

But to return to this symposium. Only three of the clergymen—Rev. Thomas VanNess, a Unitarian; Rev. Philip J. O'Donnell, a Roman Catholic, and Rev. S. C. Greene, a Presbyterian—took strong ground against the use of force. But none of them except Mr. VanNess took the position, which is essential to the doctrine of religious liberty, that it is wrong to use force to coerce a religious belief.

One is amazed at some of these replies. For example, Rev. Dr. Judson Smith, Secretary of the American Board for Foreign Missions, makes this very qualified statement:

The history of missions in the last century shows plainly that war is not necessary for the prosecution of missionary work.

Rev. Francis M. Sprague of the Universalist Church writes:

Sometimes to hasten the spread of Christianity, it is not to make sure that such spread will take place among a certain peculiar people, it is necessary to use restraining force to overcome ignorant, superstitious, stumbling-block opposition.

Col. William Evans of the Salvation Army gives it as his opinion that:

Force has been the element used by God Almighty since our first parents for the carrying out of His will. It has not always been martial force He has used, although careful students of history, both Biblical, ancient and modern, cannot help but conclude that martial force has been necessary to the spread of the Gospel.

The remark has often been made that the principle of Religious Liberty has been so thoroughly accepted today by all Christians that the Baptists who first championed it have no further duties in regard to it. But such utterances as those indicate that there is a great deal of missionary work on behalf of this truth yet to be done.

What a far cry it is from such words as those we have quoted to that serene and beautiful declaration of Roger Williams in his "Bloody Tenent of Persecution for the Cause of Conscience" that the armies of Truth, like the armies of the Apocalypse, "must have no sword, helmet, breastplate, shield or horse, but what is spiritual and of a heavenly nature."

Even two lectures of the late Bishop Phillips Brooks on "Tolerance" seem to indicate that his conception of the Religious Liberty was somewhat blurred. He does not maintain the right of the individual to his own religious convictions so much as enforce the Christian virtue of tolerating convictions with which he does not agree. Toleration and Tolerance are impertinent words in the whole discussion. The title to one's own religious belief and the proper expression of it does not rest upon any man's concession or toleration; it is a right inherent in the individual soul. Our Baptist forefathers were grandly in the right when, with Roger Williams, they denied that the power of the civil magistrate extended to the first table of the Law; and declared that they did not want any man's toleration, but the right to soul liberty with which God had endowed them.

The Boston Globe's symposium does not in the least surprise us, but it is a rather suggestive revelation as to popular ignorance as to some fundamental truths of the Gospel.

Religious News.

GIBSON AND MARYSVILLE.

Since my last communication the ordinance of baptism has been administered. Two received by letter and five received the right-hand of fellowship. A. B. V. P. U. has organized at Marysville, with 41 members. Deacon Lint, President; Eva Smith, Secretary; Anna Collins, Cor. Secretary; Ettie Smith, Treas. We had a very pleasant and profitable visit from the Rev. Dr. Manning, who spoke on missions in the Gibson and Marysville churches, to large and interested congregations. Much good has resulted from the Rev. Drs. addresses. Pray for us.

W. R. ROBINSON.

OAK BAY.

Rev. J. H. Hughes spent Sunday, June 2nd, with Rev. H. I. Worden at Oak Bay, preaching three times during the day. These services were highly appreciated by the people both at the Bay and at the Ledge. The day was fine and the scenery beautiful. Brother Worden is highly esteemed by his people for his

fearless proclamation of the gospel, and his untiring devotion to his work. He is not without enemies who dislike the truth, but that does not hinder him in his work. The good work moves on all the same. The people there gave a good subscription to "THE HOME MISSION JOURNAL," for so small a membership of the church. Ledge Duffern is a separate church from Oak Bay, and has been very much weakened by deaths and removals. Yet it is a section of our province that our home mission would do well to assist in maintaining the gospel among those that are left, and are struggling hard to hold on their way.

The opening services of the new Baptist meeting house at Salisbury on Sunday the 26th of May were largely attended. Rev. I. Hutchinson of Moncton preached a very interesting and instructive dedication sermon in the morning. Other brethren were present, and services were held afternoon and evening which were impressively appealing. The financial contributions during the day were over five hundred dollars. The church, in membership, are few and scattered in location, but united in sentiment and effort for the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom. They have an active pastor in the person of Rev. J. E. Tiner, and he lives in the affections of his people. May their new accommodations add much to their prosperity.

Through the mercies of our DORCHESHER, N. B. God we are able to report further accessions to our membership. On Sabbath, May 19th, we led three believers into the baptismal waters. One, a wife and mother and two young men. The special work is being continued this week. The work is in connection with the first church, but the influences are reaching the entire field.

E. H. THOMAS.

CARLETON.

A word or two from this church will be sufficient for the present. 1. The attendance at the services of the church is most encouraging and a spirit of loving fellowship and helpfulness seems to prevail. 2. Six have recently been added to our membership by letter. 3. The 6th anniversary of the organization of the church was observed with appropriate services on Sunday, 19th, and a roll call and social on the 22nd. 4. Beside the generous contributions made earlier in the year toward interior repairs completed in January, and offering in cash and subscription has been made within past few days of some \$500 toward a new tower and class room additions. When these improvements have been made this church will have probably the finest house of worship in the West End.

B. N. NOBLES.

May 25.

DOAKTOWN, N. B. Pastor King reports that work has been resumed on all part of his field since May 1st. On Lord's Day, May 19th, a young man was baptized.

SUSSEX.

The church has generously granted the pastor leave of absence for a month. A good brother and I expect to leave Sussex on the 4th of June for the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, via Boston and New York. I have found many loyal and noble-hearted men and women in Sussex. Greater kindness than we ever anticipated have been shown both Mrs. Camp and myself since coming to this town. The members of our church are loyal to the pastor and work of the Lord is steadily progressing. The spirit of brotherly love prevails, and deep earnestness characterizes the service and devotion of our people. The deacons of the church, W. J. Foster, C. D. Davis, C. H. Perry and Gordon Mills have been appointed a pulpit committee to secure supplies in the absence of the pastor.

W. CAMP.

Bro. Acher Leaman and sister Nora Doutherte were 3RD COVERDALE, ALBERT COUNTY, baptized by Rev. W. W. Corey on last Lord's day, May 26th, making in all 15 at this place who confessed Christ during meetings held by Bro.

Hurst and myself a few weeks ago. The Lord has a faithful, active people there. The Sunday School was reopened on May 1st and has an average attendance of more than 40 scholars. Through the kindness of the High street Baptist Sunday School of Moncton a good library of 70 volumes has been received. The good people recently purchased a nice hanging lamp, also a music book for the organ. A nice new Bible has been ordered for the pulpit. They are without a pastor. May God send one of his servants to shepherd the flock and carry on the good work begun. The Albert County Quarterly Meeting will hold its next session there, June 4th and 5th, which we hope will bring much blessing to the place and people.

G. H. BEAMAN.

For the past three weeks SOUTH BRANCH. Bro. H. A. McLean has been assisting me in special services at this place.

The meetings has been largely attended and many souls converted. Yesterday was a red letter day in the history of the church. In the morning the pastor baptized 20 converts in the presence of a very large congregation of all denominations—many Roman Catholics being present. After the baptism the pastor preached to a crowded house while many stood outside the building by the doors and windows. The day was beautifully fine and the surrounding country full of beauty and loveliness. These baptized and one recently baptized received the right hand of fellowship into the Cordwell Baptist church at the close of the sermon. I have found Bro. McLean a true yoke-fellow. He sings the gospel sweetly and gives impressive testimony for Christ. His experience in the work enables him to be of great service in leading souls to Christ. He knows just how to help a seeking one to exercise faith in Christ and go forward in obedience. He can conduct Sunday services, singing and preaching the gospel with marked clearness and impressiveness. After having Bro. McLean with me at Sussex, Penobscot and South Branch, I have no hesitation in recommending him to brother pastors who desire a helper in special services. Mrs. McLean has rendered excellent service in presiding at the organ in these meetings.

W. CAMP.

Personals.

Rev. J. B. Colwell has recently resigned charge of the Baptist church at Petitcodiac to enter upon the work of Home Missions in New Brunswick, has moved his family to St. John, North End, 49 Adelaide street. Correspondents will please address from there.

Rev. A. T. Dykeman of Fairville, was away last Sunday attending the May meetings at Springfield, Mass. He is enjoying holiday in New England. Rev. J. H. Hughes very acceptably supplied his pulpit last Sunday (26th of May.)

Rev. W. Camp of Sussex contemplates a visit to the Pan American Exposition at Buffalo. The scenes there will doubtless add enjoyment to his vacation.

A Delusive Believing.

C. H. WETHERBE.

THERE are thousands of people who believe that Christ is the Saviour of sinners, and because they thus believe they think that they will at last be saved. Not long ago I heard a man who lives in a place where I reside, say that he thought that he would finally be saved, because he believed "in the Lord Jesus Christ." This man is past fifty years of age, and he has long been a profane swearer and quite intemperate. He has never made a profession of faith in Christ and belonged to a church. So far as I know he has never made a practice of attending any church. He does not even now claim to be a Christian, in any direct and positive way. He simply asserts that he is as likely to enter heaven as anyone is, for "he believes in the Lord Jesus Christ." But