

such believing is very delusive. To merely believe that Christ died to save sinners, and, with this belief, to acknowledge one's self a sinner, will not make one a Christian; it cannot save one. It is true that Paul and Silas said to the jailer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," but the belief which these ministers of Christ set forth is vastly more than the mere accepting the truth that he is the sinner's Saviour. After Paul and Silas had spoken to the jailer the words which I have quoted, "They spake the word of the Lord unto him, with all that were in his house." It is evident that the jailer fully committed himself to Christ in an intelligent and obedient manner, as did the members of his household, for we read that they "rejoiced greatly," immediately following their baptism, having believed in God." The jailer did not say that he believed in Jesus Christ, and then continue in a life of sin. If he had been a profane swearer he now quit that habit and revered God's name. If he had been dishonest he now became honest. If he had been untruthful he now so loved the truth that he hated falsehood and practiced truth-telling. His believing had so laid hold of Christ as to bring to himself the pardon of God and the life of Christ. From that hour he walked before God obediently. He lived a transformed life. But it is an awfully sad fact that there are thousands of people who are grossly deluded by the notion that if they only believe that Christ died to save them they will be saved. They have no purpose to so believe as to commit themselves penitently and obediently unto Christ as their Saviour indeed. Every pastor should aim to so preach as to arouse such ones to the peril of their delusive believing.—*Holland Patent, N. Y.*

Personal Charm.

THE women who are the most loved are not by any means always the most beautiful; but they have that indescribable something that, for lack of a better term, we call personal charm. Their natural and gracious manner, their thoughtfulness for others, the blended good sense and wit of their conversation, and above all, their mysterious power of sympathy, draw the hearts of friends to them as the moon attracts the waters. It is strange how you are often thoroughly disillusioned the moment a woman opens her mouth. You think to yourself as you notice the classic contour of face, what a charming personality she must be! But the lines about her mouth as she begins to speak, her choice of words, her hard and rasping tone, lead to an instant revision of the opinion. Again, have you not often found that a rather plain and unattractive face has been it up in conversation with an inner light, that the liquid tones of a well modulated voice have stolen into your heart, and that delicacy of insight has captured your imagination? Beauty of spirit has more than made up for the lack of physical attractiveness. And there are no accomplishments of music, art, or language that are quite so winsome as sanity, efficiency and sympathy.

The Unused Umbrella.

A youth was lately leaving his aunt's house after a visit, when, finding it beginning to rain, he caught up an umbrella that was snugly placed in a corner, and was proceeding to open it, when the old lady, who for the first time observed his movement, sprang toward him, exclaiming: "No, no; that you never shall! I've had that umbrella twenty-three years, and it has never been wet yet; and I'm sure it sha'n't be wetted now."

Some folks' religion is of the same quality. It is none the worse for wear. It is a respectable article to be looked at, but it must not be dampened in the showers of daily life. It stands in a corner, to be used in case of serious illness or death, but it is not meant for common occasions. We are suspicious that the twenty-three-year-old gingham was gone at the seams, and if it had been unfurled it would have looked like a sieve.

What is life for but for the purpose of enthroning Christ in the hearts of men.

Notices.

The New Brunswick Western Association will convene with the Lower Newcastle Baptist Church, Queens county, June 28th 2.30 p. m. All churches are urgently requested to be particular in filling out the statistical part of their letters.
C. N. BARTON, Clerk.

This paper, "The Home Mission Journal," will be given to any one who subscribes for it at any time from now until the first of July next, to the close of this year for twenty-five cents, and the back numbers of it from the first of March last will be supplied to them also, and any one paying fifty cents will get it until July 1903, a year from next July with the back numbers from last March. This is a liberal offer; who will accept it? Let us see a goodly number at once.

Praise God.

Praise God for a home. Tens of thousands of boys and girls will go to sleep tonight without a mother to tuck them into bed and without any of the pleasures of home about them.

Praise God for food and clothes. Millions of persons are hungry today, and many of them are suffering for the want of clothing.

Praise God that you do not fit blind eyes to a sky you have never seen. Be grateful for your sight, through which so many of your pleasures come. Praise the kind Father in heaven, too, for your hearing and speech.

Are not the sun, the moon, the stars, the air, the water, the rain, the snow, the trees, the flowers, worth a word of praise? Yet how seldom do we thank God for these common blessings!

Married.

We beg to apologize for the blunder our compositor made in our absence, in giving the notice of the marriage of Rev. H. B. Sloat and Miss Grace E. Fisher. We now give the correct notice. It was taken from the *M. & F.* as it appeared in that paper without noticing its incongruity.

SLOAT FISHER.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 15th inst., by the Rev. Geo. Howard, assisted by Rev. W. R. Robinson, the Rev. H. B. Sloat of Milton, Queens Co., N. S., to Grace E. Fisher of Marysville, York county, N. B.

CROSSMAN-MANN.—At Elgin, May 15, by Rev. H. H. Saunders, M. A., Noble Crossman of Moncton, and Marion Mann of Elgin.

UPHAM HARDING.—At the home of the bride, May 21st, by Pastor M. Bynon, Gilbert Lyckeman Uplham, of Uplham, to Angeline Augusta Harding, of Hardingville N. B.

BAMFORD-ADEAU.—At the residence of Enoch Bamford, May 30th, by Pastor M. P. King, Enoch Bamford of Blissfield to Miss Ida Adeau of Blackville.

CALAGHAN-ROGERS.—At the home of the officiating clergyman, June 4th, by Rev. J. C. Stackhouse, M. S. Calaghan and Mary Louise Rogers, both of St. John.

Died.

COLWELL.—At his home, Jemseg, Queens county, N. B., May 16th, aged 80 years, after a lingering illness, George W. Colwell. Deceased was a member of the Jemseg Baptist church and held the office of deacon for many years. With his death we lose one of the most faithful. He leaves a family and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

FLETCHER.—At Forst Glen, N. B., May 16, aged 21 years, Hattie Fletcher, daughter of Henry B. Fletcher. Great grief has come to the home, for our dear sister possessed much of the gentleness that belongs to those who follow Jesus. Loved by all and giving to all in return the same blessing. She chose the better part several years ago and has continually walked with Jesus. Now she has gone to be with him.

BECK.—On May 16, Angeline Beck, aged 44 years, departed from this life at Elgin, N. B., the beloved wife of James Beck, who is left with five little ones to mourn. For two years our sister had a struggle with disease and pain, hoping that she might be spared to the loved ones who needed her care so much. She was a member of the Elgin Baptist church, much esteemed as a constant friend. May he who has the power to comfort be with all who mourn.

ESTABROOKS.—At Chipman, N. B., on 18th inst., James Estabrooks, aged 77 years. An aged mother,

now in her 90th year, with one daughter and two sisters survive him. Brother Estabrooks found peace with God many years since and had a good hope through Christ as his Saviour. The end came quite suddenly, a few moments after he had seated himself in an armchair, having just returned to the house a few minutes previously. In such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh.

ABRAN.—At Blackville, May 19th, in the 70th year of his age, Jeremiah Abran departed this life.

DEAK.—James Deak, in the 81st year of his age, died at Donktown, May 20th.

MERITHW.—At his home in the parish of Canterbury, county York, on the 18th, Deacon John B.

Merithew, in the 63rd year of his age, leaving a sorrowing widow and a large family of sons and daughters to sincerely mourn the departure of an affectionate husband and devoted father. In the death of Deacon Merithew, the church has lost a most valuable officer, always ready with his means and personal efforts to aid the church and pastor in every good word and work. His home the home of the minister. The community has lost a valuable member. He gave employment to a great many persons. He was universally respected by the whole community. The attendance at the funeral was unusually large. The ministers who conducted the services were Revs. Thos. Todd, C. N. Barton and Mr. Ross, (Methodist). "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

COREY.—At Temperance Vale, May 25th, Deacon Gardner Corey, aged 76 years, leaving four sons and six daughters to mourn their loss. Deceased was one of the oldest residents of the place, the following three families coming to the place and settling in 1862: Mr. David McDonald, Deacon Corey and Mr. William Fawcett, the latter being the only one of the three original settlers living. Deceased was senior deacon of the Baptist church and had a deep interest in the church up to the last. The funeral took place at the church Sunday afternoon, when a large congregation of the citizens and friends from the neighboring settlements gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased. The services were conducted and sermon preached by Rev. C. W. Sabes, former pastor of the Baptist church.

WRIGHT.—Mrs. James Wright of Hopewell Hill, Albert county, N. B., died in Boston, May 15th, aged 43 years. Our sister visited Boston in order to seek medical treatment and also to rest. She was visiting relatives, but only lived three days after reaching her destination. Mr. Wright started as soon as informed of her illness, but reached Boston too late to see her alive. Her body was brought home for burial and was interred in the Hill Cemetery on the 20th. Our sister was of a cheerful disposition and by her Christian life won for herself a large place in the hearts of the people. She was a consistent member of the Hopewell Baptist church. She leaves a husband, five children and an aged mother (who at present resides in the West with one of her sons) and three brothers. Her funeral was largely attended filling our large house of worship. The pastor was assisted by Rev. Mr. King (Methodist). Great sympathy is expressed for the husband and children in their deep affliction, and particularly so on account of Mr. Wright's health being poor, and the family quite young. She was a true wife and mother.

WRIGHT.—Mrs. W. O. Wright died in Moncton, May 20th, aged 39 years. She drove up from her home at Hopewell Cape with her daughter, Mary, on Saturday and was doing some shopping until on in the evening when she went to the home of Mr. Delahunt to stay all night. In the night she took sick, and Dr. Chandler was called and pronounced her case hopeless. Her husband and children hurried to her bedside but she was unconscious before they had reached her. She peacefully passed away Monday at 2 a. m. Our sister had been in failing health for about two years, but no one thought she was so near the end. The family returned to their home Monday evening bringing her body back with them. It was a sad home coming. Mrs. Wright had endeared herself to the entire community by her gentle and loving disposition and her pure Christian life; and no one could have been taken who will be missed more. Her funeral was very large and one of the saddest I have attended for years. She was a member of the Hopewell Baptist church. She leaves five children, three brothers and one sister. The services were held at her late residence and the interment was made at Lower Cape Cemetery.

The largest Protestant church in Cuba, and the most influential, is the Baptist church in Havana, of which Rev. A. J. Diaz is pastor. It has 2,782 members. It has several preaching stations in the city and vicinity, and is carrying on its work with a good deal of vigor.

Misunderstanding, and not wrong intention, is usually at the bottom of grievances that separate friends. A word of explanation would, in nearly every case, cause the trouble to disappear.

The latest reports from the simultaneous mission work throughout England is most encouraging. Large numbers of conversions are reported.