

the meaning of the request he made that a double portion of the spirit of Elijah might rest upon him. Was there any other reason why God was with this man? Yes; Israel needed a spirit filled prophet, to protest against its idolatries, and to point the better way.

I announce it as my belief this morning that God will be with us if we desire Him more than all things else. But to have Him, the desire for His presence must be supreme. The desire for money, position, influence, pleasure ease, must be take a secondary place. Indeed, if it interferes with the incoming of God into the life, it must be eliminated entirely from the heart, as we shall pray with power:

"The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from Thy throne,
And worship only Thee.

And, as in Israel, so now, the need of the age is for Christians filled with the spirit of God. The world is alienated from Him. And why? Because, the beauty and power of His presence, as reflected in the lives of His people, is too largely a reminiscence instead of a present reality. Let us pray for the infilling of the spirit. Then, in answer to the question, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" there will go forth from us answer, in the form of deeds, which shall declare Him to be resident in our lives. And as homage was paid Elisha by the prophets, and subsequently by the nation, of Israel, so will recognition be accorded us as men and women in whose lives the lofty ideals of the faith find their daily anticipation.

Religious News.

FREDERICTON. The ordinance of baptism was again administered on Dec. 23rd. On Christmas Eve Deacon Spurden and a few friends called at the parsonage, and on behalf of the congregation presented the pastor with an affectionately appreciative address, accompanied by a purse of \$156.50. This loyal church is ever doing generous things in graceful ways. J. D. F.

DOAKTOWN, N. B. This is our seventh Christmas in the cold north. Not cold, however, are the hearts of our people. From Ludlow to Blackville, come kindly remembrances. Both young and old have been thoughtful. May one and all receive our thanks, whilst we breathe the prayer that heaven's richest blessing may rest upon you through coming days.

M. P. KING.

MARYSVILLE, N. B. My labors closed with this church Sunday, Dec. 23rd. The spiritual condition of the church above the average. No financial incumbrance. The people have been exceedingly kind to me and manifested their good-will toward the retiring pastor by presenting him with a purse on Xmas containing a handsome sum of money. Received and accepted a call to Milton church, Queens county, N. S. Begin work on the new field Dec. 30th. Will correspondents please note the change of address? H. B. SLOAT.
Dec. 28th.

PENNFIELD, N. B. We have nothing very special to report as a church, but we are trying to hold on. Our congregations are good considering that so many of our members are obliged to be away in the lumber woods this winter. The Sunday School work of these churches is progressing fairly well. Our prayer and social services are regularly sustained. We find them very helpful and refreshing to our souls. We are hoping to visit the waters of baptism again in the near future. Our contributions to the various benevolent objects in the denominations are laid upon the altar, not as much as we desire them to be, owing to the lack of money in this section. We are about raising some money for the Minister's Annuity Fund. We believe this to be right, and that every church in the Con-

vention should make an extra effort to bring this fund up to where it ought to be. It is all right to give to Acadia University and missions, but the infirm and disabled ministers and ministers' widows should be provided for above any thing else, and hence there is a grand chance open for some of our rich members and all the churches to do a good work for their Lord by considering favorably his servants in the way suggested. Our Xmas trees and concerts came off as usual. The pastor and his wife were remembered. Our branch of the Pennfield tree bore to us \$12.25 in cash—valuable branch. I wish to thank the contributors most heartily for their kind remembrance of us.

T. M. MUNRO.

BRUSSELS ST., ST. JOHN. Seven more have united with us by letter. The effect of the painting of the Jordan in our new baptistry is such that the seven recently baptized seemed to be immersed into the waters of the Jordan itself. The candidates are first seen in the water going down a slope as if down the bank of the river.

H. F. W.

HILLSDALE, HAMMOND, N. B. Our B. Y. P. U gave an excellent entertainment Christmas night. The Rev. Messrs Marr and Pepper (Methodist) were present and gave valuable assistance. At the close, Mr. Marr in a few well chosen words in behalf of Upham friends and the members and adherents of Hillsdale church, presented the Pastor with \$60.35. May our Father's blessing richly rest on the donors and make this the sixth year of our pastorate here, the crowning year for his glory.

R. M. BYNON.

CARLETON, ST. JOHN, N. B. Recently six special services have been held, in which the pastor has been assisted by Pastor Smith of Leinster St. church. Though no conversions are reported there has been a revival of spiritual life in many hearts as one result. On Thursday evening succeeding Christmas an entertainment was given by the younger scholars of our Sunday school, which was greatly enjoyed, and reflected much credit upon those having the charge of it.

B. N. NOBLES.

Our Prize Offer.

Concerning the word spelling contest, we now report according to promise in the last issue of this paper. We give in another column the report of the committee for examining the lists of words sent in, and no small task they found it to go over these lists and make the awards. No doubt but that many of the large number (if not all of them) will be somewhat disappointed in not securing a prize, and we are only sorry that many who sent in finely gotten up lists of words could not be awarded a prize, but as there were only eight prizes to be given, they were all that could be awarded. We are very thankful to all those who took the trouble to get up these lists, and hope that the efforts put forth to win a prize have been rewarded by the knowledge gained in looking up the words. Some years ago we found it a very profitable exercise in literary attainment, making us more thoroughly acquainted with the use of the English language than ever before. Those who made such high numbers of words made use of encyclopedias, geographies, atlases, and many of the classical works, which gave them an advantage over those who have no access to such literary works. There were some who sent in words hoping to secure a prize, but sent no pay for THE HOME MISSION JOURNAL. Surely they must think that we are very generous to give money prizes and get no paid up subscriptions for the paper. Some sent in words and money

but forgot to send their names and addresses. One such letter came from Chipman, we presume by the post office stamp on it; and one some time ago came from Moncton, each of these had postal notes in them for fifty cents. It the parties who sent these will kindly drop us a postal card with their name signed, we will know to whom we shall give credit. Soon we intend to give a prize for making a guess. This will be stated later on. We give below copies of the receipts from the successful contestants.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 6th, 1901.

Received of J. H. Hughes, the sum of twenty-five dollars, being the amount won by me in the word contest, spelling words made from letters that spell HOME MISSION JOURNAL.

N. B. Cottle.

Received of J. H. Hughes, ten dollars, it being the amount of prize won by me in the contest of word spelling, made up of letters of words that spell HOME MISSION JOURNAL.
Jan. 6th, 1901. Annie E. Moore.

Received from J. H. Hughes, the sum of five dollars, it being the amount of prize won by me in the word contest, making up words with letters that spell HOME MISSION JOURNAL.
St. John, Jan. 6th, 1901.

David McAlpine.

St. John, Jan. 8th, 1901.

Received of J. H. Hughes, the sum of two dollars, the amount won by me in the word contest, making up words spelled by letters that spell HOME MISSION JOURNAL.
Daisy P. Keith

Elgin, Jan. 7th, 1901.

Dear sir: Received to-day by registered letter two dollars. Thanks, Yours truly,
H. A. Wheaton.

Starkey's Queens Co., Jan. 8th, 1901.
J. H. Hughes:
Dear Sir; I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of two dollars, prize money,
Lizzie Somerville.

Received of J. H. Hughes, the sum of two dollars, the amount of prize won in the contest of word spelling, made by letters that spell HOME MISSION JOURNAL.
Wm. M. Campbell.
St. John, Jan. 5th, 1901.

Jan. 8th, 1901.

Received of J. H. Hughes, the sum of two dollars, amount of prize money won by me in word spelling contest. G. W. F.*

Report of The Examining Committee.

We, the undersigned, having been asked to act as committee to examine the papers sent in to the office of "THE HOME MISSION JOURNAL," with words spelled with letters that spell "HOME MISSION JOURNAL," find that the following named persons were successful in winning prizes:

- N. B. Cottle, of St. John, won the first prize of \$25.
- Mrs. A. E. Moore, of North End, St. John, won the second prize, \$10.
- David McAlpine won third prize, of \$5.
- Miss Daisy P. Keith, of Havelock; Miss Lizzie Somerville, of Johnston, Queens Co.; W. H. Wheaton, of Bloomfield, Kings Co.; William M. Campbell, of St. John, West; and G. W. F., each won prizes of \$2; making in all \$50.
- The lowest number of words made by any of these was made by G. W. F., being 4457. All of the other prize winners made higher numbers, some of them being over 9000 words. All the other papers sent in had less than 4457 words, and could not be awarded prizes.

John R. Richards,
John MacKinnon,
Examining Committee.

* For private reasons G. W. F. does not wish his name published.