

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.—Psa. 126-6.

Rev. H. J. S. Blaney wishes to say that he has resigned his pastorate on Royalton field to take effect the end of June and is open for a call.

The church at Moncton is engaged in special evangelistic services. The pastor is being assisted by Rev. W. E. Smith, of Somerville, Mass. The interest is good and the blessing of the Lord is on our services. We are expecting victory. Praise the Lord!

Rev. H. C. Archer is open for a call to any of our churches for pastoral work again next year.

Brother A. G. Bickerton of Mercer writes that although they have no pastor now they hold their meetings regularly every Sunday evening and the Lord meets with them and blesses them.

The Cochrane brethren with their sister, Gertrude, have closed their meeting at Wood Island, and Lic. Donald and Gertrude are beginning with Rev. H. S. Wilson at Calais, Me., on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Rev. W. E. Smith spoke over the air at the morning watch service on Wednesday, 26th, from CKCW, Moncton, N. B.

Rev. H. C. Mullen, of Havelock, N. S., writes that he is open for a call to pastoral work next year. Brother Mullin is the president of our alliance and has been doing some evangelistic and supply work the past year. He is one of our best preachers, he is a good teacher of the word; has a fine family. Any of our churches will do well to consider him when they are calling their pastors for next year.

## PERSONALS

Mrs. C. O. Mutch, of Woodstock church, is confined to her bed with a severe cold. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. J. H. Sabine, of Everett, Mass., writes "I am still in love with Jesus, and am glad I belong to the household of faith, and feel like travelling on."

A liberal offer to our subscribers for the month of March: All those who are three years or more in arrears, who renew before the end of March, 1936, we will settle with for \$1.00 a year. They may also pay one year in advance at the same rate. And to all those who renew who are less than three years in arrears, we will send free of charge, a beautiful Christian Home Calendar. These calendars are the regular size to hang on your wall. They have twelve beautiful bible pictures, done in colors, with a printed explanation of each picture which is very interesting. They have a scripture text for every day of the year, the place in the Bible where you will find the Sunday School lessons and the golden text for each Sunday printed in full; also a year with the Bible which tells us how to read it through in a year, and last the moon's phases, all of which makes it a very helpful and instructive calendar. We are making this generous offer to encourage you to send your renewals, for we need them. —EDITOR.

Grumbling and fretting and pouting and murmuring are not fitting for saints they are misfits. Praise is comely for the upright (Psa. 33: 1). "Therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name" (Heb. 13:15).—L. L. R.

## MISSION FUND

Belvidere .....	\$12.80
Belvidere M. S. ....	10.50
Up. Wood's Hbr. Church.....	3.50
Up. Wood's Hbr. Y. P. S. ....	.50
Knoxford Band Church (Faith).....	10.40
Lower Brighton Church .....	25.10
Lower Brighton S. S. ....	7.00
Grey's Mills .....	10.00
Mrs. W. H. Wheeler (George) .....	5.00
Mrs. W. H. Wheeler (Missions) .....	.50

## PASSAGE FUND

Salem Church .....	\$21.50
Salem S. S. ....	3.50
Amherst Church .....	18.20
Mrs. W. H. Wheeler .....	5.00
Paid on pledges—	
Alfred Berry .....	1.00
Charles Sanders .....	3.00
S. H. Bradley .....	5.00
Abner Hopper (Sterritt Sisters) .....	7.00

L. T. SABINE,

Treasurer

Box 282, Woodstock, N. B.

A Friend in U. S. for missions.....\$10.00

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

At St. John on Friday evening, March 13th, at 7.30 o'clock (during the Quarterly Meeting) our denominational secretary, Rev. H. C. Archer, will be the special speaker. Will all the schools in the district send reports to the district secretary.

RAYMOND PARKS,  
Secretary

## THE BLACK DROP

G. W. Ridout

We must come back more and more to the solid truths and doctrines of the Bible if we are going to succeed in the work of God. Among the neglected doctrines today is the great Sin question. Listen to that great Baptist preacher, Dr. Alexander MacLaren, on the subject of sin. These are momentous words. Says Dr. MacLaren: "The thing that the world wants is to have sin dealt with \* \* \* in the way of drying up its source and delivering men from the power of it. Unless you do that you but pour a bottleful of cold water into Vesuvius and try to put the fire out with that. You may educate, you may cultivate, you may refine; you may set political and economical arrangements right in accord with the newest notions of the country; and what then? Why, the old thing will just begin over again, and the old miseries will appear over again, because the old grandmother of them all is there. The Sin that has led to them. You may have high education, beautiful refinement of culture and manners; you may give everybody 'a living wage', and the world will groan still because you have not dealt with the taproot of all the mischief; and you will never stanch the world's wounds until you go to the Physician, Jesus Christ, that takes away the sin of the world. What each of us wants, before we can see the Lord is that something shall lay hold of us, and utterly change our natures, and express from our hearts that black drop that lies there tainting everything."—Pentecostal Herald.

## LIQUOR AND TOBACCO KEEP COMPANY

It is no secret that the liquor trade in America has determined to create the liquor habit among the women and girls of the country. The advertisements of one firm contains "An Open Letter to the Women of America on Whiskey" and it is stated in the policies of the distillers that they "must capture this large woman market with which the cigarette people are so successful." Liquor men take it for granted that the success of the tobacco trade in selling their wares to women is both an example and a preparation for them to sell liquor to the same people.

It is also to be observed that the person who is seeking help from God to break the liquor habit seldom if ever makes a success of this effort unless he gives up the tobacco habit as well. One habit seems to open the door to the other. The Church and the Christian home are both meeting with an increasingly difficult problem in the face of this aggressive attitude to drag the motherhood of the country down into the gutter. With a sober mother childhood has some chance to live a decent life, but with the womanhood of the country drinking or drunk, the chance of the future generation to grow up with Christian principles is almost totally destroyed.

## LIBERAL TO THE DEVIL STINGY WITH GOD

A man once said to Sam Jones: "Jones, the church is putting my assessment too high". Jones asked, "How much do you pay?" "Five dollars a year", was the reply. "Well", said Jones, "how long have you been converted?" "About four years", was the answer. "Well, what did you do before you were converted?" "I was a drunkard." "How much did you spend for drink?" "About \$250 a year." "How much were you worth?" "I rented land and plowed a steer". "What have you got now?" "I have a good plantation and a span of horses." "Well", said Sam Jones, "you paid the devil \$250 a year for the privilege of plowing a steer on rented land, and now you don't want to give God who saved you, five dollars a year for the privilege of plowing horses on your own plantation. You are a rascal from the crown of your head to the sole of your foot."—Selected.

## THE FAILURE OF EXCUSES

When we have failed, it is not well to add to the failure by trying to explain it away. Such an excuse never excuses—and most excuses are of that sort. As Mr. Stifler recently quoted in these columns:

"An excuse is the statement of the circumstances under which we did not do our duty"

Inasmuch as no one is ever excusable for not having done his duty, excuse-making is poor business. On the other hand, we can wrest success from any failure and take from it much of the sting when we frankly admit that it was our fault, and that we have no excuse to offer, while at the same time we express our purpose not to fail in that way again.

The world is quick to forgive the man who does not ask to be excused. God can forgive us on no other terms and God's forgiveness is the only way to assured victory over failure. —Sunday School Times.