

News of The Churches.

**LOWER WOODSTOCK.** Brother Barton, pastor of this church, has been holding special services with them; and the Lord has blessed his labours. Large gatherings of people have been in attendance at the meetings; and a healthy state of things now exists among them. Six have been added to the church. The Sunday school is prospering, for which blessings all praise the Lord.

**LAKE VIEW CHURCH.** The interest in this church is on the increase. Pastor J. D. Wetmore is much encouraged in his work here. Sunday, the 18th, was a day of refreshing blessing to pastor and people. The pastor preached with an unction from on high. At the close of the morning service six happy converts obeyed their Lord by enjoying the ordinance of Christian baptism. The congregations were large and attentive.

**FIRST GRAND LAKE.** Rev. F. W. Patterson, who has been pastor here for nearly two years has resigned his connection with this field and now goes out as general missionary in connection with our Home Mission Board.

**SECOND GRAND LAKE.** An interesting series of meetings held at the head of Cumberland Bay have resulted in much good and several have been added by baptism. On Sabbath, 2nd inst, Pastor Patterson baptized two others thus concluding his connection with the field with accompanying blessings to the last.

A large and important field is here now open to successful cultivation and we trust the good shepherd may direct one of His chosen to come and occupy it for His glory.

The Home Mission Board.

The monthly meeting was held in Brussels Street Church parlors on the 4th inst. Reports and communications were presented from a number of brethren, and several applications brought to the attention of the board. A grant of \$100. was voted for the Tobique field for the ensuing year. General Missionary Patterson was directed to go to Andover to assist in evangelistic services in that place. Bro. Patterson has been engaged in special meetings in Canning, Northfield, and Waterborough almost steadily for the last three months and the Board is hopeful of good results in the future.

Fastor King reports a rich spiritual blessing both at Doaktown and Ludlow. Four had been baptized at Ludlow on eight at Doaktown, with a prospect of others coming soon.

Pastor Bynon is also rejoicing amid much prosperity on his field. Several anxious inquirers are seeking the way, and the prospects for the future are good.

A communication from Second Elgin Church concerning the ordination of Bro. Thorne was presented, and on motion Bro. Hughes was appointed a delegate to represent the Board.

Bro. Nobles read the Colportage Report with the following statement:

Receipts and Sales,	\$88.54
Salary,	52.03
Grants,	2.49
Expenses,	7.09
Remitted to Bro. Nobles,	22.00

A general feeling was expressed that the attention of the churches might be called to the needs of our work. May we not ask that all respond and help us to meet the many pressing appeals that come to us from time to time. Brethren we look to you to aid us, may we not look in vain.

W. E. McIntyre, Sec'y.

Daniel had courage; he had the strength to live differently from other boys of his "sort" or set.

We have been giving in this paper, and will continue to give a series of articles written by Rev. Dr. McArthur of New York, entitled, "The Bible as Literature and much more." It will take several issues of the paper to complete the whole course; but we feel assured that our readers will appreciate these articles so much as not to be satisfied until they get the whole of them. They contain the best lines of thought we have ever met with on the make up of the Bible, and we are persuaded that they will go far in settling the doubts and difficulties in many minds in regard to the inspiration of the Scriptures.

Several of our subscribers have complained of late that they do not get their papers regularly. There must be something wrong about the delivery of them, we are careful to have them mailed to each subscriber, and if you do not get them please let us know at once, and we will have the matter rectified.

"What Would Jesus Do?"  
Is This Idea Practicable?

Mr. Sheldon's book, "In His Steps," dealing with this question has attained considerable popularity. Everyone is reading the book, everyone is discussing it. The religious and daily press have devoted considerable space to it. Truly Mr. Sheldon has written for the "million," and the million is reading his writings.

It is not my intention to discuss "In His Steps" as a novel, for as a story it is decidedly interesting and entertaining. But is the idea practical? Is it possible to ask "What would Jesus do?" before each separate action? Is it possible or proper to try to live our individual life as though we were Jesus Christ? Any one who has any pretensions to being a follower of Christ must at least listen to the question and give it thoughtful consideration. We cannot hurl such charges as "Utopian," "idealistic," "dreamer" at Mr. Sheldon, and then turn our backs upon the question he has raised. The defects of life are great, and any man who can suggest a remedy must have a patient hearing.

The author of "In His Steps" has forcibly drawn our attention to the state of affairs, but his remedy is too severe. Moreover, it is unnecessary and impracticable. To view our proper course of action from such a height would make us giddy and confused. The impracticability of Mr. Sheldon's method is evident. Some of our Lord's recorded actions are not altogether clear to us. Had we tried to forecast what Jesus would do when He was here upon earth we should oft-times have blundered. His disciples did. Again, we lack the power to read men's hearts, and this makes it impossible for us to place Jesus in our position and to try and do what we imagine He would do. Let us try a lower point of view, for such a remedy as Mr. Sheldon's is unnecessary. Our Master has given us a formula with which we can compare our actions, a test which we can apply to our daily lives. And why should we not use what He has given us? "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Is not this a simple and more practical rule? It is well named the "Golden Rule." I know it appeals to the imagination to be asked, "Have you ever asked yourself, What would Jesus do?" But there the matter ends. We can never adequately answer the question. I do not think (and I say this in all reverence) that the Holy Spirit would guide us. It is presumption on our part to place ourselves in our Master's footprints, or I should say, to try and place Him in ours.

This is an age when men are giving to the world new standards for living. New leagues are formed for this and new societies for that.

What a pity it is that we should waste so much energy and time in beating the air! There is at this moment a much-repeated call sounding in our ears. "Back to Christ!" That is beside the mark. We have not left the Christ; we have not forsaken our Master. But we have forsaken His rules for daily living. We have become far more ready to listen to the teaching and advice of our fellow-men than to the wise counsels and

instruction of the Mighty Counsellor, the Everlasting God, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. "Love ye your enemies and do good;" "Ye ye therefore merciful;" "Judge not. . . Condemn not. . . forgive;" "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you do ye even so to them."

These few words—quotations from our Lord Jesus Christ—contain the key-note of the only real altruism. No one can quarrel over their meaning; no one can discuss their limits. They are rules without an exception. If consistently and conscientiously carried out by everyone who professes to follow Christ, an immense amount of sin and misery would of necessity vanish. No new league nor organization is needed. We shall have no necessity to ask ourselves puzzling questions. The Church will be merely doing her duty.

Married.

**LEWIS-BELYEA**—On June 21st, at the Baptist parsonage, Florenceville, by Pastor A. H. Hayward, Elsworth A. Lewis of Pell Station, and Beatrice M. Belyea of Mount Pleasant, Carleton Co., N. B.

**BLACKIE-SQUIRES**—On June 14th, at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. Thomas Todd, Woodstock, James A. Blackie, and Bessie B. Squires, all of Wicklow Carleton Co., N. B.

**BRANSCOMBE-MILES**—On June 21st, at the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. J. B. Champion, assisted by Rev. C. N. Barton, Mr. Budd DeMill Branscombe, of Bathurst Village, Gloucester Co., N. B., and Nellie Miles, second daughter of George A. Miles, of St. Mary's, York Co., N. B.

**CURRIE-SMITH**—At the residence of the bride's parents, June 21st, by Rev. Calvin Currie, Fred H. Currie, and Miss Albin Smith, second daughter of James Smith Esq., all of Mactaquack, York Co., N. B.

**BURTON-WELLS**—At Harvey, Albert Co., on the 7th of June, by Pastor Truman Bishop, Fred F. Burton, of Harvey and Eugene M. Wells, of Riverside N. B.

**MACSTAY-CRAIG**—On June 12th, at the home of the bride, by Rev. Thomas Todd, Donald MacStay Esq., of Moncton, and Mrs Catherine Craig of Woodstock, N. B.

**STICKNEY-CLARK**—On the 14th of June, at Gibson, by Pastor J. B. Champion; James E. Stickney, and Emma Clark. Both of Marysville, York Co., N. B.

**NODDIN-MCSELELY**—On June 14th, by Pastor A. H. Hayward, at Hartland, Wallace Noddin of Charlotte Co., N. B. and Luzetta M. McSeley of Hartland N. B.

Died.

**GOUCHER**—On June 6th, of meningitis, at Collina, Kings Co., in the 14th year of his age, Arden B. son of Gilbert W. and Maggie M. Goucher, fell asleep in Jesus, trusting His merits. He was a lad beloved by all his associates, and is mourned for by all who knew him.

**BENNETT**—James Fraak Bennett, formerly of Hopewell Cape, Albert Co., N. B. peacefully trusting in Jesus, departed this mortal life in the 44th year of his age, June 7th, in Denver Hospital, Boston. He was baptized by Rev. W. Camp, at Hillsboro in February 1898, and united with the church there. He leaves a wife and two sisters to mourn the loss of him. He was a man of piety; and loved his bible, and the house of God, and all good people. May the kind Father above give comfort and grace to the mourning ones.

**BABBITT**—Mrs. T. E. Babbitt, beloved wife of Deacon Babbitt of Gibson, fell sweetly asleep in the arms of Jesus at her home after more than a year's illness. She was a daughter of James Banks of Manguerville, who was lost in the woods on the Tobique River in 1835, and was supposed to have been killed by some Indians while looking after lumber. He left a family of fourteen children, of whom only two survive—Mrs. Benjamin Mitchell of South Dakota and Miss Phoebe Banks of Oromocto. Sister Babbitt expressed the love of Christ when very young, and was baptized at the age of twelve years by Rev. George F. Miles and united with the Baptist Church in Manguerville. She was married at the age of twenty, and lived for some time in Manguerville, after which they moved up the river into Carleton Co. From there they came to Gibson some years ago, where Mr. Babbitt and sons have carried on the lumbering and milling business. Mrs. Babbitt was a woman of piety and devotion; a real Mother in Israel, and will be very much missed in her family, the church and community. She was seventy years of age. May the mourning ones find consolation in that they mourn not without hope.

**PERKINS**—At St. John, West End, July 3rd, May Perkins, aged 20 years and 6 months, daughter of Mr. Wm. Perkins. While yet in early life and with much promise of usefulness before her, she was called to her eternal home, leaving a father, two sisters and three brothers to mourn the loss of a loved one. She was a young lady loved and respected by all who knew her. She was a member of the Y. P. U. of the E. of the Carleton Baptist Church and also a member of the choir. The funeral service were conducted by the pastor, Rev. M. C. Higgins, and a large number of relatives and friends followed her remains to the Cedar Hill Cemetery. May the Heavenly Father comfort the sorrowing ones.