

meaning of eternal love and eternal life, and are ready to enter the temple not made with hands and stand in the light of the great rose window above the altar.

A true and beautiful conception of life, indeed, is this so beautifully expressed in enduring stone. No worshiper with open eyes and discerning soul can pass through those two vestibules, and then enter the impressive nave beyond, without carrying away in his mind and heart a clearer conception, and a more joyful and triumphant feeling of the sweetness and beauty and significance of earthly experience in its relation to the life of heaven. Joy is for a little while; sorrow is for a little while; yet both are real, both are hallowed. But have a distinct and close relation to life beyond the grave. Both, if we use them rightly, are entrances and helps to the eternal life of love.

It would not be best for us to enter the temple of eternity at once. We would not do so reverently and in the right spirit, any more than the wayfarer could step immediately into the cathedral in the mood and spirit of the worshiper. We need these vestibules, these narrow entrance ways, these introductory and preparatory experiences. They are a part of the temple of life, for God, the Divine Architect, has wrought them into his plan.

ARTHUR BURMBY.

Albert County Quarterly Mee ing.

THIS Quarterly met at Albert, March 5th. Some of the pastors were absent, and were very much missed. A letter was received from Rev. C. W. Townsend, stating that he had contracted a severe cold and had for the time being lost his voice.

A resolution of condolence was passed expressing our deep sympathy for Mrs. S. W. Keirstead in the loss she has sustained in the death of her husband; and also placing upon record our own sense of loss in the departure of so able a minister of Jesus Christ.

The following expression of sympathy and loyalty was passed unanimously.

Resolved: "That we the Baptists of Albert Co., N. B., in quarterly meeting convened put on record our great sorrow and sense of personal loss in the recent death of our beloved Queen:

That we express our heartfelt sympathy with H. M. King Edward and all the Royal family in the irreparable loss which they and the Empire have sustained;

That we render thanks to Almighty God for having spared Victoria to reign so long and gloriously over us;

We hereby express our loyalty and devotion to King Edward VII and ever pray "God Save the King," and make him as wise, good and great as his illustrious predecessor."

In the absence of the appointed preacher Rev. Milton Addison delivered a very able discourse from John 11:1-3. An inspiring after-meeting was led by Rev. M. E. Fletcher in which a large number took part.

The subject of Temperance was presented on Wednesday morning by Bro. Addison. Several spoke to the subject. Rev. M. E. Fletcher delivered an address on missions. Our brother, having spent several years in Surina, is in a good position to speak on that subject. He has every confidence in the ultimate success of missions and sees the need perhaps more than those who have not seen heathenism in its wretchedness and impurity.

Our meetings were all well attended and a deep interest was manifested in all the exercises. Rev. M. E. Fletcher as vice president presided over our deliberations, and we were glad to have him with us, this being the first time. Our next meeting will be in Coverdale or with the 3rd Coverdale church in June.

F. D. DAVIDSON, Sec'y.-Treas.

Home Missions.

THE New Brunswick Home Mission Board convened at Sussex, March the 5th. A very interesting session was held. Among the important items of business transacted were the following:

A resolution was passed recommending churches receiving grants from the Board to see to it that pastor's salary and current expenses be paid punctually and so avoid deficits and the trouble of paying them after a pastor has removed from the circuit, as grants cannot be renewed until such obligations are discharged.

A resolution was passed looking to the grouping, if possible, of the Lutes Mountain, Upper Coverdale and Shediak churches.

A resolution was passed by which the Board assumed the debts of the Home Mission Board of N. B. Convention amounting to \$365, a list of which was forwarded by request by the late secretary.

A resolution was passed to the effect that all grants shall be made to groups of churches being served by the pastor rather than in one section and that the salary paid by the whole field be stated in application for aid.

A resolution was also passed setting apart a legacy of \$1,000, received from the estate of the late Gilbert White to be expended solely in the payments of salary of a General Home Missionary. With the amounts the missionary would collect, this sum, in all probability will insure a salary to a general missionary for 3 years at least.

It was a matter of great satisfaction to the Board, as it

will be to the churches at large, to find a vigorous and devoted brother, who is judged to be eminently fitted for the work, seems in sight for general missionary and a vote was unanimously and heartily passed favoring his appointment if he will accept.

We regret to state that our treasurer is not in sufficient funds to pay amounts due missionary pastors on March 1st, and also meet the extra obligations entailed in our assumption of debts above referred to. Dear brethren and sisters, these are your mission pastors, the whole mission is yours and not your Boards. Will you not hasten to forward your contributions and so enable your Board to meet these obligations?

B. N. NOBLES, Secretary.

New Brunswick Southern Convention.

A cordial invitation has been received to hold the next meeting of the New Brunswick Southern Association with the Baptist Church at Norton. This church has completed one hundred years of history and the present members are desirous of holding suitable centennial services at the close of the Associational gathering.

The Committee to arrange for place of meeting have accepted the invitation and notified the Norton church to that effect.

An invitation has been given by the church at Butternut Ridge to hold the Eastern Association there this year, most likely it will be accepted by the committee appointed to find a place to entertain it.

Clothing Received for Galicians.

I wish to acknowledge the kind response for clothing for Galicians and Germans east of Emerson, Manitoba. The clothing has been of great service to the people and has also given our Missionary Burgdorff access to many homes. There are about 4,000 Galicians and 1,000 Germans in the district. The clothing has been judiciously distributed. The people appreciate the kindness very much. If I have omitted to acknowledge any donations I will be thankful to be reminded of it. I hope the friends will continue to send this help to these people at least for a year or two. Please send directly to Rev. Geo. Burgdorff, Emerson, Manitoba, and indicate by the parcels where they are from and prepay. We have received a total of 9 bales, 11 boxes, 15 barrels and \$5 cash.

Received from the Maritime Provinces, St. John, N. B., King's Daughters, Leinster street, 2 boxes and 1 barrel. Windsor B. Y. P. U. and W. M. A. S., 3 barrels; Nictaux W. M. A. S., 2 barrels. These parcels contained very good and useful articles and all prepaid.

I thank the kind friends for these donations.

H. G. MELLICK.

Emerson, Manitoba.

Christ's call to Sinners.

A miner, having heard the Gospel preached after the service waited and said to the minister, "Did you not say I could have the blessing now?" "Yes, my friend," was the reply. "Then," said the man, "pray with me, for I am not going away without it." And he sought and found Christ. The next day a terrible accident occurred in the mine, and this very miner was in the thick of it, and only had time to bear witness that the *now* of yesterday was the comfort of the trial of *to-day*, and he passed away triumphantly. "Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation."—*Exchange.*

Personal Service.

A missionary meeting was held in a certain town. Addresses were given describing the need of more men to go, more money to be given, more prayers to be said. Then the collecting plates were passed around and the contents duly counted over. There were banknotes, gold, silver, and pence, a goodly pile. But among them was a card on which a young man at the back of the room had written one word besides his name.

What was the word? "Myself." Yes, that was the young man's offering—his youth and health and strength, his time, his heart, his love—in a word, *himself*—to the service of God.—*The Times.*

Firm Faith.

"SOME years ago," said a captain, "I was sailing by the island of Cuba, when a cry rang out through the ship, 'Man overboard!' I immediately threw a rope over the ship's stern, crying out to the man to seize it. The sailor caught the rope just as the vessel passed him. He was then drawn up and rescued, but he had grasped the rope with such firmness that it took hours before his hold relaxed and his hand separated from it, and such eagerness had he shown that the strands of the rope had become imbedded in the flesh of his hands." Even so we must cling firmly to the rope of faith which is the link between us sinners and the Captain of our salvation.—*The Times.*

The Angel of Hope.

THE narrow gorge stretches before us, with its dark overhanging cliffs that almost shut out the light, the path is rough and set with sharp pebbles; it is narrow, winding, steep; often it seems to be barred by some huge rock that juts across it, and there is barely room for the broken ledge, yielding slippery footing between the beetling cliff above and the steep slope beneath, that dips so quickly to the black torrent below. All is gloomy, damp and hard; and if we look upwards, the glen becomes more savage as it rises, and armed foes hold the very throat of the pass. But, however long, however barren, however rugged, however black, however trackless, we may see, if we will, a bright Form descending the rocky way, with radiant eyes and calm lips—God's messenger, Hope; and the rough rocks are like the doorway through which she comes near to us in our weary struggle. . . . Never mind how black it may look ahead, or how frowning the rocks. From between their narrowest gorge you may see, if you will, the guide whom God has sent you, and that Angel of Hope will light up all the darkness, and will only fade away when she is lost in the sevenfold brightness of that upper land, whereof our "God Himself is sun and moon"—the true Canaan, to whose everlasting mountains the steep way of life has climbed at last through valleys of trouble, and of weeping, and of the shadow of death.—*A. Madaren.*

Religious News.

On Tuesday evening we held SUSSEX, N. B. a very interesting service the occasion being the ordination of four deacons. The following brethren were with us and took part in the service: Revs. J. H. Hughes, I. B. Colwell, W. R. Robinson, B. N. Nobles, H. H. Saunders and E. C. Corey. Rev. J. H. Hughes offered the ordaining prayer and the others made addresses all of which were highly appreciated by our people. The deacons ordained are W. J. Foster, C. D. Davis, C. H. Perry, and Gordon Mills. We are now in special services, Bro. H. A. McLean assisting.

Six happy believers in Jesus FAIRVILLE, N. B. confessed him in baptism last Sunday evening, March 3rd in the presence of between five and six hundred people. We are expecting others to obey their Lord shortly. Glad to see by *Messenger and Visitor* that so many of our churches are being blessed by the Lord with additions.

A. T. DYKEMAN.

For the last two weeks the CAMPBELLTON, Baptist church at Campbellton, N. B., has been engaged in special services. The church was greatly assisted in its efforts by singing Evangelist H. A. McLean. Large congregations.