ministry among us, and to whom else you may minister.

Now just a word in reference to the work here. God seems to be pleased to some extent in which His pleasure is manifested by an occasional seeker, and a general outpouring of His Spirit on the saints.

Our Christmas program was a success regardless of weather and electricity. A terrific storm broke on us early in the afternoon that made some feel that the cosy fireside was good enough for them.

However, a goodly number took on new courage for the sake of the little ones and were present at the concert.

This did not seem to end the obstacle, for lights went out, leaving us in total darkness, but we continued by lamp light until a few minutes at the last when the power came on again.

It could be possible some would think God was displeased with it but this was not so by what was manifested there at that time and since.

We close with thanks on our lips and a prayer on our hearts for Christ and the people of St. John.

Yours for Holiness,
L. J. SEARS AND WIFE.

OBITUARY.

Everett Calvin Benson.

It is with sorrow that we report the death of Everett Calvin Benson, aged nineteen months, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Benson, of Seal Cove. This dear little one had only been ill a short time when he was called to meet his Saviour. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the mother and father and family, also to all who mourn the loss of a loved one. He leaves to miss his cheery smile one brother and five sisters, besides his parents. May God bless them in their sadness and draw each one close to Himself. The funeral services were held on Friday afternoon, conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother Rue Ingalls. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Seal Cove.

HARTLEY E. MULLEN.

Mrs. Edna Norton

Edna Norton, wife of Alex. Norton, passed from this life Jan. 15 at her home in West Jonesport, Me. Mrs. Norton was thirty-seven years of age and leaves to mourn their loss a husband and three children, Hiram, Edith and Genevieve; also her mother, Mrs. Joseph Wallace; five sisters, Mrs. Eva Dobbin, Mrs. Ida French, Mrs. Flora Walker, Mrs. Vina Lingley and Miss Gertrude Wallace. Three brothers, William, Edgar and Kenneth. Mrs. Norton was a granddaughter of the late Mrs. Eliza Marney. Funeral services were conducted by the writer and interment was made at the Greenwood cemetery. To the bereaved ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

LIC. FRASER DUNLOP.

Benjamin Mullen.

At Havelock, N. S., on Jan. 11th, at his home, Benjamin Mullen, in his 85th year. He leaves one son, Nathaniel, at home and two daughters, Mrs. Jos. Young and Mrs. Adam Hill, also two brothers, Charlton and Whitfield.

At the age of 18 Mr. Mullen was converted and united with the Baptist Church. The funeral services were held on the following Sunday, conducted by Rev. L. T. Sabine, of Port Maitland, and were largely attended. Interment was made in the village cemetery.

Mrs. Hannah E. Clark.

At the home of her niece, Mrs. Bartlett Wiley, North St., Calais, on the 17th inst., Mrs. Hannah E. Clark was called to her

heavenly home at the good old age of 97 years and 10 months. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Robert W. Clark, of Canterbury, N. B., three grandchildren and other relatives, and a host of friends to mourn their loss. The funeral was held at the home of Mrs. Wiley, on the 19th inst., Rev. S. H. Clark being in charge of the service. Burial in the Calais cemetery.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mylen.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mylen passed peacefully to her reward at the home of her son, William Mylen, Union St., Calais, Me., Dec. 16th, 1923, in the 73rd year of her age. Mrs. Mylen was a friend to all. Besides three sons, Herman and William, of Calais; Benjamin, of Wisconsin, and two daughters, Mrs. Mary McGowey, of Eastport, Me.; and Mrs. Kate Lang, of Calais, Me., a host of friends mourn her loss. The funeral service was held at the home of her son, William, on the 18th inst., Rev. S. H. Clark officiating. Interment in Calais cemetery.

ASHAMED TO TELL MOTHER.

Such was a little boy's reply to his comrade, who was trying to tempt him to do wrong.

"But you need not tell her; no one will know anything about it."

"I would know all about it myself, and I'd feel mighty mean if I couldn't tell mother."

"You may laugh if you want to," said the noble boy, but I've made up my mind never, as long as I live, to do anything I would be ashamed to tell mother."

Such a noble resolve will make almost any life true and useful.—Selected.

HIGH IDEALS.

"Character is what we are; reputation is what people think we are. How many of us are true to our ideals of right living? Do not all of us sometimes flinch just a little for fear we may be thought odd or quixotic? Let us all have our ideals, even though we may not attain them. 'Not failure, but low aim is crime.' One can no more have a high ideal always before him and not grow stronger and better, than he can be in constant intercourse with the pure and good and not become like them."

FATHER KNOWS.

A gentleman was one day opening a box of goods. His little son was standing near; and as the father took the packages from the box he laid them on the arm of the boy. A young playmate was standing and looking on. As parcel after parcel was laid on the arm of the boy, his friend began to fear that the load was becoming too heavy, and said:

"Don't you think you have as much as you can carry?"

"Never mind," said the boy, in a happy tone, "father knows how much I can carry."

Brave, trustful little fellow. There was no danger, he felt, that his father would lay too heavy a load on him. It is such a spirit of loving trust in Him that God desires all His children to possess.—Sel.