

So often the request from the churches state that "the right man will be supported well." In many of these fields it is not the want of wealth that hinders, but the want of a leader.

Here comes a new call from Campbellton. The pastor states that he has been called out to service in the surrounding country on both sides of the river, has baptized 20 in one place, as many more in another, and miles away a call to baptize five. The country opening up rapidly. Baptist capitalists putting money in large milling operations. The town growing more than any other in N. B.

Now here is a great opportunity for some man, to put himself alongside of Bro. Keirstead and in the next decade build one or more strong churches for God. Under these conditions the question of aid should not fetter the Board, nor hinder the work. In many places in the west with half the need and half the opportunity the salary is largely given out of the mission funds. We ought to be as wise and aggressive as they.

The fields now loudly calling for men are the one just written of, two men for the Miramichi river territory, Kent county, Lutz Mountain, Port Elgin, Point DeBute and vicinity Coles Island, etc., Canterbury, Nashwaak and New Maryland, also Jerusalem and Greenwich. Several other churches are vacant, but in hope of immediately settling a pastor.

May the great head of the church by His Spirit call some one to each of the needy places.

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The Real Basis.

In our times every institution is called to give an account for its reason of being; every doctrine is put on trial and called upon to justify itself; every custom and practice is called upon to show why it should be followed. Whether we like it or not, tradition, prescription, usage amount to very little with the modern mind, and the conclusions that rested upon the reasonings of a previous generation must be conformed to the results of the reasonings of our contemporaries.

In this period of flowing and change the strength of the doctrinal positions of Baptists has been loyalty to the New Testament Scriptures. When men have said this doctrine, so that practice, or that philosophy does not commend itself to our minds, for we distrust the authority of councils, the force of traditions, or the corrections of certain reasonings, we have said we are willing to abandon any doctrine or observance that does not have a clear warrant in the teachings of the New Testament. We do not say, with Luther, that we hold to prevailing beliefs and practices not prohibited by the Word of God. We say, with Zwingle, that we will not stand for any belief or practice that is not clearly based in the New Testament teaching.

In order to attack successfully the Baptist position one must assail either the authority of the New Testament or the Baptist interpretation of its teachings. As to the former alternative, when the authority of the New Testament is thoroughly invalidated, not only the basis of the Baptist churches but of every other Protestant communion will be so seriously weakened that they must either resort to the Roman Catholic position that the church is superior to the Bible, or that there is no stable ground for faith external to the mind of the individual. As to the second alternative, if it were demonstrated that our interpretation of the Scriptures is untenable, we should be forced to abandon our denominational position. But as a matter of fact, the vast weight of Biblical scholarship sustains it. In this regard we have been victorious all along the line. If critical scholarship has anything to do with the interpretation of the Scriptures, it is overwhelmingly on the side of the Baptist doctrines of the ordinances of the church, of soul-liberty and of the essentials of salvation.

The New Testament is the charter of the church, and as long as we hold to that and interpret the New Testament with sanity and scholarship, the Baptists have nothing to fear, until the authority of the New Testament itself is discredited.

The discussion of the recent session of the Baptist Congress in regard to baptism and church-

membership seemed to us singularly unprofitable, but it will be of advantage if it shows us that the strength of our position consists in absolute loyalty to the New Testament. A man can prove anything he pleases if he makes philosophical propositions the premises of his argument, but he cannot prove anything he pleases if he makes the authority of the New Testament supreme, and believes and practices only what it teaches.

And the Baptist position is the one that Protestant churches of the future must take if they are to prevail against the modern critical spirit. There is no escape from the conclusion that what man has made man may change. The traditions of men are as absolutely doomed in religion, as they are in science or philosophy. But the Word of God standeth steadfast. The church that bravely goes back to that and tests upon that cannot be put to confusion. Our denominational position instead of being weak and untenable is the only one which holds the promise of a future for Protestantism and affords the basis of a reunited Protestantism.

Married.

KINGAID THORNE.—At St. John, Oct. 22nd, Edward A. Kingaid, to Theodosia Mary Thorne, both of Queens Co., N. B.

SIMPSON-CARR.—Oak Bay, Charlotte county, Nov. 18th, at parsonage, by Rev. H. D. Wordon, Brady Simpson of Waweg, to Flora Carr of the same place, both of Charlotte county.

GREGORY-WATERS.—Oak Bay, Charlotte county, Nov. 19th, at parsonage, by Rev. H. D. Wordon, Hugh Gregory of the Bay Road, to Sarah Waters of St. Stephen, both of Charlotte county.

LEVER-REID.—Oak Bay, Charlotte Co., by H. D. Wordon, Freeman Lever of Lever Settlement, Charlotte county, to Priscilla Reid of same place.

BERRY-GILDART.—At the residence of Deacon S. Parkin, November 2nd, George W. Berry and Mary Gil art, by Rev. I. N. Thorne, all of Elgin, A. Co.

CURRY-RYDER.—At the home of the bride, Nov. 6, by Pastor J. W. Brown, Amos Curry of New Canaan, Queens Co., and Mrs. Priscilla Ryder of Canaan Road, Kings Co.

KEITH RYDER.—At the home of the bride, Nov. 19, by Pastor J. W. Brown, Fred Keith and Bessie Ryder, both of Hazelock, Kings Co.

STEVES-MAISHALL.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Nov. 19th, by Rev. I. N. Thorne, William B. Steves to Anne B. Marshall, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marshall of Elgin, Albert Co.

BETTS WEAVER.—At Doaktown, Nov. 5, by Pastor M. P. King, Justy Betts of Doaktown to Etta Weaver of Blissfield.

BICKNELL-GIVAN.—At Shediac Cape, Oct. 21st, by Rev. E. C. Corey, Charles R. Bicknell of Malden, Mass., to Francis Lulu Givan, eldest daughter of Captain Givan of Shediac.

DIXON COOK.—At Petiteodine, Sept. 5, by Rev. E. C. Corey, Humbert Dixon of Alma, Albert county, to Elizabeth Cook of Cardwell, Kings Co.

ERVIN-FIELDS.—At Andover Baptist church, Nov. 5th, by Rev. R. W. Demings, Wesley J. Ervin of Hillandale, Victoria county, and Rena Fields of Carliford, Victoria Co.

SMITH WHITENECK.—At the Baptist parsonage, Sussex, Oct. 29th, by Rev. W. Camp, Chas. Edward Smith of Dunsenace to Henerietta Whiteneck of Kedron, Kings Co.

HALL GODDARD.—At South Branch, Nov. 5th, by Rev. W. Camp, Luther C. Hall of Studholm to Lela Hall Goddard of South Branch.

TOMPKINS-REID.—At the Baptist church, Centreville N. B., Nov. 5th, by Rev. B. S. Freeman, Percy L. Tompkins of Lewiston, Me., to Margaret Reid of Centreville, N. B.

HEUSTIS-MCGOWAN.—At the Baptist parsonage, Upper Gagetown, Nov. 9th, by Pastor R. Mutch, Caleb Heustis, of Upper Gagetown, Queens Co., to Ruth A. McGowan of Berton's Cove.

WRIGHT-DYKEMAN.—At the residence of the

NEWELL-WEAVER.—At Coal Creek, Queens Co., on 12th inst., by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, Benjamin K. Newell of Hampton Station, to Sarah Olive, daughter of Moses E. Weaver, Esq., of Waterborough.

BRIDGEMAN.—On the 12th inst., by Pastor W. J. Godson, Arthur Wright and Della Dykem n, both of Lower Jonesburg, Queens Co., N. B.

PEESLEY-GROSS.—At Penobscis, Dec. 3rd, by Rev. W. Camp, Albert B. Pugsley to Miss Bird Lennie, second daughter of Mrs. E. S. Gross, both of Cardwell, Kings Co., N. B. The groom presented the bride with a gold watch and chain. They left on the C. P. R. for a wedding tour through Massachusetts, and New York, and will visit some of the principle cities. We wish the couple a happy and prosperous journey (through life) and a heavenly landing when life here is over.

SCOTT-DEMLL.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 9th inst., by Rev. W. Camp, Albert Scott of Penobscis, to Ida M. Fisher, eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas DeMill, of Sussex Corner.

BELI-WALKER.—At Free Baptist parsonage, by Rev. B. H. Nobles Nov. 8, Frank Beli and Annie Walker, both of Sussex.

CHAIN-SHRIEVES.—At the home of Samuel Killen, by Rev. B. H. Nobles, Nov. 19th, Levi Chain and Annie Shrieves both of Sussex.

HOESEMAN-MCQUARRIE.—At the home of the officiating clergyman, Turtle Creek, Nov. 20, by Rev. F. B. Seelye, Thomas Hoese-man of Moncton, N. B., to Flora, daughter of Deacon Daniel McQuarris, of Nixon Settlement, Albert Co., N. B.

Died.

ESTEY.—On Oct. 11, the sudden death by typhoid fever occurred at Brooklyn, N. Y., of Mary Estey, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Newman Estey of Florenceville, N. B. The deceased was a very promising young lady and much loved and respected by her many friends at home from whom she had gone about four or five months before her death. At the age of thirteen she followed Christ. In his divine command and was baptized and united in fellowship with the Florenceville Baptist church of which she remained a faithful member until she got her dismission to unite with the Temple church at Brooklyn, N. Y. Great sympathy was felt and shown for Brother and Sister Estey and family in this their greatest bereavement. The many expressions of sympathy which came from Dr. Myers pastor of the Temple church and from other members of that church and Young People's Society gave evidence of the love and warm place the departed had won in the hearts of these people by her devoted Christian life. The remains were brought home by the youngest brother of the deceased to be interred at Fville. In the absence of the pastor the funeral services were conducted by Pastor Rev. Joseph Cahill.

CROSSMAN.—At Stoney Creek, N. B., Nov. 5th, Mrs. Howard Crossman. Sister Crossman was an intelligent and earnest Christian, and was a member of 2nd Moncton Baptist church for many years. She brought her family up in the fear of God. One of her sons, Rev. L. Crandall, is the esteemed pastor of Newport Baptist church.

NASON.—At his home, Nasonworth, York Co., N. B., Sept. 19, Geo. Edgar Nason, in the 28th year of his age. Bro. Nason had been a professor of religion for several years and had declared his faith in Christ not only by verbal testimonies but by a constant Christian life. For several years he had been in failing health and during the last year especially failed quite rapidly. When the end came he commended his mother to the care of his brother, and taking an affectionate farewell of his relatives calmly fell asleep. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. F. B. Seelye.

The Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis says: "Consider that even the noblest specimens of men are full of faults and will not bear close scrutiny. Therefore, let us be charitable, and slow to censure, criticise and condemn the weak spots in the characters of our brothers, for we also have weak spots."