

**Intemperance.**

The following has been sent us by Mr. McPhee for publication. We do not hold ourselves responsible for all the views of correspondents. This paper is in favor of solid prohibition.—Ed.

The question of the day is, How can the influence of intemperance be stopped, by legal suasion, moral suasion, or prohibition? I say, neither, but moral suasion comes nearest of the three. You may coax and persuade a man to stop drinking for a short time by joining some temperance society, but the temptation comes in some shape and he has not the power to resist; consequence, a fallen hero. The enemies dart has pierced him. There is no rescue, no rock to hide him.

Next we will take legal suasion. A man is found intoxicated, he is arrested and put in the lock-up. Next day he is tried and sentenced to a fine or a certain period in jail; consequence, as soon as opportunity offers he is drunk again.

Next comes prohibition. You can stop its importation, but when that is done they will manufacture it themselves. It will never be put under until the prince of this earth is under bondage and the Son of God triumphs. Nothing but the grace of God can reclaim the drunkard. The duty lies with the pastor, Christian people, and with God. Can we as Christians force a sinner to repentance? We can persuade. God must prepare the heart. Can we force a drunkard to abstain from drink? We can persuade, but God must change that heart.

So pastors and members of the church of Christ it is your duty, with God's help, to reclaim the drunkard.

I have often thought while reading of the many campaigns going on throughout the universe, these campaigns had been for the cause of God instead of men, what great revivals should have taken place. If those that labored day and night in those campaigns for the cause of man shall I say, yea, in a measure, work so for God, but the rest judge for yourself.

These are the sentiments of my mind.

**THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.**

1. Why did not God reveal Himself to the children of Israel?
2. Why were the two thieves crucified with Jesus, and what do they represent?
3. What is the great sin of sinning against the Holy Ghost?

If space permits, please publish this in your valuable paper, for public opinion.

Yours Truly,

D. MCPHEE.

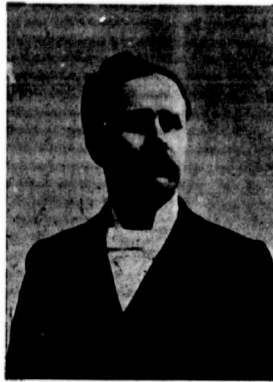
**The Home Mission Board.**

**T**HE Home Mission Board met on Tuesday the 4th inst in the *Messenger and Visitor* rooms Germain Street. The chairman, Rev. W. Camp, not being present, Rev. J. H. Hughes was chosen chairman pro tem. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. J. S. Titus.

Brethren present, Revs. Dr. Gates, J. H. Hughes, R. Barry Smith, H. H. Saunders, H. F. Waring; Brethren, A. E. Wall, Deacon James Doyle, J. S. Titus, H. Haley. Revs. Dr. Manning, B. N. Nobles, C. S. Sterns, were present and invited to seats.

Letters were read by the Secretary from several brethren laboring under the direction of the board, and from some asking for appointments, payment due were voted to be paid. The Treasurer, Bro. Haley reported payment voted at the last meeting all paid, and funds enough to meet present claims. Dr. Gates presented his resignation as member of the board, and as Secretary, in consequence of his leaving the city and province to take the pastorate of the church at Windsor N. S. A resolution of regret at his leaving, and in recognition of the value of his past services was adopted. Rev. B. N. Nobles was unanimously appointed to fill his place on the board, and as Secretary. Bro. Hughes reported a visit to Shediac, and requested that the little struggling interest be looked after by the board. Bro. H. H. Saunders was requested to make them a visit in the near future. The board then closed to meet the Second Tuesday in January 1901.

**Religious News.**



REV. B. N. NOBLES.

A very pleasant time was enjoyed by the Baptist people of Carleton when a large number of the membership and congregation assembled in the vestry of the church on Wednesday evening, the 28th of November to give a reception to their new pastor, Rev. B. N. Nobles. A very cordial and appreciative address was given in well chosen words by Deacon J. R. Richards; and a kindly and hopeful reply was made by the Pastor, after which a number of addresses suitable to the occasion were given by Revs. Dr. Gates, Black, Manning, Hughes, Smith, and Stackhouse.

A number of solos and recitations were given in good style by several of the young people. An enjoyable time was spent in friendly greetings and conversations by the people as a whole until a late hour, when coffee and other refreshments were served by the ladies, who are always competent to suit the most fastidious. The outlook for Bro. Nobles' success in his new pastorate is rather hopeful.

May the chief Shepherd abundantly bless him in his work.

**NORTH RIVER.**

The Lord has graciously blessed us here; the church revived and thirteen baptized. The church also made us a present of upwards of twenty dollars for all of which we are very grateful.

I. B. COLWELL.

**SALISBURY, N. B.**

Baptized four last Sunday, Nov. 25th, into the fellowship of the 1st Salisbury church from the Steeves Mountain Section. Work on the Father Crandall Memorial church is going on satisfactorily. When completed it will be an ornament to the village, and a credit to the Baptists of this place. Is there not some brother or sister who would like to help in this worthy cause?

J. E. TINEE.

**PORT HILFORD, N. S.**

The Sunday School, lately re-organized, is doing good solid work. A new library has been added to its equipment at a cost of \$35. Pastor Fisher has devoted much energy and enthusiasm to this work. Also by his clear presentation of the truth he is awakening us to duties to God and one another, hitherto unperceived or ignored.

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**ST. ANDREWS, N. B.**

God in his wisdom has taken from us our beloved Pastor, Rev. J. W. S. Young, calling him to a higher and holier service. While we bow submissively to the Divine will we desire to express our sorrow at his sudden, and what seems to us early death, and realizing the great loss sustained by the church, we deem it fitting to place on record our appreciation of his valuable service to the church and community. We respected him as a man, we valued him as a friend, we loved him as a pastor, we are thankful that we were permitted to know him, to sit under his ministry for a few brief but blessed months. We desire to

express to the bereaved widow and family the sympathy of our hearts and the assurance of our prayers that God's comforting grace may prove all sufficient in her loneliness and sorrow. May the great Head of the church sanctify to our up-building in holy things this providence strange to us but plain to him. On behalf of the church,

JOHN WEBBER.

On Sunday, Nov. 25, our SACKVILLE, N. B. pastor, Rev. E. E. Daley, preached his farewell sermon to crowded houses in both Bethel and Main Street churches. He and his family left the next morning for their new home in Bridgetown, N. S., followed by the best wishes of not only the members of this church and congregation, but of the entire community. During his three years' pastorate the church has been blessed of God, over one hundred and twenty-five having united herewith by baptism. The church has certainly been most fortunate in the men they have called to be their pastors. The names of McDonald, Hall, Warren, Vincent and Daley are endeared to the hearts of many in this community. On the 16th inst., our assistant pastor, Rev. W. R. Robinson, who had preached most acceptably to us since March 1st last, left to assume the pastorate of the Gibson church. We are now without any under shepherd. We are praying that the Lord of the Harvest will send us one of his own choosing.

F. W. EMMERSON, Church Clerk.

Nov. 26.

**HOPEWELL.**

The roll call and reopening of the house of worship at Hopewell Hill was a pronounced success. The storm did not prevent the people in large number from being present, and a larger number answered to their names than usual. The Rev. C. W. Townsend was unable to be present on account of the death of their child, and the pastor was compelled to fill in the gap. The Rev. M. E. Fletcher rendered valuable assistance and delivered an eloquent and appropriate address to the Deacons who were ordained in the afternoon. The Rev. Mr. King (Methodist) was with us in the evening and assisted the pastor, who again had to speak. The repairs have cost us over \$1400. During the past fifteen months we have raised five hundred dollars which left us a debt of nine hundred dollars. The collections of the day amounted to three hundred and thirty-one dollars and ninety cents. Since then the sixteen dollars have been sent in. We have a beautiful house of worship and with God's blessing we hope to liquidate the balance of our debt in the course of another year.

W. A. West was the contractor, and his work has given universal satisfaction. The plans and specifications were drawn up by Watson Reed, Esq., Architect, of Riverside, N. B., and we are very grateful for his help. The ceiling attracted a good deal of attention. It is the first one of the kind in these provinces. The material was manufactured by George Prescott's mills in West River, Albert Co., and is composed of three ply hard wood glued together like veneering; and the consensus of opinion was that it was very handsome. The walls are spruce finished in the natural wood. The building is heated with hot air. Mr. Hatfield of Harvey did the painting both outside and inside and he has maintained his reputation as a good workman. The houses of worship on this field are now in fairly good repair and we are in a better position to do the Master's work than ever before. The music during the day was very fine. The different choirs united and formed one grand choir to the edification of all. Six have recently received the hand of fellowship and the light is beginning to shine.

F. D. DAVIDSON.

The Third Springfield Baptist church has engaged BELLISLE STATION, KINGS COUNTY, the services of Rev. E. K. Ganong for the fourth year. There is always a good attendance at Lis services, which shows his popularity as a preacher. This church has undertaken to build a place of worship. The foundation is built and the sills laid; will prepare during the winter to push forward the erection in the spring. It appears to us that the existence of the church depends on the success