

services as organist in the church, all of which were thankfully received.

These social gatherings are not only a benefit to the preacher, but a good thing for the brethren, as they become better acquainted with each other. Our prayers to God are that he shall abundantly bless them with all temporal blessings and enrich their hearts with heavenly grace, and bring us all through infinite mercy and tender compassion to the heavenly home. R. W. STEVENSON.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

CENTRAL CHURCH.

Bro. Fred Kennedy, having caught the gold fever, left Charlottetown on Feb. 3rd, in company with several others, for Klondike. We could ill afford to give him up, but nowhere will he be missed so sorely as in his own home.

The Wednesday evening prayer meetings give promise of a deepening of spiritual life, as many of the brethren and sisters now offer earnest prayers and "exhort one another to love and to good works."

On Feb. 20th, the writer and the pastor of the Baptist church exchanged pulpits at the evening service.

To prevent any misunderstanding and lest any injustice should appear to be done, your correspondent wishes to state that he has learned from the proper source, that the remarks made by Rev. T. F. Fullerton referred to the church in Charlottetown and not to one congregation more than another. GEORGE MANIFOLD

Selected.

OUR POSITION AND DUTY.

It is a daring position which the churches of Christ in the current Reformation have taken. Their logical condemnation of denominationalism makes their mission territory the whole earth. Their work is not completed until every tongue shall confess to the all-sufficiency of Christ in matters of religious faith. Their aggressive preaching must create everlasting enmity unless it is the product of holy trusting and living. Men will not receive rebuke from hearts and lips no purer and cleaner than their own. We will make no one believe that we are not a sect unless in thought and deed and fellowship we are superior to all the products of sectarianism. Our standing before God and man is not established by assertion and resolutions. Character is more unerring than gravity; it will see that every man and every church each finds its own place. We cannot be doctrinally right and practically wrong. We can not claim the truth without the life which is the fruit of the truth. These things need to be reiterated at length and unto great weariness of the flesh that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Reformations which endure and bless are vital rather than formal. Every term we use, love, faith, fellowship, Christ, union, Christian, Spirit, Word, baptism, must renew its meaning in hearts filled with all the fulness of God. The world, yes, the religious world is sighing for a leadership of reality. Missionary zeal languishes because the church is so little better than the world. There can be little current between two connected lakes of the same temperature and level. If the church is to help the world, it must be far better than the world. We cannot lift people up unless we are above them. Fellowship in the ditch does not make for purity. Jesus' challenge to his disciples was, "What do ye more than others?" Light conquers darkness by being different from it. Salt saves, because it imparts a quality all its own. If it has lost its savor, it is good for nothing but to be trodden under foot of men. An unspiritual church is the most contemptible thing on the face of the earth.

With the same gospel of spiritual omnipotence which the early church offered to the ancient world, we come to the more complex modern civilization. The message is unchanged because its resources are infinite. If failure result it will be found in the means of communication. A strong electric current will burn up a small conducting wire. People of provincial thought and selfish feeling will effectually hinder the truth. Little men have always been the curse of great movements. New demands on the grace of God in Christ call for new prophets and a nobler manhood in those who are to be its interpreters and instruments. The Erie Canal was once a sufficient means of communication between the Great Lakes and the sea, but since that time railroads have multiplied and now the enormous traffic is calling for a deeper and broader water-way. No previous age or civilization required such intellectual and forceful men as the present, and no religious movement so challenges spiritual manhood as this current reformation in the closing years of the Nineteenth Century. At whatever cost we must enlarge the canal. Whole volumes are compressed into sentences here, but I speak as unto wise men, understand ye what I say. There is required among us: (1) A broader and deeper culture; (2) a comprehensive understanding of both the inclusive and exclusive qualities of the New Testament plea; (3) a fuller consecration and a deepening of the spirit of devotion; (4) Enlarged giving for missions.

Our achievements, our deficiencies, our relationships and our opportunities should altogether make us the most grateful, the most sober, the happiest and the most enthusiastic people on the face of the earth. Historic fellowships stretching from righteous Abel until the present hour, surround us with a great cloud of witnesses of holy men and women that hallow every memory and illuminate all hope. Momentary success or failure should neither elate nor disturb. The eternal purposes of God are to find in our hearts and through our corporate growth an ample gateway from the past to the future. We are no mere creatures of a superficial day. The fashion of the world changeth, but the Word of the Lord abideth forever.

"The triumph and the shouting dies,  
The captains and the kings depart;  
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,  
An humble and a contrite heart.  
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget, lest we forget."

In solemn prayer, through searching self-examination, by fearless rebuke of sin, and with the courage of spiritual conviction born from on high, let each member of the body of Christ, without passion or prejudice, resolve that he will live in all good conscience before God and before men, and it will not be long until the church will be a triumphant force in every conflict with the powers of darkness and the commanding influence into all the ends of the earth.—Standard.

Who would succeed in the world should be wise in the use of his pronouns; utter the "you" twenty times where you once utter the "I."

The Master gave up his home, his reputation, and worked night and day, and then gave his life for sinful man. Such sacrifices as these can only be imagined; they can not be duplicated by us. The apostles left all and followed him! And how many of us would give up wife, children, home and friends for the sake of the gospel?

Married.

HEIGHT-MARTINSON.—At North Range, N. S., Feb. 8, by H. A. Devoe, Mr. Bruce Height of North Range and Miss Anna Martinson, of Sweden.

HARVEY-CLARK.—At Summerside, February 10th, by H. E. Cooke, Mr. Harry Harvey, of Linkletter Road, to Miss Annie L. Clark, of Hamilton, P. E. I.

Died.

RITCHIE.—Sister Hattie Ritchie, of Milton, was called from her labor to her reward Jan. 27th, aged 59 years. The shadows of night slowly declined. She lingered quite a length of time on the borders of the un-*seen*. She never fully recovered from a stroke of paralysis received seven years ago. She had her full share of the trials and griefs of life. The companion of her joys and sorrows was taken from her many years ago, leaving her with a family of four children, two of whom soon followed their father to the Spirit land. She maintained a noble Christian character to the end. To serve the Lord was the high purpose of her life. "She was mild without weakness and firm without obstinacy." The veil that shrouded futurity is taken away. She is now surrounded with joy and purity, in the home that is never darkened by a cloud, and in the fellowship with the angels and the Redeemer. While home has a vacant chair, the heavenly home has an added number. Although gone from our presence she will ever be remembered. The memory of her redeeming faults and many virtues will ever be retained in unchanging affection by those for whom she labored and loved. She leaves a brother and sister, two sons and a host of warm friends to mourn their loss; but not without the assurance that these trials and afflictions will work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; and not without the blessed hope that we shall meet again, "when there shall be no night, neither light of the sun, for the Lord God giveth them light and they shall reign forever and ever." H. M.

ZEIGLER.—There died at Ballard, Washington, on the 20th of December, John E. Ziegler, aged 33 years, leaving a wife and four children in deep sorrow. He was the eldest son of Bro. Samuel Zeigler of South Range, his wife also belonged here. Both were baptized in early life by the late Bro. J. A. Gates, and when they moved to Ballard took fellowship with the Church of Christ at that place. The funeral was conducted by Bro. J. N. Smith of Seattle. We extend our sympathy to all the bereaved, while we are glad that they sorrow not as those without hope. H. A. D.

TIMPANY.—In the terrible calamity in Havana harbor in the destruction of the battleship Maine, one of Digby County's most promising young men lost his life. The name of E. B. Timpany appears among the list of the dead. He was the youngest brother of Sister John H. Hines, of Gulliver's Cove. May God mercifully strengthen and sustain her and all others to whom Edgel was dear is the prayer of the writer. H. A. DEVOE.

LEONARD.—Charles H. Leonard, son of Captain John Leonard, was born on Deer Island. Early in life he moved with the family to St. John where he attended school and afterward entered into business. On May 11th, 1887, he married Miss Gertrude Dury of this city. In March, 1892, they both publicly confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, were baptized, and united with the Coburg Street Christian Church. On Sunday morning, Feb. 20th, 1898, he entered into rest at the age of 40 years. His illness covered a period of several years. The disease refused to yield to the best medical treatment and the increasing attention of his devoted wife. The winter of '94-'95 was spent in California but without special benefit. It was not however till within the last year that his health became so impaired that he no longer went to his office. Throughout his illness he never complained nor seemed to think it strange that he was toward the last cut off from the activities of life. There was a beautiful resignation to the Divine will, an unshaken confidence that He doeth all things well. Bro. Leonard was a sincere, earnest but unobtrusive Christian. His life was a sermon on diligence, honesty, kindness, benevolence and purity. He was successful as a business man and commanded the respect and confidence of the business community. He was ever mindful of the poor, asking after their wants and giving bountifully to them, but with such quietness that few knew about it. During his illness he did not seem to think of himself but would enquire who among the church members were sick. His interest in the church was deep and abiding. Among his first questions to the writer when visiting him from time to time was one about how things were moving at the church, and he was always glad when any progress could be reported. He will be much missed not only by the church and a very wide circle of friends, but most of all by her who was so devoted to him and cared for him with such loving tenderness, and by the two boys, Percy and Charlie, who are early left without a father's example, counsel and prayers. His father's family feel this blow keenly, for twice since the New Year came a son and a brother has been taken from them. May the Divine grace be upon all who mourn, may they be sustained by his power and abide continually in the light of his presence. H. W. S.