

Quarterly sermon at 11 by Pastor Howard. At 3 p. m. Bro. Howard led his flock with sincere meat of the word

At the evening service Pastor N. B. Rogers spoke from 11 Kings, 5: 13. The meeting closed with prayer by Bro. Howard. Collection for Home and Foreign Missions \$10.25

At the above conference the following resolution of condolence was passed:—

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in his wise providence, to remove, from our midst and the work of the Christian ministry, our friend and co-laborer, the late Bro. P. R. Knight.

Resolved, That we desire to express our appreciation of the valuable services rendered by our late brother, in furthering the interests of the denomination and the cause of the Master.

Further Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to, and prayers in behalf of the bereaved widow and family in this their sad hour of trial.

N. B. ROGERS, Sec'y.-Treas.

**Acknowledgment.**

Permit me, Mr. Editor, to express through the columns of the *Messenger and Visitor* my sincere thanks and best wishes to the kind friends of Mangerville who met at the parsonage on the evening of January 5th. After spending a pleasant evening they returned to their homes having left a generous gift of \$26.05 in cash which has been increased by others, who were unable to be present. These tokens are highly esteemed in that they show an interest in the cause of the Master.—*M. & V.*

He who hath led will lead

All through the wilderness;

He who hath fed will feed;

He who hath blessed will bless;

He who hath heard the cry

Will never close His ear;

He who hath marked thy faintest sigh

Will not forget thy tear—

He loveth always, faithless never,

So rest on Him, today forever!"

HENRY W. BATTLE.

Probably the most needed grace in the church of today is Hope. Faith, Hope and Love are the three strands which, when woven together, form an unbreakable cable, uniting us to the Divine power, the Divine purpose and the Divine provision. "Faith, the first thing in the world," and "Love, the greatest thing in the world" are inseparable from Hope, the most inspiring thing in the world.

Faith is the Christian attitude toward God; Love is the Christian attitude toward God and man; Hope is the Christian attitude toward the ultimate triumph of God's thought for man.

Hope is never discouraged by past failure or present embarrassment, because it has its hold upon the future, "which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast."

Hope is never despondent, but rather it "maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts."

With Hope in our hearts we shall be able to live victoriously over sin, for "whosoever hath this hope (of being like Christ) in him, purifieth himself even as He is pure."

With hope in our hearts we shall be able to look upon the evils about us without losing sight of the good, and thus we shall be saved from pessimism.

With hope in our hearts we shall be able to

stand in the presence of the great needs, without forgetting the infinite supply.

May the New Year usher in for the church of Christ an era of hope. B. D. STEELE.

**Saved in Answer to Prayer.**

It has been almost a year ago now that a man came into our evening service and at its close, as is my habit I was greeting the people at the door and after passing a few commonplace remarks with him I asked if he was a member of any church, and he said "No, I have no time for such things." This gave me my text and we set down and had an earnest talk together and I found he had been a "rank" infidel for about fifteen years and had even lectured in its defense. After he went home I called a few of the people together and we all promised to pray each day for this man by name. The next Sunday evening he came again and we had another long talk and I noticed he had been fighting the Holy Spirit all week. We kept on praying. The third Sunday he came to all three services and in the evening he yielded to God. At a cottage prayer meeting the next Tuesday evening—two days later—he stood up and said, as near as I can recall, "For two weeks, friends, I have been in torment and had no peace at all but I want to say tonight that I am trusting the Jesus you all trust and am believing the Bible you all believe. *please don't stop praying for me.*" A few weeks later I baptized him and also his wife, and since that time it has been a steady growth in character and service. There are some things, thank God, that we *know experimentally* about God's Word which all "modern findings" cannot in any wise cause to tremble. There are some who would try to dispute with us about this power of prayer and often the conversion of our friend referred to as evidence. "For the man was about forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was showed." We are striving now to win his brothers to the Saviour and his firm, manly life and quiet confident words are giving great confidence in God.

S. V. WHITEMORE.

Trenton, N. J.

**Religious News.**

WAKEFIELD, CAR. CO.

The Baptist church in this place is enjoying a refreshing from the presence of God. Five have recently been baptized and others are awaiting the ordinance. There is an earnest cry going up from many hearts that God will carry forward his work strengthening his children in the most holy faith and saving precious souls.

J. D. W.

NORTH RIVER, N. B.

I have been assisting Bro. McNeill for the last two weeks at this place. We are having a blessed time, some 30 have expressed a desire to be saved, 9 were baptized, one was received for baptism and others have professed conversion, the meetings will continue this week. My prayer is that, this may be a year of God's right hand of power to save in all the churches. God grant that it may be the best year we have ever witnessed. Let us help to make it such.

Jan. 17th 1903.

J. A. MARPEL.

FAIRFIELD.

The members and adherents of the church here met in the hall in this place on January 19th. A good program was given and refreshments served. Deacon W. R. Floyd, who had acceptably filled the chair, then presented the pastor with a donation of \$39.50. This people, although building a place of worship at Westview which we expect to open Feb. 15th, have kept my salary paid ahead as

indeed they have ever since I came here. In addition they have given me a donation every year as has Hillsdale. May the Lord richly reward them for all their kindness.

R. M. BYSON.

On Sunday, Jan. 18th, at

PRINCE WILLIAM AND KINGSCLEAR, service at Prince William, a large congregation gathered on the St. John river to witness the ordinance of baptism being administered to fourteen happy believers, the ordinance was administered by the pastor C. W. Sables, assisted by Rev. A. H. Hayward 12 of the candidates united with the Prince Wm Church and 2 with the 2nd Kingsclear and others are inquiring the way. Bro. Hayward has been assisting the pastor in special work at Prince Wm. during the past two weeks. We are about to begin special work at Kingsclear and trust we may have an ingathering there.

Sunday evening Jan. 11th,

WOODSTOCK, N. B. I baptized one. Another has been received for next Sunday. Our annual business meeting, Jan. 14, found us with a balance in the treasury and all bills paid to date. During the year the church has paid off \$700 of floating debts. It is our purpose now to burn the mortgage before this year ends and be entirely free from debt. The pastor was able to announce that 27 had been added to the church by baptism during the year. He thanked the people for their numerous gifts and sympathy and then confessed his complete surprise and thanks for the beautiful fur lined coat they were having made for him at the tailors.

Z. L. F.

Sunday, January 18th was

AUSTIN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHICAGO. an eventful day in our history. After a year of self-sacrifice, unremittent labor and financial worry, we had the joy of dedicating our new church building. The dedication sermon was preached by Rev. Theodore Soares, D. D., pastor of the Oak Park Baptist church; and in the evening, Professor Galusha Anderson, whose name is a household word among the Baptist of the West, preached. The services were largely attended and the offerings for the day exceeded one thousand dollars. Our building, when complete, is to cost in the vicinity of twenty thousand dollars. For the present, we have simply erected a chapel in the rear of the lot at a cost of six thousand dollars. It is of white brick and is so arranged that the room we now use as an auditorium will be the lecture room of our future building. Beginning Friday, Jan. 23rd the Evangelistic Band of the University of Chicago will assist the pastor in conducting a series of special services. Perhaps a note concerning myself would not be out of place here. In addition to my work as pastor I am still taking full work at the University of Chicago and am hoping to get my degree in a year's time. I am glad to learn from the press and through private sources that my old church in St. John, the Tabernacle, under the faithful leadership of Brother Roach, is meeting with good success. I have not ceased to pray for that church whose burdens I helped to carry at a somewhat critical time in their history.

PERRY J. STACKHOUSE.

Two members were received into this church on Sunday, one, after baptism, the other by letter.

GERMAIN STREET.