

hearer is charged with the message. Every language is to become a medium for its declaration to all the people of the earth. To preach this gospel of salvation by means of all languages to all people, that became the church's glorious mission on the day of Pentecost. It is her glorious mission still.

One thought more in connection with this lesson seems of great importance—the conditions of the reception of the Power from on high. That little company of believers in Jerusalem unknown and unnoticed—who supposed that they would move the world? But they waited upon the command and promise of their Lord. They waited in harmony of mind and spirit, in prayer, in faith in their ascended Lord, in holy purpose, in trustful expectation of an answer from on high. They did not wait in vain. The answer came in power. No company of believing souls waiting under similar conditions ever have or ever can wait in vain. The power from above comes to energize and make effectual the weakness of men. It is more of Pentecostal waiting and of Pentecostal blessing above all else that the world needs today.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

The educational meeting held in the Main Street church on Tuesday evening of last week was well attended and was of a highly interesting character. The speakers announced for the evening were Rev. Dr. Stewart, of Mount Allison University, Rev. Dr. Keirstead, of Acadia, and Rev. N. A. McNeill, of Hampton. Mr. McNeill, however, did not arrive. A number of the Baptist ministers of the city were present. Revs. G. O. Gates and G. W. Schurman took part in the opening exercises. Pastor Gordon introduced as the first speaker of the evening, Dr. Stewart, who delivered a very excellent address and was heard with much interest. Congratulating Pastor Gordon and his people on the completion of their beautiful church, Dr. S. said that in some of the mountainous districts of Scotland a summer tourist would sometimes find a rustic seat by the wayside with the legend "Rest and be thankful" written above it. There might be a temptation for a church in so comfortable circumstances, the speaker said, to adopt that as its motto, but as applied to a church of Christ the motto should read—"Be thankful, but rest never until the work given you to do is accomplished." He trusted that from the opening of this new building and with the better facilities for work which it afforded there might come a quickening and expansion of all the church's enterprises. Proceeding, Dr. Stewart said he was aware that Education was not a popular subject. Many persons seemed to think that whatever else the church is bound to do, it has no responsibility in providing education. They look to the common school system and the State to make what provision is necessary. But the speaker was persuaded that the more we study the character of christianity and understand our duty as christian people the more we shall feel that we dare not allow education to pass out of our hands. The church is deeply interested in education because of its relation to an efficient christian ministry. The result of biblical learning which is in the hands of every Sunday school teacher is a product of christian education. Our Lord trained his disciples for three years, educating them for the work of the ministry. The young man of today with his heart full of love to Christ and of zeal to preach the gospel to the world, still needs to have his mind disciplined and informed by education. An educated ministry is needed not only for the city churches but for the country districts. He would have the people in the back settlements and along the shores fed also upon the finest of the wheat. Dr. Stewart alluded eloquently to the significant motto above the platform on which he was standing, "One Lord: One Faith: One Baptism." There was one Lord for all christians, even He whom the world hated and rejected; one Faith in the common Lord; one Baptism, the seal and pledge of divine grace, the abiding line of separation between the church and the world.

The training of the ministry, however, was not all for which the church was responsible in the matter of education. There are many young men and young women in our country thirsting for knowledge. This is evidence that Christ is calling them to take positions of influence in the world. These boys and girls have claims upon the church. They need and should have the privileges and safe-guards of education under christian influences. In this grand young country of ours there are opportunities for young men and women with an education to rise to positions of honor and influence. The country needs such men and women; educated in christian schools, and prepared to strive for the realization of high christian ideals. It is the duty of the churches with generous

hand to help these young men and women up to positions of honor and usefulness. It is sometimes urged that men who have had the advantages of a college education have turned out sad failures. Of course there are failures among college graduates but they are comparatively rare. It is the duty of the people to see that their colleges are well equipped and well manned. The men chosen for professors should be the best attainable, but above all prayer was necessary and those who were charged with the important duties connected with the educational work of a denomination needed to be upheld and encouraged by the prayers of the churches.

Dr. Keirstead being introduced congratulated the pastor and people of Main St. on the completion of their work of building and intimated that what they had accomplished in that line must be regarded as prophetic of the generous aid they would be able to render to the college and the cause of education in years to come. Since Martin Luther and his proclamation of justification by faith the individual soul and the local church have been emphasized. But, though we magnify the local church we must also recognize a grand principle of interdependence. Just as the infant child, though an independent life, is still dependent for continued existence and proper development upon an environment created for it by others, so is it with a church. It is independent. There is a promise and potency of life in it, but it is also dependent upon that complex life of which it is a part, and as the life around it becomes more complex the relations of the local church to things beyond itself become more numerous. It is on this principle that the church is interested in education. The church is interested in professional education—in the production not only of good ministers but of good physicians, lawyers, engineers, etc., because the church is interested in everything which tends to the betterment of human life. The church is interested in education because of its salutary effect upon politics and government. It is interested in the higher education because of its relation to that of the common schools. The christian college does not exist to monopolize learning, to guard the preserves of learning for a favored few and so to create an aristocracy of letters, but rather to open every door by which light and blessing may come from God to the people. The church accordingly is interested in the higher education because the welfare of the common schools is dependent upon the colleges. The trained educationists who mould and control the common school system must be in great measure a product of the higher education. If the higher education should perish then the common school system would fall to ruin.

But the church is giving, too, on every hand, as well as receiving. It gives in this matter of education. It gives motive. Men can do little effectively unless the thing they are engaged in take strong hold upon them. In any great work for humanity, the ideal needs to be founded in religious belief and feeling. The loftiest ideals, the most powerful motives are those that centre in God and are charged with the inspiration of fellowship with Him. It is this that in the individual christian soul and in the church brings things to pass. Here is the grand motive for education. God is mind, and reason, and love, and true education which is the harmonious and reverent cultivation of the human powers is the bringing of the soul into a larger fellowship with God, as well as into relations of more helpful fellowship with humanity. This is the principle on which our churches seek to provide for the education of our young people under christian influence.

Dr. Keirstead proceeded to speak more particularly of the schools at Wolfville. The number of students in the college is now 125, which is more than double the number in attendance 14 years ago. It is hoped this number will be doubled within a much shorter time. There is room for more students, especially in the Seminary. He advised that any who desired an education should not wait until they saw clearly the means of getting through before they made an attempt, but to go over to Wolfville and take one term if they could do no more. The way was apt to open up before a persevering student as he goes along, and he finds that he has been able to reach a point far beyond what he expected at the outset.

Rev. W. C. Vincent, of Sackville, was present, and at the call of the chairman came to the platform and delivered an admirable address. Mr. Vincent said he was always ready to say a good word for Acadia, his *Alma Mater*. It was, he believed, as clearly the duty of the church to educate as to evangelize. Men needed to be loosed from the bonds of perverted imaginations and false ideals, as well as from the power of sin. We need an educated people as well as an educated ministry. The men and women of to-day should be in advance of those of fifty years ago. Some of the old fathers in the ministry were giants, but they felt in their own day the need of education, and in this day they could not, without a more generous intellectual training, occupy at all the

positions which they then filled. Mr. Vincent expressed his sympathy with the higher education of women, and believed that they should be placed on an equality with men. As Baptists, we had a very pronounced belief in the right of private judgment, but, with that doctrine, it is necessary that there go the education that fits men for the exercise of private judgment. Mr. Vincent contended that Acadia College could offer to the student advantages equal to any to be obtained in the Maritime Provinces. He also dwelt upon the excellent religious influences which pervaded the institutions at Wolfville, and the advantages to the social life of a student in a college education. Mr. Vincent stated also that the cost for a student at Acadia was \$50 per year less than at any other college in these provinces.

At the close of the public meeting a branch Alumni Society of Acadia College, for New Brunswick was formed. The society organized by appointing Rev. J. A. Gordon, president; Rev. E. E. Daley, secretary-treasurer; and Rev. G. W. Schurman, C. S. Harding, Esq., and S. McC. Black, with the officers, an executive committee. The society organized with some fifteen names, and it is expected that its membership will soon be largely increased.

The Meetings at Main Street.

The meetings held last week in the new Main street church, in accordance with previous announcements, were generally well attended and were characterized by a good degree of interest. The Monday evening meeting was inter-denominational in character and was addressed by a number of the ministers of the city. That of Tuesday evening was an educational meeting, of which quite a full report is given elsewhere in this issue. Wednesday was the Young People's evening. A very interesting service was held and excellent addresses given by Revs. E. E. Daley, of St. John, and J. D. Freeman, of Fredericton. Some account of this meeting will be found in our Young People's department. Thursday evening was devoted to the very important subject of missions. A report of it will be found on our eighth page. A largely attended and very interesting evangelistic service was held on Friday evening, when Rev. Mr. Waring gave an excellent address. On Lord's Day morning, Jan. 3rd, Rev. Dr. Carey, of Brussels Street, was the preacher and his admirable discourse was listened to with great interest and profit. Dr. Carey's text was Ps. 126: 3, "The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad." The subject was treated under the following divisions; 1. An interesting story; 2. An inspiring song; 3. An earnest prayer; 4. A faithful promise. At the evening service there was a full house. Pastor Gordon preached and afterward welcomed three persons to the fellowship of the church.

—The summary and somewhat mysterious removal of Mr. John March from the position of Superintendent of Schools in the City of St. John, may be capable of being supported by good and sufficient reasons, but until the School Board shall take the public a little more into its confidence, a good many people will think that the length and character of Mr. March's services in connection with the schools of the city, should have entitled him to a larger measure of consideration. Noticing Mr. March's forced resignation the Sun says:

"Whatever may be the circumstances connected with the re-organization of the staff, it is not probable that the city of St. John will ever get so much earnest, devoted and intelligent service out of any one man as Mr. March has given during his twenty-five years connection with its educational force. The first five years of his career as secretary of the board were trying times, calling for fine tact, as well as great energy and a capacity of rapid and continuous work. Perhaps no other man in the province could have done what was then required as well as Mr. March. He was then in his prime and could have made his way anywhere. The city has had the benefit of the best of his life and strength and we believe is not entirely unmindful of its obligation."

—Noon-day services are announced to be held at Cooper Union, New York City, every day except Saturday, under the leadership of Rev. A. C. Dixon. Mr. Moody, who begins work in Boston, the first Monday in January, will go to New York and conduct two services in Carnegie Hall, every Sunday in January. In February Rev. F. B. Meyer, of London, who has been much associated with Mr. Moody in the Northfield meetings, is expected to come to New York and conduct a series of services.

—Rev. Dr. Higgins, of Wolfville, writes in hearty support of the proposal, which has been made and seconded in our columns, that the friends of Rev. Isaiah Wallace unite in sending to him during this present month, in which he completes his 72nd year, some substantial token of regard, accompanied by a word of cheer. Dr. Higgins has known Mr. Wallace since their college days. He has much good, and nothing but good, to say of him.