

MARRIED

Steeves—Stanton

On the evening of Oct. 12th a quiet wedding took place at the parsonage at Head of Millstream when Mrs. Estella Stanton of Port Maitland, N. S., was united in marriage to Mr. Milton Steeves, of Steeves Settlement, N. B. The ceremony was performed by the writer.

H. E. MULLEN

THE CALL TO DECISION

Text Jeremiah 8:20. "The Harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved." Jeremiah 13:21. "What wilt thou say when He shall punish thee?"

The prophet Jeremiah is one who appeals to most of us, he was a man of deep tender feeling and because of this has been called "the weeping prophet." The siege of Jerusalem had lasted two years and it seems to have been that the first year they expected deliverance, but none came. They had hoped for it the second year, but again they were disappointed. The prophet cried out in the agony of his soul, "Is there no balm in Gilead"? Yes there was still the healing balm, but the people refused the remedy. Israel is represented here as dying with a terrible disease and the prophet is standing declaring unto them about the great physician who can apply the healing balm; but they turn aside and never heed. The harvest time had come, the summer was ended and they still continued to die. Isn't it like many today? God has sent His servants; they have told the story and so many are still groping for a better life, but trying to find it outside of Jesus Christ. The message is refused, sin is still practised, you are still dissatisfied; the balm of Gilead has meant nothing to you and you wonder why you are still in the same condition. My friend it isn't God's fault, He has made ample provision but the fault lies at our own door.

THE MINISTER'S WIFE

The Manchester Guardian recently carried a short article from the pen of George Jackson on the minister's wife. It is worthy of being read by ministers, church officers and laymen generally. It pays a deserved tribute to the minister's wife and asks congregations to be more considerate of the mistress of the parsonage. We append the following extract:

"One of the most gifted and famous preachers of his generation once said that the ideal wife for a minister is one who not only manages his house with skill and economy, who brings up her children in the divine love, and carries herself so wisely among his people that none are offended, but one who advises her husband on every important matter and often restrains him from hasty speech; who receives him weary, discouraged, irritable, and sends him out again strong, hopeful, sweet-tempered. The woman is in the shadow and the man stands in the open, and it is not till that woman dies and the man is left alone that the people or he himself know what she has been—for Livingstone is buried in Westminster Abbey, but his wife's grave is in the African forest."

"Might not our congregations be a little more considerate in the demands which they make on the minister's wife? Let them not forget that she has the same calls upon her time and strength as come to every other wife and mother, with not a few that are hers alone. I am building for her no impossible pedestal; she is human like her husband and the rest of us; but, if it be not an

impertinence, I will be bold to say that in all our land there is no body of women who are doing their difficult duty today more patiently, more bravely, more cheerily, than the wives and mothers in our manses."

Congregations generally recognize that the lady of the parsonage is a vital factor in the minister's success or failure. This is why congregations about to call a pastor inquire carefully about his wife in an effort to discover whether she is a help or a hindrance to her husband; whether she is entirely domestic and absents herself from church duties, or whether she throws herself heart and soul into religious work. Churches often expect to find in the minister's wife their pastor's ablest assistant. This is a rather unreasonable expectation. The lady of the parsonage has her home duties like the other women of the congregation, and her husband's salary frequently will not permit of necessary help in the home. It is not right to lay on her shoulders unreasonably heavy burdens of church work, burdens that other church members with more leisure than she sometimes positively refuse to carry. It is a mistake both from the standpoint of the church and of the minister's wife to overload her with church duties, even though she be both willing and capable. It would be far better to train the members of the congregation for leadership in religious activities than to let the pastor's wife assume more than her rightful share. Where the pastor's wife takes the leadership of the women's organizations no leadership is developed among the women of the church.—Maritime Baptist.

"What a friend we have in Jesus,"

Sang a mother to her child;

And a tempted man who listened

Strove to check his passion wild.

All his earnings he had squandered

For the cursed drink called rum,

Down the street he then had wandered,

'Till he stood before his home.

"Have you trials and temptations,

Is there trouble anywhere?"

Thus the music sweetly floated

Out upon the evening air;

And the stranger sadly standing,

Bit his lips in wild despair,

While the mother still kept singing,

"Take it to the Lord in prayer."

As he battled Satan whispered,

"No one for thy soul doth care."

"Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?"

Take it to the Lord in prayer."

"Life," he said, "is not worth living;

I have naught to keep me here."

"We should never be discouraged,

Take it to the Lord in prayer."

His poor heart so sad and weary,

For the rest of Jesus yearned,

By the singing now made ready,

Quickly to the Savior turned.

And the happy, happy singer,

Little knew she had to share

In the glorious hope of bringing,

One who found a solace there.

Full of hope and peace and gladness,

He then to his home returned,

Told them of his faith in Jesus,

Whom till that night he had spurned,

Now that happy little family,

Has a Christian father's care,

Each one at the family altar,

Takes it to the Lord in prayer.

CORRESPONDENCE

On September 11th we began special services which continued over the 29th. Brother Errol Watson was our evangelist and was faithful in his preaching. His messages were a source of blessing to all who would receive the truth. We cannot report much visible results but trust that God will yet bless the seed that was sown to the salvation of precious souls.

I would like to add to this brief report a word of thanks to the people here who have been so kind to us during the past year, and have remembered us with gifts of vegetables, meat, apples, groceries etc. These gifts are very acceptable and we thank you all.

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REFORM NEEDED, V. 1

A student in a theological college was given as an essay subject the Book of Deuteronomy. He made a wry face over the assignment, but after a month's hard study he asserted that it was a really great book. It was one of the favorite books of Jesus. He quoted from it frequently. Yet this great piece of literature was lost for years. Such mishaps occasionally happen. Aristotle's manuscripts were found in a cellar after two hundred years. One of the most important texts of the Bible was found in a monastery being used to light fires. The original of the Magna Charter document was used by a tailor to cut patterns from. A Canadian book lover found his first edition copy of Oliver Goldsmith's *Animated Nature* half burned in a bonfire by his over-zealous housekeeper. It was while the Temple was being repaired that the Book of the Law, now thought to be the Book of Deuteronomy (meaning "the second law"), was discovered. It was carried to the young king Josiah and parts of it were read aloud to him. He was convicted as to the idolatry of his nation sun worship was practiced even on the roof of the Temple. He called a great conference to purify the soul of his nation. Josiah reigned 639-608 B. C.—Selected.

YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL BOY

WINS WINE AT THEATER

Booze propagandized movies are bad enough, but presentation of a free gift of booze to a minor is the latest offense recorded against a film theater.

At the United Artists Theater in Inglewood, California recently, a high school boy held the winning ticket for a case of wine. When the youth went to the stage, the master of ceremonies asked the audience if he should give the wine to the boy. Some of those in the audience clapped and the boy was told to call for the wine at the office on his way out of the theater.—The National Voice.

LIQUOR AND AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS

Now we have the report that:

"The United States in 1934 experienced its worst automobile accident record.

"Around 36,000 persons were killed and nearly a million injured as a result of 882,000 personal injury accidents.

"The deaths represented an increase of sixteen per cent over the 31,078 fatalities reported in 1933."

The number of accidents in which liquor was involved was thirty per cent greater in 1934 than in 1933. This, we assume, is a part of the "temperance" program promised by the brewers, the wet papers and the politicians.—Free Methodist.