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EDITORIAL

"What kind of a church would our church be, If every church member was just like me?"

This little couplet may not be considered very much in the line of poetry, but it is quite suggestive, and ought to give church-members some food for serious thought.

It suggests to us first the individual aspect of the church. That is, the church is made up of individual members, and will of necessity be what the members are, or what they make it. Very recently we were driving along the highway and picked up a young man who asked for a ride. This young fellow's home was in a small town up river, where we knew several persons, of whom we inquired. We also asked him about religious conditions in his home village. He told us that the religious life of the community was very low indeed. We asked him who was pastor of the Baptist Church there now, and after hesitating for a minute or so, he replied, To tell you the truth, I don't know. I guess I am not a very good church-goer. I have not been to church for a long time. Then we replied: Well, it is not at all strange that the spiritual life of your village is at a low ebb, if there are many people like you there, who do not attend church nor do anything to support it. Then we thought how many people there are in every community who like that young man, are ready to criticise and find much fault with the church and religious conditions, and yet never do anything to try to make them better. Well, if all church-members were like that young man there would be no church at all. Then again there is another class of church members who might be called convenient members. That is they attend church and support it with their presence and money when it is convenient for them to do so. If they want to go away visiting on Sundays, or for several Sundays during the summer in vacation time, they just go, and although they have to be home during the week days to attend to their work, they will not be seen at their Sunday service for several weeks, and sometimes months. If they attended some other church while away, their own church missed both their presence and financial support. These good folk don't seem to think that they are doing anything wrong in thus absenting themselves from the church and Sunday school. Then if it is right for them, it is surely right for all the members to do the same. Then what kind of a church would my church be if every church-member was just like me? Perhaps there is no way that a

church can be weakened and defeated quicker than by the indifference manifested by its members in staying away from their regular services. Jesus said, "A man's foes shall be they of his own household," and you can substitute the word church, for man, without doing violence to the sayings of our Lord. Sometimes our members wonder why our attendance is not larger. Well, if our members are so indifferent how can we expect the unsaved and those outside the church to show much interest. Not many people like to take much responsibility in the Lord's work these days, and for that reason some will not unite with the church. And the church seems to have caught the spirit of this age, which is a supine, easy going, pleasure loving age. Hence, we have few burden bearers, and fewer still of intercessors in our churches. Hence the lack of spiritual fervor, and scarcity of revivals. I fear that this awful war will have to continue quite a while yet, and perhaps come closer home to us before the members of our churches will learn very much about prayer. In Gideon's day three hundred men conquered the mighty hosts of Midian: But Gideon's few were truly consecrated, and stood every man in his place round about the camp. God is able and will give great victory to His people today though few in number, if they will get under the burden of the church work, take it on their hearts and stand in their places as individuals at all times. Let us ask ourselves the question again, "What kind of a church would my church be, if every church-member was just like me?" Then let us pray.

SUPPORTING THE CHURCH

There are numerous ways in which we can support the church. All of these ways of support should be the normal life of the Christian.

1. Attend church. If the church is to benefit us we must be there to receive its ministry of instruction, music, inspiration. Church attendance should have a major place in our schedule.

2. Accept responsibility in the church when it is offered us. To plead we have no time or talent is too often a subterfuge for engaging in activities of lesser value. There also comes a time when we can rightly ask that, having held responsibilities a long time, others should now be given that privilege. We need to share responsibilities.

3. Invite others to attend. Let us speak well of the church. It has enough outside critics. Speak well of the pastor, the music department, the Sunday school, and kindred organizations. Enlist others to attend and participate.

4. Read the church papers. The lack of information some members have concerning their own denominations is appalling. We need to read the Church papers for information and inspiration.

5. Give generously of our money.

6. Pray for the church. This is not the least part in church support but too often the most neglected part. How much do we really pray for the church?

Let us make church support one of the outstanding joys of life!—Evangelical Messenger.

When God has raised you up be sure to raise Him up in adoring love. When the brook of your mercy is full, let it flow out in music. The Christian.

MARRIED

Wolverton-Cowan

A church wedding of interest took place at Royalton, N. B., on the evening of Oct. 4th, when Rena Martha Cowan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cowan, of Royalton, was united in marriage to Rev. Joseph Boyd Wolverton, of Ithaca, N. Y.

The wedding took place in the Reformed Baptist Church at Royalton, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, with autumn leaves and flowers. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. C. Mullen, of Hartland. The beautiful Episcopal service was used. The bride was given away by her father. Mrs. Charles Weade presided at the organ. Mrs. Wilton Marston sang "Oh Promise Me."

After a short honeymoon including Boston & Lake Ontario, they will reside in Ithaca, N. Y., where Mr. Wolverton is pastor of the Assembly of God Church.

Hallett-Black

At five o'clock, Oct. 1st, at Victoria, at the bride's home, Miss Mildred Lillian Black, daughter of John and Mrs. Black, of Victoria, was united in marriage to Arthur Lee Hallett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Hallett, of Hartland. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. C. Mullen in the presence of only a few immediate friends and relatives. The good wishes of a large circle of friends will follow this young couple.

Davidson-Fox

Miss Marie Elaine Fox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fox, of Pokiok, was united in marriage to William John Davidson, son of Guy Davidson and the late Mrs. Davidson, of Lower Southampton, at the Reformed Baptist parsonage on Sept. 21st, by Rev. F. A. Dunlop.

Saunders-Clark

A wedding of interest to relatives and friends was solemnized on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 28th, at 4 o'clock, at the Reformed Baptist Church parsonage, when Miss Alice Mildred Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clark, was united in marriage to Kenneth MacLaggan Saunders, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Saunders. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. A. Dunlop and was witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Saunders left on a tour of the province. On their return they will reside in Marysville, where the groom is employed with Canadian Cottons, Limited.

HANDCUFFED

An officer, with a prisoner handcuffed to him, was killed in a railroad wreck. The prisoner could have escaped but for the dead man upon his wrist.

So a man often blames the times, or the family, or "his luck," for his poverty and the fact that he never gets on in the world. All the time he is chained to a cigarette, a glass of beer, a card table or evil companions. If he could get the "body of death," made up of his own habits, out of his life, he could get away to prosperity and a life of usefulness. Why blame others?—The Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.

Many receive advice, but only the wise profit by it.—Syrus.