

## OUR LITERATURE

The committee on literature, appointed at our Annual Meeting, are desirous of getting to work as soon as possible. They will obtain quotations for our leading works and tracts from our publishing houses as soon as possible, and hope to have a number of agents in the field before long. But they need the co-operation of the churches throughout the provinces. It is suggested that our churches and Christian Endeavor societies obtain a good supply of our best tracts, and that a library of our leading works be collected by each church or Christian Endeavor society. By co-operating in this work we may be able to get our literature at reduced rates.

Funds will be needed to procure literature to start agents in the field. Any contributions to a general fund may be given through the pastors, who are ex-officio members of the committee. A treasurer will probably be announced in the next issue of the CHRISTIAN. The committee hope to be able to give more definite information in the near future. Any suggestions will be gladly received.

O. B. STOCKFORD,  
Secretary.

## ENTHUSIASM.

Says Dr. Maclaren, of a class of people who are afraid of the least "excitement" in spiritual matters:

There are some religious teachers who are always preaching down enthusiasm, and preaching what they call "a sober standard of feeling" in matters of religion, by which in nine cases of out ten, they mean precisely such a tepid condition as is described in much less polite language when the voice from heaven says: "Because thou art neither cold nor hot I will spew thee out of my mouth." That is the real meaning of the "sobriety" that some people are always desiring you to cultivate. I should have thought the last piece of furniture which any Christian church in the nineteenth century needed was a refrigerator. A poker and a pair of bellows would be much more needful for them.

## SENSITIVENESS.

We have heard people talk about their sensitiveness sometimes as if it was a peculiarly meritorious quality—something to be proud of, indeed—until we have longed to undeceive them; for by sensitiveness they only meant that they were extremely quick to take offense, and uncommonly apt to fancy hidden meanings where none existed.

Such sensitiveness has other names not quite so flattering to its possessors, as touchiness, suspicious temper, and even self-conceit. Few people are more uncomfortable in everyday life than these sensitive ones; and too often they exhaust the patience and alienate the love of their best friends. To be always explaining or smoothing over is a wearisome task, and when we must stop to measure our words and adjust our phrases continually, the constraint becomes irritating as well as tiresome, and we feel like that Rhode Island woman who used to say of her son, "I don't know what to make of my Sammy; he is so sensible I don't know what on airth to do with him."

A little good, wholesome self-restraint and homely common sense would greatly improve these "sensible" people who seem to think

the world revolves around them, and that everybody is thinking of them, or intruding on them. When they learn the lesson of their own littleness, and find how small a place they occupy in the universe, they will be less self-conscious and sensitive, and much more peaceable and comfortable.—*Boston Christian.*

## Married.

LINKLETTER-SEAMAN.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 24th July, by H. E. Cooke, Mr. H. H. Linkletter and Mrs. Annie Seaman, both of Summerside, P. E. Island.

NELSON-WEATHERBY.—In St. John, on August 15th, 1896, by Henry W. Stewart, Joseph B. Nelson, of St. Martins, N. B., and Maggie Weatherby, of Cornwallis, N. S.

## Died.

ASHLEY.—In St. John, on July 24th, Bro. James Ashley ended his earthly pilgrimage, and passed into the great beyond. He was born in England seventy-five years ago, and came to this country when only nine years of age. Thirty-six years ago he confessed his faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and was baptized into his death. During the intervening years, with his many joys and sorrows, he endeavored to live soberly and righteously and godly. Owing to a malady that relentlessly held him in its grasp, he had not for the last five or six years been able to meet with his brethren around the Lord's table, but he nevertheless remembered the Lord's death and trusted in the merits of his shed blood. Though he has been ailing so long, the end came with unexpected suddenness; but it "can never come untimely to him who is prepared to die." The funeral services were fittingly conducted by Bro. Hiram Wallace, who many years since officiated at his wedding. May the sorrowing relatives and many friends find their support in the strong arm of him who is able to bind up the wounds that death opens, and to change the song of sadness into a song of triumphant joy.—H. W. S.

McKINNEY.—It is with genuine sorrow, when we think not of her but of those whom she has left, that we announce that on the morning of August 6th, before the sun had scattered the darkness that had settled over the earth, Sister Annie M., beloved wife of Bro. Israel McKinney, of St. John, N. B., was called into the land where no night is known, leaving in sadness and loneliness a broken-hearted husband, and two boys who are yet too young to fully realize what the loss of a mother means. In the early spring of 1895, Sister McKinney while attending the special meetings being held by the Coburg Street Church, confessed her faith in Christ and accepted him as her Saviour, and a few days afterward her husband, largely through her influence and endeavors, was led to see his need of the same Saviour, and from that day to the day of the separation, their home was one where the Master was loved and his will obeyed. They were faithful to Christ and loyal to his Church. And had she been spared to us, she promised to become one of our most helpful and consecrated workers. But God knew best, and while she was young in years, (only 28) he called her away to the home that she loved to speak of, and to the Saviour whom she loved to trust, and who said to her—

"Servant of Christ, well done;  
Rest from thy loved employ,  
The battle fought the victory won.  
Enter thy Master's joy.

H. W. S.

HAYCOCK.—At Westport, on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 23rd, William Haycock. Bro. Haycock was taken from our midst in the prime of life, being only 56 years and 9 days old. He leaves four daughters, three brothers and a sister to mourn his departure. For sixteen years he was a worthy member of the church in this place, being baptized by Elder E. C. Ford. He will be missed by his many friends here, but we try to remember that what is our loss is his gain, as he has gone to meet with his dear companion over yonder.—J. W. B.

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