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The excuses which people make for not giving attention to their spiritual interests, and embracing the offers of salvation are many and more or less ingenious.

In his Fast Day sermon Dr. Phillips Brooks said: "A humiliated soul or a humiliated people was worse than nothing unless it gathered out of the dust the assurance of God's strength and its own capacity to receive that strength."

Good is done and help is given by showing people that we believe in them; and, on the other hand, great harm and injustice often result from distrust and suspicion.

It is possible that the deacon may have "particular reasons" though he has not given them. We should say the pastor would do well to talk with him kindly and frankly in a Christian spirit.

The Christian minister, above all other men perhaps, needs to be a man of large and sympathetic nature, who can discern the divine image in man and who has room in his heart for a good deal of sympathy and respect for the sinful and disobedient.

Dr. Gordon points out in his recently published booklet, "The First Thing in the World," that "He who is in Jesus' bosom at the Last Supper never once mentions his affection for his Lord; but five times he names himself 'the disciple whom Jesus loved.'"

THE VACANT SENATORSHIP FOR NOVA SCOTIA.

It is not often that the MESSINGER AND VISITOR interferences, or seeks to interfere, in political appointments. Perhaps, if we had more to say, the welfare of the country would be better served.

At present, however, we desire to call the attention to an office that is vacant. The Province of Nova Scotia is entitled to ten representatives in the Senate of Canada, and has now only nine.

Questions.

1. What is the proper course to pursue with a deacon who absents himself from communion for five months in succession without giving any particular reason?

2. We do not know whether this is the same deacon, but very likely. At any rate this also is certainly a case for kindly and judicious treatment.

Will the lady graduates of Grand Pre Seminary kindly send their names, with year of graduation and present P. O. address, to Rev. J. W. Manning, Halifax, in order that a complete list of the graduates of that institution may be published in the catalogue of Acadia Seminary.

Notice.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The following sums have been received for the Rosedale (Gaysboro Co.) meeting house per Mr. Caleb L. Hubby; Black Point, Halifax Co., Jas. Hubby, \$1; Ephraim Hubby, \$50; Thos. Boutiller, 25c.

Deacons.

Who and what are deacons according to the teachings of the New Testament? This question is more frequently asked than correctly answered. In fact there are few things in connection with the Christian church about which more erroneous ideas are generally entertained.

Paul addresses his epistle to the Philippians to the saints, bishops and deacons, or in other words to the church members, pastors and other officials.

Ministers and "Wild Cat" Speculations.

Ministers should be amply provided with the means for their support, the maintenance of their families, and the education of their children, and in addition be enabled to lay up something to fall back on in case they are incapacitated by sickness or old age.

The Jews had two very different kinds of worship, that of the temple and that of the synagogue. The first with its priests, incense, sacrifices and its ceremonies confined to a single place was suited to the wants of the Christian church, and was not initiated by it till an age of corruption and superstition marked its history and perverted its institutions.

There was much to induce it to do this. Nearly all the apostles were natives of Galilee, and were far more familiar with the synagogue than with the temple.

synagogue were two; the sheelaoh or minister, who acted as the delegate or representative of the congregation, and in their name prayed and read the scriptures; and the chaggan, who in Luke 4: 20, is called the attendant.

My desire is to warn men, generally too ignorant of the ways of the world, to save themselves from being victimized when they venture out of their calling, from becoming the dupes of adepts in the art of getting up companies in which the latter invest nothing but their ability to induce others to invest, and who too generally play "heads I win and tails you lose."

I could if I would speak of every bankrupt concern that has disgraced the history of the Maritime Provinces, robbing ministers, widows, fatherless children and orphans, and enriching sharpers and lawyers who marked them for their prey at the time of their inception, and gathered around the carcass when in its death throes.

Western N. B. Association.

There are at least ten or eleven of the Baptist churches of the Western N. B. Baptist Association, reported pastorless by Bro. Thomas, under pastoral supervision, and have been for some time past.

Correction.

I find upon strict enquiry that in the academy records the terms "C. B." did not always mean Cape Breton county, but sometimes the whole island, hence a slight error in the tabular statement of students' attendance.

District Meeting.

The Lunenburg Co. district meeting held a session with the Baptist church of Lunenburg, on April 7. There were present: Pastors Raymond, Williams, Corey, and McNeil, and a small representation of laymen.

The morning session occupied itself with business routine and devotional exercises. In the afternoon an interesting meeting listened to very encouraging reports from the various churches represented.

In the evening a substantial congregation came up to listen to addresses by the pastors. Subjects of denominational interest were brought before the people.

It is in this field one cannot but be impressed with the sterling worth of the Lunenburg Baptists; and having once enjoyed their hospitality and felt their warmth of spirit, one looks for the time when he will again have the privilege of visiting this interesting field of Baptist labor and gospel success.

Home Mission Notes.

By some means the packages of one lot of the envelopes for this collection were broken up and after wandering around for a time were returned. This is the reason why some of the churches in the Eastern Association did not receive their envelopes in time for the collection on the day named.

BRIGHTENING PROSPECTS.

The outlook for our home mission work was never brighter. The prospect now is that we shall be able to continue work on a large number of fields throughout the year. God is giving us men from unexpected quarters. We are praying Him to move the stronger churches to supply the money needed for the work.

Literary Notes.

The April number of The Homiletic Review opens with a striking article of Dr. Ellinwood on "The Present Relations of the False Religions to Christianity." Bishop Huntington writes on "Applied Christianity the True Socialism."

rest in the bosom of a forgiving Saviour. I could mention many ministers who in their old age are regretting the hundreds, in some cases, the thousands they have lost by placing them where they expected they would produce a rich harvest of dollars, which perhaps they did, but it was gathered by the men who deluded them by holding before their wondering eyes a kaleidoscope in which they saw diamonds and rubies when it was only filled with worthless pieces of colored glass.

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HOW SOME MISSION CHURCHES GIVE.

The following figures will show how some of the mission churches are giving to support their pastors and for the work of the denomination. Last year Lunenburg Town church gave at the rate of \$10.00 per member for support of their pastor, and \$43.71 to Con. Fund.

Springhill gave at the rate of \$7.91 for support of pastor and \$65.03 for Con. Fund. Brookfield and Upper Stewiacke gave at the rate of \$4.54 for pastor's support and \$46.25 for Con. Fund.

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Religious Intelligencer

NEWS FROM THE

CARLETON, ST. JOHN.—The right hand of fellowship dates yesterday (12th), two for by baptism five or men. Work is taking on aspect.

HILLBORO.—Last Sunday gave the right hand of fellowship to those who were baptized. These came from the where loving and anxious prayed and looked for. We are still holding.

NEWCASTLE, Miramichi.—Reason to thank God and the mercy doors, for which praying, are beginning to enjoy a good work. The evening service has been holding a service at Derby, an out station displayed his saving power of souls are rejoicing hope. The work is not place alone, but in the castle. There is a promise here have lately confessed world for the first time, that others may leave that in the near future, goodly number to be put to the world. Brethren.

DORCHESTER.—We are on our way with the encouraging condition of the first. One reason for our business down principles. Another in working the field. Our prayer is frequently very bright for baptism and other offer themselves. hitherto has been sufficient. Rev. L. M. assumed extra work received a call to a church where the labor is more, but refused to go.

WOODSTOCK.—Our Whittier is growing crowded and we are far; about 1000 people on Sunday evening, forward. Last night a quiet meeting, and the vestry two that are converted. The work has been done by Christians. Most of them from the S. B. young men yet unconverted as yet in our church desired to see it. The ing and prayer, and to have been secured by our good Bro. Gouche over from Houlihan for a much larger building.

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