

by him. The text was "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." He resolved that with God's help he would be at the new college on the opening day, and he was. Following his college course, he was appointed principal of the Grammar School at Bytown. He had been there two years when Knox church was organized and he became its pastor. In that church he remained twenty-four years. He had great joy in preaching, not only there, but up and down the Ottawa Valley, where churches were then few. Bytown became the city of Ottawa and the Capital of the Dominion. Eventually he felt the duties becoming onerous, and believed that a change might be beneficial both to himself and the people. Then came the opening for transfer to Guelph.

Again he recalled his text. They would notice in it the word "us." He identified himself with the congregation with which he had been associated as pastor for a quarter of a century. Some of them could remember the day of small beginnings. The facts and experience he had given were not for the community at large; he spoke to his congregation. Looking back upon the past, there were few who could remember the congregation of 1867. The face of one after another was seen in imagination by him; the voice of one after another was in imagination heard. He could almost from memory call the roll of those who began the organization of Chalmers church. The number of those who have departed is larger than of those who remain. He rejoiced to think the interest in the work of the congregation still continues, and that it is being vigorously prosecuted by those who have taken the places of their predecessors.

Another word in the text which had its own significance was "according." We could never mention in proportion to what He had done for us the loving kindness of the Lord, but we could mention them along the line of what He had done, and express our heartfelt gratitude to Him. He had blessed them as a congregation with singular harmony; with means for the prosecution of His work abroad, with the continuance of all the public ordinances of worship. When he retired from the active ministry, nothing ever gave him greater satisfaction than the settlement of his young brother in the pastorate. The increase of the congregation and its work under Mr. Glassford was an abiding source of joy to him, and not less so was his joy to see that the services of the past were appreciated by those who have carried the work forward. His closing message was: "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, and the God of Love and Peace shall be with you."

Among the "school commandments," which by direction of the government are posted up in attractive and conspicuous form in all the public schools of France, are these two: "Do you believe that he who hates and despises other peoples, or who desires to wage war upon them, is a good patriot. War is a remnant of barbarism. Only make war in defense of your country." "Work for the day when all men and all people will live fraternally together in peace and prosperity."

An aged minister who has always been diligent and happy in his chosen work, writes: "I have heard of ministers disapprove of their sons becoming ministers. That grieves me. I rejoice that my three sons, of their own accord by God's lead, chose the holy calling." The Apostle John wrote: "I have no greater joy than to know that my children are walking in the truth." The father has the joy of knowing that his children are striving to persuade others to walk in the truth.

NOTES FROM IOWA.

By Rev. William H. Jordan.

Vacation days are now drawing to a close and the various pastors and parishioners are returning to their homes better prepared for the fall campaign. The great Bible conference at Winona Lake, Indiana, drew large numbers, while others were scattered to various resorts. At the same time the public schools and colleges are the centers for the youth who enter with the same enthusiasm as they left their work in June. Our Presbyterian colleges open with hopeful prospects. Prof. W. W. Smith, LL.D., begins the presidency at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the strongest Presbyterian college in the state, succeeding Chancellor McCormick, D.D., now of Western University of Pennsylvania. There are some changes in the faculty. Dr. H. H. Maynard, the field secretary is working enthusiastically on the endowment and building fund, and hopes to report some big figures in the near future.

Dr. E. E. Reed, president of Buena Vista College at Storm Lake, Iowa, has broken down with nervous prostration, and may not be able to continue his work.

Some of our pastors are restless on their fields, and now and then one resigns without knowing the next step. But we are glad to say there are few such. One must not be too thin skinned and hurry away with the first little wave of opposition. Time does wonders to heal the sores and we have known some long pastorates to result from a little patience in the hour of trial.

Our Home Mission Board has organized a Department of Labor with headquarters in Chicago, Rev. Chas. Stelzle as superintendent. Much has already been accomplished, and some good literature has been sent out. The pastors were asked to preach especially to the working men, and perhaps in the cities this was generally done. But in the smaller places Labor Day does not secure much attention.

Among the most cheering things to note is the reported conversion of 150 persons at Rolfe, Iowa, in the union tent meetings. Rev. Lowery, a congregationalist minister, being the evangelist. Brother Lowery is something of a Bible student and has a thousand verses of scripture at his tongue's end, and that seems to be what gives him a tongue of fire. He is a beautiful spirited man, and his labors were much appreciated. He is not enthusiastic over tent meetings as he has encountered rain every place this summer. May the day be hastened when the spirit of God shall be poured out upon all flesh.

While hearing other pastors during a series of union Sabbath evening meetings we have been impressed with the sin of over a policy. Why should every sermon be prefaced by an apology? Why tell the people one has a poor sermon? Why not have a good sermon? What right has the preacher to take the time of the people if he has nothing to give them but thin time worn excuses? Seeing so much of it, and some of it being actually untrue, we feel like saying Never Apologize.

We recently had the privilege of visiting our new Presbyterian Hospital at Waterloo, Iowa. It has been in operation for seventeen months, and has had as many as twenty-five patients at a time. The property is valued at \$40,000 and has a debt of \$10,000 which is a heavy drain on the life of the institution. It needs some skillful surgical work to remove it. It takes the Synod of Iowa some time to waken up to the idea that it is their hospital, that they have adopted it as their own. It was born in the mind of Dr. Croese of Waterloo, Iowa, who has crowned a splendid life vocation by arousing the community and the church to the importance of this great work. He has also given ample of money as well as time and strength. Right in line with this is the new Health Hall just opened by Rev. T.

B Turner in the Coon Rapids, Iowa, a town of 2,000 people. It contains baths and gymnasium, and will be thoroughly equipped to help both men and women. Brother Turner is himself a gymnast and has charge of the enterprise. It has cost in the neighborhood of \$800. We shall hope to report its success in a later letter.

Carroll, Iowa.

YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIETY

The committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church on Young People's Societies met in Toronto on Tuesday of last week. There were present Rev. Dr. W. S. McTavish, Deseronto; Convenor: Rev. Hugh Matheson, Caledon East; Secretary: Rev. W. T. Prittie, Vernon; Rev. R. G. Macbeth, Paris; Rev. J. J. Hastie, Belgrave; Rev. J. W. McNamara, Tausley; Rev. W. R. McIntosh, Elora; Rev. W. B. Findlay, Niagara Falls; Rev. H. Ross, Lisle; Rev. R. Atkinson, Chesley; Rev. J. McP. Scott, Toronto; Rev. D. O. McArthur, Melross; Rev. J. J. Mondis, Glenallen; Rev. Dr. G. C. Pidgeon, Toronto Junction; Rev. P. F. Sinclair, Sonya, and Dr. Steele, Tavistock.

Sunday, November 5, was set apart as young people's day. Ministers will be asked to give special attention to young people's work on that occasion. A special service will be prepared.

The Convenor gave a report of the conference at Silver Bay under the auspices of the young people's mission movement, and intimated that a similar conference will be held in Whitby next July. The conference, though undenominational in character, was commended to the favorable consideration of Presbyterian young people. The special missionary studies for 1906 will be taken from "Reapers in Many Fields," a textbook published by the committee last year. The young people's manual will be published as in former years, but will contain some new features. Writers were appointed to treat the special missionary topics in "The Presbyterian Record." A topic card for Presbyterian guilds will be prepared. This will be quite distinct from the Christian Endeavor card. Members were appointed to visit the theological colleges and address the students on the plans of the committee.

Queen's University opens for the session 1905-6 on September 27th, and the students registration will go over the one thousand mark. Last session it was 957 and the smallest increase is fifty a year. It has been computed that over one-fifth of the students come from places in Ontario west of Toronto, there being 200 such last session. In all there were 225 students from between Toronto and the Pacific coast. Queen's claims to be, therefore, a university for western as well as eastern Ontario. On Monday Rev. Robert Laird, M.A. Queen's endowment agent, leaves on a three weeks' tour of western Ontario where he will visit the presbyteries in session.

So I saw in my dream that just as Christian came up with the cross, his burden loosed from off his shoulders and fell from off his back and began to tumble, and so continued to do till it came to the mouth of the sepulchre, where it fell in, and I saw it no more. Then was Christian glad and lightsome, and said with a merry heart: "He hath given me rest by his sorrow and life by his death." Then he stood still awhile to look and wonder, for it was very surprising to him that the sight of the cross should thus ease him of his burden.—John Bunyan.

People are sometimes unhappy because they cannot make a mark in the world. Perhaps we ought to be content if we can succeed in rubbing out a few of the marks that have been made.