

natural and almost inevitable order of services, and the services themselves. Dr. McArthur savagely denounces, as "pitifully ritualistic," as "Old, barren and unattractive," as carried on, "In barnlike structures devoid of beauty."

I am deeply grieved while I hear Dr. McArthur speak thus of the people and their services, to whom the apostle says, "Ye are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

The Dr. goes on to define ritualism as "The strict observance of prescribed forms in religion."

Where does he find any forms in these services which he ridicules? The hymns sung and the Scriptures read, vary continually. There is no form of prayer. There are no other forms.

What is the matter with Dr. McArthur? We scan his paper and easily see.

Lo! he wants a form of worship. He wants it to be stately, and ornate. He wants it to have warmth and color. He wants the anniversary of our Lord's birth kept. And yet he knows well, that the birthday of our Lord is not revealed in the New Testament. That it is impossible to know, in what month of the year Christ was born. He wants the anniversary of our Lord's resurrection kept. And we are now keeping fifty-two days in every year, in joyful memory of His resurrection.

He closes by saying, "We wear robes on baptismal occasions. It is sinful for the pastor and the choir to wear robes on other occasions of public worship?"

For reasons obvious to everyone, it is decent and proper, in immersion, for both minister and candidate to wear long robes. But why need you change your clothes, when you sing or read or speak or pray? A. B. MACDONALD.

**Religious News.**

During the summer months **FIRST ELGIN AND IT** has been my privilege to **POLLET RIVER**, labor on the First Elgin and Pollet River Field as assistant to Brother Saunders. Our meetings were so arranged as to provide the entire field with more frequent Sabbath services; and also to conduct prayer meetings on those parts of the field where such services were not already sustained. The people responded willingly and very generously to our efforts. We trust that God may cause some fruit of blessing to issue from our labor. P. PORTER (Lic)

At the close of my three **LITTLE RIVER**, months' stay on this field I **BUCROTCHIE, N. B.** am pleased to report a season in which the Holy Spirit's power has been greatly felt. At the S. S. convention here Aug. 15th and 16th many prayers arose on behalf of the unsaved; and as a result of this and recent efforts, many have made a start for the heavenly kingdom. In the conference of Saturday (the 20th), six young converts arose, requesting to unite with the church. The power of this meeting will long be remembered by all who were present. Bro. Bynon, who has on former occasions kindly assisted us, will be here Oct. 14 to baptize. I cannot close this report without requesting space in which to express my gratitude and appreciation for the kindness shown me in many ways by everybody on the field; and I trust that they in return may be blessed of Him who has said, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." FRED A. TOWER.

Our Sunday School held its **Sr. STEPHEN, N. B.** Rally Day Service Oct. 4. h. 340 were in attendance. The presence of 29 members from the "Cradle Roll" department added greatly to the interest of

the occasion. One young woman was received for baptism at our last Conference.

W. C. GOUCHER.

Special services have been in **MAUGERVILLE**, progress for two weeks here, will continue next week (D. V.) Bro. I. Wallace has been with us and goes to Prince William and Kingsclear to supply Lord's Day returning next week. A man of age, yet maintaining the vigor of youth in his work, a counsellor to the inefficient and a prudent helper to the needy. A spiritual giant in dealing with souls. I expect (D. V.) to visit the baptismal waters on, Lord's Day.

N. B. ROGERS.

I have entered upon my 8th **PENNFIELD, N. B.** pastoral year with the Pennfield and Beaver Harbor churches with a fair outlook. Our preaching services are well sustained. Prayer and other services of the church are pretty regularly kept up especially with the Pennfield church. Our Sunday schools are doing finely. The pastor's salary is quite promptly attended to. The people are kind and united. The young people's meetings are held weekly. The offerings of the church are monthly. We are praying and looking for a special season of grace. God grant it. T. M. MUNRO.

I have just closed my **HAMMONDS PLAISS AND SACKVILLE**, torate with the above group of churches. The Lord has blessed our united efforts. We built a neat new parsonage at Hammonds Plains and painted our church at Bedford. But best of all, sinners were converted, some of which were added to the church. The people have been uniformly kind and thoughtful and we have received many tokens of their good will, for which we wish to express our hearty appreciation. This is an important field and needs the services of a strong man at once to carry on the work. L. J. TINGLEY.

Wilmot, N. S., Oct 3, 1903

The Chipman Baptist church **CHIPMAN, N. B.** held on Sept. 25th a Free-will Offering social at which a large number were present. A considerable sum of money were raised for church purposes. Three persons were baptized on Sept. 13th at Salem Creek by Pastor Miller. Others are expected soon to follow their example. A recital was given in the Chipman Hall by Mrs. E. L. Crosby, daughter of the pastor, on Oct. 6, for the benefit of the church. It was very successful and netted a large sum. A mission Band and a "Further Lights" Society were organized last Friday, Oct. 2, by Mrs. Miller. The congregations are good and we believe the interest of many is being gained. Since June 1st eleven have united with the church and one has been lost to us by death. The ordinance of baptism will be administered on Oct. 11 at Upper Salmon Creek

**Married.**

**INGALLS-MIDDLETON**—At the residence of the bride's parents, Castalia, Sept. 12, by the Rev. A. M. M. Nitch, Mr. A. LeRoy Inalls of Grand Harbour, to Miss Lettie B., daughter of Robert Middleton.

**MERRITT BOYER**—At Florenceville, N. B., Sept. 23rd, by Rev. A. H. Hayward assisted by Rev. W. H. Smith, B. A., O. Thiel Merritt, of Bristol, to Luella A., daughter of D. V. Foyser, of Bristol.

**STEWART-JACKSON**—At the residence of the bride's father, Edward Jackson, Sept. 23rd by Rev. Abram

Perry, David R. Stewart, of Cole's Island, Queens Co. to Mary L. Jackson, of Spruzhill, Kings Co.

**MILLS-SMITH**—On Sept. 18th, at the F. B. Parsonage, Wilson's Beach, N. B., Freeman Mills and Annie E. Smith, both of Eastport, Me. A. J. PROSSER

**HOBBSMAN-LEWIS**—At the F. B. Parsonage, Moncton, Sept. 23rd, by Rev. Gideon Swain, Wesleyan Minister of Henry's Mills, N. B., and Annie Lewis, of Salisbury, N. B.

**HELYEA DAY**—At Greenwich Kings Co., Sept. 24, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. John A. Robertson, Mr. City W. Helyea to Miss Lily M. Day, both of Greenwich.

**MITE & NEWCOMB**—At 195 Lexington Street, East Boston, Mass., on the 7th of October, 1903 by Rev. A. J. Hughes, Mr. Archibald Mitten, formerly of Sackville, N. B., now of Boston, and Miss Marnie Newcombe, of Parisboro, N. S.

**OLIVER ANDERSON**—At the Baptist Parsonage, Jacksonville, on Sept. 30th, by Rev. Jos. A. Cahill, Charles A. Oliver, to Miss Laura M. Anderson.

**DROST GRAY**—At the Baptist Parsonage, Jacksonville, on Oct. 7th, by Rev. Jos. A. Cahill, Joseph A. Drost to Miss Nettie Gray.

**LOUNSBURY PROSSER**—At the home of the bride's parents, Parkfield, Albert Co., N. B., Sept. 30th, by the Rev. N. A. MacNeil, Joseph Lounsbury and Welta Jane Prosser, both of Parkfield.

**KING WILMOT**—In the Baptist church, Carleton, St. John, by pastor B. N. Nobles, a sister by Rev. John Harry King, brother to the groom, on the 8th inst., James W. King and Bertha Wilmott, a eldest daughter of the late John Wilmott, A.M. of West End St. John, N. B.

**DAVIS SMITH**—At the Baptist church, St. Martins, N. B., on Sept. 30th, 1903 by the Rev. V. W. Townsend, the Rev. H. V. Davies of Salisbury to Maggie Mabel, daughter of Captain David Smith of St. Martins.

**ANDERSON-PRICE**—At the Baptist parsonage, Sussex, Oct. 14th, 1903, by Rev. W. Camp Richardson Anderson to Miss Melvena Price, both of Ward's Creek, Kings Co., N. B.

**PATTERSON HUGHES**—At the Baptist parsonage, Sussex, Oct. 14th, 1903, by Rev. W. Camp Ora Lee Patterson to Miss Veila Hughes, both of Starkey's Queens Co., N. B.

**GIBSON MALLORY**—At the residence of the bride's parents Woodstock, N. B., Aug 9th, 1903, by the Rev. Z. L. Fash, Hugh D. Gibson, Northampton, Carleton Co., N. B., and Mrs. Ella Mallory, Woodstock.

**LONDON-BELYEA**—At Woodstock by Rev. Z. L. Fash, Oct. 6th, Alfred W. London, Monticello, Me., and Elsie B. Belyea, Littleton, Me.

**HOPP READ**—On the 4th inst., at the home of the bride's parents, Sackville, N. B., by Rev. A. T. Robinson, assisted by Rev. E. O. Read, uncle of the bride, William Leonard Hopp, of Sydney, N. Y., and Jane Glass, eldest daughter of Mr. Hiram Read.

**REDSTONE-McCREARY**—At the Baptist church, B. H. Station, N. B., Oct. 7th, by Rev. Wm. V. Field, Victor W. Redstone of B. H. Station to Isabel McCreary of the same place.

**BATES PICKLE**—At the home of the bride's parents, Springfield corner, Oct. 7th, by Rev. Wm. M. Figue, Jas. A. Bates of Long Point and George A. Pickles of Springfield Corner.

**TENANT-JOHNSON**—On Oct. 1st, George M. Tenant of St. John to Annie I. Morrison, at the bride's home in Chipman, by Rev. E. F. Miller.

**Died.**

**MANZER**—Rev. William Douglas Manzer, a well known and highly respected brother in the ministry passed into the eternal rest at his home, St. Marys, York Co., August 29th. The deceased was born at Nashwaak, Feb. 15, 1833, and at his death a little over 64 years of age. His occupation and one daughter, Mrs. Herbert Estabrooks of Fredericton, with a large circle of other kindred remain to revive his memory.

Bro. Manzer was one of our truest and most upright ministers, sound in doctrine, faithful in spirit and deeply interested in the Master's cause. For a number of years he has resided in St. Marys, preaching at New Maryland, Nashwaak, Gloucester and various localities within reach of his home. He was much beloved by his brethren and justly esteemed as a wise counsellor. He now rests for a while, and we trust enjoys the great reward.

**SNOW**—At St. Martins, N. B., on Sept. 29th, 1903, after an illness of only a few hours, Elizabeth Snow, aged 82. Our beloved sister was baptized in 1840 during a previous visitation under the ministrations of the Revs. Benjamin Cox and David Chas. She has thus been in a church Fellowship for 63 years, and during that long period it may truly be said of her that she "walked with God." She loved the habitation of his house, and the place where His honor dwelt. "Latterly, circumstances prevented her regular attendance at the sanctuary; but on the last Sunday of her life on earth, we were privileged with her presence at both services. In less than two days after she had joined the triumphant assembly of the glorified.