

quent and instructive sermon on the occasion from Matthew, 13: 10, to a crowded house. At the closing of his sermon he said: "This evening there shall be led down in the baptismal waters, to be planted in the likeness of our Saviour's death and raised again to the likeness of his resurrection a man who in his childhood and youth was accustomed to bow down to idols and worship the spirit of his ancestors, a custom which is the Gibraltar of Chinese beliefs. As he came to study the classics of Confucius, a knowledge of which is the sole passport to civil service and public employment in his country, his faith in idolatry began to weaken; but until his arrival in this country about three years ago he knew nothing of our God and of Jesus Christ our Lord, beside the name. For about two years he studied the life of our Lord in our Sunday School, reading the gospel story from the English and Chinese texts. His purpose in entering the Sunday School was to acquire a knowledge of our language, in which he made creditable progress, but as the weeks went by he became more and more interested in the Christ and his teachings. Some of the teachings of Christianity at first staggered him. For instance, he could not believe it possible to love one's neighbor as himself, especially if the term neighbor included the roughies that entered his shop, placed the bottle to his lips and tried to make him drink. But the greatest difficulty of all was with the resurrection—that seemed entirely impossible to him. One by one he examined the proofs with the thoroughness of a scholar, which he found were ample to satisfy both his mind and heart. A few weeks later he came to believe in Christ as a personal Saviour. Barrier after barrier was broken down and he was free. Last Friday he came to the pastor saying he feared he could not be baptized today. Was his faith weakening? No; he had been talking with a friend of his who attended no Sunday school, and hoped his friend could join him ere long. It was the history of Christianity repeating itself—Andrew seeking out his brother Simon to bring him to Christ. Will not our Lord say—The men of China shall rise in judgment with this generation and shall condemn it, especially those who sin against the greater light. \* \* \* Word was received in Fredericton on the 8th October last that Rev. F. DeMille Crawley, then and now in London, England, on furlough from Maulmein, Burma, had had a stroke of paralysis on the 10th Sept. The news was heard with deep regret by the church; and it was, on motion, ordered that the Pastor and Clerk send a letter expressive of sympathy and love of the church for our former pastor and his family. A letter was duly forwarded and on Nov. 30 a return from Mr. Crawley himself came to hand to Pastor Mac Donald, stating our letter was "most welcome," and had "awakened in both Mrs. Crawley and myself the liveliest sentiments of pleasure and grateful appreciation." \* \* \* "I am thankful to be able to report favorably as to prospects of recovery and I move every day now to another room, and remain up six or seven hours. The paralysis was due to the imperfect action of my heart, a trouble dating back to Fredericton days. It is fortunately not a case of cerebral hemorrhage, but of embolism, and with the best of care by day and night may hope that Dame Nature will do her work and that the process of absorption of the clot in the brain will go on, if slowly yet surely, and that we may at a date not too remote have the joy of turning our faces homeward again to our post and work in Burma. Our hearts are there and we long to be back. Please assure the dear Fredericton friends, one and all, of my deep gratitude for their most kind remembrance of their former pastor and his wife. Their message has given me immense comfort and cheer, a tonic more effective and strengthening than any administered by the physician."—Clerk.

I wish in this way to thank the friends of my congregation and others both for my-

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self and Mrs. Camp who a few evenings ago come to the parsonage and presented her with a beautiful and costly sewing machine, and the pastor with a baptizing suit and a pair of mitts. The mitts were from a gentleman and his wife and were accompanied by a very kind and friendly letter. For their expressions of good will we wish to express our gratitude.

W. CAMP.

Ministerial Record

Rev. C. H. Martell, who has resigned his position as pastor of the Baptist Church at Great Village, N. S., has received a call to Yarmouth, which he will probably accept.

Calvary Baptist Church, North Sydney, has called Rev. G. W. Schurman. He has accepted and will enter upon his duties the first of January.

Rev. B. N. Nobles has declined the call to the Liverpool, N. S., Baptist church.

Rev. G. W. Schurman has removed from Manchester, Mass., to North Sydney having received a call to the pastorate of the church in that place. Thus one good man goes and another comes. We are glad to welcome Bro. Schurman back to his native land.

Rev. H. S. Shaw has accepted a call to the pastorate of the church at Westchester, N. S., and has removed with his family, from Hampton, N. B., to that place. During his ministry in New Brunswick Mr. Shaw has made many friends whose good wishes and prayers will follow him to his new field of labor.

Married.

ROBERT GILBERT.—At the home of the officiating minister, Turtle Creek, Nov. 21st, by Pastor F. B. Seelye, John M. Robb, of Middlesex, West. Co., to Blanche Gilbert, of Nixon Settlement, Albert, Co.

ELLIOTT ROUSE.—At Corn Hill, York Co., by Rev. Abner Perry, George Elliott and Mabel E. Rouse, both of Havelock, N. Co.

DAY GALLUP.—At the home of the bride, at Somerville, C. Co., Allen Day, of Hartland, and Mrs. Gertrude Gallup, of the 2nd inst., by Rev. A. J. Trosser.

CASE GERRISH.—At the parsonage, Wilson's Beach, Campbell, on Nov. 12th, by Rev. O. N. Mott, Harry E. Case and Emma E. Gerrish, both of Lubec, Me.

HAYWARD NICKERSON.—At the residence of George Erb, 34 Britain street, St. John, by Rev. C. T. Phillips, A. J. Hayward of Amherst, N. S., and Ella May Nickerson of Everett, Mass., formerly of Annapolis, N. B.

DONALD MENZIES.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Whiteville, on Nov. 11th, by Pastor Thome Catbush, St. John, Donald of Upper Backville to A. Maud Menzies, all of Northumberland Co., N. B.

Kirkpatrick-Simott.—At Thome's Corner on 19th, 17 November, by I. N. Thorne, Walter S. Kirkpatrick, to Rose Etta Simott, all of Petersville, Queens County, N. B.

TAYLOR-THOMPSON.—At the parsonage, W. S. Beach, Campbell, on the 7th inst., by Rev. O. N. Mott, Warren H. Taylor and Maudie Thompson, both of Eastport, Maine.

BARTON-NIGHTINGALE.—At the residence of Elias Nightingale, November 25th, by Rev. M. P. King, William W. Barton of the Range, to Maud M. Nightingale of Newcastle, Queens County.

NEWMAN KERN.—At the residence of Mr. Stephen Carlisle, Douglas, York Co., Oct. 28th, by Rev. H. A. Bonnell, Henry Newman to Miss Maud Kern, both of Douglas.

OWEN HOLMES.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mark Hill, Nov. 7th, by Rev. A. M. McNinch, Frank M. Owen, of Lubec, Me., to Florence Holmes, of Mark Hill, Grand Manan.

CORBELL YOUNG.—At Woodstock, on the 31st inst., by Rev. F. Allison Currier, A. M., Wm. G. Corbell, of Milimocket, Me., to Miss Jennie Young, of Wodgden, Me.

CLARK CLOWES.—At the residence of the bride's father, Grafton, C. Co., by Rev. F. A. Currier, A. M., on the 27th ult., Mr. S. A. Clark, of Hartfield, to Miss Emma J. Clowes.

MARSH BAILEY.—At the Free Baptist parsonage, Hoyt Station, S. Co., on the 27th Oct., by Rev. Geo. W. Foster, Mr. Clifford W. Marsh to Miss Munnie E. Bailey, both of Central Blissville, S. Co., N. B.

WILLIAMS BATHURST.—At the minister's residence Oct. 14th, by Rev. John Henderson, George Williams of the Parish of Douglas, of York Co., and Alice Bathurst of same place.

PARKER KENNEDY.—At the home of the bride, Petersville, Oct. 20th, by S. J. Perry, Fred H. Parker, of Hamster, to Miss Amelia E. Kennedy, of Petersville, Q. Co.

PUSLEY McCRAE.—At the residence of the bride's father, Shannon, Queens Co., Oct. 21st., by Rev. C. B. Lewis, Ruth, fourth daughter of James McCrae, to Dr. Herbert J. Pusley, of Woodstock, N. B.

CHAIRMAN FULLERTON.—At the home of the bride, Marysville, on Sept. 22nd, by Rev. A. D. Paul, Joseph Chapman to Anne Laura Fullerton both of Marysville.

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DAVIS.—At Bayside, West Co., Nov. 20th, Stephen Davis, aged 82 years. He leaves a widow, one son and daughter, besides grand children, and great grand children to mourn the loss of one who was beloved by them all. Our Brother joined the Bayside church years ago, and for several years has filled the office of deacon. At our last conference meeting (Oct. 31st) he told us, it was possible that he might never meet us again; he then spoke of God's love to him, and the power of the Blood of Christ to save all who would come unto Him. Last Saturday he was feeling poorly, but able to get around. At 11 p. m. he got out of bed for the last time, resting in His arms, only to wake at twelve in the presence of his Saviour. The family have the sympathy of the community. May the Lord bless them.

CORNEY.—At the City Hospital, Boston, Mass., during operation for dangerous lung trouble, on 3rd inst., Hurd Ernest, eldest son of City Corney of Havelock, aged 25 years. Father, mother, four brothers and five sisters are left suddenly in mourning, together with a large circle of friends. He departed his home of late employed on steamer Calvin Austin, and had for the last six years been away from N. B. He was a member of Havelock church, having been baptized by Elder I. Wallace nine years ago. His remains were brought to Havelock, Rev. W. E. McIntyre preaching on the occasion from 1 Thess. 4: 13.

WILLIAMSON.—Stella, beloved daughter of G. M. Williamson, Esq. of Second Falls, N. B., departed this life December 11th, at the 15th year of her age. Our young sister had been ailing since last spring. She suffered very little pain and was bright and cheerful to the end, when she passed peacefully away trusting in Jesus.

NILES.—Suddenly at Centreville, Carleton County, December 11th, of apoplexy, William Henry Niles, in the 75th year of his age. Bro. Niles has been for the past few years afflicted with failing sight. This deprived him of the privilege of actively engaging in the duties of life. He was a quiet, consistent Christian. A widow, six sons and five daughters are left to mourn their loss.

SPENCER.—At the residence of Mrs. Hurd Peters, St. John, on the 10th inst. at the advanced age of nearly 92 years, Evalina, widow of the late Rev. Jas. Spencer. Sister Spencer was for many years a devoted member of the German Street church. To the last her interest in the work of the church was continued. Her faith was triumphant even in the approach of death. The funeral service was held in German Street house of worship and was conducted by her pastor, Rev. G. O. Gates.

BOONE.—At the residence of her son, Nathan Boone Cardigan, York Co., Hilda Boone, aged 80 years and 5 months. She was converted in her youthful days and always lived a Christian life. She was baptized at Kossack where she was brought up, she was always ready to give her testimony in Conference or any other service. In the presence of her Lord and saviour, she was a true Christian and passed peacefully away to her home boy-and-the-River. He leaves one son, his wife, 3 grandchildren and many friends to mourn her loss.

Ripened Character

Character is a growth. It is like fruit—it requires time to ripen. Different kinds of fruits come to ripeness at different seasons; some in the early summer, some later, and some only in the autumn. It is so with Christian lives—they ripen at different seasons. There are those who seem to grow into sweetness in early years, then those reach their best in the mid years, and many who only in the autumn of old age come into mellow ripeness.—J. R. Miller, D. D.

Accident does very little toward the production of any great result in life. Though sometimes what is called "a happy hit" may be made by a bold venture, the common highway of steady industry and the application is the only safe road to travel.—Samuel Smiles.