

tered over the State, over the country. The largeness of Christian enterprise, the purity of doctrine, the ardour of devotion, the zeal for God, the effectiveness of labour, on all these his influence may be felt.

And the editor is a *man*, frail, short-sighted, fallible. He may fail of using the opportunity which is placed in his hands; he may leave the talent, unemployed, buried. His influence may be unwisely directed; may be productive of ill. He is liable, in common with us all, to be actuated by motives that are wrong, or, at any rate, imperfect. He has the temptations which are peculiar to himself. He urgently needs the constant presence and guidance of the Divine Spirit. — *Canada Baptist*.

If we keep looking at our feelings, and say, "Well, now, is this right?" it is like stopping a watch to see if it is going, or as children pull up beans to see if they are growing, and stop their growth; so people pull up their experiences to look at them, and stop their growth.

"What is grace?" inquired the moderator of a Southern Presbytery, of a coloured candidate for a license to preach, who had been for nearly forty years a slave. "Grace," he immediately and wisely replied, "that is what I call *something for nothing*."

DURHAM, MELBOURNE AND WINDSOR. — This somewhat extended field is situate on the St. Francis river, a stream not often surpassed for beauty of scenery or sublimity of prospect. The first station, Durham, has been occupied by the Rev. D. Dunkerley for a term of nearly 40 years, but age and infirmity prevent him from ministering to the people of his charge—his work is well nigh accomplished, while he waits for the "come up higher" to enjoy eternal youth. The congregation there increased continually during the past summer months. It is an interesting one; many are young, earnest and intelligent, and, by careful pastoral training, under the blessing of God, would make such Christian members as our churches need.

The other two stations, Melbourne and Windsor, have been under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. Campbell for some years. He having removed *west* a year ago, the field has been vacant, with the exception of a short visit from Mr. Duff, student, from Andover. This partial destitution has had the effect opposite to encouragement on our people. Nevertheless they are in earnest, and "have a mind to work." It was indeed pleasing, as well as in the highest degree encouraging, to see the willing manner in which these three churches co-operated with us in all efforts towards improvement.

It is gratifying to state that we were able to make arrangements for a constant supply for all these three churches from our College, during the present session. On the whole, this is an interesting and promising field for one who is able mentally and *physically*, as well as *willing* to undertake hard work. May the good "Lord of the harvest" soon send such a one.

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REV. A. J. PARKER writes us on the 18th November, "Am thankful to report that for the last week signs of relief and improvement have come. Am now able to leave my bed for from one to two hours each day." These better tidings will give pleasure to the whole brotherhood, by whom Father Parker is "esteemed very highly in love for his work's sake."

EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT.—The example set in our present number, of the temporary enlargement of the magazine, at the cost of those interested, in order to secure the publication of a sermon, essay or address deemed capable of wider influence,—is one that might be followed with advantage in other cases. For our own part, it would be a most welcome relief from the pressure of papers too good to decline, and a space too narrow to admit them.