

headquarters has been severed. The enemy has his own way, and is able to go ahead undisturbed in his destructive work. The watchers are asleep under an anaesthetic or opiate. The enemy enters the camp. Poisons that are generated in the stomach through errors in diet overwork and irritate the liver, the lungs, and kidneys through which they are eliminated, and finally result in Bright's disease; or the lungs being weakened are not able to resist the germs of disease that are inhaled. He falls a victim to tuberculosis, and is now in a serious if not an incurable condition.

The only safe way is to study the human body, and become familiar with the laws upon which health, happiness and life depend. Prevent pains, woe, and sickness by avoiding their causes.—*Life and Health.*

Temperance Column.

General Lord Roberts, who presided at a Council meeting of the Army Temperance Association, in London, among other remarks said that the report from India for the year 1898 and 1899, like other reports from that country, showed a remarkable comparison between the convictions among abstainers and non-abstainers; and also, if they could judge from the figures, between the health of one class and that of the other. He notices that the convictions per 1,000 among abstainers were 4.12 and among non-abstainers 36.38 very nearly nine times as many. The admissions per 1,000 into the hospital were 208.41 abstainers and 301.52 non-abstainers. These were two points which it was impossible for anybody to gainsay.—*Sanitary Home.*

In an able editorial, "Health" discusses the attitude of the physician on the liquor question. If there is one matter upon which the influence of the medical fraternity can exercise a beneficial effect, it is that of the use of alcoholic drinks. Preventive medicine is receiving more attention to-day than ever before, and so much disease is directly traceable to the abuse of alcohol, that it is clearly the duty of the medical practitioner—as the custodian of the public health—to raise his voice in warning in this matter. In the not very distant future, it is to be hoped that we shall have the principal duty of the physician defined as being the prevention, rather than the cure of disease.

Ordination.

The council called by the Albert Street Baptist Church at Woodstock, N. B., to consider the advisability of setting apart their pastor, Bro. W. S. Martin, to the work of the gospel ministry, duly met at 2.30 p. m. June 27th.

The following churches responded: Albert Street, Deacons James F. Sutton and R. S. Vawter; Richmond and Hodgden Rev. Calvin Currie, Deacon J. R. Barton, Bro. F. F. Chase; South Richmond, Bros David Henderson and Joseph Merrithew; Jacksonville, Deacon Joseph McCready and Bro. Vail; Jacksontown, Rev. F. N. Atkinson, Benjamin Everett, Deacon W. A. Connolly; Prince William, Rev. J. A. Cahill; Lower Woodstock, Rev. C. N. Barton, Deacon Jacob O. Porter; Florenceville, Rev. A. H. Hayward and Bro. F. H. Estey; Windsor, Bro. James R. H. Simms; Andover, Rev. R. W. Demmings (Lic.) First Canterbury, Deacon W. T. Hatfield and Bro. Alonzo C. Dow; Invited Brethren, Rev. Thomas Todd, Rev. J. G. Harvey, Rev. J. H. Hughes, Rev. P. R. Knight, Rev. J. C. Bleakney, Rev. J. W. S. Young, and Bro. Chas. Atherton (Lic.)

Rev. A. H. Hayward was elected moderator, and Rev. C. N. Barton clerk.

The clerk of Albert Street Church read the resolution passed by the church authorizing the clerk to call the council.

The candidate related his Christian experience, and to the ministry, views of Christian doctrine. After being examined by members of the council the candidate retired. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved that the Christian experience, call to the ministry, views of Christian doctrine is approved by this council; we recommend the Albert Street Church to proceed with the ordination this evening."

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In the evening the ordination services were proceeded with as follows: Selection by choir; opening prayer, Rev. J. A. Cahill; singing by Albert Street male quartette; singing, Coronation. Rev. C. N. Barton read Scriptures; Rev. A. H. Hayward followed in prayer; singing by male quartette.

Rev. J. H. Hughes preached the ordination sermon from Matt. 7:29. Rev. J. C. Bleakney offered the ordination prayer. Rev. A. H. Hayward extended the right hand of fellowship. Rev. J. A. Cahill gave the charge to the candidate. Rev. Calvin Currie spoke to the church. The sermon and addresses were much appreciated by all present.

Rev. W. S. Martin pronounced the benediction.

C. N. BARTON, Clerk.
Meductic, York Co., N. B., June 28th.

The Western Association

A very interesting session of the body closed at Doaktown on the 24th inst. The beauty of natural scenery of the place, the cool and delightful weather, and above all the deep spirituality which characterized the exercises of the Association, all contributed to make the occasion one of much profit to those in attendance. Rev. W. E. McIntyre was chosen moderator, Rev. C. N. Barton, clerk; Bro. G. W. Mersereau treasurer.

The session began on Friday, 22nd, at 2.30 p. m. Opening with a devotional service. In the evening Rev. J. H. Hughes preached, and at the close Rev. George Howard conducted social exercises in which a large number took part. Evidently the Spirit's presence was felt in many hearts and a rich blessing was enjoyed by all present.

Business occupied the greater part of Saturday, closing in the evening to make way for the excellent addresses which followed. Prof. C. Jones of Acadia University read the educational report and also gave in outline a description of the institutions at Wolfville and the work done there. Bro. G. W. Mersereau, Inspector of schools, followed with a very clear presentation of the reasons for the maintenance of Academic work under Christian auspices, such as he and witnessed in the Wolfville schools. Mr. Mersereau's address was much appreciated and many expressed the wish that he might be oftener heard at our denominational gatherings.

Rev. J. W. Manning D. D., made an earnest presentation of the Missionary Forward movement fund which is about to be laid before the churches and urged that the proposed \$50,000 be raised as a thank offering to God. While others were doing a similar service, we should not be remiss in beginning the work of the new century under more favourable conditions.

The Secretary of Home Missions followed with the Home Mission report adding some remarks concerning the special needs of the province.

Sabbath services were held in the forenoon, afternoon and evening. A devotional meeting was conducted at 10 a. m., at the close of which Rev. George Howard preached the association sermon. It was indeed a rare and touching discourse on remembering the words of the Lord.

Sabbath afternoon was given to the Women's Missionary Meeting at which addresses were given by Miss Flora Clark of Sackville and Secretary Manning.

In the evening a general evangelistic service was held in which nearly all the delegates took part. It was an earnest expression on the part of all to do better work for the coming year. Regretfully we took our leave of the good people of Doaktown the visit being one long to be remembered by us. May the work of the Lord conducted by Pastor King and his co-labourers be richly blessed of our Heavenly Father.

Religious News.

GIBSON.

On leaving this field of labor I feel it my duty to say that no kindness to myself and family that could reasonably be shown has been left undone. The addresses and presents from the Sunday-School to Mrs. Champion and myself, the handsome baptizing gown from the

Ladies' Sewing Circle, and the donation of over forty dollars, were parting tokens that are not unappreciated. May God send them a pastor worthy of them and the work.

J. B. CHAMPION.

The Annual business meeting was held June 27th. The report showed a good healthy condition. About \$500 has been raised for repairs to church property. All current expenses are paid, and more money raised for outside work than ever before. The pastor was granted four weeks' vacation. The roll-call, it was decided, would be held in connection with the reopening of the house of worship at the Hill.

F. D. D.

At Ledge Dufferin, Charlotte Co., on Sabbath, June 17th, I baptized one sister and received her into the church; and others are coming. Thank God the Spirit is drawing. And this last Lord's day, June 24th, I baptized two more at Rolling Dam, and others are moving towards the kingdom here. We want your prayers, dear brethren, that the good work may continue on, and grow deeper and brighter. The work that Bro. Webber and I started at St. Andrews and Bay-side is being brought to a glorious fulness by our dear brother Rev. Mr. Young. God bless him and St. Andrews field all over.

H. D. WORDEN.

Personals.

Rev. M. E. Fletcher has accepted a call to the 1st Harvey church, Harvey, Albert County, and began his labors on the field July 1st.

Rev. W. J. Gordon has accepted a call to the pastorate of the church at Jemseg, N. B., and has entered upon his work there under favorable circumstances.

Rev. O. E. Steeves, who has just completed a course of study at Hamilton, N. Y., gave us a call on Saturday. Mr. Steeves has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Church at Advocate, N. S., and is about to enter upon his work there.

We are pleased to learn from Rev. W. J. Blakney who is now residing in Malden, Mass., that his health has improved of late. He expects to return to New Brunswick some time next month, and is prepared to enter again upon pastoral work.

We are glad to have a call last week from Rev. I. W. Corey, formerly of Fairville, and to see him looking none the worse after his sojourn in the West. Mr. Corey supplied the Gibson pulpit on Sunday. He expects to spend a few weeks in his native Province, and we suggest that it would be a good thing for some of our pastorless churches to lay hands upon Bro. Corey and keep him here.—*M. & P.*

We deeply regret to learn that Rev. S. D. Ervine, of Springfield, N. B., is laid aside from work by reason of an attack of hemorrhage of the lungs. Bro. Ervine is one of our most faithful and beloved ministers, and there are many who will remember him to his affliction and earnestly pray for his restoration to health.

God's promises were never meant to ferry our laziness. Like a boat, they are to be rowed by our oars; but many men, entering, forget the oar, and drift down more helpless in the boat than if they had stayed on shore.—Beecher.

Dr. Alexander Maclaren said recently: "The fountain is in the solitary cleft of the lonely hills and draws its waters from the snows which sparkle on their tops; and the minister to be a power must live alone with God."

In the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion;

In the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me. He shall cover thee with his feathers.