

Religious News.

DOAKTOWN.
tions here.

Four were received recently by letter. We enjoy preaching to very large congregations here.
C. P. WILSON.

BLISSFIELD

We had a beautiful baptism last Lord's day, when three men, (fathers) joyfully obeyed the Lord Jesus in baptism. We expect others.
C. P. WILSON.
July 13.

**HARVEY,
ALBERT CO.**

The annual Business Meeting of the 1st Harvey church, was held on Thursday evening, July 14, when the Treasurer read the report for the past year which was the most successful the church has ever had. After paying the pastor's salary and current expenses there was a balance in hand of more than one hundred dollars. Our pastor, the Rev. Adolphus F. Brown, has been with us one year, during which time, we have bought a parsonage for \$1600 and paid over half, besides making a contribution to the church. The sum total raised by the church for all purposes, in the year, was nearly two thousand dollars. The church voted the pastor a month's holiday and presented him with \$50. Every department of the church is in a flourishing condition.

During the last week we have **LUDLOW, N. B.** been holding special meetings here and God is greatly blessing the work. Bro. Wilson of Doaktown a man of experience, Christian influence and tact in winning souls is rendering us valuable aid. Four have already been received for baptism and the outlook is that more will follow. Brethren pray for us.
C. O. HOWLETT.

**SPRINGFIELD AND
KARS.**

The work has been steadily going on since my last report, and there are signs of progress. The services continue to improve in heartiness, and the attendance is good. Many events have transpired which mark the year as a most important one for the above named churches. The 7th and 8th of July was, as one of the parishioners expressed it, Belleisle's big day. The N. B. S. Association met with us at Belleisle Station. A large number of delegates were present on that occasion, and gladdened our hearts by their interest in our denominational work, and their kindness in other ways. It was a time never to be forgotten and the events which happened will be told with heartfelt joy and thankfulness. The house of worship on Cromwell Hill is now finished and furnished. Everything necessary for the conduct of divine services and the comfort of the congregation has been provided. I very much doubt if ever in N. B. a church was built by so few people, and those of but slender resources. Sanballat and Tobiah and Co., were to the fore as usual, with ridicule and covert opposition, yet there stands today, on a lovely spot, a very picturesque church and but \$50 due upon it. This building will be dedicated on Lord's day, August 7th. If any kind friends feel disposed to contribute, I would gladly take charge of any funds sent to me for the purpose of lifting the debt. We have to chronicle the removal by death of one of our most valued pastors, Rev. S. D. Ervine. For five years our brother watched over this church, with all the affection and vigilance of one who was most feelingly alive to its welfare. Recently I preached a memorial sermon from 1 Cor. 15: 57-58, to a large and deeply affected congregation.

To our people I owe a debt of gratitude for all their kindness to Mrs. Field and myself. To mention names would occupy too much space, for one and all of them never cease to show their appreciation for what is being done for them. An hourful of happy, kindly faces and a donation of \$40.00 from the First church, a purse of \$20, from the Third and an envelope containing \$7.00 from the young people at Kars, are but evidences of the growing bond of union between pastor and people. May the Master make it possible for us to reciprocate such regard in the helpfulness of our ministrations. These churches have always availed themselves of the advantages offered by our denominational interests at Wolfville. At present we have several students

attending one or the other of the institutions.
WM M. FIELD.

Personals.

Rev. H. H. Roach, pastor of the Main St. church, St. John, is spending a short vacation in the United States. Mr. Roach, we understand, will visit the St. Louis exhibition, also Cleveland, O., and Chicago.

The Secret of Christianity.

There is no religion in the Bible. The Bible is not religion, but a description of religion. All the religion there is in human hearts. The relation of the Bible to religion is the relation of a map to the region that it charts. Hills and valleys, watercourses and forests are not in the map but in the country itself. Strictly speaking, we cannot teach religion any more than we can teach vision or love. We can tell others what courses to pursue in order to fulfil the conditions for experiencing it, but we cannot go much further than that.

We do not always understand what is meant by the phrase which has almost become cant, "Christianity is a life." If it means that Christianity is conduct, we do not believe that the statement is true, for while Christianity involves conduct, it is much more than conduct. But if those who use this phrase mean that Christianity is a spiritual experience of new relationships to God and to men and to the world, then it is the statement of a profound and ultimate truth.

Dr. Emil Reich has recently called attention to the fact that one of the great problems of the modern world is how to account for Christianity. We are all familiar with the way Gibbon and Milman and a host of smaller historians have sought to account for it. But the point that they all miss, and that even Ulhorn himself does not appear to conceive sharply, is that the excellence of the Christian doctrines and their adaptation to the needs of human nature do not satisfactorily account for the marvellous vitality of the Christian faith. What they overlook is that Christianity is primarily a spiritual experience, just as vision is an experience of the bodily organism, and that what has kept Christianity vital and aggressive and victorious is that millions of men who have followed the directions of Jesus have entered into the heart of this experience. "The 'peace of God' has pervaded their hearts; they have shared 'the love of Christ'; they have undergone a profound transformation of the inner life that can only be compared to passing from death to life.

The unbroken experience of regeneration in all lands in which Christianity has been preached and throughout all ages is the most tremendous fact of Christian history. Adopt this course, says the Book, and you will share this transformation of the soul that shifts its centre of gravity from self to God. And men by the millions have done this, and verified in their own hearts the astounding prophecy. And that is why Christianity in spite of all shocks and changes and corruptions has abode in strength. Christianity has given something to men, more than a system of doctrines, or a code of ethics, or a moral ideal. It has given them a new heart, with a new outlook upon the world, and a new sense of intimate fellowship with the Eternal.

When we read a story of love that took place thirty-five hundred years ago in Egypt, every feature of the narrative is perfectly intelligible to us. Our own hearts answer to the passion of the lovers, because we ourselves have shared the mystery of love. Heart answers to heart across the seas and the centuries. The Christian experience is like that. We know perfectly how the Christians at Thessalonica felt, and how the fugitives in the Catacombs hoped and loved and prayed. They did exactly what we should do. And as the modern traveller passes through those chambers and reads the inscriptions on their tombs, he brushes away a tear as he realizes that their hope and faith answer to his own, and that they are indeed his brethren and sisters in the Lord.

Give a man a New Testament and you do not give him Christianity. He may study the book for years and hardly gain a hint of what Christianity is. Most likely he will think it another system of doctrines, or another code of ethics,

but the moment he follows the direction of the Book and yields himself to its moral appeal he knows what Christianity is, and not only the Book but Christian history and the inner life of Christian people is flooded with light. The supreme secret of the vitality and power of Christianity is the birth from above.

Married.

BEATTY MACDONALD.—At the residence of John MacDonald, Upper Newcaste, June 30, by the Rev. M. P. King, Miss Sarah MacDonald to William E. Beatty of Fredericton.

CLOWATER-MITCHELL.—At the bride's home July 15th, by Rev. C. P. Wilson, Abel Clowater of Ludlow, N. B., to Carrie Mitchell of Doaktown, N. B.

TEDFORD-MCDONALD.—At Brighton, at the home of Henry Adams, July 17th, by Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Sam E. Roy Tedford and Bertha Elizabeth McDonald.

MILES DEWITT.—June 29th, 1904, at his residence, by the bride's father, assisted by Rev. G. W. Foster, Mr. Frederick Herbert Carpenter Miles and Miss Minnie Josephine De Witt, eldest daughter of Rev. T. O. DeWitt.

RICKER BERRY.—At the Free Baptist parsonage, Moncton, June 25th, by Rev. Gideon Swim Beverley Ricker and Dora Berry, both of Tridle Creek, A. C.

HARSMAN-SOPER.—At the residence of the bride's father, June 29th, by Rev. Gideon Swim, Joseph Harsman and Carrie Soper, both of Moncton, N. B.

BANKS-LOHNER.—At 51 Queen St., St. John on the 25th, by Rev. G. O. Gates, Wilbert E. Banks and Agnes Lohner of Lunenburg Co., N. S.

BAINER-REDDEN.—At Gaspereaux, July 20th, by Rev. I. A. Coubert, James Henry Bainer of Canning, to Minnie Maud Redden, of Gaspereaux.

BOYCE-BRIGGS.—At the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. C. S. Stearns, June 17th, Miss Florence Briggs of Anderson Settlement to Daniel Boyce of Richibucto, Kent Co.

BELEYA-MACDONALD.—At Wickham, Queens Co., July 12, by Rev. J. D. Wetmore, Hesley W. Belyea of Medford, N. S., to Edith Irvine, youngest daughter of R. H. MacDonald of Belyea Cove.

Died.

TAYLOR.—At Fredericton Rd., Salisbury, West County, N. B., July 10th, of heart failure, Annie B. Taylor, aged 39 years, leaving five brothers, two sisters and her aged mother to mourn their loss.

HAWKERST.—Mrs. Sarah Hawkerst departed this life at Lower Newcastle, July 7th, in the 91st year of her age. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

PAGE.—At Penhryn, Queens County, on the 19th inst., William Pace, aged 63 years.

COWAN.—At Hatfield's Point, July 13, 1904, John H. Cowan, aged 27 years. When about 15 years of age, he was deeply convinced that he was a sinner exposed to eternal misery, and needed a divine change. He sought the Lord with his whole heart, and was soon enabled to rejoice in a sense of the pardon of sin, through our Lord Jesus Christ. About this period he joined the 1st Springfield Baptist church, of which he continued a member to the day of his death; exhibiting in his deportment towards the world, and in his connection with his fellow-Christians, the practical tendency of genuine religion.

NEVERS.—At Coldstream, Car. Co., May 19, after a lingering illness of consumption, Samuel M. Nevers, aged 58 years. Years ago he sought and found Christ to be precious to him and during the last weeks of his life found a great satisfaction resting on the promise of God. A lonely widow, two sons and two daughters are left to mourn his departure. May the dear Lord comfort the sorrowing.

A little daughter, aged four, of Professor Harper, of Melbourne, said to her mother, who was teaching her about the creation of the world and how, when God made man, he looked on all he had made, and said it was very good. "When he had finished making grandpa, he must have said, 'That's a good one, at any rate.'"