

presently idle. Over 1,500 of the 15,000 employed at the affiliated trades are idle, and also 700 of the 7,000 shoemakers. About 500 machinists and 300 engineers are idle. The 6,000 men engaged in paving the streets will be nearly all idle now for three months, as few will yet work at anything else. To these idle men must be added at least 500 bakers, 1,000 waiters, and over 2,000 others. And at least 20,000 women (seamstresses, etc.) are presently idle, and at the best of times they only manage to make enough to keep body and soul together.

The fact of the matter is, workmen in the country and in other cities think that they have only got to come to New York to be sure of work, and thus a constant flood of unemployed is constantly pouring into the city. Certainly the great question of the hour here, as well as in Great Britain, is—What is to be done with the unemployed?—Scottish American of New York.

WEEKLY COMMUNION.

In your issue of the Baptist, July 28th, 1887, we read with surprise, in a sermon of Mr. Spurgeon's, the following words: "Then, next, this remembrance of the death of Christ must be constant. The Lord's Supper was meant to be a frequent feast. I think it a grievous mistake when the Communion comes but once in a quarter of a year—aye, and even once in a month. I should not feel satisfied with the breaking of bread less often than on the first day of every week, and particularly it comes much oftener to me, for it is my great delight whenever I have a few Christian friends to say, Let us break bread now that we are met together." We had always supposed that Mr. Spurgeon's church observed the communion of the Lord's Supper but once a month, like the majority of Canadian Baptist Churches. This has been the impression generally left on the public mind by the writings of Canadian ministers visiting at Spurgeon's Tabernacle. We would not wish to hold up Mr. Spurgeon and his church as an example for all other Baptist ministers and churches, only so far as he follows Christ, but we would like to know, if Mr. Spurgeon's views and practices are correct on this subject, why does not the same custom prevail among our Canadian Baptist Churches, or, in fact, among all Baptist Churches. If he is right, then all others not like-minded must be wrong. If Christians should commemorate the Lord's death every Lord's Day—the proper time for their regular meeting together—then what authority have we for neglecting it so frequently, and only observing it once a month, or once a quarter, or whenever it suits our convenience. If the time for observing this ordinance is purely a matter of choice or convenience, and if the observance of the ordinance is not a part of regular divine worship, then why not limit the observance of it to once a year, or once in a life-time, the same as baptism. But if it is a soul refreshing part of divine sacrifice and should be observed on the first day of every week, as Mr. Spurgeon believes, and as the early disciples also believed, then why is it so almost universally neglected among our churches? Would some of our leading brethren be kind enough to give us a reply on this subject. Let the truth be brought out "though the heavens fall."—A. R. Best in Canadian Baptist.

DOING THINGS WELL.

"There!" said Harry, throwing down the shoe-brush, "that'll do. My shoes don't look very bright, but no matter. Who cares?" "Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well," said his father, who had overheard the boy's careless speech. Harry blushed while his father continued:

"My boy, your shoes look wretchedly. Pick up the brush and make them shine; when you have finished come into the house."

As soon as Harry appeared with his well-polished shoes his father said:

"I have a little story to tell you. I once knew a poor boy, whose mother taught him the proverb I repeated to you a few minutes ago. This boy went out to service in a gentleman's family, and he took pains to do everything well, no matter how unimportant it seemed. His employer was pleased and took him into his shop. He did his work well there, and when sent on errands he went quickly and was soon back in his place. So he advanced from step to step till he became clerk, and then a partner in the business. He is now a rich man, and anxious that his son, Harry, should practise the rule which made him prosper."

"Why, papa, were you a poor boy once," asked Harry.

"Yes, my son, so poor that I had to go out to service and black boots and wait at table and do anything that was required of me. By doing little things well, I was soon trusted with more important ones."

Married.

WOOD-HUTCHERSON.—At the home of the bride's parents, Lower Cunard, on the 14th Dec., by E. C. Ford, Spurgeon A. Wood, Esq., and Miss Ella M. Hutcherson, third daughter of William Hutcherson, Esq., all of Cornwallis.

CAMPBELL-NICHOLSON.—At Montague Bridge, Dec. 6, 1887, by O. B. Emory, Mr. Artomas Campbell, Montague, Lot 59, and Miss Annie Nicholson, Commercial Cross, Lot 59, King's Co., P. E. I.

MCLEOD-McPHERSON.—At Montague Bridge, Dec. 20, 1887, by O. B. Emory, Mr. Malcolm McLeod, and Miss Jane McPherson, both of Milltown, Lot 61, King's Co., P. E. I.

PALMER-KATHLINE.—At 14 Cliff street, St. John, N. B., Dec. 31st, 1887, by T. H. Capp, Edward Palmer of St. John, to Miss Kate Kathline of King's Co., N. B.

Died.

HUGHES.—At her home Richardsonville, Deer Island, N. B., Sister Ann, beloved wife of Elder W. F. Hughes, aged 79 years and one month. She had been an invalid for many years. But having lived nearly the "three-score years and ten," death on the 10th of Dec., 1887, relieved her of her sufferings, and now she is free from toil and sorrow. Bro. Hughes, while feeling keenly the loss, cannot but rejoice that she is better off, having fallen asleep in Jesus.

Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep, From which none ever wake to weep. W. MURRAY.

HALIFAX CHURCH FUND.

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