

BETTER BE SURE THAN SORRY.

"Better be sure than sorry!" said a garden worker, when his employer expressed a doubt whether it was necessary to cover a certain vegetation to protect it from the frost. "Better be sure than sorry!"

A man who is not sure is very likely to be sorry. He who takes things on trust will be quite likely to be cheated and disappointed at last. The business man who treads in uncertain paths, who is not sure of his course, is very likely to be sorry he has taken it.

Keep on the safe side. Be sure rather than sorry. Do not give yourself the benefit of every doubt. Be lenient to others' faults, but strict regarding your own. If there be an act which in your own mind is doubtful or questionable in its character, take the course of wisdom and prudence. It would be a terrible thing to be mistaken in the final day; it is better to be sure here than to be sorry at the judgement-seat of Christ.

THE WORLD'S GREAT NEED.

To-day the want of this dying world is Christ. The one gift that includes all spiritual gifts, the blessing that enwraps all blessing for us, is Jesus. A personal Jesus accepted is salvation; a personal Jesus obeyed is sanctification; a personal Jesus trusted is perpetual joy; a personal Jesus possessed is our only power. Without him all preaching is empty clamor; without him all church machineries but idle clatter. If we covet a genuine revival of spiritual life and power let us all open our lips, our purses, our hand and our hearts to this deepest, grandest, most heaven-born of petitions; "Come, Lord Jesus!"—*Dr. T. L. Cuyler.*

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.**PRESBYTERY OF P. E. I.**

The Presbytery of P. E. Island met in Charlottetown on the 13th Jan.

Rev. W. Rulston having intimated his acceptance of the call to Murray Harbour, having produced satisfactory evidence of his good standing in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, he was on motion, unanimously received as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and his induction appointed to take place in the Presbyterian Church in Murray Harbour North, on 5th February at 11

o'clock a. m., Rev. Mr. Cameron to preach the induction sermon. Rev. Mr. McMillan, to address the minister and Rev. N. McKay to preside and address the Congregation.

Rev. W. Frame reported that according to appointment he had preached in St. James Hall on 25th Dec., and moderated in a call to Rev. James Carruthers of Pictou, that the call is cordial and harmonious, signed by ninety four members and one hundred and eleven adherents, the salary guaranteed is \$1200 per annum and a house. The call was sustained and forwarded to the Pictou Presbytery.

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX

The Presbytery of Halifax met, according to appointment, at Chebogue, on Tuesday the 13th Jan. The principal business was the induction of the Rev. J. R. Fitzpatrick to the pastorate of the congregation of Carleton and Chebogue.

The Rev. R. Laing of St. Matthews, Halifax, preached, put the questions of the formula, inducted and addressed the minister. The Rev. William Maxwell of Annapolis, addressed the people.

VISITATION AT YARMOUTH.

Divine service was conducted by Mr. Dawson, and the visitation service led by Mr. Wylie. The answers to the questions put to pastor, elders, session and managers showed the congregation to be in a very encouraging condition. Mr. Rogers is making full proof of his ministry. The only counsel required by him was that he would not labour beyond his strength. The deputation was of opinion that the session should be increased and advised to that effect. This congregation contributes liberally to the various schemes of the church. The *Record* or *MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN* is in nearly all the families, and some take both. The managers reported that they met promptly their obligations to their pastor. They did not think that what they gave him, was an adequate support. They would like to give him more; but he refused to accept it, on account of other liabilities pressing upon the congregation. The deputation agreed fully with the managers' views of the salary, and advised them to be guided, in this matter, by their own judgement rather than the generous feeling of their pastor.