

quite a number of ministers now who do not require to be asked to speak, but on the contrary are always ready.

Now, after this little digression to return. Our cause is well sustained in Halifax, and there is in all the churches unmistakable evidence of increased spiritual life and earnest Christian work.

Should any of your readers happen to be in Halifax during the sale of fancy articles for the benefit of any of the churches there, they will have an opportunity of seeing some of the exquisite work which our fair friends by the sea can produce. I had a little experience.

REV. PROFESSOR CURRIE, D.D.

The friends of Presbyterianism, and in fact all who know him, are delighted at the recognition of his eminent abilities by the faculty of Queen's University, in bestowing on Professor Currie the degree of Doctor of Divinity. That Dr. Currie may be long spared to wear the honour, and shed a lustre on the theological department of the college is the earnest wish of all.

THE REV. PRINCIPAL FORREST,

a few years ago, was the energetic but unpretending minister of St. John's Church in Halifax where he made full proof of his ministry, and, when appointed to the chair of English Literature in Dalhousie College, left a flourishing congregation, which is now ministered to by the Rev. H. H. Macpherson.

On the resignation of the Rev. Principal Ross, a short time ago, the Governors of Dalhousie appointed Professor Forrest to the vacant Principalship, a position which he will no doubt fill with honour to himself and satisfaction to the friends of education throughout the Province.

Principal Forrest is well known as a man of great energy, and possessed of good administrative abilities, whilst as a minister of the Gospel without a charge he is abundant in labours.

MALICIOUS.

Just now there is a little ripple here on the surface in Presbyterian circles. Two ministers, one of them the respected minister of the new Park Street Church, and the other, the Rev. Mr. Nelson from Ontario, preached on successive evenings on the same text. Some injudicious or malicious person telegraphed to an influential journal that the two ministers preached the same discourse. In a short time lawyers letters were flitting around, and no doubt before this letter appears in print the ministers referred to will have taken such means as will set all doubters at rest. I understand that the Rev. Mr. Simpson is to make reference to the subject from his pulpit and that the Rev. Mr. Nelson's sermon will be published in the *Witness*, of this city. This is a church-going city. There have been several marriages lately, and I understand the churches were crowded. Coming

WESTWARD

I called at Windsor where we have a good congregation, which was rendered vacant by the resignation of Rev. Mr. Gunn, and the Rev. Mr. Nelson, of the Brockville Presbytery, having accepted a call, will be inducted early in July. The congregation are harmonious in their choice, and Mr. Nelson's early settlement will be in every way an advantage to the congregation.

Windsor is an interesting town and is the seat of King's College, which was granted a charter by George III. In the same town there is the residence of the well-known writer Sam Slick. Windsor has also a cotton mill, and two banks—the Commercial a local bank, and a branch of the Halifax Banking Co., of which Mr. J. A. Russell is the efficient agent. Mr. Russell is a son of the Rev. J. A. Russell, of Strabane, Ireland, a prominent and respected minister of the Irish Presbyterian Church. Leaving Windsor we proceeded along the Annapolis Valley, which is justly celebrated for the excellent quality and abundance of its apples.

Leaving Annapolis by boat we had a nice run to Digby, where we took the Western Counties Railway running through an interesting part of the country. This line is a great boon to that part of Nova Scotia.

I have heard of railways where one could get off and pick strawberries or turn a steer off the track; but on the Western Counties there are none of these privileges. Should you attempt this sort of thing you would get left for sure. In the evening we reached

YARMOUTH,

one of the best and prettiest towns in the Province.

The private residences and grounds are beautiful and the stores will compare with many in cities.

We had the pleasure of meeting with the Rev. John Burton, B.D., of the Northern Congregational Church, Toronto, who was attending the meeting of the Congregational Union at Chebogue, N.S. Mr. Burton preached, in St. David's Presbyterian Church, St. John, N.B., an excellent discourse, which was very highly appreciated.

The Presbyterian Church here is a handsome building, and is in a prosperous condition. The pastor is the Rev. Anderson Rogers, who is doing good work and is very much esteemed by his people. K.

HOW TO USE MISSIONARY REPORTS.

MR. EDITOR,—Please make room for the enclosed letter from a respected elder of our Church who was a member of the last General Assembly. It speaks for itself, and is better than columns of abstruse learned discussions, however stimulating and useful these may be, about the status and rights of elders. I at once yielded to its request, and wish that its eminently wise and practical proposal were persistently acted upon from the Atlantic to the Pacific, for then we should speedily have ten times more spiritual power and monetary resources drawn out in behalf of all our missions.

Multitudes neither think of them nor pray for them because they read and know and are told nothing about them. Others vainly indulge in perplexing conjectures and theories about the failure or success of the Gospel instead of mastering facts that are gathered to their hand and fitted to rouse their souls to prayer, liberality and service.

If I am not greatly mistaken, very many of our ministers, elders and people will in their hearts thank Mr. Davidson for what he is doing; and the true method of using missionary reports now adopted in Guelph may eventually become universal. Let the demand for them become such that Conveners will be warranted in issuing a second edition—why not? They are infinitely better reading and more instructive than what is found in many homes. Yours truly,

D. H. MACVICAR,

Presbyterian College, Montreal, July 19, 1885.

GUELPH, ONT., July 14, 1885.

DEAR SIR,—I find, on reading the French Evangelization Report, that it contains so much that ought to be fully known by all congregations of our Church and which cannot be imparted by a short address on prayer-meeting nights—that I have taken the liberty to ask if you can favour me with say thirty or forty copies of the Report, that I may distribute them among the congregation, Sabbath after Sabbath, until all have had an opportunity of reading them. I am doing the same with the Home and Foreign Mission Reports.

If you can accommodate me with the foregoing you will very much oblige, Yours very truly,

CHARLES DAVIDSON.

Rev. Principal MacVicar, Montreal.

WORTHY OF ATTENTION.

The Rev. D. B. Whimster, Clerk of the Manitoba Synod, addresses the following appeal, which we are sure will evoke a willing response:

The Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories unanimously adopted the following resolution at its last meeting:

The Synod desires to record its sense of gratitude to the many congregations and Sabbath schools in the East which have sent for distribution among the remote and needy mission fields within our bounds excellent Sabbath school libraries and papers. These have been distributed among many of our schools, and have been received with thankfulness and as an exceedingly valuable help in carrying on these mission schools. The Synod would moreover invite the liberality of the Presbyterian Sabbath schools in Ontario and elsewhere in this matter. Much assistance could be given by these schools by sending to us their libraries and other Sabbath school appliances when they have no further use for them. Many such are lying idle on the shelves in Ontario, which might be rendering us valuable aid in our great work throughout the North-West. The Synod would authorize its clerk to present this matter through the columns of our denominational papers to the schools in the East.

In compliance with the instructions contained in the above, I would ask the superintendents and teachers in Sabbath schools throughout the older Provinces to consider the requirements of our needy Sabbath schools in the vast mission field of our Church in the North-West. We have many schools in our new settlements which are in very great need of libraries and other appliances for their successful management.

May I express the hope that the Sabbath schools of the large and more influential congregations in Ontario, in disposing of their well-read libraries, will remember that boys and girls here in the Far West delight in illustrated papers, and appreciate stories and books as much as they do in Ontario, and would most gratefully receive these libraries and read them, thumb-worn though in many cases they may be, as eagerly and with as great a relish as if they were new. Boys and girls in the Far West are just like boys and girls in the Far East. They love stories, they relish pictures. They delight to get illustrated Sabbath school papers. Many of them, too, would never think of undervaluing a pictorial paper because it happened to be a year old. They would not think less of a good interesting story because it chanced to have been read by some other boys and girls in Ontario a few times before. Not a bit of it. I have received a number of second-hand Sabbath school libraries, old Sabbath school papers, magazines, etc., and have sent them out to our Sabbath schools in the West. I have seen the happy faces of the children when their new *old library* was opened out and distributed among them. If those who sent it only saw the scene, they would say to themselves, "We have made the best possible use of our old library." Any libraries sent to me will be directed where the donors may rely upon their being of use and doing good service. We will thankfully receive and distribute as judiciously as possible any books, papers, magazines, or other Sabbath school appliances sent us. Let the donors kindly send a post-card or letter, intimating having mailed or shipped parcels, and the undersigned will be pleased to acknowledge their arrival as they come to hand.

D. B. WHIMSTER.

THE CHRISTIAN'S HERITAGE.

Rich is the Christian's heritage. Child of God, child by creation, child by adoption and grace, instinct with His breath, the very breath of life. How wisely, how tenderly, in this beautiful earth (the home He has given us), in the revealings of nature and in the revelations of His Word, has He provided for all our need, so that there is nothing wanting but the reconciled will, the sense of His loving presence all the way, to give peace and rest here—and "in the hereafter" more than we can think. And, for that, we need but take Him at His word. "Through the waters, through the rivers, the fire, I will be with thee." "I, even I, am the Lord, and beside Me there is no Saviour."

Why do we fail to thus take Him at His word, and rest "quiet from the fear of evil?" Want of faith, "little faith;" but "if any lack, let him ask of God." Oh wondrous love! given the sweet word of promise, given the faith to trust the promise. Aye, even more tender pleading with wayward children. "Put Me in remembrance, let us plead together." Put Him in remembrance of what? Of His own gracious word of promise? Verily, of His own love, unfathomable, unsearchable, Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier. Of what else? There is none beside, and there is nothing else that we may declare, that "we may be justified."

"Ah! how passing knowledge is this love of God." Life here is far too short, there must need be eternity to search out, to show forth the wonder and the glory of the love of God "in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for the ungodly."

HOW CAN I HELP TO MAKE HOME HAPPY?

The following good resolution if adopted will make home happy, bright and cheerful:

1st. To make home duties of the first importance; not to despise the *very smallest*, but to perform even it as "unto God."

2nd. To undertake no work *outside* which may cause the neglect of even that "small duty" at home.

3rd. To think of the happiness of others before my own; "for even Christ pleased not Himself," and went away, "leaving us an example, that we should follow His steps."

4th. To try to add to the happiness of every member of my family, sympathizing in both what gives them *pain* and *pleasure*.

5th. To find out my besetting sin, and fight hard to overcome it; for "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me."

6th. To remember God has formed my home, and as long as He leaves me in it, no one but myself can fill the niche in which He has placed me.

Content to fill a little space
If Thou be glorified.

7th. To improve the talents that God has given me, especially those that will give pleasure or be of use to others, remembering the command; "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."—*Faith and Works.*