

I baptized a very promising young man at Ward's Creek on Saturday and a young lady at Sussex, Sunday evening. Work encouraging. W. C.

GERMAIN STREET. The congregations in Germain Street are very large and the services are of marked interest. Five young persons were baptized on Sunday morning and received the right hand of fellowship at the evening service.

A remarkable storm cloud broke on the parsonage last week. It gathered in the Germantown section of the field, and burst in the shape of a fur-lined overcoat on the devoted shoulders of the pastor, who not only acknowledges the same with hearty thanks, but rejoices in the appreciation of his labors which this reasonable gift indicates.

M. E. FLETCHER.

TOBIQUE VALLEY. We are getting along nicely. Notwithstanding the fact that most of the men are in the woods our services are well attended. We are glad to report some additions to our church. Sister David Jenkins was received into the church by letter, as also was Bro. Arthur Ridgewell of the St. Stephen Baptist church. This good sister and brother coming to us so highly recommended, will, we trust, be instrumental in God's hands of helping both pastor and people along in the good work. We intend D. V. entering into special work shortly. Pray for us.

PASTOR STERLING.

HOPEWELL. On the evening of the 11th inst. we were pleased to have a visit from about two dozen of our people from the "Cape." The sleighing was splendid and they took advantage of it to drive down and see us. After spending a delightful evening together, Deacon Perrin Tingley on behalf of the company presented us with \$11.76 as a little present. They were particular to enjoy upon us that this was not a donation party but only a friendly call. These are among the bright spots in a pastor's life and we very much enjoyed receiving the visit, outside of the financial consideration.

F. D. DAVIDSON.

Notice.

The story "Little Buttons" ends with this issue of this paper. With the following number begins a new serial entitled "A Little Loving Life," it being a true experience of a young lady. We do not publish fictitious stories; but a true experience or reminiscences of note, that is interesting and instructive, we will occasionally give as many of our young readers like historical facts put in story form. We have no doubt but that the one we begin with our next issue will interest and please our young friends and old ones too as it is a thrilling story.

It will take four or five months to get through with it.

Our Prize Offer.

CONCERNING our prize offer many inquiries have been sent in, and a goodly number of contestants have sent in papers with a goodly number of words. To those who have asked questions we refer them to the circulars which we mailed with the paper to those who are now taking it, as well as to many others who are not subscribers as yet, but who we hope will enter this word contest and become subscribers for the incoming year.

We say again, as before, that we accept no lists of words spelled, unless fifty cents accompany

them to pay for the HOME MISSION JOURNAL for the year 1901, together with any arrearages that may be due. We hope that many more lists of words and fifty cents will be sent in before the new year.

Some have sent in words without any money. These we return. And some have sent in words and money, but no names to tell us who they are. We hope they will send us their names yet so we may know whom to credit with it, one of these is from Moncton, will the writer kindly send us their name.

To all our subscribers we extend our hearty thanks for their help, and hope that they will favor us with their renewal for 1901. We hope to make the paper in the future a letter family journal than heretofore, and trust that we shall have a large number of new subscribers. Those who have not paid for the paper for the out-going year will oblige us very much if they will remit soon (see date of payment on your paper.) We need the money to pay the printer, and the prize winners. To all our readers we extend the compliments of the season.

At The Wellside.

THE narrative describing the interview of the woman of Samaria is a companion piece to the conversation with Nicodemus. In the parables given in the thirteenth chapter of Matthew, the kingdom is likened to treasure hid in a field, which a man unexpectedly finds; and again to a merchant seeking goodly pearls. The Samaritan woman illustrates the first parable. She went forth to draw water, and she found the water of life. Nicodemus illustrates the second. He came seeking, and found what he sought. In many ways men come into the kingdom. To some it is a surprise and a discovery. They come upon it about other tasks, as Saul, seeking the asses, found the throne of Israel. Others reach it because, of set purpose, they search for it. Some have no perception of its value until it discloses itself to them; others know its worth, and set forth to gain it.

How transparently the description discloses our Lord's mercy and tenderness. This woman was kind-hearted, many touches in the narrative show it. Probably the very intensity and warmth of her emotional nature had betrayed her intention; but the prejudice of nationality prevented her from doing the kindness of giving water to a thirsty stranger. Christ delicately rebukes her, and reveals His own willingness to bless when He tells her that if she had asked Him for the choicest of spiritual blessings, He would not have treated her as she had just treated Him. "If thou knewest who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink, thou wouldst have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." The incident shows that it is easier to gain the best gifts of God than for children to get good things from their parents.

And in the blessing of God there is a marvellous disproportion between what we take and what we get. Jesus told this woman that a single draught of the living water would become a springing fountain in her own soul; in taking a cupful she received a well-full. It often happens that we little know what we are receiving when we extend the confidence which makes a friend. We look back through the years upon all our friend has been to us, and we say, "I did not know what I was receiving." No Christian dreams of what he is receiving when he takes Christ for his portion; the weeks and months and years slowly reveal it. And when, by-and-by, clasping Christ's hand, he passes through the river and up to the gates of pearl, does he even then know all that he received when he took the gift of God in Christ?

The Baptists of England have already received \$75,000 on the \$1,250,000 they are attempting to raise. At the meetings of the the Union in Leicester, \$20,000 was pledged. It is admitted that it will require the most strenuous exertion to secure the whole amount by the end of the year 1901.

Mr. Robert Arrington, who is spoken of "as a man of great wealth, but very penurious and eccentric," recently died, leaving \$150,000 to the English Baptist Missionary Society, to which he had previously given \$150,000. He built and fitted up a steamer for missionary purposes on the upper Congo, and left \$50,000 to the London Missionary Society for the prosecution of mission work among the Awanba tribes of Africa at Lake Tanganyika. He also left other large sums to beneficent institutions.

Prohibition might not make angels of men, but it would keep many of them from making brutes of themselves and worse than slaves of their families.

Married.

SMITH DAVIS.—At the residence of the officiating minister, 53 Simonds Street, on December 12th, by Rev. A. H. Foster, B. D., Francis W. Smith of St. John to Ethel B. Davis of Fredericton Junction.

ROSS POWELL.—At the Baptist parsonage, on December 6th, by Rev. N. A. McNeil, Joseph Ross and Elizabeth Powell, all of Hampton, Kings Co., N. B.

BITTLE FARMER.—At the home of the bride's parents, Dec. 10th, by the Rev. N. A. McNeil, Julian Bittle and Annie Farmer, all of Norton, Kings Co., N. B.

McVEY FLOWER.—At the home of the bride's parents, Dec. 12th, by the Rev. N. A. McNeil, John T. McVey and Jessie J. Fowler, all of Norton, Kings Co., N. B.

BARHOUSE-HAMILTON.—At the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. F. D. Davidson, Riverside, N. B., Dec. 1st, Norman Barhouse and Lily Hamilton, both of Hopewell Hill, Albert county, N. B.

GODFREY MAHAR.—At residence of officiating clergyman on 12th of December, by Rev. J. Miles, Marven Godfrey of Lower Hillsboro, Albert Co., N. B., to Amanda E. Maha of Mountville, Albert county, N. B.

STEEVES STEEVES.—At the home of the bride, Nov. 20, by A. A. Rutledge, Bonson W. Steeves, of Hillsboro to Lizzie Steeves of Rosevale, Albert Co.,

Died.

FARMER.—At Harvey, Albert Co., N. B., Dec. 9th, Mrs. Jane Barbour in the 77th year of her age.

SMITH.—At Harvey, Albert Co., N. B., on December 5th, Lucy Smith, beloved wife of Guilford Smith, in the 71st year of her age.

BROWN.—David Brown died at Hopewell Hill, Nov. 28th after only two hours of sickness. About 3 a. m. he complained of numbness in his right leg and arm and got rapidly worse. Dr. Murray was called but the man died in less than two hours. He had never made a profession. He prayed earnestly for himself and wife before he passed away. He leaves a wife and one child. His body was sent to N. B. for interment.

SHERWOOD.—At Campbell Settlement, Kings Co., Dec. 2nd, Brother C. Leonard Sherwood, after more than a year battling with that dread disease, consumption, passed up, and out of the tribulation to be in the immediate presence of the King eternal, aged 42 years. On Nov. 27, 1898, Brother Sherwood and his wife were buried with Christ in Baptism. Since that time it has been his earnest endeavour to walk with his Master in newness of life. He ripened rapidly for eternity. Great grace was given to him during his illness. Rejoicing and triumphant he passed through it all, and entered into the rest. His lonely widow severely mourns his loss, but exults in the Christian hope of meeting where sorrow will never come. At our brother's request Rev. J. D. Wetmore of Goldstream Carleton Co., conducted the funeral services at Hillsdale Kings Co., where notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather many were gathered to show the love and esteem in which our brother was held. Rev. R. M. Bynon was present and assisted in the services which were held on the afternoon of the 6th.

LEAMAN.—At Moncton, on December 2nd, John Leaman in his 86th year. Mr. Leaman was a faithful and earnest Christian who adorned his profession of faith in Christ by a godly life. He was a member of the Moncton Baptist church. A few years ago he lost his companion. Since then he has been living with his daughter. When Mr. Leaman first came to the "Bend" there were but twelve houses there. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. W. Camp.

BAILEY.—Joseph Bailey of Saugus, Mass., formerly of Newcastle, Queens Co., died very suddenly of apoplexy, on the 9th inst. in the 72nd year of his age. Bro. Bailey was a Christian of a high character. He belonged to the Baptist church at Newcastle for several years, and subsequently took his letter of dismissal and joined the Baptist church at Cliffdale, of which he remained a member until the time of his death. To the sorrowing family we tender our sympathy. The memory of the just is blessed.