

**Among Our Neighbors.**

One of our young men who has taken a pastorate in the United States writes of the spiritual outlook there:

"The demands on a minister's time here are continuous and enormous. And yet the ministry today is not beginning to accomplish what it did one or two generations ago. The pastors work twice as hard and do not have nearly as much to show in return for their work. They make me think of the disciples at the base of the mount of transfiguration—lots of effort being made, but demoralized humanity none, or at least very little, the better for it all. And yet the fault does not lie altogether with the ministry. Like people like priest. The people are filled with unbelief. It is an earth-bound life that they are living, and the unseen verities have no power of appeal. Revelation is discounted; speculation is enthroned in its place. Secularism has honey-combed all religious thinking. Christian experience is regarded as a mere hallucination, an old-time sermon on the witness of the spirit to the believer's heart, that one time would have started the fountains of experimental joy, and made God's people feel, if not sing forth their hallelujahs would be regarded as a kind of pulpit curiosity in these days.

When I think of pulpit victories such as used to be scored by men like yourself and Thomas Todd, and the Crandalls, and Hardings and others of similar faith and power, I cannot but ask, *Where is the Lord God of Elijah?* Some say that these days of such power and results are forever past. Alack a day, if that be so. But I cannot think they are forever gone. They must return, or this world has gone on a tangent whose end is the abyss of eternal darkness. Right here in Boston there is more of this infidelity among the people, and of this accursed liberalism among the ministry, which is a pandering to popular infidelity, than I have seen anywhere else. The venerable and scholarly Dr. C. so-called, whom you will remember perhaps, read a paper before the conference a few weeks ago in which everything was surrendered to the evolutionists. He is so *able, so plausible, and winsome*. But really as I left, I felt I had been listening to a skilful and charming lecture on infidelity, given by a demon, transfigured into an angel of light, in one of the vestibules of perdition. The serpent who tempted Eve was not more insinuating nor did he instil any less of the poison of doubt into her mind than was instilled into the minds of some ministers on that fateful day. I am waiting for God to raise up some man who will smite the evolutionary philosophy on the cheek bone and bring a recreant church back again to belief in the precious and indestructible doctrines of the faith. Sometimes I long for such churches as I used to know in New Brunswick, where there is freedom from the everlasting grind that burdens a minister's life in a place like this. I wish often I could see again one of those communities where they love the old gospel, and where a man has a chance at the amplitudes of God's fair creation.

I expect to baptize a young woman next Sunday evening. There were to have been two others, but like so many hereabouts, where the miserable heresy prevails that one can be good enough christian and not join the church, in the words of Jeremiah, "they came to the birth, but were not delivered."

**Religious News.**

Lord's Day, May 29th, UPPER NEWCASTLE, baptized 6 at Upper Newcastle. Cause much renewed. A number of those who have wandered far have returned. We hope to baptize others in the near future. M. P. KING.

The First Elgin Baptist FIRST ELGIN, N. B. church has been now for about nine months without a settled pastor. During that time Rev. E. C. Corey has supplied the pulpit as regularly as circumstances have permitted. The people seem now to be very anxious to engage a regular pastor and no doubt if a duly qualified minister

were desirous of entering upon work here he would receive a hearty welcome. There was a large number of young people in our community, many of whom are not members of this or any other church, so that there is plenty of opportunity of doing good. There is a parsonage in connection with the church. Any person entering upon the work with energy and devotion will no doubt meet with the usual amount of difficulty and discouragement, but will find an appreciative people who will treat him with all kindness and endeavour to co-operate with him in his work. We are all desirous of seeing the position filled as soon as possible.

Elgin, June 6. J. T. HOBBSMAN.

Dear Brethren: Knowing UPPER OTTAWOG, that you are always pleased N. B. to hear reports from any part of our denominational field and especially when the good Lord has blessed the labors of any of his servants, I thought I would send you a brief report of how our church at Upper Ottawog is getting along in the Christian life. I have been trying to do what I could. The weather was cold and stormy and not favorable for special services, but on the opening of spring I felt it to be my duty for a time to lay aside my daily toils and enter into the service of the Master. After consulting with the deacons we thought it advisable to hold some special meetings. We commenced in the early part of April, and the Lord blessed our feeble efforts. It was evident from the beginning that the field was white and ready for the harvest. The church has been much strengthened and encouraged and four young people made profession of a change of heart and dedicated their lives to Christ. Rev. E. Neiles administered the ordinance of baptism to them and gave the right hand of fellowship as members of the church. During our labors in those special services we made twenty-five or more Christian visits, the Lord blessed our labors which continued about four weeks, and but for our home cares and the duty of providing for the daily wants of my family I should feel like giving myself up unreservedly to the work of the master. We ask an interest in the prayers of all those who have an intercession at the throne of grace that God will especially care for this branch of his church.

CHARLES E. JOHNSTON, Licentiate.

We came to this field last ALMA, N. B. June and were soon comfortably settled among a very kind people. We found large opportunities for work. God has blessed us in the gift of souls. At Waterside and Alma we have been holding special meetings this month with fair results. At the former place last Sabbath week I administered the ordinance of Baptism to two converts who have come clearly and gladly into the light. Nine more are under conviction and we are praying that they too may soon follow the Lord in his appointed way. Last Sunday I baptized two happy converts at Pt. Wolfe. Others are under conviction at that place. At the beginning of our year here there was a debt of something over two hundred and fifty dollars resting upon the Alma church. The church has raised about one hundred and forty dollars. One hundred of this has been paid toward the debt. When the promises of some kind friends are fulfilled our debt will be cleared. Bro. Vining was with us in behalf of the Twentieth Century Fund and received in money and pledges to the amount of sixty dollars from Alma and forty odd dollars from Waterside. Many marks of appreciation and love have gladdened our way, and though out of season with the thanks I will nevertheless

gratefully acknowledge the sincere and heartfelt thanks of Mrs. Elliot and myself for the New Year gift of our handsome fur coats.

RITCHIE ELLIOT, B. A.

We have been holding NEW MARYLAND, special meetings during the past week with the New Maryland Church. On account of the farmers being busy putting in their crops the attendance has been small but we have heard the voice of one in testimony who has been silent for a long time and on Friday evening one young lady requested prayers that she might become a Christian. We expect to continue the meetings next week and trust more will start on the Christian life. C. W. SABLES.

**Notice.**

The New Brunswick Southern Association will meet with the Third Springfield church, Bellisle Station, King's Co., commencing on Thursday, July 7th, at 10 a. m. Delegates from St. John will take I. C. R. morning train to Norton; thence by Central Railway to Bellisle Station, arriving about 9.30 a. m. Usual travelling arrangements will be made.

J. H. HUGHES, Moderator.  
CHRIS. A. LAUBMAN, Clerk.

**Where is Thy Brother?**

Sara D. La Fetra.

To the ever open doors of our beneficent Hope and Help Mission, braving the bleak wind and weather, there came, one afternoon, a woman scantily clad, without shawl or wrap of any kind, carrying on one arm a half-dressed baby and on the other some half-made portions of ladies' dresses. She had narrowly escaped the brutal treatment of her husband, who, crazed and infuriated by drink, had threatened her life. The tenderness of the mother was indicated by the look on her face as she handed to us her child, and her worthiness and thrift by the pathetic manner in which she held on to the goods intrusted to her care, by which she might earn the means to keep herself and her child from starvation. I cannot forget the trustful, cheery face of that baby, as we gave him his bath, clothed him in soft, warm garments, and gave him the food, which he took with such relish and satisfaction. Poor, helpless child! Poor heart-broken mother! Robbed of love and home and happiness by the accursed drink!

The man was appropriately sent to the Government Asylum for the Insane—an institution which continuously shelters, at public expense, sixteen hundred or more patience—probably none of whom are more pitiful than those sent there through strong drink. And who is responsible! Can you say, "Not I"?

Oh, Christian voter, sitting in your cushioned pew, so far removed from temptation and the ballot-box, in your devotions, do you feel that the drink curse can never touch you or yours? If it be true, as the Scripture declares, that "He that biddeth him God-speed is partaker of his evil deeds," and if God is infinite in justice, will He not call to strict account the man who voluntarily makes the saloon as legal as the preaching of the blessed Gospel in his own church?

"Oh, Cain, where is thy brother?" His blood crieth up from the ground unto thee! and the pitiful appeal of outraged womanhood and children, yea, and even worse than widowhood comes up daily before the throne for vengeance. God pity us, and grant to this great nation a