

of the rustling in the tree-tops" was the Spirit's signal to beatr ourselves. During my earliest ministry in a small congregation, the call of a godly woman at my house to inform me that one of her family was under deep conviction led me to appoint a special prayer service at her house on that very evening; and a hurried summons from house to house filled her dwelling with a most wonderful meeting. A more powerful out-pouring of the Holy Spirit I have never witnessed. It reminded me of some of the scenes described by Charles G. Finney in his Autobiography.

During my ministry in New York, I observed that in the course of an afternoon's pastoral visits there were earnest inquirers in several of the families visited. I called my church officers together; we appointed meetings for every evening, followed by conversations with inquirers. The results were rich and permanent. The memorable revival in the Lafayette Avenue Church, Brooklyn, in 1866, began in a prayer-meeting in my own house. We obeyed the signals of the Holy Spirit, and for three months there were conversions every day; the number ran up into the hundreds. All the preaching, praying, and working went forward with no outside assistance.

Now there was nothing novel in my experience; it has been the same as that of many other pastors. Whenever a minister and church recognize the peculiar presence of the Holy Spirit, and promptly *co-operate with the Spirit*, they are sure of a blessing. With God, victory is certain; without Him all attempts end in mortification and failure. When human machinery is set in motion to "get up a revival," and the vital, indispensable factor of the "power from on high" is left out, the results cannot but be mortifying and melancholy. Faith must pray; faith must work; faith must watch the signals of the Spirit, and faith must be content to let God have His own way. And to Him, and not ourselves, must be all the glory.—*The Evangelist.*

THIS PRAYER BOOK.

It is said that a church once began to complain about its minister who had lost his power, and when they came to him, he said, "Yes, and the reason is I have lost my prayer book." "Why," they said, "we thought you were a dissenting clergyman." "Yes," he said, "but my people are my prayer book; and they have stopped praying for me, and I have, therefore, lost my prayer book." God give you the ministry of prayer. You will get back just what you ask for, all the blessing you give your pastor. You will wonder how he will meet your difficulties, answer your need, and speak every word you are waiting for, and just because you prayed for him. And so may our ministry be strengthened by the ministry of prayer, and we speak "as of the ability that God giveth."

TRUE SYMPATHY.

In the city of Edinburgh a little child seven years old was brought to the hospital half-starved, and she had been so beaten by a drunken mother that her life was just ebbing away. We had to stand by and watch her die, and you may be sure that the nurse who watched by told her of the Good Shepherd. The child heard it evidently for the first time, and when the pain was very hard to bear, the name of Jesus seemed to bring her peace. Just as she was dying she clasped one of the nurses by the hand, and said: "Oh, won't you go and fetch the rest of them?" She was thinking of the other little homeless, helpless children. "Won't you go and fetch the rest of them in?"

Notes and Comments.

That is a wise saying of Marcus Aurelius that "one should stand upright, not be propped upright." The people who have to be propped when they ought to stand without it consume a

large part of the energy of the church that should be expended in helping the fallen to their feet.

A lady who professed religion, but whose daily practice was not in harmony with it, once said to the Rev. Rowland Hill: "I am afraid lest after all, I shall not be saved." The prompt reply was: "I am glad to hear you say so, for I have been long afraid of you, I assure you."

A effective sermon on the value and necessity of Sunday observance was unwittingly compressed in the answer of the boy in Pennsylvania, who was asked by a stranger concerning a field full of mules, "These are the mules," said the boy, "that work all the week down in the mine; but on Sunday they have to come up to the light, or else in a little while they go blind." Men, as well as mules, "go blind," and need Sunday light to save soul sight.

This is a good time in the churches to make practical application of Paul's motto for advance, and "forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those which are before," to pursue the mark for the prize. While remembering all the way in which the Lord has led, it is profitable to forget the past discouragements and discouragements, to lay aside every hindering and handicapping weight, and to press toward the better achievement and brighter hope. To be discouraged by past failures or to sleep on the field of past successes is alike fatal to the realization of the divine will.

By rooting out our selfish desires, even when they appear to touch no one but ourselves, we are preparing a chamber of the soul where the presence and power of the Devine may dwell.

ELLEN WATSON.

The power to love—God's greatest gift!

Forget it not dear heart. It will lift the weight of burdens heaviest, when thou rememberest that the best He gives is thine—thou still can'st love!

MARY P. GILMORE.

A calm restful temper grows as self is learning to loose itself in God. Such grace tells gradually on the daily life; even the minutest details may be brought under the power of God, and carried out in union with him.

Would'st thou bring the world to God? Then live near to Him thyself. If the devine life pervades thine own soul, everything that touches thee will receive the electric spark, though thou may'st be unconscious of being charged therewith.

L. M. CHILD.

When preparation were being made for the celebration of the American centennial, in 1876 General Grant was asked to write a message to the Sunday school youth of the United States, and his words are worthy to be recalled and re-impressed to day. He wrote: "Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of your liberties; write its precepts in your hearts and practise them in your lives. To the influence of this Book we are indebted for all the progress made in true civilization, and to this we must look as our guide in the future." There is no better motto for nation or individual than that—"Hold fast to the Bible."

Married.

WILSON-McLEAN—On Dec. 23, at the Baptist church, Hampton, by Rev. Mr. Shaw, Dr. Edson M. Wilson, of this city, to Lela, eldest daughter of Jas. McLean, Hampton.

BECK DYSART—At Elgin, January 20th, by Pastor H. H. Saunders, William Beck to Jennie Dysart, both of Elgin.

TAYLOR-KIRKPATRICK—At the Baptist parsonage Sussex, on the 29th inst., by the Rev. W. Camp, Irvine Washington Taylor to J. Maud Kirkpatrick, both of Pictouville, Kings Co.

STICKLES-HARTLEY—At the residence of the bride's parents, Marysville, by the Rev. W. R. Robinson, Thomas Stickles of Gibson to Mary Jane Hartley of Marysville, York Co.

SMITH-BRADSEY—At the residence of Wm. Bradley Esq., Gibson, on New Year's Day, his daughter, Laura M., was united in marriage to Herbert E. Smith of Hampton, by Rev. W. R. Robinson.

GALLUP MARGISON—At the Baptist church, Upper Knoxville, Jan. 29, by Rev. B. S. Freeman, Whitfield to Gallup of Knoxville to Ethel Margison.

Died.

CHASE—At Upper Brighton, Carleton county, on the evening of the 13th, of consumption, Alberta, beloved wife of George Chase, fell asleep in Jesus. A strong faith in the finished work of the atonement sustained our sister through all the days of her declension and she was sweetly cheered with the abiding presence of the Comforter divine. She departed at the age of 10 years and left to mourn a husband, two children, an aged father and mother, brothers and sisters with many friends and acquaintances whose loss is her eternal gain.

FRASER—At Chipman, N. B., on 10th inst., Mrs. Hannah Fraser, a native of Inverness, Scotland, aged 82 years. M. S. Fraser came to New Brunswick with her husband, the late John Fraser, Esq., moving from Nova Scotia in 1846. A member of the Presbyterian body, her sympathy and friendship went out equally to all Christians, and she ever rejoiced in the prosperity of Christ's kingdom. She belonged for many years to the W. M. S. Missionary Societies of both Presbyterians and Baptists in this place, and the cause of Foreign missions was especially dear to her. Two sons and three daughters, one of whom is Mrs. Cox, the W. M. A. Secretary for N. B., remain to cherish her memory.

HORSMAN.—At Elgin, N. B., Feb. 3rd, Sarah, wife of Christopher Horsman, aged 63 years. Our sister was converted in early life, was baptized by Rev. John Hughes and united with Hillsboro church. For many years has been a member of the 1st Elgin church. The husband and six children are left to mourn; but cherish the hope that she is at "rest."

ANDERSON.—At Hartland, Jan. 27th, Thomas Anderson entered into the home of which Jesus said "I go to prepare for you," at the age of 70 years. He was born at Oromocto, Sunbury county. Intellectually bright, his early life promised much success, but at the age of 26 had a severe illness which left him infirm the remainder of his life. But he had "anchored his soul in the haven of rest." God was the strength of his life, his light and salvation. Although on earth he never had a home of his own, yet wherever he went Christian homes were open to him. God was his father and all God's people were his brethren and sisters. He had read the bible through over thirty times. It was continually his delight. Brother Anderson always enjoyed the assembling of God's saints and was rarely absent from any of the Associations or Quarterly meetings in the western counties of the province. The attendance at his funeral was among the largest held in this place, showing the esteem he was held in by all. He was a member of the Jacksontown Baptist church.