

A word from this field may not be out of place at this date. On Dec. 31st, the Harvey Church closed a prosperous year free of debt. In the evening the young people gave a concert in the hall. After paying expenses and setting aside enough to purchase wood for the church during the coming year, the balance of \$20 was presented to the pastor. A few days since a number of friends gathered at the parsonage and after a social evening had been spent the pastor was again the recipient of a cash present, amounting to \$65. This has been added to since by further gifts of \$11. Nor must we forget to mention the kindness of Messrs. Peters and Ames Turner, who have kept our furnace supplied all winter with excellent wood which cannot be estimated at less than \$20. So that since Christmas we have been the recipients of not less than \$116 in cash and wood. For all which we desire to express our hearty thanks. In spiritual matters we seem to be holding our own. The preaching services are well attended. The W. M. A. S. is doing good work, and the Mission Band is to give us a service next Sunday evening. As the result of some special meetings held last month some have been revived; a few have professed conversion and one has been accepted for baptism. An interesting class of from twelve to fifteen meets at the pastor's every Monday for the study of the following Sunday's Sunday school lesson. The neighboring field of Alua is still without a pastor.

Personal.

Rev. F. W. Patterson, now in Winnipeg, writes:

"Our work here is encouraging. We have just closed some special services in which a number professed conversion. We are hopeful for the future. Within the past month a mission has been opened in the north end of the city. The Sunday school enrolment at the start was 87, and this has since increased. We are now arranging for Sunday services, and I expect that in less than a year this interest will develop into a self-supporting church. We hope to get another mission under way in the south end in the early spring. This will make six English churches and missions, and two foreign churches, operated by the Baptists of the city.

The work in the surrounding sections is bright with promise. In our own Nena Street church, we are finding our building too small for the Sunday school. There is now an enrolment of nearly 200, and new pupils are coming in each Sunday. The present building will only admit of a certain number of classes, each of which is now too large.

The longer I am here the more I am impressed with the magnitude of the work to be done. The spiritual darkness is appalling. The gospel can not be thrown out in bulk as in the East. Everything has to be simplified. In the section of the city in which our chapel is the people belong mostly to the laboring classes. Nearly every working man is a member of some labor union, and this influence is not favorable to the church. These men have come here to make money and look with little favor upon anything that excludes money-getting as the chief end of life.

However, God is owning His Word. All over the city men are ready to be won through earnest personal effort, but it now seems impossible to reach them in large numbers. This summer promises to be one of rapid growth for the city, and it will take all my time keeping in touch

with new comers. Unless the condition of the general work in other parts makes it a necessity I do not think I shall leave my present field. Kind regards to all my brethren in the East."

N. P. Gross, who left this province about two years since, is now pastor of the Swedish Presbyterian church, at Wetaskwin, Alberta. What will he be next?

Notices.

YORK AND SUNBURY QUARTERLY.

The Quarterly meeting of the York and Sunbury Baptist churches will convene, (D. V.), with the Gibson Baptist church on Friday, March 6th at 7:30 p. m. Will all churches kindly appoint delegates. Business of paramount importance to the interest of the denomination and the Master's kingdom will be brought before the meeting. Let each delegate be in attendance.

N. B. ROGERS, Secy-Treas.

ALBERT CO. QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Albert Co. quarterly meeting will convene at Hopewell Hill March 10th, at 2 o'clock. This is the Missionary quarterly that we expected to hold last December, but were prevented by storm from meeting. The brethren who were on the previous programme will be expected to be present and were agreed to do so to take the part allotted. The churches should take advantage of this opportunity of having our ablest men discuss the various phases of our missionary work, and send up a full delegation. The Sunday School Convention meets on Wednesday afternoon.

F. D. DAVIDSON, Sec'y-Treas.

The Ervine Fund.

I wish to call attention to this fund for the present year and to enlist the help of the brethren once more. Bro. Ervine still continues in enfeebled health, unable to resume his work in the ministry. To all who were acquainted with our brother I know it is only necessary to mention this appeal. He is residing at present at San Jacinto, California, where, with his wife and two children, he awaits the Master's will. Meanwhile there is a duty for us who knew and esteemed him as a worthy servant of Jesus Christ to minister to his temporal wants. The voice of Holy Writ is plain on this point. "Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" Let all with a good conscience respond in this matter of Christian duty as God hath prospered him. All contributions forwarded to me will be duly acknowledged from time to time.

Chipman, N. B. W. E. MCINTYRE.

Acknowledgment.

The year 1902, which has to me and my family, been one of mingled joy and sorrow, closed very pleasantly. At a special social of the church and congregation on Dec. 31st, Mr. C. A. Titus on behalf of the friends presented me with a beautiful fur coat. It is a thoroughly good one and I greatly appreciate the kindness which prompted such a generous gift, and hereby express my gratitude. While the winter season is somewhat quiet in this place, our work goes on steadily and hopefully. My salary has been promptly paid at the end of each month, and

hitherto a small balance has been in hand to start the following month. For this we are thankful, and we long to see tokens of spiritual prosperity. A praying band has lately been formed, the members of which pledge themselves to pray at least once a week for the work in our church. We believe that such a fact is in itself a prophecy of blessings.

C. W. TOWNSEND.

St. Martins, N. B.

Saying "Good-bye."

Malthie D. Babcock, D. D.

Why should we hesitate to say "good-bye" to each other? Are we not pagans to think that a word has power over God's quiet purposes, and that saying "good-bye" smells of death? Most men die intestate, because they think that making their wills is cutting out their shrouds. Heirs do not generally find it so. If we were old Romans, who thought "vale" meant "for ever," we might be shy of such a word, but "good-bye," even if it should be for the last time on earth, is only the difference between "good-night" and "good-morning." Say it then, like a Christian, and, if it still comes hesitatingly, stretch it out into the loveliest of wishes, "God be with you."

Take time to breathe a morning prayer, asking God to keep you from evil and use you for His glory during the day.—*Canadian Churchman*.

Never tire, never grow cold, to be patient, sympathetic, tender, to look for the budding flower and the opening heart; to hope always, like God; to love always—this is duty!—*Amiel's Journal*.

"No one ever reached heaven by living a careless, listless life. As Oliver Wendell Holmes once said: "To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, but we must sail and not drift nor lie at anchor."

Obedience.

The first and strongest instinct of every creature is that of obedience. The essential difference between the human and the little wild animal is this: The animal's one idea, born in him and strengthened by every day's training is that he grows up and learns to take care of himself his one business in the world is to be watchful for orders and to obey them instantly; while the child, by countless pettings and indulgences, by having every little cry attended to and fussed over as if it were a Caesar's mandate, too often loses the saving instinct of obedience and grows up into the idea that his business in the world is to give orders for others to obey.—Wm. J. Long in "School of the Woods."

Need of Repentance.

The word repentance means the change of mind of those who have begun to abhor their errors and misdeeds, and have determined to enter upon a better course of life, so that it embraces the recognition of sin and sorrow for it and hearty amendment of the life. There can be no true repentance until the hideousness of sin is borne in upon the consciousness of the unbeliever. It is the broken and contrite heart that God receives. It is the one who draws nigh to God to whom God will draw nigh.—Rev. James J. Keevil.