

in Paul's direction. "Perhaps you are right. I hope these things have fitted Crandal for faithful service, instead of spoiling him."

While Paul was waiting for his dinner, he penned a letter to his mother, concluding with these words:

"So, dearest little mother, you see it is all right, and the highest possible honor has come to your son. Or rather he has awakened to a sense of the magnitude of the work before him. I fear I had grown somewhat indifferent to my work here, for which may God forgive me. My salary will probably be only five or six hundred, but there is a parsonage. Can you, mother, close the old home in Detroit, and come out in the wilderness with me? To have you and a home will give me strength for the fray. If you can do this, I will come for you after a couple of weeks.

"Oh, mother, my heart runs over with joy! The Lord's work is my work—our work, I will say. Good-by, precious mother.

As ever your loving son,

"PAUL CRANDAL."

At that very hour, in the consulting room of Dr. Fletcher, Knowlton's most eminent physician, another scene was being enacted which was to have a weighty influence upon the ministry of the pastor so recently appointed for Danesville.

Two persons besides Dr. Fletcher were present. One was Dr. Briggs, the pompous medical man of Danesville; the other, a slender, middle-aged woman whose pale, intellectual face and carefully modulated voice betokened a refined nature.

"So I told Mrs. West she had better come down and see you," Dr. Briggs was saying. "Not that there was any real need of it, but I thought maybe folks would think I—"

"Yes, yes, Briggs, we understand," Dr. Fletcher interrupted, brusquely. "Let me see your tongue, please, Mrs. West."

He subjected her to a thorough examination, speaking rapidly, and often seeming sure of her answers before he put the questions. When he had finished, he bade her be seated, and motioning for Dr. Briggs to follow him, left the room.

(To be Continued.)

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that we have cancelled the guessing prizes we offered at the beginning of this year, as there are now three months of the year gone by, and only one guess has been sent in.

And we also notify subscribers that if they want their paper stopped they must pay up all arrearages, with their order to stop sending them the paper, or refusing to take it from the post-office. Several notices have been sent in by post-masters that the paper was refused by the subscriber, and in most of these cases the parties refusing to take the paper from the post-office were those who owed for it for one, and two years, or part of two years, and sent no pay for it. We say to all who want their paper stopped, send in the pay for it for the time you have been getting it, and we will stop sending it if you so order. And furthermore we say to any subscriber who is not getting their paper twice every month, let us know of it and we will see that they get it regularly, and will supply any back number that they have not had. The paper is mailed every time to all our subscribers, and if they do not get it, it is not our fault. The trouble is with the mails, or with their post-office. We have had to enter complaints against several post-offices for non-delivery of the paper; and in some cases where complaints were made we have found that the paper had been delivered regularly. So if any subscriber does not get their paper regularly it is their own fault, for they should notify us when it does not reach them. We have no way of knowing that they do not get the paper unless they notify us of it, then we will be only too glad to look into the matter and have it straightened out. But for persons to let the paper run on for a year and over, and refuse to take it from the office, or to pay for it, saying they did not get it half the time, etc., is not fair to us. They should let us know if they do not get it, so that we could have a chance to remedy the difficulty.

Women and Drink.

The Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America held its convention in Philadelphia, a few days ago, and among its resolutions was the following:

Whereas, The virtue of a nation is never higher than the virtue of its women. The mothers of the nation form the habits of the youth. It is a lamentable fact that the drinking customs of society today foster the use of intoxicants among women—women of the higher grade of society, women of culture, wealth, and influence, who should be eminent in respectability and virtue, as the example is apt to be followed and the customs become a norm in society; be it

Resolved, 1. That we urgently advocate the establishment of women's total abstinence societies and the forming of public opinion against this growing abuse.

2. That we recommend open meetings, lectures, and the distribution of temperance literature in places in which the interest in total abstinence is flagging.

We regret to have to say that it is applicable to others than Catholic women.

Religious News.

FREDERICTON. Six more young disciples were baptized on the 24th, all fruit from the Sunday School.

ISAAC'S HARBOR. Pastor Lawson writes the gratifying news that, as a result of special efforts, seventeen of the young people connected with the congregation have taken a decided stand for Christ.

GIBSON AND MARYSVILLE. Interest continues. Large congregations at each service. Sabbath schools well attended. Since last communion five precious souls have followed Jesus in baptism, one united by experience. Six received the right hand of fellowship into the Marysville church on Sabbath. Pray for us. W. R. ROBINSON.

SURREY, N. B. We have been much encouraged in the work on our new field. The attendance at the prayer and Sabbath services has steadily increased. The church is being revived and sinners brought to the Saviour. Last Sabbath I baptized six believers who had accepted Christ in our weekly prayer meetings. We hope to see many others give themselves to the Lord. MILTON ADDISON. Surrey, N. B., March 22nd, 1901.

SUSSEX. Bro. Hugh A. McLean who assisted us in special work at Sussex for two weeks is now with us at Penobscot. On the 30th inst. he goes to assist Rev. Omer Steeves at Advocate Harbor, N. S. Bro. McLean sings sweetly the gospel and is tender and earnest in his testimonies for Christ. At Sussex the church was revived and a number of souls saved. We have received five for baptism and expect others to come shortly. I hope to report later spiritual successes at Penobscot. Mrs. McLean, who accompanies her husband, is a lady of sweet Christian life. It is a joy and inspiration to have these servants of God in the home. If a pastor desires helpers in special services I would recommend to him Brother and Sister McLean. W. CAMP.

LUTES MOUNTAIN, N. B. The Second Moncton Baptist church at Lutes Mountain has been considering the proposal of the Home Mission Board to group our church with Shediak and Coverdale Baptist churches. Three business meetings have been held to discuss this question and the following resolution passed:

Resolved, that this church is agreeable to the grouping with Shediak and Coverdale Baptist churches. And that the Home Mission Board be so notified, and asking ministers desiring to become pastor of this group to communicate with

the clerk of the church.

B. A. LUTES, Church Clerk.

ALMA.

A much larger salary, more compact field and less costly move offered elsewhere; but

I was turned this way as with "a hook in my nose." Few churches exchange pastors without a gap. Few pastors elect, hear the farewell sermon of the preacher whom they expect to succeed next Sunday. For some time before his retirement Pastor Addison and I prayed often together for divine guidance. God hears. How long I shall remain here the Master knows. I have burned no bridges behind me, but the snow banks cut off our retreat for a time. They say that our congregations are increasing. Our vestry cannot seat all who come to prayer-meeting. Sinners are coming forward from the back pews, seeking Jesus. Several write that they watch the paper for my name. A mere name is not much. However, here it is.

F. N. ATKINSON.

Rev. S. D. Irvine, who is at present residing at Perth Centre, Victoria Co., in a recent note says: "I have had of late quite a backset. I was hoping to escape the gripe, but it has got hold of me, and I am much weakened by it. My cough has returned with all its former force and power. If hemorrhage set in I might as well give up ever trying to preach again, but I hope to escape this trial."

The many friends of our dear brother will hear with regret of the present unfavorable state of his health. May the great physician give him returning vigor and strength for many days yet to come.

Rev. M. P. King of Doaktown, was recently down to Queen's Co., visiting his brother James, at Hon. G. G. King's, and with his sister Mrs. Coburn, spent Sabbath 17th inst. on Bro. McIntyre's field.

An invitation has been sent by the Lower Newcastle church to the Western Association to meet in that place on Friday, June 28th, 1901. It is probable this invitation will be accepted by the committee.

Rev. John Robertson, formerly a Presbyterian minister at the City Temple, Glasgow, and who was baptized by the late C. H. Spurgeon, remained for some time connected with the Presbyterian body, hoping to get his church to adopt scriptural baptism. He stated that he wished to remain a Presbyterian in order if possible, to save them from "the popish errors of infant sprinkling." Finding, however, the prejudices of his people too great he has at last decided to unite openly with the Baptists and has taken pastoral charge of East London Tabernacle, the church formerly under the care of Rev. Archibald G. Brown.

Rev. J. F. Bartlett, formerly of the Leinster street church, St. John, is at present pastor of the Tenth church, Philadelphia. He spent last summer with a company of tourists in foreign lands and recently gave an address before the Philadelphia ministers on "The Passion Play."

Baptists in the Northwest have enjoyed much blessing of late and their numbers are rapidly increasing. Twenty-five years ago they had but one church, with a handful of members; they now have 80 churches and 4,000 members. Ere long Western Canada will be by far the most important part of our constituency. Just now it needs attention.

GIBSON AND MARYSVILLE.

The services continue to increase in interest and attendance. On March 24th, two precious souls followed Jesus in baptism. On March 31st 7 candidates were baptized. One being a Roman Catholic, but now fully trusting and happy in Jesus. The testimony was "I have confessed my sins long enough "to sinful man, I am now going to confess them "to Jesus." The Parish S. S. Association convened under the auspices of the Marysville church, on Friday 29th March. Two most interesting and instructive sessions were held. The schools shewed marked progress. The church was filled to its utmost capacity during the evening session