

new call is perhaps to larger service and greater usefulness, and we shall rejoice at his success.

Rev. W. M. Field of Springfield, was in the city on Monday on his way to visit his friends in Charlotte County. He reports an encouraging work and frequent baptisms on his present field of labor.—*M. & V.*

KESWICK RIDGE, N. B. Two sisters were baptized at Macnaquaek, Sunday the 23rd. Our congregations are good and several are manifesting a desire to know Christ more fully. I expect to baptize others soon.

POLLET RIVER CHURCH. Alluding to a statement in the report of the Albert County Quarterly Meeting, published in the *Messenger* and Visitor of June 12, as to the desirability of the Pollet River church being grouped with the First and Second Coverdale churches, the clerk of the Pollet River church states that such an arrangement would be detrimental to the interests of that church and the proposition would not be acceptable to its members.

Rev. Norman McLeod who supplied the pulpit of Carleton Baptist church last summer, preached to two large congregations last Sabbath, June 30th. The meetings are well attended. The work of erecting a tower is begun, which when completed will add to the improvement of the church.

An Acknowledgment.
I wish through the H. M. JOURNAL to acknowledge the kindness of our friends of Andover and Perth, who on the evening of the 10th inst., gathered at our home for a social greeting, surprised us by the presentation of a purse and bill of items value about \$34. For which we say most heartily, thanks. And may God bless the givers. Truly God and our friends have been most thoughtful and generous toward us during my continued weakness. I often receive letters from friends with more than an ordinary written sheet. For which I often feel to praise God. A few weeks ago I hoped from feelings and appearances to be able soon to resume labor on some field for the Master, but return of ill symptoms, tell me I must wait longer. And to the Divine will I bow—his will not mine be done. Brethren pray for us.

Yours in Christian bonds,
S. D. ERVINE.

Growth in Prayer.
C. H. WETHERBE.

THERE is something wrong in the spiritual life of a Christian who, after having been a professed believer fifteen years, has not grown any broader and deeper in his prayers than he was at first. The Christian who now uses the same expressions in prayer that he did even ten years ago, who travels the same little route in prayer that he did during the first year of his professed faith, has certainly not grown perceptibly in his praying. Now, I do not say that a mark of growth in prayer is increased fluency in uttering words of prayer, although there may be such increase; but this does not necessarily mean true growth in real prayer. A person who at first was slow and awkward in his prayer expressions may, by continued and frequent practice, and by increase of courage, become considerably more fluent in prayer in the course of a few years, and yet he may not have grown any more spiritual than he was at first; in fact he may now be less spiritual than formerly. Such a thing is quite possible. It seems to me that real growth in prayer evinces itself in a more inclusive consideration of what one should pray for than was formerly the case. The heart of the growing one reaches out to such subjects for prayer as were not particularly thought of at the first stage of that one's Christian life. He has come to feel the need of especially praying for many objects outside of his own home and his

own church and his own neighborhood. He thinks, as he prays, of distant missionaries who have often sent word to this land making requests for prayer on their own behalf, and he prays fervently for them and for the great interests which they represent. Every day, either at the family altar or in his closet, he mentions before God the heathen world, perhaps specifying India, China, Japan and other lands. And the Christian who prays much in private for foreign missions will also pray for them in public, if he prays at all in public. He will do so by very force of habit, and yet also by force of heart conviction.

The growing one will also pray often for the religious press, that it may be an increasingly mighty agency in evangelizing the world. And while this praying one grows in the width of his prayers he necessarily grows in spiritual life and power.—*Holland Patent, N. Y.*

A New Reading.

"JUDGE not the Lord by feeble saints" was the reading of an old negro, stumbling over Cowper's hymn, gave to the familiar line, "Judge not the Lord by feeble sense." However foreign to the author's thought the new rendering may be, it is by no means a needless admonition. Judging the Lord and his cause by feeble saints, and even selecting the very feeblest of them as a basis for the judgment, is exceedingly common. When some weak, easily tempted church member falls into sin, the first comment we hear from outside is the sneering remark, "Yes, that's just about all I supposed his religion would do for him!" When the inconsistency of some faltering disciple stands revealed the cry is the same: "That's Christianity, is it?"

"I don't pretend to go to church when I'm in town," said a glib talker the other day. "I think there's plenty of style in the city churches, but mighty little Christianity."

"Do you find more Christianity outside the churches?" was the quiet reply—a question for which there seemed no answer ready. Judge not the Lord by feeble saints, nor even by the strongest ones. "Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace." EXCHANGE.

Value of Moments.

Only think how much may be achieved in a little while. The atonement for a world of perishing sinners was accomplished between the sixth hour and the ninth hour on darkened Calvary. The flash of divine electricity from the Holy Spirit which struck Saul of Tarsus to the ground was the work of an instant; but the grand electric burner of the converted Paul has blazed over all the world for centuries. A half hour's faithful preaching of Jesus by a poor, itinerant Methodist exhorter at Colchester brought the boy Spurgeon to a decision, and launched the mightiest ministry of modern times. Lady Henry Somerset tells us that a few minutes of solemn reflection in her garden decided her to exchange a life of fashionable frivolity for a life of consecrated philanthropy. Why cite any more cases when every Christian can testify that the best decisions and deeds of his or her life turned on the pivot of a few minutes?—*T. L. Cuyler.*

Married.

BRUCE MARSHALL.—At the residence of Eugene Craig Victoria Vale, June 5th, by Rev. E. E. Locke, Henry W. Bruce of Brooklyn to Ora Marshall of Middleton.

DYKEMAN-HATFIELD.—At Saint Stephen, June 12th, by Rev. W. C. Goucher, B. A., Thomas Clark Dykeman of Cambridge, Queens county and Maria Hatfield of Saint Stephen.

PAYNE KENNIE.—At Little Ridge, N. B., May 29th, by Pastor F. N. Atkinson, Fred Payne of Riverdale and Lily Kenne of Little Ridge, all of Albert county.

SCRIBNER-TINGLEY.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Upper Dorchester, N. B., on June 13th, by Rev. Bynon H. Thomas, Thomas Austin Scribner of the I. C. R. service, Moncton, to Mary Jepsie,

youngest daughter of Mr. John B. Tingley.

MASSON-POWELL.—At the residence of the bride's father, Harding street, Fairville, on the 12th inst., by the Rev. A. P. Dykeman, Frank Masson, to Jessie, eldest daughter of George Fowler, Esq.

MILLS-McMILLAN.—At the home of Dea. Jacob O. Porters, by Rev. C. N. Barton, June 12th, George E. Mills of Benton, to Elsie McMILLAN, daughter of Daniel McMILLAN of Benton, Carleton Co.

WRIGHT-MURPHY.—At Perth Centre, Victoria county, N. B., June 19th, by S. D. Ervine, James L. Wright to Edith M. Murphy, both of the Parish of Gordon, Victoria county, N. B.

STEVENS-MELVIN.—On May 29th, at the parsonage, Hillsborough, by the Rev. C. W. Townsend, Atselt W. Steeves of Hillsborough, N. B., to Lizzie Melvin of Hillsborough.

BISHOP-STEVES.—On June 13th, at the residence of the bride's father, Hillsborough, N. B., by the Rev. C. W. Townsend, E. Chipman Bishop of Surrey to Florence C. Steeves of Hillsborough.

STEVES-DUNCAN.—At the Baptist parsonage, Elgin N. B., June 12, by Rev. H. H. Saunders, Judson Steeves of Pollet River and Jessie Duncan of Calais, Maine.

HARMON-PERKINS.—At the residence of Mrs. A. J. Miller, sister of the bride, Hartland, N. B., June 12, by Rev. J. D. Wetmore, Archie B. Harmon of Fort Fairfield, Maine, to Myrtle E. Perkins.

FISHER-LARRY.—At Carlyle Hotel, Woodstock, N. B., June 18, by Pastor Martin, Harry G. Fisher of Saco, Maine, to Fostina Libby of Merrill, Maine.

WALLACE-HATT.—At Milton, June 27th, by Pastor H. B. Sloat, Leander Clifton Wallace of Hopewell, N. B., to Mrs. Maggie Hatt of Milton.

MOTT-SMITH.—On June 21st, at the home of the bride, Upper Woodstock, by Rev. Jos. A. Cahill, Walter F. Mott to Edna M. Smith.

MARSH-HALL.—At St. Stephen, N. B., June 26th, by Rev. W. C. Goucher, Nathan S. Mars and Minnie G. Hall, both of Upper Wills, Charlotte county.

ROBINSON-BEACH.—At St. Stephen, June 6th, by Rev. W. C. Goucher, Samuel B. Robinson of St. Stephen and Lillia B. Beach of St. David's Charlotte county.

Died.

WILSON.—At Goshen, N. B., June 12, Adelbert Wilson, aged 20 years. Our brother was a member of the Elgin Baptist church. During his illness, he gave evidence of his trust in Christ Jesus.

LEBINS.—James Lebins, aged 59 years, died at Hillsville, June 9, in full assurance of a blessed immortality. Our brother leaves to mourn their loss a sorrowing widow, three sons and six daughters.

JONES.—At Pollet River, June 9, Lottie, aged 3 years and 4 months, little daughter of John and Mini Jones. While the mother was busy at work, in some unknown way the little one's clothing caught fire, she was so badly burned that she only lived a few hours. Our brother and sister have the sympathy of all.

RICHARDS.—Wm. W. B. Richards of Boistown died at Montreal, June 15, in his 44th year. His remains were brought to Boistown and lain to rest amid the sorrows of the community. The family have the heartfelt sympathy of all the people in their great bereavement.

EASTBROOKS.—At Chester, Carleton Co., N. B., May 17th, of acute stomach trouble, Thomas F. Eastbrooks, aged 73 years, son of the late Rev. C. Gideon Eastbrooks. Deceased was well known and highly respected.

BROOKS.—At Gordonsville, N. B., June 20, of pneumonia, Elizabeth A., aged 32 years, wife of Gideon R. Brooks, and daughter of the late James Stephenson of Mount Pleasant, leaving a husband, one child, an aged grandmother with whom she formerly lived, a step-mother, two brothers and three sisters and an uncle and aunt to mourn their loss.

PRICE.—At F. ridale, Alber. Co., on Sunday, 20th January, 1901, O. N. Price aged 67 years 9 months, leaving one daughter, Mrs. Elsie Leaman, to mourn the loss of a kind father. He did not make a public profession of Christ, but in his last weeks of suffering seemed to possess a trust in the Redeemer of the world. A very impressive sermon was preached by Pastor Rev. I. N. Thorne from Job 14:10.

GREGG.—At the residence of her son, Amos Gregg, Centreville, N. B., June 18th, Sarah, in the 90th year of her age, widow of the late John Gregg. Her maiden name was Stickney. She experienced religion when but 14 years of age, and was baptized by Rev. L. Hammond uniting with the Free Baptist church of which she lived an honored member until her death. Her faculties were somewhat impaired of late years, but her faith in her Saviour never faltered. Of her it may be truly said, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.