

Balance due Secretary, 1st July, 1867.  
do., 1st January, 1868,

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\$100.01½

1867. DR.  
Dec. 31, To Cash from 1st July, \$156 12  
1868, June 30, To Cash from 1st January, 303.89½ 460 01½

1867. SIMON H. HOLMES, ESQ., IN ACCOUNT WITH MONTHLY RECORD. CR.  
June 30, By Balance per statement \$44.30, should be \$38 79½  
Dec- 31, Printing Records for 6 months, 25 40  
1868, June 30, do., do., 254.80

1867 DR. \$553.99½  
Dec. 31, To Cash to date, \$120.44½  
1868, June 30, do., 209.10½  
" " " Balance due him at date 164.44½ \$553.99½  
Pictou, June 30, 1868. W WILLIAM JACK, Secretary.

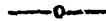
Daniel's Habitual Devotion.

We are told that aforesaid, before the trial, he had been in the constant habit of prayer. *He prayed much.* There were some forms of spiritual life which are not absolutely essential, but prayer is of the very essence of spirituality. He that hath no prayer lacks the very breath of the life of God in the soul. I will not say that every man who prays is a Christian, but I will say that every man who prays sincerely is so; for, recollect, men may pray after a fashion, and even practise private prayer too, and yet may be deceiving themselves; for as the frogs of Egypt came up into the bed chambers, so doth hypocrisy intrude itself even into the private places where men pretend to worship God; but I do say that a cheerful constancy in sincere private devotion is such a mark of grace, that he who hath it may fairly conclude himself to be one of the Lord's family.

Daniel always had subjects for prayer and reasons for prayer. He prayed for himself that in his eminent position he might not be uplifted with pride, might not be taken in the snares of those who envied him, might not be permitted to fall into the usual oppressions and dishonesties of Eastern rulers. He prayed for his people. He saw many of the house of Judah who were not in such prosperous circumstances as himself. He remembered those who were in bonds, as being bound with them. Those who were bone of his bone, and flesh of his flesh, he brought in the arms of faith before his God. He interceded for Jerusalem. It grieved him that the city was laid waste, that still the brand of the Chaldean destroyer was upon Mount Zion, so beautiful, and once the joy of the whole earth. He pleaded for the return from the captivity, which he knew was ordained of his God. He prayed for the glory of his God, that the day might come when the idols should be utterly abolished, and when the whole earth should know that Jehovah ruleth in heaven, and among the

sons of men. It would have been a delightful thing to have listened at the key-hole of Daniel's closet, and to have heard the mighty intercessions which went up to the Lord God of Hosts.—

We read next, that with all his prayers he mingled *thanksgiving*. Do observe it, for so many forget this, "He prayed and gave thanks to God." Surely, it is poor devotion which is always asking and never returning its gratitude! Am I to live upon the bounty of God, and never to thank him for what I receive? Surely, prayers in which there is no thanksgiving are selfish things; they rob God; and will a man rob God—rob God even in his prayers—and yet expect that his prayers should be successful? Have I not often said in this place that prayer and praise resemble the process by which we live? We breathe in the atmospheric air, and then breathe it out again; prayer takes in deep draughts of the love and grace of God, and then praise breathes it out again.—*Spurgeon.*



PICTOU PRESBYTERY.

APPOINTMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER.

Messrs. McGregor and Anderson to go to Cape Breton their visit to extend to three Sabbaths, and to receive the following supplies in their absence.

13th Sep. Mr. Pollock to be at West Branch East River.

20th Sept. Mr. Herdman to be at East Branch East River.

13th Sept. Mr. McMillan to be at Pugwash.

27 h Sept. Mr. Brodie to be at Wallace.

27th Sept. Mr. McCune, to be at Earlstown at 11, and West Branch River John at 3.

Messrs. Stewart and Philip to dispense the communion at Barneys River on the 4th Sabbath of September, preleminary services to begin on the preceding Friday.

Messrs. Stewart and Goodwill to preach on Pictou Island as afterwards to be arranged.