

The Press for Christ.

er. I have just been over in the reading room spending the afternoon with my old friends—the magazines. I don't know how I could get along without them. I observe that the close competition of the business world is also affecting the great literary periodicals. Probably the fight for the lead was never so fierce before. Some attempt to increase their circulation by cutting down the price; others, not condescending to this method, evidently make greater efforts than ever to obtain valuable and readable matter. The result is almost a new era in the history of the magazines, which were never so fresh, so excellent in tone, so beautiful in illustration, or so cheap, as they are this winter. Further, there have never, since I have been watching them, been so many solidly religious articles in the leading periodicals as at this time. Take, for instance, the last *Commonwealth*, a monthly which has made every exertion to become the most popular illustrated magazine on the continent, and which has probably succeeded as far as circulation is concerned. It is got up to sell. Its name, its illustrations, the very colors of its covers, tell you that, yet, in this eminently worldly magazine we find two thoroughly religious and Christian articles, which any of our religious papers from the *Messenger and Visitor* to the *Home* Review might covet, if coveting were lawful—one, "The Son of the Carpenter," by Lyman Abbott, on the life of Jesus, the other, "God's Will and Human Happiness," by St. George Mivart, showing the best side of the Christian religion, but pointing out the helplessness of "unassisted paganism to transform itself into a definite and dogmatic monotheism, one in doctrine, speaking with authority, in the same terms to all ranks of mankind, and to every nation upon the earth." This magazine is not alone. Not long ago a sermon of Philip Brooks was published in another, leading monthly, and such articles as the above are appearing more and more frequently.

Is there no significance in these facts? Do they signify that the kingdom of English letters is about to become a kingdom of our Lord and of Christ? Without enumerating my reasons, I believe that they signify a movement in that direction. The fashion of ignoring Christ, which has been in vogue for twenty years among many of our best writers, is about to change. Literature, so long nursed, and imprisoned by the "church," having gained independence and freedom, will never again be enslaved by a sect, Romish or Protestant, yet is destined to yield allegiance to Him whose truth alone can make it truly free. I believe that I can see signs that that day is at hand, other than this straw which shows in the magazines. I believe that to-day it would be impossible for such a man as Ingelbald to rise to notoriety, much less to fame. I believe that the reason why Sir Edwin Arnold, who is undoubtedly the greatest living English poet, is not poet laureate to-day is that he is so manifestly a pagan, and therefore so entirely out of sympathy with the spirit of his age.

And now, "hark in your ear," Christian reader, you must help to win the secular press for Christ. Work for the conversion of the editor? Yes, get into sympathy with the editor of your county and town paper. Help him; get him to help you. He can, if he will, give you a congregation five times as large as your best. I know an editor who went to the ministers in his town and asked them to give him the manuscripts of their sermons in rotation. They refused. They made a great mistake thereby and closed a door of influence against themselves. The secular press presents to-day more than ever before, a page on which the ministers of the gospel may write, where all men read it, not his own name nor the name of his sect, but the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let him not antagonize it nor despise it, but use it for the glory of God.

Revised Stumbling Blocks.

People who have no faith.
People who talk too much.
People of inconsistent lives.
People with no moral nerve.
People who always come late.
People with quirks and whims.
People who are proud and stiff.
People who occupy back seats.
People who do not pray at home.
People who ride theological hobbies.
People who are always finding fault.
People who pray four times too long.
People who are in love with themselves.
People who know more than their pastor.
People who are self-appointed exhorters.
People who start times nobody can sing.
People who are cool to the poor folk who come.
People whose zeal is not exactly according to knowledge.
People who make a great noise when nothing particular is going on.
People who imagine they have a monopoly of all the holiness in the church.
People who talk glowingly in the church and are dumb as an oyster at home.
More truth than poetry in this.
Yours in the work,
J. A. MARPLE.

—In the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday Senator Hale made an argument putting lumber on the free list, and said much action would be taken in his state. He insisted that the duty should be restored or at least some duty be put on this article to prevent the industries of Maine and other lumber raising states from being ruined by the free importation of lumber from Canada.

"Mamma," said Mabel, "if people eat up all the toadstools, what will the cads do when they want to sit down?"—Truth.

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DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

(All notices except localities contributed by the denominational press.)
Foreign Missions, Acadia University, Ministerial Education, Ministerial Aid Fund, Christian Missions, Northwest Mission, from churches or individuals, etc., in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, should be sent to the Rev. J. W. Manning, St. John, N. B., and all notices for the same from Nova Scotia should be sent to Rev. A. Coburn, Wolfville, N. S. Envelopes for collecting funds for denominational work can be had on application to the above, or to the Baptist Book Room, Halifax.

PORT MAITLAND.—A young man was baptized at Beaver River March 10th. Others are inquiring. Prayer meetings becoming more interesting. Outlook hopeful. F. BEATTIE.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Two weeks of special services have greatly quickened the church, and brought to a saving hope at least seven souls. We expect soon to have baptism. One was added by letter Feb 14th.

LOCKPORT.—This morning I celebrated my forty-sixth birthday by leading three more happy believers in Jesus through the appointed entrance of His church on earth—Mr. and Mrs. Williams Gray and Elizabeth H. Brown.

ONSLAW, EAST AND WEST.—A very unusual call has been given by the above churches to Evangelist Edward Owens, late of England, to the pastorate. The call has been accepted, and the new pastor enters upon his duties at once.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.—Pastor Bentley writes very encouragingly concerning the progress of the work in connection with the Summerside church. The church will be greatly strengthened as a result of special services lately held. It is expected that quite a large number will shortly be received by baptism. Several heads of families for whom prayer has long been offered are among the recent converts.

GREENWOOD.—I notice in the *Messenger and Visitor* of the 7th inst. a notice that Rev. S. March is supplying for the Aylesford church. I know of but two churches in Aylesford, the Upper and Lower Aylesford churches. The Upper Aylesford has a settled pastor; the lower have none. The Lower Aylesford church has four sections. Bro. March resides in one and is supplying that one; the rest are without a supply.

CALDEX SPINNEY, Dea.
SALT SPRINGS, N. B.—Bro. George A. Lawson (his) is preaching here with much acceptance. He is a young man of much promise and has won the sympathy of his hearers. He expects to repair our meeting house this spring. We also hope to have a roll call and a revision of the list of church members, that may be able to report correctly to the next Association. We solicit an interest in the prayers of the many readers of the *Messenger and Visitor* that showers of spiritual blessings may be received. CLERK.

RANGE, QUEENS CO.—We are having good meetings here. The Lord is visiting this place with power. Backsliders are returning home. Some are adding back unwilling to surrender, but the Lord is working here to will and to do of His own good pleasure. Thirteen souls were baptized here yesterday by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, and still there are more to follow. It was a glorious sight to witness the baptism of these dear happy souls. Brethren, pray for us from Johnston, Queens Co. H. D. WOODEN.

JEDDOH, Halifax Co.—Rev. G. D. McDonald, of Halifax, lately visited this church, preaching Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 28, and March 1st, on the field. His visit was one of great enjoyment to himself, and was much blessed to the people. During his short stay Bro. McDonald preached six times, and administered the Lord's Supper and baptized twelve persons—eight young men and four young women. Large congregations gathered to listen to the Word and a deep interest was manifested. At the last meeting, twelve others rose for prayers. Bro. Saunders, white, who spent his Christmas vacation in this place and won the hearts of the people, is under engagement to return as pastor after graduating from Acadia in June. The outlook for the field is very hopeful.

FOREST GLEN, Westmorland Co.—We are glad to add our thanksgiving to God for blessings received in our church here. We have been waiting and working for the past six weeks, and continually the Holy Spirit has been moving upon the people. Only twelve members now live here. All of these have again taken their place in the Lord's service, and we have received fourteen more to our fellowship—six by letter, three on experience, and the following five by baptism: Bro. John Rockwell, Everett DeBow, Titus Collette, Sisters Mrs. Milledge Kay and Ethel Collette. These were baptized on Lord's day afternoon, March 11, and all were welcomed into the church in the evening. Two deacons were set apart according to the apostolic manner at this service. We hope to report more additions in the future. We ask your prayers in our behalf. We wish to acknowledge the kindness of this people in the gift of a far coat for myself and nice shawl for Mrs. Saunders.

H. H. SAUNDERS.
WOLFVILLE.—In the death of Mrs. J. W. Bass, of Wolfville, referred to in the obituary column of the *Messenger and Visitor* recently, a long and useful life, full of Christian helpfulness and good deeds, closed peacefully. Those who were much with her during her last illness are assured that "her last days were her best days," for special action was taken to make a brief and wholly removed, and in full trust and confidence she longed to depart and be with Christ. Sister Bass will be kindly remembered and sincerely mourned by many in addition to those of her immediate household. Her Christian activities and sympathies were not confined to her family circle. For 50 years she consistently filled her place as a member of the Wolfville Baptist church, and at the time of her death, with one exception, was its senior member. She loved its service well. In all that pertained to its welfare, as

well as to the prosperity of the denomination generally, she took a warm interest. Baptist principles came to her by inheritance, and were held with a firm grasp. Her family history may be said to have been bound up in the history of the Wolfville Baptist church. Among its constituent members, her grandfather, Simon Fitch, Esq., held a prominent place, and was for many years one of its deacons, while her father, Deacon Simon Fitch, who filled the diaconate for 40 years, was also a church clerk. Two of its longest and most successful pastors concerning the greater portion of its history were filled by Rev. Theodore Hastings, *clerk of venerable women*—and Rev. Dr. DeBlois, respectively, both of whom were intimately connected with Mrs. Bass' family, while her husband is at present the senior deacon of the church. Sister Bass' chief work was done in the home, where her duties as wife and mother were discharged with great faithfulness. More than the church of her choice, she loved her Bible, and perused it diligently. She frequently prayed with and for her children, and, in the management of her household, sought to afford them every opportunity for attending the house of prayer, and the Sunday school, and God gave His blessing. She lived to see all her children—five sons and three daughters—hopefully converted, and united with her in the same church fellowship; and, subsequently, her sons-in-law, and daughter-in-law all became members of Baptist churches. Two of her sons entered the Baptist ministry; the funeral services were largely attended by sympathizing friends, and were conducted by Rev. Dr. Higgins, pastor of the church, and Rev. J. Danovans and Rev. Kierstead. Her husband and seven children survive her, and tenderly cherish her memory.

PARKER'S COVE.—The spiritual life of this old church is not as bright as we would wish. We have no pastor since New Year's. Bro. C. W. Allen (he) labored on this field for nine months, ending Dec. 31st last, when he returned to school at Wolfville. Bro. Allen is an earnest indefatigable worker and bids fair to become a very useful Christian Minister. During his stay with us two were added to the church, one by letter and one by baptism, and others, we believe, were made to rejoice through a knowledge of Jesus as their Saviour. Our brother came down from Wolfville Feb. 9th, and remained over Sabbath, preaching the present sermon on the day of visit, according to previous arrangement, a donation party was held at Deacon Andrew S. Clark's, Hillburn, where quite a number assembled and contributed to the amount of \$16, in recognition of his services among us in the past. We hope to have another pastor in the near future. During the past year the house of worship at Hillburn has been cleared of debt and painted inside and out. The new building at Brook had new seats put in and the temporary ones removed. Bro. Allen deserves much credit for his untiring efforts to get this new building supplied with comfortable seats. We have felt the spiritual need of a new pastor, but Master in the past, and may yet again feel his presence in the future. Brethren pray for us.

A. S. CASWELL, Church Clerk.
SABLE RIVER, Shelburne Co.—I desire, through the medium of the *Messenger and Visitor*, to make mention that the Lord is still helping us. We are triumphing over our enemies in the good old way. We have our regular preaching services and prayer meetings, which are well attended. Our Sabbath school is better attended and more interest taken. Our faithful pastor, Rev. I. W. Carpenter, has been chosen to visit to St. John. After four or five weeks he again will return in company with his wife, and will be with us this year, God willing. May God be with him until we meet again. He also would make mention concerning present work we have received from the church and Sabbath school, presented to us by Bro. I. W. Carpenter and the librarian, for services as deacons, and superintendent of Sabbath school and leader of choir. The pastor has received two copies of the *International Teachers' Bible*, and two copies of the *Christian Herald* for one year. We would extend our warmest sympathy to our brothers and sisters, and feel it to be an unmerited favor. We know the motive that prompted them was love to God, and to one another, and the same spirit of sympathy that moved them to this act, will be the spirit to help all of us through life to every means of grace.

What sympathy Christ had! That is the chord with which He is going to draw all nations unto Him.
JAMES DUNLOP.
FREEMAN G. DUNLOP.
DEACONS.
PRINCE WILLIAM, N. B.—On Wednesday evening, Feb. 28, the good people of Prince William expressed the appreciation of my services among them during the past two months by a donation gathering. They met at the residence of Edward D. Estabrooks, Esq., in large numbers, and a most agreeable time was enjoyed. An intelligent company, an excellent tea, first-class music, social conversations and generous hearts, all combined to make the occasion one of unusual interest. Bro. Josiah Lawrence was chosen chairman and Bro. Chas. Gunter to make the presentation speech, and both did their work gracefully. After an acknowledgment by the party most interested, in which he imperfectly expressed his thanks to the donors, Rev. Mr. Foster, Free Baptist, and Rev. E. C. Jenkins made good speeches. Bro. Estabrooks, in response to a hearty vote of thanks to him and Mrs. Estabrooks for the kindness in welcoming this pleasant occasion, made a brief but appropriate address. The handsome sum of \$100 in cash was presented besides several other useful articles. On the following day I came to Woodstock to take Rev. A. F. Bass' work, and this pleasant visit to Prince William to take my work for the Sabbath, including the baptisms of two happy believers, one of whom is the only daughter of the late Rev. T. W. Saunders. Bro. E. C. Jenkins was kind enough to accompany me to Prince William to supply them temporarily, making fortnightly visits; but the settlement

of a pastor is greatly needed and desired. At the monthly conference on Saturday last a committee was appointed to confer with the Upper and Lower Kingsclear Baptist churches regarding cooperation with them in calling and supporting a pastor as soon as practicable. These three churches combined constitute one of the most desirable fields of labor in this province. I. WALLACE.

P. E. I. Conference.

The third meeting of the P. E. Island Baptist Conference was convened in the Baptist church at Tyne Valley, Monday, March 5th and 6th. The following ministers and delegates were present: Revs. C. W. Corey, J. C. Spurr, H. Carter, C. Read, J. W. Kierstead, Bro. Arthur Simpson and Sisters Clark and Spurr, of Cavendish; Bro. W. Dunbar, H. Benjamin, William Clark and Sister Clark, of Salford; Sister Myrtle Nusen, of Summerside; Bro. F. Simpson, of Lot 16, Bro. W. Biglow and John Colwell, of Tyne Valley. Monday evening the interests of the denomination were presented in earnest addresses by J. W. Kierstead, Rev. C. W. Corey and Clarence Read, B. A., on Education, Home Mission and Foreign Missions respectively. Tuesday morning a prayer and which was greatly blessed to those who attended social meeting was conducted by J. W. Kierstead. In the afternoon, after a short service of prayer the moderator, Rev. J. C. Spurr welcomed C. Reid and J. W. Kierstead (young men who have just settled at Alton and Alexander) to the island Province, and the Lord's work in this association. J. W. Kierstead was appointed secretary pro tem in the absence of Rev. B. H. Bentley. All members of Baptist churches present were invited to see in the conference. The remainder of the afternoon was given to reports from the churches. Rev. C. W. Corey reported seven conversions and church much revived. Rev. J. C. Spurr had no conversions to report at Cavendish, but a hopeful outlook for the future. Rev. H. Carter expects to baptize two in the near future; other interests fairly good. Bro. Read has been having a good time at Springfield—ten have manifested a desire to be Christians, and several of these have already found peace. The new house of worship at Springfield is completed and will be dedicated soon. Summerside is enjoying a gracious revival under the leadership of C. O. McKay and C. Reid. Salford is also enjoying a revival. The Baptist church will probably receive fifteen or twenty. Extracts of letters were read from Rev. A. Freeman and Deacon Scott. Bro. Freeman is holding special meetings at Cape Bear and expects to baptize four or five candidates soon. In the absence of a pastor Deacon Scott is supplying the East Point church. The moderator lovingly referred to Deacon Scott's consecrated life and said: "The fact that the dear brother has been unanimously chosen by his brethren to supply until a pastor is settled on the field, shows how perfectly they respect him." The report from Alexander, Ligg and Belfast was also very encouraging. The long standing difficulty at Alexander is about to be settled. Special prayer was offered commending Rev. A. McNeil and his sister, who have lately been bereft of their father, to the comfort and consolation of the Spirit. Rev. J. C. Spurr preached a very impressive sermon in the evening from Heb. 2: 1, which was followed by an evangelistic meeting led by Rev. C. W. Corey. A note of thanks was tendered to the people of Tyne Valley whose hospitality the delegates enjoyed. Collections amounted to \$8.65.

J. W. KIERSTAD, Sec. pro tem.
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Acknowledgment.
Through the *Messenger and Visitor* I thank my church and congregation and friends of the denominations who met at the paragon in River Herbert, Feb. 16th, for their annual donation, and also those who were absent on that evening, but have since forwarded their gifts, raising the sum total to the amount of \$74. May the Lord bless them and keep them; the Lord make his face to shine upon them and be gracious unto them; the Lord lift up His countenance upon them and give them peace.

PASTOR J. M. PARKER.
Notice.
The next meeting of the P. E. Island Baptist conference will be held with the church at Knutsford, opening meeting on Monday evening, April 2nd. Pastors and churches without pastors are requested to see that delegates be present at this meeting. Those going by train will address Mr. C. A. Reid, O'Leary Station.

B. H. BENTLEY, Sec.
The district quarterly meeting of Colchester Co. meets at Lower Stewiacke, April 2nd. Programme: sermon, 7:30; Pastor Owen, Tuesday, a. m., 9:30; pastors' conference, p. m., 3-4; open conference, 4-5; children service, 7:30; sermon, pastor Blackadar; ordination of deacons. Delegates will be met at Lower Stewiacke Station.
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