

WHAT ARE WE SENDING UP.

A rich lady dreamed that she went to Heaven and there saw a man ion being built. "Who is that for?" she asked of the guide.

"For your gardener."

"But he lives in the finest cottage on the earth with barely room enough for his family. He might live better if he did not give away so much to the miserable poor folks."

Further on she saw a tiny cottage being built.

"And who is that for?" she asked.

"That is for you."

"But I have lived in a mansion on earth. I would not know how to live in a cottage."

The words she heard in reply were full of meaning. "The Master Builder is doing His best with the material that is being sent up."

Then she awoke, resolving to lay up treasure in Heaven.

What are we sending up? What kind of material are we building into our everyday life? Is it being sent up?

Every deed forms a part of this building of ours.

That is done in the name of the Lord.

A Neglected Grace.

By J. A. Peake.

How the hearts of God's true saints are yearning for a sweeping revival of Gospel Christianity; in every church will be found the few who e souls are exercised exceedingly because of abounding sin, and the sighing of the heart might be interpreted thus, "O that God would arouse His church to its appointed work!" But the churches go right on in the old rut, the various new" methods are not always fruitful of good results.

Let us consider and perhaps we may find some old Grace which will prove effective where modern methods have failed.

We might mention prayer as a panacea for present ills. This is surely paramount, without all else would prove futile. Again, study of the Word might be suggested, this too cannot be overestimated as an antidote to the poison of apathy and worldliness which seems to be paralyzing the energies of the church; if the church can be induced to study the Word prayerfully the result will speedily be manifested, in renewed interest, and activity in the winning of souls to Christ.

But the Grace to which I wish to refer more particularly, and which is sadly lacking in the present day church, is the grace of Godly conversation, not altogether in the wider sense in which the word is used in the New Testament, but rather in its narrower sense as used by Malachi when he says, "Then they that heard the Lord spake often one to another." Is it not appalling to think of how this precious grace has died almost completely out, is it not a distressing fact that even in His house Jesus has been displaced as the proper theme for conversation by mundane things, and even after a prayer meeting, and church service, the tenor of the conversation heard in most cases, savors not of the things of Christ? It seems that a revival of this grace in the church would be wonderful productive; when God's people commence to talk naturally one to another about the sweetness of Jesus and the glorious provisions of the Gospel, we may confidently expect to see something accomplished; not a perfunctory relating of a stale experience or the recitation of a Scripture text, but a meeting together to converse of heavenly themes. Would it not be well to substitute for some of the sociables which occupy the minds and absorb the interest of so many of our church workers, a Gospel sociable or spiritual "Conversazione," asking the Holy Spirit to be the caterer for the occasion, who will supply everything in abundance, themes for conversation, and refreshments suitable to the needs of each. What an enjoyable place it would be for those who were Christ's, what luminous flashes of heavenly thought could result from the rubbing of mind against mind,

what inspiration and quickening be produced by this inflow and outflow of so d's experience.

Those participating in such a "Feast of reason and flow of soul" would speedily begin to realize the preciousness of the possession in the salvation of Jesus Christ, and as they conversed His love would permeate their beings and ere long the talking would become acting, making the long wished for revival a glorious reality.

This is intensely practical, and furthermore it is needful, for after all is not much of the apathy and coldness experienced today due largely to the quenching of the Spirit by continual repression of the promptings of the heart to speak out naturally of the blessedness of the Christian life and the wonderful truths of God's revelation, and sometimes when the attempt is made there is such a strained unnaturalness about it that it falls upon the hearer, while on the other hand, spontaneity of utterance concerning these sublimest themes, captivates and thrills.

In the church where this Grace is prayerfully cultivated there will be no further need of special revival seasons.—*Old Bridge, N. J.*

THE RESTRAINT OF A MOTHER'S PLEDGE.

While a member of Congress, Abraham Lincoln was once criticised by a friend for his seeming rudeness in declining to test the rare wines provided by their host. The friend said to him: "There is certainly no danger of a man of your years and habits becoming addicted to the use of wine." "I meant no disrespect, John," answered Lincoln, "but I promised my precious mother, only a few days before she died, that I would never use anything intoxicating as a beverage, and I consider that promise as binding today as it was the day I gave it." "But," the friend continued, "there is a great difference between a child surrounded by a rough class of drinkers and a man in a home of refinement." "A promise is a promise forever," answered Lincoln, "and when made to a mother it is doubly binding." Blessed indeed is that mother who can follow her child, even after she has gone from the world, with a helpful restraint like that!

FROM REV. A. H. HAYWARD.

After spending three Sabbaths very pleasantly and we trust to some profit with Bro. Howard in the gracious revival at Macnacquac we came to Springfield, York county, and began work for the Master. God was pleased to manifest His saving power. Five candidates were baptized and two others restored and brought back to the Master's fold. This will greatly strengthen the little church at that place. On New Year's Eve, Bro. Clowes Reed on behalf of the friends in Springfield presented us with an address of great kindness accompanied by a present of a pair of beautiful electric seal gloves. May the Lord bless the donors and keep their hearts as warm as those gloves keep my hands. From Springfield we came to Kingsclear and Prince William and on the invitation of the pastor on the 4th inst., we began our work with Bro. Sables and have continued all this week. So far 12 young men and women have come forward and signified their desire and purpose to live a new life. The prospect seems good for an ingathering, may the Lord graciously grant it, we expect to stay here next week. A word about a superintendent of Home Missions. I have long felt this is a very desirable thing and especially as I have travelled around our mission fields to some extent for the last 8 months. The Gen. Missionary must of necessity confine his efforts to a very limited area in order to accomplish very much. Leaving all the rest of fields untouched by him, whereas the

superintendent could visit all the fields and have the supervision of all the work and come in contact with the pastors and Gen. missionary in their work. I sincerely hope such a step may be taken, as I believe under God it will prove a blessing to our weak and struggling churches.

A. H. HAYWARD.

Religious News.

At the close of the service
MONCTON, N. B. Sunday morning Jan. 4th,
Pastor D Hutchinson baptized
four young converts. Others are coming forward.

The good work is still moving along. At our regular prayer meeting service on Thursday evening, three promising young women were received for membership and will follow their Lord next Sabbath. The addition of more than thirty young people strengthens our social services amazingly. The people of this place are very kind and considerate. A donation on the 31st of Dec. left me better off by \$70 in cash and a number of very useful articles. The good people from the Keswick were in evidence on that occasion. As I write our dear brother, the Rev. P. R. Knight is rapidly sinking. He bears his suffering with great fortitude.

GEO. HOWARD.

It is quite a while since there has been any word from the church in St. Mary's. Here we have a community of thirty-six or forty families, part of which are Baptists—much the larger part—who have been pastorless for a long time. Many words were spoken about coming men who were to take the pastorates but no one appeared, much to the wonderment of the people. Amid the work I have been engaged in I found time to spend a few Sabbaths with the brethren there. They appreciate the word of the Lord and endeavor to do all they can to forward his work among them. As a result of their efforts one awaits baptism; others are about the door of the kingdom of heaven. May the power of the Lord be felt in the conversion of these. The people were not slow to give of their good things to the laborer as they remembered us in cash and useful necessities to the amount of thirty dollars as donation. May the Lord abundantly bless these kind friends, some of whom met in the house of Bro. Wm. West and presented us with an address of appreciation and part of the donation; on a previous occasion the first part was left at the house of Bro. E. Hicks.

C. S. STEARNS.

We closed the year pleasantly. ST. MARTINS, N. B. ly, and we trust profitably here. On Tuesday evening, Dec. 30th our mission band had a supper, entertainment and treat. This band has lately been re-organized, and is doing good work under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Ernest Vaughan. On the following night we had a church and congregational social. Deacon A. W. Fownes occupied the chair. A good programme was rendered in keeping with the season Deacon J. S. Titus read a brief, but interesting history of the church. Brother M. Kelly gave an eloquent address dealing with the special blessings vouchsafed to the nation and world during the year. Pastor Town, send spoke of the Great Dead of 1902, making reference to famous preachers who had recently passed away. Mrs. Ernest Vaughan gave an