

Christian Citizenship which will, at the ballot-box, make unlawful this gigantic crime of crimes.

**Baptist Union Movement is Becoming World-Wide.**

The Baptists and the Free Baptists of Maine are getting ready to unite. Zion's Advocate, the Baptist organ, is strongly in favor of the union, and it claims that the Free Baptists have really become Baptists. In 1887 the question of union came up and the Baptists assembled voted for union and it was thought that the Free Baptists would have had a large majority for union, but delayed action for the sake of the minority.

Southern Baptist, Australia, tells that the Baptists and the "Disciples" are about to unite, in New South Wales. It says: "At the last annual meetings of the Baptist Union of New South Wales a committee was appointed to confer with a committee of representatives of the Churches of Christ, to discuss the possibilities of the union of the two bodies. The proposal was cordially accepted by the annual conference of the Churches of Christ, held last month in Sydney, and a committee of ten of their leading men appointed, so probably the question will soon be discussed in all its bearings. Without doubt the points on which we agree with our brethren are more numerous and vital than those on which we differ and it is our conviction that 'Baptists' and 'Disciples' are gradually drawing nearer to one another. Even if it is discovered that organic unity is not yet possible, a frank, brotherly consideration of the points of agreement and difference will do much to increase and strengthen the unity of the Spirit. In our common fight with rampant evils we cannot afford to view any soldiers of the Cross with suspicion." In the western states by all sections of Baptists this project is being agitated, and discussed.

**"God Bless You De. r!"**

BY MAY FIELD MCKEAN.

In all the varied realm of thought,  
Expressed in language sweet and clear,  
No whispered word to me has brought  
A warmer glow of love and cheer  
Than this: "God bless you, dear!"

"God bless you, dear!"—God who upholds  
The universe by word of power,  
Whose spirit all our lives enfolds,  
Whose mercy rules each passing hour—  
"God bless you, dear!"

"God bless you, dear!" There's not a trace,  
Of any good beneath the skies  
Outside the bounds of that embrace  
Whatever be its present guise;  
"God bless you, dear!"

"God bless you, dear!" And does He pause  
To note each child upon his way?  
My heart makes answer: "Yes, because  
He loves us both!" and so I pray,  
"God bless you dear!"

**The Sunshine of Religion.**

Our Lord when on earth was not a friend only for dark days. He could stand by the grave of Lazarus and weep with the sorrowing sisters, but he could also be present at the wedding at Cana of Galilee, an honored and welcome guest.

In our deep realization of the solemn mission of our Lord to this sinful world, we are apt to forget that he came as an image and expression and embodiment of the God of Love. The morose Christian is not likely to be bidden to feasts, where his presence is only a gloomy shadow and his countenance as a threatening cloud. We may be sure that even in his holy

purity this was the impression made by him whose "compassions are new every morning." There was sunshine about him, or the mothers would not have thronged around him with their little ones, the despised sufferers would not have looked trustfully to him for help; the out-cast sinner would not have turned to him for pardon.

We seem to fancy that God made our eyes for tears, and that from some other power came their glad twinkle of merriment or their expression of innocent joy in the midst of social converse. Who wreathed the mouth with smiles that answer to smiles? Who made the dimples in the baby's face? Who lit the glad, loving light in his eyes as it begins to be aware of the tender care of its mother? Why will we not remember that joy is as much the gift of God as sorrow, and to be as freely accepted in his presence?

*The Churchman.*

**Married.**

MASON-BETHERINGTON.—At Sussex, May 25th, by Rev. W. Camp, George W. Mason of Coles Island, to Edith Betherington of Cady's.

YERXA-McDONALD.—At the River View House, Crox Point, York Co., 18th, by the Rev. Geo. Howard, Walden Yerxa of the parish of Bright and Annie McDonald of Temperance Vale, York Co.

McDONALD-YERXA.—At River View House, Crox Point, York Co., May 18th, by the Rev. Geo. Howard, Ernest McDonald of Temperance Vale, York Co., and Sadie Yerxa of the mouth of Kalswick, York Co.

GRIGG-McKNIGHT.—At Cambridge Queens Co., on the 20th May, by A. B. McDonald, Ira Austin Grigg to Annie Eliza McKnight, all of Stanholm, K. C.

STEEVES-CROSSMAN.—At the home of Mr. Gilbert Steeves, Petticoat, May 24th, by the Rev. A. A. MacNeil, Stanley Steeves and Amy Crossman, both of Moncton, N. B.

HAYFIELD-CHRISTIE.—At the home of the bride, June 2nd, by Pastor J. M. Parker, Arthur Seaman Hatfield of St. John N. B., to Roberta M. second daughter of A. A. Christie, of River Heroert, N. S.

GOUCHER-BROWN.—At the residence of A. J. Beveridge, Antlover, N. B., June 1st, G. W. Goucher of Rowena, Victoria Co., and Ester Brown of Arthurville.

McLEOD-ROBINSON.—At Penobscot, June 8, by B. H. Noble, Charles E. McLeod and Abel Robinson both of Penobscot.

STEVENS-CRAWFORD.—James Stevens a resident of Margueryville, and Miss Martha Crawford, of Fredericton, were married yesterday by Rev. F. C. Hartley.

GANONG-WHIDDEN.—The marriage of Arthur D. Ganong of Ganong Bros., St. Stephen, and Miss Berla Frances Whidden, daughter of C. R. Whidden, Calais, editor and Publisher of the Calais Times, was celebrated June 8, at the home of the bride's father, Lafayette street, Rev. A. J. Padelford officiating.

MURRAY-McLEAN.—At the Free Baptist parsonage, Fredericton, on Tuesday evening, Andrew Murray of Greenville Maine, and Miss Mary McLean of Marysville, were united in wedlock by Rev. F. C. Hartley. The young couple left on the six o'clock train for their home in Greenville.

McGEEHAN-EDNEY.—Hiram McGeehan, a well known resident of Tay Creek and Miss Vera Edney of Nashwaakias, were united in marriage yesterday by Rev. F. C. Hartley at the Free Baptist parsonage in Fredericton.

CLARK-MEISEREAU.—The wedding of L. B. Clark, son of Chas. C. P. R. bridge inspector, and Miss Helen Meisereau, daughter of Taylor Meisereau of Rustagorish, took place at the residence of the bride's parents last week.

DAVIDSON-SMITH.—The Rev. J. H. MacDonald united in wedlock at 6 o'clock last evening Miss Gertrude Smith, the youngest daughter of the late Sanford Smith of Fredericton, and Alexander Davidson, son of Alfred Davidson, the engineer at the Hart Boot and Shoe Factory.

WHITE-FULTON.—Mr. James T. White of White's Point, and Miss Sarah A. Fulton of Fulton Brook, were married at the bride's home on June 8th, at 6 p. m. by Rev. E. T. Miller.

EAGLES-TAYLOR.—At the residence of the bride's father, June 1st, by Rev. W. H. Perry, Frederick H. Eagles and Ina S. Taylor, eldest daughter of Gesner A. Taylor, Esq., both of Salisbury, Westmorland Co.

DICKINSON-MOWBRAY.—At the residence of Moses Dickinson, Springfield, Car. Co., N. B., May 25th, by

Pastor C. N. Barton, Arbel Dickinson of Meductic, N. B., to Annie Mowbray of Benton, N. B.

RECKER-SCHREIBER.—At The Grant, Springfield, N. B., June 7th, by Rev. Wm. M. Field, Gilford W. Recker of Kars and Laura Jane, eldest daughter of George and Rebecca F. Scribner.

**Died.**

CAIN.—The death of Mrs. Joseph Cain, wife of the proprietor of the Coronation House, Lech Lamond, took place last week. Mrs. Cain had been ill some time, complications following a gripe. A few days ago she came into the home of her sister, Mrs. Walter Armstrong, Brunswick street, where she passed away. Deceased leaves a large number of friends besides her husband, four daughters, five sisters and five brothers. She was a daughter of the late John Marsters Barton, of the Range, Grand Lake, Queens county.

BRANSCOMBE.—At Grand Lake, on the 17th, Mr. Henry Branscombe, aged 77 years. He lived a dandied trusting in the Lord.

BILL.—In Boston, Mass., May 28th, 1904, Susan L. Bill, aged 84 years, 3 months, widow of the late Ingram E. Bill, D. D., of St. John, N. B.

MORTON.—At Penobscot, May 16th, Michael P. Morton passed into rest at the age of 77 years. The last few years of his life, Mr. Morton has been living with his son, Samuel; but formerly and for many years he lived in Mechanic. For the last four or five years Mr. Morton has been in failing health, and was confined most of the time to the house. He was a man highly respected by all who knew him. He died trusting in his Saviour—"Who loved him and gave himself for him," "Asleep in Jesus blessed sleep."

LANGIN.—The death occurred at his home Gasperaux, Queens Co. on Tuesday, May 31st, of Strane L. Langin, an aged and respected citizen. He was in the 82nd year of his age, was very ill for some months, but bore his sufferings with patience and resignation to the will of God. He leaves a widow, one brother and several other relatives to mourn his loss. He was born in Mangerville, Sunbury county, came here when quite a young man and has since resided here. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church.

VAUGHAN.—On May 26th, at St. Martins, N. B., David Vaughan, aged 79 years. Our departed friend was one of the most prominent citizens of St. Martins, and was widely esteemed. For several years past by reason of bodily weakness he has been debarred from participating in public life; but those friends who were privileged to visit his home always found him deeply interested in all that pertained to the temporal and religious welfare of the community. While for a long time in impaired health, it was only within two weeks of the end that he became seriously sick, and his death therefore came as a shock to his family and friends. He was seized with bronchitis and not withstanding the best medical skill and the most careful nursing, the attack proved fatal. Though our dear friend never made a public profession of faith, we had reason to hope that he was trusting in the Saviour. He was much attached to the Baptist church of which he was for many years the treasurer and which he always generously supported. The pastor frequently called upon him and often talked with him on the subject of religion, and his manner at such times showed that he was far from indifferent to sacred things. At the last interview within two days of his death, he eagerly assented when the Pastor enquired if he would like prayer offered, and when asked if he felt himself in the hands of God he frequently answered "yes." As one of the leading men of business in the community he was noted for his integrity. In his home he was greatly beloved. In many ways his removal will be keenly felt. He leaves four children to mourn the loss of an excellent father:—S. E. Vaughan, merchant of St. Martins; Dr. H. P. Vaughan, of New York; Mrs. A. S. White and Mrs. (Dr.) J. H. Ryan of Sussex.

WASHBORN.—Rev. Abel H. Washborn was called to his reward May 7th, and buried May 8th, 1904, at Baker City, Oregon. His beloved wife, "a mother in Israel," eight children, three sons and five daughters, grand children, relatives and friends mourn his loss. Our loss is his very great gain. Mr. Washborn had spent forty-five years in the gospel ministry. In a funeral discourse, Rev. C. H. McKee, acting pastor of the church, spoke in the highest terms of the Christian character of his deceased brother.

SEELYE.—At Turtle Creek, Albert Co., N. B. on the 16th of May, Minnie M. beloved wife of Rev. F. B. Seelye past into rest in the 34th year of her age. About two years since our sister's lungs were affected by congestion and pneumonia which left her in such a condition that she was pronounced beyond cure by the physicians. A surgical operation in the fall failed to improve her condition. Her sufferings increased and grew more and more intense until the last few moments when she fell asleep peacefully in Jesus. Our sister accepted Christ eleven years ago at a revival conducted by Rev. E. M. Saunders and pastor Maider at St. George who baptized her that spring. Her faith was a great source of strength and comfort to her, and she would repeatedly exclaim:—"I could not stand the pain if it were not for Jesus." In her death our sister leaves her foster parents, her husband, three little children and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. We rejoice that, "they sorrow not as others, without hope." Victoria Co., were united in marriage by B. W. Demings.