

some years ago, that what we want is laborers; there are lots of preachers, but a scarcity of laborers in the needy fields. The "pray ye" of the Master has still a peculiar and specific meaning. Here nothing is attempted without special evangelistic aid in the churches. The system is growing and is I fear in many instances a curse rather than a blessing. May God help us

I am glad to learn that Bro. McIntyre has been appointed Home Mission superintendent for New Brunswick. He knows the whole country, has a good idea of its needs and has long been in touch with available men for vacancies. I trust if he takes the oversight of the work that God's blessing may follow the united efforts of his people.

I often think of the past, and in my sleeping as well as in my waking moments live over many scenes of my life, but in thought only. Oh, how I do wish I could again go to work in the Master's great vineyard! I am pained also to learn of the illness and weakness of dear old Bro. Hughes. Of course he must soon fall, notwithstanding his past physical vigor and his great care in matters of diet and general health.

My own health does not improve much. I have been using a new remedy, commonly referred to in this country as the "Copper Cure" for tuberculosis. I used it for three months, and during the first two thought it was helping me. The last month it did not. I went back almost as far as I came up. I don't think disease is progressing very rapidly in my lungs, but there is little if any building up, and until I see some signs of this increasing my general strength I cannot hope for recovery.

Our little baby is still crippled in his knee. It is gradually being drawn up by contraction of the cords and muscles, and has been running freely so that the doctor advised us to leave it until it healed before having an operation on it. At our last visit to him he said he thought it would be safe to operate on in a few days, so I expect within the next three weeks I must go through the trying ordeal of having it straightened. Poor little fellow, it is to me a heart-rending affair! He is so bright and lovable, but crippled. I trust God may help us. Truly our way has been a troubled path, but it will I know come out all right in the end.

With kindest regards to all my brethren, as ever,

Your brother in Christ,
S. D. ERVINE.

A Temperance Rallying Song.

Listen to the temperance call,
Rally one, yes, rally all,
Vote with us when comes the fall
To put the curse away;
Jo'n the ranks and to the war,
The battle wage as ne'er before,
The God of truth and right implore
To free the land from ruin.

Strike the monster, strike him now
Never to the tyrant bow,
But with firmness show him how
Bold freemen strike the blow,
Rally, brethren once again;
Stand as holy, Christian men,
And the sacred cause defend.
Of truth and righteousness.

Hear the widow's plaintiff cry,
With her children standing by:
"Help, O help me e'er I die,
To put the monster down;
All my earthly goods he took,

The father yielded to the cup,
And ne'er could he learn to sup
The cursed, deadly thing."

Countless orphans all around,
From city, country, and the town,
Join the widow's plaintive sound,
O "help, O help us now!"
Will you join the swelling throng?
Raise to heaven the sacred song?
Right defend against the wrong?
For Prohibition vote?

One and all come quick along,
To young and old the cause belongs
Make the temperance army strong,
And on to victory;
Raise your banners, let them wave,
Onward march a world to save,
Join the noble and the brave,
Who truth and right defend.

Never was a cause more just,
Folly, then, in God we'll trust,
And prevail our cause it must,
If Christians do the right.
One and all throughout the land
Join together hand in hand
Never falter, boldly stand,
For God and Temperance.

—Western Christian Advocate.

E. Great Preacher's Views.

In his earlier days, C. H. Spurgeon had no sympathy whatever with teetotalism, but some years before his death he strongly advocated the temperance cause. Here are a few of his pithy sayings:

Strong ale makes the strong ail.
Pot after pot, Sam grows a sot,
It's never too late to mend if you begin now.
He who never drinks will never be drunk.
Many children fast that brewers may feast.
Paint not thy nose at the sign of the Rose.
Always drinking always dry.
Water is good, outside or in to slake the thirst
or change the skin.
The safe side of a public-house is the outside.

Through the Saint Gothard Tunnel.

By CLIFTON D. GRAY, PH.D.

At last the train pulled slowly into Goeshenen at the Swiss end of the tunnel, and we could hardly see the station for the fog. It was like dim twilight. A brief stop, and then the engine began to move, and we disappeared into the black hole of the tunnel, and it was night. Minute after minute passed, and we continued to climb upward. It seemed an age. * * * Then we began to go down grade, faster and yet more fast. Suddenly a glimmer of light appeared ahead, and all at once we shot out of the tunnel into heaven! Above us the bluest of Italian skies rested upon the snow-capped shoulders of the mighty mountains. Below us stretched the valley with its winding thread of silver far out into the hazy purple of the distance. The afternoon sun bathed every object in golden lavishness. Words are utterly inadequate to describe the grandeur of such a scene.

What a picture of much in human life! We toil on and on. The years pass by one by one over our heads. Clouds thicken and fogs begin to gather. The warmth and sunshine finally disappear, and at last death summons us, we enter into the tunnel, and all is dark. How utterly worthless life would be, were it not for the faith that on the other side of the mountain we shall come forth into the supernal glory of God's presence, where "there shall be no more night; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light."

Religious News.

At our last conference at NEW CANAAN. New Canaan two were received for baptism, a man and a boy. The outlook here is favorable for a work of grace. We hope to be able ere long, to spend a few weeks here in special services. Our field is too large for one man.

J. W. BROWN.

The Lord is blessing us at HAVELOCK. Havelock. Special services have been continued for

some weeks. Last Sunday we were privileged to baptize five believers. A number of others are enquiring the way. The work of grace is not as widespread yet as we have hoped for, some members are standing aloof. We hope that our faith will not break down before they are brought in.

J. W. BROWN.

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JACKSONVILLE AND TOWN. From this field we have but little to report. We are thankful for a name and place among the redeemed

family. Our regular services are sustained with a degree of interest and we believe profit. Though we cannot report an ingathering, yet we hope some advance is being made. The seed of the Kingdom is being sown in the young life of our congregations and, in the redeemed of the Lord, Christian character developed. During the past winter the Jacksonville church made a donation of \$35.00. Then the Jacksonville church and congregation went and did likewise. These acts of appreciation make the pastor stronger and his preaching better. God bless and reward these kind people.

JOSEPH A. CAHILL.

JEMSEG AND LOWER CAMBRIDGE. As we are nearing the close of our third year with the people of Jemseg and Lower Cambridge, we feel that the

Lord leads us elsewhere. My resignation takes effect the 8th of June, after that the churches on this field will need a pastor; and we will be free to accept a call from any church that may wish our service. With many regrets we will say good-bye to the kind people, whose words and deeds have been only kindness. We trust that the Master may send them some other leader who will do his work here better than we have done. The services have been well attended and there are many faithful ones who have shared our burdens. God has blessed this people in the past. May his blessings be multiplied in the future.

W. J. GORDON, Pastor.

SUSSEX, N. B. One sister was baptized on Sunday last. Our work is encouraging. The pastor has completed five years of work with this people. God's blessing has rested upon the past and the outlook is promising.

We regret to state that we HARVEY, A. Co are now without a pastor. The Rev. M. E. Fletcher who has served this church with much acceptance has resigned. The church very much regrets that Pastor Fletcher feels it his duty to take this step. The church is out of debt and has no dissensions, and we are now open to receive communications from any pastor wishing a field of labor. At the closing service a resolution expressive of the esteem in which Pastor Fletcher was held by the church and good wishes for his success in the future was passed unanimously.

H. P. SMITH, Church Clerk.