

The special evangelistic TABERNACLE services which commenced **CHURCH, ST. JOHN.** on October 27th, still continue and with good results. Have received eight more into the church since the last report. We have baptized every Sunday but once since the 5th of November. We have baptized Roman Catholics, Free Baptists and Plymouth Brethren. About one half of those received into the Church have come from other denominations. Fifty-three have been added to our membership in the last nine weeks and we expect to baptize again Sunday. We shall probably discontinue our meetings during the week of prayer. At the close of the evening service on December 24th, Deacon A. Patterson on behalf of the church presented the Pastor with an address and a sum of money amounting to \$32.00. The many acts of kindness and warm appreciation words which have been received since I came to the church have been a great incentive to my words

P. J. Stackhouse.

I Was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day—
Rev. 1:10.

There is a fine picture "The Tuning of the Bell." The workman stands with his hammer, waiting on some one with a musical instrument who is looking upward as he touches the strings, as if he would bring the melody out of the very heavens. The great heavy mass, and the man who has moulded it, have to wait on the eager, searching spirit of the tone-master, or the work when it is done will be out of tune and harsh. Each day of the week is a bell. The Lord's day is the tuning-larp of the tone-master, and as the workman works the fine harmonies into the metal, even so we who are in the spirit on the Lord's day can work the fine harmonies of the Lord's day in the toils and avocations of each week-day. An honored and beautiful Lord's day means an honored and beautiful week of days.

A Topic for Doubters.

A pastor was staying once in a village when he went to visit a dying woman. He went to her and found her a Christian, ready and willing to die, but for one thing. She was anxious about her little children, and she begged the minister to pray that they might be provided for when she was gone.

Together the mother and minister prayed for that one thing, though they knew not how their prayer could be answered in that little village where none were rich enough to take upon themselves the expense of caring for three orphans. The woman died, and at her funeral the minister spoke of his visit, and of her dying prayer.

Among those at the funeral were two strangers, a man and his wife, who were passing through the village; and by chance—as they supposed—they happened to enter the church at that hour. They were wealthy and childless, and their hearts were touched by the sight of the lonely little orphans. They took them to their hearts and home; and so that mother's prayer was answered.

A yet more striking instance of answered prayer was one that came to a poor woman in India. She had become a Christian, accepting God with simple and absolute faith.

Some time after her conversion her child fell sick—so sick that its recovery seemed doubtful. Ice was needed for the little sufferer, but none was to be had.

"I'm going to ask God to send us ice," the mother said to the missionary.

"O, but you can't expect that he will do that," was the quick reply of the missionary.

"Why not?" asked the woman. "He has all power, and He loves us. I shall ask him, and I believe he will send it."

She did ask Him, with a faith that never faltered, and God honored her faith. That very day there was a heavy thunder storm, and the woman, running out, with a glad heart gathered

a great bowlful of hailstones. So was answered the prayer of this mother also.—*Christian Evangelist World.*

New Brunswick Convention Receipts.

Please correct the following in my last report of October 17th, 1899, which reads: First Springfield Church by Mrs. S. Bates, Home Missions \$2.50, North-west \$2.50, Foreign Missions \$1.00, which is a mistake and should read: First Springfield Church for Grand Ligne Mission \$2.50, North-west \$2.50; and Second Springfield Church by Mrs. S. Eates for Foreign Missions \$1.00.

Third Canterbury Church,	H. M.	\$ 1.35
Mrs. J. Plummer,	"	2.00
Second Grand Lake Church,	"	3.00
Duncan McIntyre,	"	1.00
Norton Sunday School,	"	2.65
M. S. Hall,	"	5.00
Young's Cove, for Church edifice fund,	F. M.	7.30
Mrs. Isaac Fairweather,	"	1.00
Oak Bay Sunday School,	"	1.60
G. W. Titus,	"	10.00
G. W. Titus,	North-west	10.00
G. W. Titus,	H. M.	20.00
Norton Church,	"	4.27
Oak Bay,	"	2.40
Third Hillsboro Church,	"	3.00
Treasurer of Maritime H. M. Board,	"	\$01.37
T. H. Hall,	"	5.00
W. E. Nobles,	"	6.00
Collected by Rev. F. W. Patterson,	"	3.00
Second Chipman Ch. S. S. for Grand Ligne,	"	2 15
Collected by Rev. F. W. Patterson for		
Newfoundland Mission,		7.00
Upper Newcastle Church,	F. M.	5.00
First Springfield,	H. M.	4.00
Second Springfield Church,	"	4.00
Kars Church,	"	2.00
Richmond Church,	"	4.00
Charles Secord,	"	5.00
Maple Grove Church,	"	1.60
Rothsay Church,	"	4.21
Second Grand Lake Church,	"	6.74

Before Reported, \$435.62

225.74

St. Martins, N. B., \$661.36

December 26th, 1899.

J. S. Titus, Treasurer.

Married.

EGERS-CADY—At Northfield, Sanbury Co., on December 25th inst. by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, Robert M. Eggers to Esther J., youngest daughter of William Cady, Esq., all of Northfield.

BRIGGS-ORCHARD—At Chipman Station, Queens Co., N. B., on December 26th, by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, Herbert O. Briggs to Dora A. Orchard, both of Chipman.

HENDERSON-BROWN—At Chipman Station, on December 27th, by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, James W. Henderson to Matilda J. Brown, both of Chipman.

McKURD-PARKER—At Doaktown, on December 20th, by Pastor M. P. King, Thomas McKurd, of Campbellton, to Lizzie Parker of Blissfield.

ACKERMAN-HARRINGTON—At the residence of the bride's father, on December 25th, by the Rev. A. T. Dykman, William N. Ackerman of Fairville, N. B., to Annie Harrington, of Kingsville, St. John Co., N. B.

LEE-SHERWOOD—At Centreville, N. B., on December 27th, by Rev. Joseph A. Cahill, assisted by Rev. J. E. Flewelling, Mr. LeRoy Lee to Miss Lena Sherwood.

Died.

KEITH—Mrs. Beverly W. Keith fell peacefully asleep at her residence, 42 Spring Street, on the 2nd of January, aged 29 years, leaving a sorrowing husband and five small children. She was a lovely Christian woman. Her illness was brief, but very severe, but she bore it with Christian fortitude; and although choosing life for the sake of her family she was

reconciled to the will of her Heavenly Father. Much sympathy is felt for Bro. Keith in this sore affliction. May grace be given him for his sore trial. Services were conducted at the house on Wednesday by Revs. N. A. McNeil and J. H. Hughes, after which the remains were taken to Havelock.

STRAIGHT—A very sad accident occurred at the Narrows, Saturday Evening, December 23rd. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Straight of Cambridge started to cross the lake at that place, and both of them fell through the ice where it was weak, having been worn away by the strong current at that point. They cried out for help but were only heard by very few. Two young men went to their assistance, but when they reached the place they only found Mr. Straight clinging to the ice in an unconscious state. Mrs. Straight had sunk to the bottom and could not be found. Mr. Straight was cared for at the home of Mr. Phillip White until consciousness was restored. The sad accident has cast a gloom over the entire community. A family of four little children are left without a mother to care for them, one only four months old. Fortunately the parents of Mrs. Straight are alive. They live in St. John, and have taken three of the children home with them. Mrs. Straight was a pure minded Christian, loved by all who knew her; and she will be very much missed in the neighborhood and the church, as well as in her once happy but now desolate home.

NODDIN—Mrs. Michael Noddin, of St. John, N. B., passed peacefully to the spirit world on Dec. 5th, in the 65th year of her age. She was born at Thornetown, Queens Co., N. B., and was baptized in 1859 by Rev. W. Troop. Her life was adorned by the Christian virtues, and the severe suffering of her last illness was endured with resignation and strong faith in God. A husband and six children are left to mourn their loss.

MACFARLANE—Suddenly on Dec. 14th, 1899, at his residence, Sydney Street, St. John, Foster MacFarlane, M. D., aged 65 years. Dr. MacFarlane was born at Studholm, Kings Co., N. B., his father being Matthew MacFarlane who came from Ireland to this Province when a boy. The MacFarlanes are of an old Scottish family and are able to trace their genealogy back through many generations. Dr. MacFarlane had followed his profession in St. John and his vicinity for many years. His practice was extensive and the circle of his acquaintance very large. Few citizens of St. John had more friends and probably none had fewer enemies! A faithful and skilful physician, endeavoring to keep himself abreast of the advancing medical science of his time. Dr. MacFarlane was a humble and sincere Christian, kindly of heart and courteous in speech, a man who strove to be faithful in all the relations of his life, and his sudden taking away is a sad bereavement, not only to his own family, but also to German Street Church, of which he was a highly valued member, and to a very large circle of warm personal friends. Dr. MacFarlane was a constant and liberal supporter of the Baptist cause, and though the rigorous demands of his profession left him little time to devote to denominational work, he was always deeply interested in the undertakings of the body, especially in the cause of education. Dr. MacFarlane was twice married. His first wife, who died in 1876, was Miss Elizabeth A. Babutt; his second wife, who survives him, was Miss Vanhorne of St. Martins. He leaves five children, two married daughters, Mrs. W. F. Barbour, of Fredericton, and Mrs. W. S. Rennie of St. John, two unmarried daughters, and Mr. W. G. MacFarlane, M. A., who for the past year or two has been pursuing post-graduate studies at Harvard and Columbia Universities, and is now engaged in journalistic work in St. John. The bereaved family in their sorrow have the sincere sympathy of many friends.—M. and I.

SUTHERLAND—At his home in Blissfield, Northumberland County, on December 8th, James Sutherland, aged 76 years.

HEUSTIS—At Jemseg, on the 9th inst, Ada Heustis, wife of Harry Heustis, in the 49th year of her age. The deceased had not made a confession of her faith in Christ, yet she had expressed a hope in the Savior to some of her friends some time before her death. She has left a sorrowing husband, eight children, and a number of near relatives. May God comfort the mourning ones. Her funeral was conducted by her late pastor, W. J. Blakeney.

LOCKHART—On the 22nd of November, Charles K., aged 17 years, eldest son of A. F. Lockhart, was drowned in the flume of his father's grist and carding mill, Hartford, N. B. A few moments previous he pressed the oar to relieve his father then below, in the effort to remove a plank in order to have more water power on the wheel. The two exchanged places. An unexpected rush of water caught his feet in the screen gate as it quickly closed resisting all efforts of the frantic father to pull the body upward. When both bodies were covered by the rapidly rising element the two were separated, and one was not, for God had taken him. To look upon this young man in life was to love him. Funeral possession, headed by Foresters and Orangemen, was over half a mile long. Five clergymen, including the pastor, participated in the services at the Baptist church, Jacksonville.

We have three unchangeables to balance against all changes. An unchangeable God, an unchangeable covenant, an unchangeable heaven.

The occasional Christian is the type that keeps the church apologizing to the world.