

munity and is appreciated by the people.

This letter has been lengthy, too lengthy. Perhaps I will be able to write more often and more briefly. On Sunday, Jan. 7th, we open a special campaign at Saint John. Pray with us, the pastor and people, for real victory.

We are already well started on our way in this New Year. It is perhaps the most challenging year we have ever faced as a denomination and it can be the most fruitful. Wide and whitened harvest fields stretch out before us, the call for reapers sounds in our ears, and the promise of Psalm 126:6 awaits fulfillment. May God give us zeal, strength and faith sufficient to successful service in this day of need and opportunity!

Your servant for Jesus' sake,  
B. C. COCHRANE

**OUR HALIFAX LOT SOLD**

In 1943, when we were seeking to establish a work in the City of Halifax, N. S., we purchased a large corner lot as a prospective church building site. At the time of the purchase we paid \$4,000, what seemed a huge price, for the land which measured approximately 165 x 130. As our readers, or at least some of them, know, we did not establish a permanent work at Halifax. The lot, however, has been held these years, in the hope that some day another effort might be made in this great city and a church established. In fact, some plans were made last summer for a tent meeting there. However, the financial pressure on our Alliance incurred by the purchase of the Truro property, erection of new buildings at Bethany College, etc., made sale of the Halifax lot seem necessary. Accordingly, our Alliance, in special session at Riverside Camp last summer, authorized sale of the lot with the Alliance Executive and the Home Mission Board as a committee to transact the business. The story of the sale cannot be told here in detail, but it seemed that the Lord was pleased to prosper the plan to the relieving of the financial pressure upon us. Many of us hoped that \$6,000 or \$7,000 might be realized from the sale so that what we had invested in the purchase, plus interest, taxes, etc., might be recovered, but to make a rather long and wonderful story short, the lot was finally sold for \$12,000!

Many of us were loathe to lose this fine site, the very best in the city as the price indicates, but since necessity was laid upon us, we are grateful to God for the wisdom and help given for the making of an investment which brought such remarkable returns at a time when our financial need was so urgent. None of us would claim credit in making an investment which has paid such tremendous dividends, but we do believe it to be a work of God, and give thanks to Him.

This transaction has, as already stated, enabled us to meet pressing financial demands, and has quite lifted the load from us. The money realized from this sale has been invested in our Truro work so the people who invested in this project in the beginning, will perhaps be grateful that their donations have done a good work and will yet help toward establishment of a church in Halifax.

Purchase of the Truro property was a faith venture. We did not have the purchase price and we did not know where it was coming from. What we did have was an opportunity to preach the message of holiness in a town which lacked a church proclaiming the Wesleyan and Pauline message of full salvation, and

we felt we could not do other than go forward in faith. This, it seems, was God's way of providing. And God always has a way. There are other open doors, and other calls coming to us. Faith will be needed again, that "mighty faith" which laughs at impossibilities. No faith will be needed to retreat and little to wage a warfare that is entirely defensive, but if we are to continue obedient to the Master's command, "Go forward!" we shall need a living, unwavering confidence in Him Who has promised rich blessing to the obedient.

"Then forward still, 'tis Jehovah's will,  
Though the billows dash and spray;  
With a conquering tread we will push ahead,  
He'll roll the sea away!"

B. C. COCHRANE

**THE SUPREME NEED**

By Samuel Chadwick

The conviction deepens that the supreme need of the Church is the spirit and habit of prayer. There are many other needs. There is need of laborers and funds, of wisdom and reform, of simplicity and of love, but the need of prayer transcends them all. If only the Church of Christ could be impelled to prayer, there would be an end of barrenness and failure. It is the lack of prayer that lies at the root of all our troubles, and there is no remedy but in prayer. The habit of worldliness will never be broken by strong and fiery words of censure. The powerlessness of the Church cannot be cured by reproach. Spiritual destitution and moral laxity are not to be removed by clever analysis and urgent appeal. Things will never be better till prayer is restored to its true place in the organization of the Church and the habits of individual believers.

There is no substitute for prayer, but by prayer all things are possible. This is a truism of the Christian faith. Nobody denies it. Everybody says it. All history confirms it. If only the people of God could be baptized into a passion for prayer, life would quicken, miracles would return, souls would be saved, and coffers would overflow. Why do we not set ourselves to prayer? The remedy is sure and simple; the need is urgent and acknowledged. Why is it so slow in getting to work?

The remedy is not so simple as it seems. The command to ask seems simple enough, and the promise is to them that ask. "If ye have not, it is because ye ask not." Ask and . . . receive." What could be simpler than that? And yet the Scriptures speak of it as toil and labor. Prayer taxes all the resources of mind and heart. Jesus Christ wrought many mighty works without any sign of effort. There was in His marvelous works the ease of Omnipotence, but of His prayers it is said, "He offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears." There was no strain in healing diseases, raising the dead, and stilling the tempest; but in prayer there was agony and the sweat of blood. All who have shared His intercession have found it a travail of anguish. Great anguish. Great saints have always been mighty in prayer, and their triumphs have always been the outcome of pain. They wrestled in agony with breaking hearts and weeping eyes, until they were assured they had prevailed.

Their words are to us an unknown tongue. It is useless to quote them, for we have lost the key to the mystery. They spent cold winter nights in prayer; they lay on the ground weeping, and pleading, and came out of the conflict

physically spent, but spiritually victorious. They wrestled with principalities and powers, contended with the world rulers of Satan's kingdom, and grappled with spiritual foes in the heavenly sphere.

In the open life of the Church, and in the fellowship of the believers there is little power in prayer. There is a marked absence of travail. There is much phrasing, but little pleading. Prayer has become a soliloquy instead of a passion. The powerlessness of the Church needs no other explanation, and the counsellors of the Church need no other cause. To be prayerless is to be both passionless and powerless. The supreme need is the spirit and the habit of prayer.—Heart and Life.

**OBITUARY**

Mr. John James Hayes of Head of Millstream died in the hospital at Sussex on Jan. 4th, 1951 in the 83rd year of his age, after he had been failing in health only a few weeks. Bro. Hayes was a godly man, a good citizen, had been a true Christian for many years. The church, and community have sustained a real loss in his passing.

He is survived by three brothers, Alex, Walter and Leslie, and one son Spurgeon, and several daughters, all married.

The funeral service was held in the Reformed Baptist Church at Head of Millstream, in charge of his pastor, Rev. H. S. Dow, with burial in the family lot.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Snider, at Head of Millstream, was saddened on Jan. 2nd when their little son Bert, seven years old, went to be with Jesus, from the Sussex hospital. Bert was a bright, loveable little fellow, very active until about Christmas when he came down with diabetes, and failed rapidly until he passed away. Besides his parents he is survived by three brothers and one sister.

The funeral service was held from the home on Jan. 4, in charge of the pastor, H. S. Dow, assisted by Rev. Mr. Styles.

To the bereaved families The King's Highway extends sincere Christian sympathy.

The death of William Stephen Brander, of Northport, N. S., occurred on Dec. 24th, after a lengthy illness.

Relatives surviving are his wife; two sons, George, of Tufts Cove, N. S., and Carl, of Lakeview, Ontario; three daughters, Mrs. Clifford Dorey, of Oxford; Mrs. Lawrence Falt, of Chelsea, Que.; and Gwenda, of Moncton, N. B.; seven grandchildren and two sisters.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. B. D. Price, of Amherst, N. S.

EDWARD W. TOKLEY

Mrs. Alice Sinnot, passed away at the home of her son, Clifford Liston in Dumphries, Dec. 27th, in her 65th year. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Sinnot, three sons and one daughter.

The funeral services were held from her late home in Dumphries, to the Millville church, and interment was made in the Millville Cemetery. Rev. J. A. Owens conducted the service, assisted by the Reformed Baptist choir.

A man of eloquence touches multitudes. A man of prayer touches God.