adon grows, to need upon the boundless weakle or the Fatherhood of God. When our Lord said to his disciples. When our Lord said to his disciples. When ye pray, say—Gur Father. He gave to the world in these six words the divine philosophy of prayer. They mean that prayer is the trusting cry of the human child to the Inflate Father. It is the recognition by the soul of its true relations to Him if whom it lives and moves and has its being. It is the adoration of that which is highest and holless in human conception; it is the sepiration of the soul in its weakness, many be, the bitter cry of a contrite heart or particularly and purey and wisdom; it is, it may be, the bitter cry of a contrite heart or particularly and purey and wisdom; it is, the cry of a child to its Father, it is that the cry of a child to its Father, it is that even first and man which carries the assurince that the eachly child may be do communion with the Heavenly Father.

tween food and man which carries the assurance that the earthly child may hold communion with the Heavenly Father.

Whoever, then, is readly to come to food in hisla reverence and love, whoever is willing to count himself food; child, submitting affectionately to the wisdom, love and rightsousness of the Almighty Father, shall enter into the divine fellowship, the golden gates of prayer open at his knock and all the wealth of the Yather's house is his.

Regarded in the light of Christ's teaching, how grotesquely oon christian appears that doctrine and practice of prayer which makes of its mere matter of performance—a surjung of prayers and counting of heads as if, by many wearly some repetitions of words and phrases, God was to be placeated and induced to pardon His children's transgression. Equally loreign to the teaching of Jeaus and the true philisophy of prayer is the supposition that God is pleased to have his children voluntarily afflict their supposition that God is pleased to have his children voluntarily afflict their bodies by the way of making reparation for their aims or for any other purpose. He who accepts Christ's teaching may surely approached its earthly parent. He may be sure that his largest possible conceptions of the wisdom, the loving kindness and the rightcussness of the Father is Heaven are not too large and

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to everybody you meet. Prepare for a
brief testimony in the first part of the
meeting. Faithfully carry out this programme and you will have a share in
making the prayer meeting the very
essence of congregational worship!

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Why I Object to the Prayer Meeting
Pledge as a fundation of Membership in a Baptist Young.

I. Because it imposes a condition quite
other and different from that upon which
a member is received into a Baptist
church. No Baptist church that I have
had to do with would telerate for a
moment such a condition of membership.
Any person whom a Baptist church receives into its membership ought to be
Voung emple. Society, if he jested it,
without the imposition of a new and
arbitrary condition such as the prayer
meeting pledge; unless indeed, the seciety wishes to be considered as distinct
from the church, a position from which
we as Baptist have thus far unanimously
dissented.

2. Because it seems to me to proceed
upon an unwarrantable assumption concerning the true relation of the individual member to the prayer meeting. Unquestionably, the purpose of the pledge
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spiritual power of a prayer meeting is
proportionate to the number of persons
engaged in these cacroises, but the exceptions to this rule are qube too frequent to justify the adoption of this
plants.

Poster has recently settled, and where the work of organization was receiving due attention at the hands of the pastor. We aspect to hear of good progress on this field.

At Tusket and Argyle, Rev. T. M. M. Mannoe has the work well in hand. So the pastor was the settled of the pastor of the past

Halifax Notes.

As usual, the week of prayer is being observed by the churches in Hallfax and Dartmouth. The different denominations units and hold service in two or three places, in the north end of the city and the same in the south, so as to bring the meetings within easy reach of as many as possible. Every morning there is a meeting for prayer at 9.30, in Argyle Hall, in the heart of the city. Though so early in the day, the large hall is usually well filled. A large mumber of professional and business men attend and take an active part in the services.

ning souls to Christ here, as they were in doing so in your city last winter. K. The North Baptist church has at last settled on a pastor in an unanimous call to Rev. J. E. Goucher, who entered upon the pastoral work, Sunday 5th, Bro. Goucher's past very successful record in the few churches in which he has apent a long pastoral life, is a proof that our church has made no mistake in their choice, and we think it is also the Lord's choice. Since the retirement of-our devoted and good Bro. D. G. McDomald, the church has enjoyed a pleasing variety of first class preachers, almost any one of whom any church would be proud to call pastor. Some of these the church called but could not secure, others likely would have been, but the church was so richly enjoying this weekly "feast of fat things" that they seemed in no hurry to settle down again to one pastor. We felt, however, that the time had fully come to pastoral work, and an example of the control of the

Foreign Missions.

The following extracts from a letter just at hand from Rev. I. C. Archibald will be read with great interest by the friends of Mission. He says:

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REV. Ezekiel Hopper has moved from Gagetown to Hampton, Kings Co. N. B., and wishes his correspondents to note his change of address.

Rev. C. R. B. Dodge and wife, of Bellows Falls, N. H., were veay pleasantly remembered by Hoft people at Christman, in the pift of a china breakfast and dinner set of 140 nieces.

We were pleased to meet Mr. Gershon S. Mayes on the street the other day and to learn that he is rapidly recovering from the effects of his late severe illness.

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to learn that he is rapidly recovering from the effects of his late severe illness. The Rev J. E. Goucher and the North church, Halifax, are doubtless, to be mutually congratulated on the resumption of their relations as pastor and people. We trust that rich blessings may result from this reunion.

The many friends of Rev. F. D. Davidson, of Gibson, will be glad to know that in is recovering from his late serious illness. His people with their characteristic thoughtful kindness engaged a during his illness. Government of the serious districts of the serious districts of the serious districts of the serious districts. The many fitting the serious districts of the serious control of the serious societies. Mr. McDonald mes trimming a plant when the sharp knife he was naisg plant when the sharp knife he was naisg passed through the branch and can be tendons and lay open the some of the tendons and lay open the some of the tendons and lay open the left hand with such force as to sever some of the tendons and lay open the foliation of the middle finger where is connects with the bank.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thomas Starke, Florida, formerly of Nova S-celebrated the 50th anniversary of murriage Dec. 17 utimo. The w-touple received as tokens of the esteem in which they are hald num-congratulations from their friends

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