

master is answering him his prayer and leading him on to success.

Vv. 22-27.—Another interesting picture—a most astonishing discovery to the inquirer, that he has been led to the granddaughter of Nahor, to the very kith and kin of his master. The answers which his questions elicited naturally prepared his mind for these feelings and utterances of thanksgiving.

V. 33.—Another proof of the devotedness of this man. He was more anxious to serve his master than to enjoy rest or refreshment. What an example to you Sabbath school teachers, parents, and ministers of the Lord Jesus! Can this be said of you?

V. 59.—Her nurse. This was Deborah, a model servant who accompanied Rebekah from Mesopotamia, lived in the family of Isaac, survived her mistress, and died respected and beloved, and was honorably buried. Gen. xxxv. 8. In seeking the good of the family she was herself blessed, and became a blessing. Let servants follow her example.

V. 60.—Here we have an affectionate parting, with a benediction in eastern style, apparently a united, loving, and therefore a happy family.

V. 63.—To meditate, contemplate—to give scope to the pious sentiments of his heart, in a retired place at the tranquil hour of evening. He could not have placed himself in a more suitable posture for welcoming the anticipated blessing. This exercise is too much neglected.

Vv. 64, 65.—The first interview. The bride veiled herself,—the usual custom for a bride when conducted to the tent or house of her husband. He led her into Sarah's tent. She occupied the place of his dear mother, for whom he had now ceased to mourn.

V. 67.—Had never seen her before. That he loved her is therefore an important record, and a happy close to this eventful courtship and marriage.

LESSONS.

1. The uniform testimony of the bible is that alliance in marriage with unbelievers is a perilous step, and often leads to great backsliding and misery. God in love forbids such marriages. "Be not unequally yoked," &c., "only in the Lord."

2. Parents should use prudent means to prevent their families from intimate association with persons of loose morals or irreligious sentiments.

3. God is to be acknowledged in everything. His guiding presence sought and when granted thankfully acknowledged. Ver. 12, 26, 27.

4. None of the minuter incidents of life are too unimportant to have a place in pro-

vidential arrangements. The hairs of our head are numbered.

5. He who shews tender affection in one relation is likely to be kind in all. The loving son Isaac for three years cherishing the kindest recollection of his deceased mother, proves the loving husband. Ver. 6, 7.

DOCTRINE TO BE PROVED.

God will satisfy the expectations of his people. Ps. xxv. 9, 14, and xxxvii. 4; John xiv. 13, 14; Phil. iv. 6.

News of the Church.

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Presbytery met in the Free Church Charlottetown, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. There were present, Revds. A Munro, Moderator, R. S. Patterson, A. Campbell, J. Allan, I. Murray, H. Crawford, G. Sutherland, Clerk, A. Fraser, A. Cameron, R. Laird, W. Ross, H. McMillan, W. R. Frame, A. Falconer, J. D. Murray, and W. Stuart; and Messrs. Henderson, Thompson, Laird, and Carr, Elders.

The Rev. D. S. Gordon, of Annapolis, N. S., being present was invited to correspond.

The Rev. I. Murray reported that he had moderated in a call at St. John's, New London, as appointed—that the call was unanimous, and in favor of Mr. Donald McDougall, Probationer—that it was signed by 23 members with 102 concurring adherents, and gave certain reasons for the paucity of names to the call, the communion roll being kept very select, and representatives of families in some cases only signing, while the individual chosen is universally and deservedly acceptable. Mr. M. McLean, elder, delegate from the congregation, corroborated the remarks of Mr. Murray in respect to the call. On motion the Call was unanimously sustained; and Mr. McDougall being present, the Call was placed in his hands by the Moderator. Mr. McDougall in brief but appropriate terms intimated his acceptance of the Call. The following trials for ordination were then prescribed for him, viz.: Pop. Ser., Eph. 5: 14; Lect., Matt. 12: 1-8; Hom., Psalm 68: 19; Exer. and Add., 2 Cor. 6: 1; Church History, the 9th century; and Hebrew, Hosea, Chap. 6.

A petition craving moderation in a Call was received from West St. Peter's and read. Rev H. Crawford and Mr W. L. Douglas were heard in its support. The people were long destitute—had twice called a pastor, but had not succeeded in obtain-