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PASTOR AND PEOPLE.

In the course of an article on "Inviting Friends," the following curious and suggestive incident is related by the Congregationalist: "Several years ago, a small church appealed to us for a pastor. The fact was not disguised that the organization was not a strong one, but the opportunities of the field were portrayed in a way that would interest a consecrated man who was ready to work. Upon investigation we found that the place did offer an encouraging opportunity of service considering its size and location, and, without naming it, we called attention to its needs in the hope that the right man would be forthcoming. One of the first letters of response came from a minister without charge, and expressed his ardent desire to throw his energy into just such a field as we had described. Delighted that as soon as a man had arisen for the emergency, we forwarded to him the name of the church in question. Judge of our disappointment—and his—when the fact transpired that it was the very church which he had been serving only a few months before!"

Possibly there are a good many instances in which, if pastors considered more the opportunities which lie before them, and were less disposed to dwell upon the difficulties with which they have to contend, they would be less eager to change their present fields of labor for others which at a distance appear more interesting. And then the same principle applies to the church. If the pastor lacks some qualities which it is desirable that he should possess, it should be remembered that he has his strong points too, and if some other man exhibits talents which make him seem very attractive, it is well to remember that he also will have his defects. Perfect ministers as well as perfect churches are hard to find. Generous recognition by pastor and church of each other's good qualities, and a love which renders each to the other faults a little blind are prime essentials of happy and successful pastoral relationship.

We are strongly persuaded that a pastor does well to see and gratefully to recognize the good points in his church and in the individual members of it. His doing so cultivates in his own soul a wholesome optimism, and it gives him a strong leverage for the condemning of faults in his people when that is necessary, as of course it often is. The pastor who allows a critical and censorious spirit to characterize him in his attitude toward his people makes a great mistake. And let the church be assured that it is equally wise on its part that its attitude toward the pastor shall be appreciative, generous, cordial, helpful. It is as suicidal or it is unchristian that any church should permit itself to be dominated by a coldly critical spirit. Such a spirit taking possession of a church is like our ice-laden northerly winds in the springtime, there can be no summer while they last. Such a spirit in a church terribly handicaps a pastor in his ministry. It vexes his soul and saddens his heart, if it does not also paralyze his energies and render all his efforts to serve the church fruitless.

A NOTABLE CASE.

The case of the Canada Review, of Montreal, against Archbishop Fabre—a case which has already obtained wide notoriety—is expected to come to trial on Thursday of the present week, before Judge Davidson in Montreal. In accordance with a supposed right which the Roman Catholic archbishops and bishops of Quebec have for a long time claimed and exercised, Mgr. Fabre, in November, 1892, denounced as "dangerous and unhealthy sheets" two newspapers printed in his diocese. The names of these papers were *L'Echo des Deux Montagnes* and *Le Canada Reveal*. Under the penalty of being refused the sacraments of the church, all the faithful were forbidden "to print, to place or keep on deposit, to sell, distribute, read, receive or keep in their possession" these papers, or "to encourage them in any manner whatever." The result in the case of the first named paper was its suspension. The *Review*, with more of the sinews of war at its command, resolved on a different course. Though doubtless feeling severely the archbishop's attack, which had been provoked by its vigorous protest against the tyrannies and abuses which the ecclesiastical system either sanctioned or permitted, the *Review* was not only boldly stood its ground, but has taken the aggressive in bringing against the bishop a suit for heavy damages on account of loss sustained by the *Review* through the denunciation to which it has been subjected. A point of special interest, and the one upon which prob-

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Halifax and Dartmouth Notes.

There is an abundance of snow in Halifax, and many are enjoying the sleighing.

The North Church has had a series of evangelistic services. Bro. Owers has ably assisted Bro. McDonald. A few persons have manifested an interest in their souls' welfare, and last Sunday evening one was baptized. Bro. Owers has gone to Onslow for a week or so, and may possibly visit other places.

Taboracle had an overflow concert last week in aid of the building fund.

Dartmouth church held its annual business meeting. A large number present. Financial statement showed a surplus, after paying all liabilities, of \$100.00. The mite society has aided the finance greatly by paying the year's interest and one hundred dollars on the principal. Bro. K. M.pton and church are much encouraged and delighted.

Professor Tufts, of Wolfville, lectures on Friday 9th on "The Canadian North-West."

West End has secured the services of Bro. L. A. Cooney to preach, and the city pastor will conduct the Thursday evening meetings. A concert was recently held, proceeds in aid of the S. B. Library.