

up to the proper standing of giving, says this:

"Supposing there are only one million men out of the entire church membership of the United States who use tobacco, and that these only spend twelve dollars each a year—a dollar a month—we have an amount equal to the entire sum contributed to both Home and Foreign Missions of the churches in this country. On what grounds can such an expenditure be excused, let alone defended?"

Our ways of using God's money and of getting money for church purposes then, are not as they should be; I am therefore pointing these few lines with the single motive in my heart of showing the churches a more excellent way of working for the Master.

What shall we do? Get right back to first principles, teach real life, life more abundantly—which is deadness to the world and life to God. Life that pleases not itself, that does not ask "How much shall I give?" but "How much dare I take for myself?" The churches have too long done God's work in the world's way. God's people have associated with the people of the world so much that they have adopted the world's way of doing the business of God—if it is to be called God's business. Yet the business of God is in direct opposition to the world. Does it not therefore show the fact that if the churches are doing their work in a way pleasing to the world, they are not doing God's work at all? We'll surely have to put "Q. E. D." here—as we used to do when we'd proved our geometrical propositions at school.

Put this down as a spiritual axiom: Giving shows living. Put this alongside of it: Churches are not giving one-twentieth of what they should; now what is revealed? They need a revival of true life that will manifest itself in the most certifying way, that of giving.

Here is the business of a church:

1. To save souls.
2. To build these up in their faith.
3. To give as much money as it can.

Churches have no right to do anything else. They are not organized to go into the restaurant business or to entertain the world. Houses of God are not built for sopranos with piping voices to sing love songs or tenors to eulogize some imagined character, as "Queen of My Heart." Life is too short for trifling. Paul stepped heavenwards with a vigorous stride, saying redeeming the time because the days are evil."

CARLETON AND VICTORIA COUNTIES QUARTERLY.

The Carleton and Victoria Co's Quarterly convened with the Baptist church at Centerville, at 2.45 p. m. June 9, 1903. After a devotional service of one hour led by the Secretary, President Freeman took the chair and reports from the churches were listened to with interest and encouragement. Reports of special committees were then received and adopted. The evening session was in the interests of Sunday Schools. The addresses were given. (1) "Christian Growth as realized through the study of God's Word," by Rev. B. S. Freeman, B. A. (2) "The teachers and the Sunday Schools" by Rev. Jos. Cahill. (3) "The Sunday School as an evangelistic force," by W. H. Smith, B. A. The third session (Wednesday morning) was begun with devotional service, being led by Z. L. Fash. "The duty of the Church of Christ to the tempted."—This paper which was practical and profitable was followed by a helpful discussion. The fourth session under the auspices of the W. M. A. S. was conducted by Mrs. A. D. Hartley of East Florenceville. The Woman's part in missionary work was made so apparent that in a business session of the Quarterly which followed it was arranged that a committee from the W. M. A. S. might confer with the Executive of Quarterly to provide for a joint missionary meeting at future Quarterly sessions. The Executive were then appointed a committee to draw up a system of pulpit exchange each pastor to speak on some denominational theme when exchanging.

In this way we hope to deepen the interest of our people in our denominational work. At 7.30 p. m. a large congregation gathered to listen to a sermon preached by Rev. Z. L. Fash, M. A., from Matt. 8, 17. This was a grand presentation of the old gospel. A spirit prevailed social ser-

vice brought to its close a most profitable quarterly. The collections taken for Home and Foreign Missions amounted to \$13.70.

W. H. SMITH, Secy.

Church News from Abroad,

The First Church, Boston

Last Sunday was the two hundred and thirty eighth anniversary of the First Baptist Church in Boston. June 7, 1665, the seven men and two women, who formed the constituent members of this old historic body, met for organization. Only those who know the attitude of the early colonists of Massachusetts Bay toward the question of religious freedom can appreciate the struggles and sufferings of this little band of Baptists during the first years of their existence as church. Fines, imprisonments, social ostracism—these were the penalties heaped upon them in their witness to the soul's freedom in matters of faith. The battle they fought out was fought out for all. To no church in all the Commonwealth does the State owe so much in the long struggles for religious liberty as to this Free Baptist Church, the third of the churches of this city in the date of its founding.

At the morning service Dr. Rowley told in part the story of those memorable experiences through which the church had passed during the latter half of the seventeenth century, and dwelt particularly upon the contrast between the attitude of Massachusetts toward the question of civil liberty and her attitude toward that larger question of the soul's freedom. The leader always in the contention for man's political rights, she was among the last to turn her face to the light that led to that noblest achievement of the Christian centuries—the rights of the human conscience in the realm of faith.

At the close of the sermon the plea was made for an endowment of a quarter of a million dollars to place the church upon a foundation that should ensure its future beyond all question.

New York City is two hundred and fifty years old, and we have been celebrating the historic event in various ways. The beginnings of the city go back some years beyond the date indicated. The island of Manhattan had been bought for twenty-three dollars. In 1653 the population was about one thousand, including a few negro slaves. There was one church. It is here yet, the Collegiate (Dutch) Reformed Church, now located on Fifth avenue at Twenty-ninth street with the estimable Dr. D. J. Burrell as pastor. Its history is continuous. A Baptist minister, Rev. William Wickenden, came here from Rhode Island thirty or forty years later, but the English, not the Dutch, were then in control of affairs, and the Baptist was hindered in various ways and finally put in prison. Things have changed since that time. The first Baptist Church here was organized in 1724, but in a few years it disbanded. The First Church, as we now know it, was established in 1762, with the famous John Gano as pastor. It was disturbed and dispersed, but not destroyed, by the Revolutionary War. Gano, the patriotic and eloquent chaplain, returned after his long term of service for his country and gathered his people to start them on a new career of prosperity. Dr. I. M. Haldeman is pastor of the church today.

At East Boston the pastor, Rev. A. J. Hughes, gave the hand of fellowship to seven persons at the Communion service last Sunday morning, and at the close of the evening service baptized two members of the Bible School. Eighteen have been baptized during the last two months. The sermon on Sunday evening was to the members of the Junior Society, who attended in a body, occupying front seats. The pastor preached on the motto given them for the year, "I have set the Lord always before me." The Junior Society is one of the most prosperous and progressive in the state. Next Sunday evening the pastor will preach a special sermon to all those who have united with the church by baptism during his pastorate. The work in the church goes forward harmoniously and prosperously in all departments. The Sunday congregations continue gratifyingly large, and the prayer meetings have an unusual attendance, and are seasons of much spiritual refreshment and strength.

Religious News.

We have much to praise God for here. Have been holding special services in this field of late. God has blessed us. Thirty have been baptized. Old members have been greatly helped. Unto God be all the glory.

W. J. GORDON, Pastor.

ST. STEPHEN, CHAR. CO.

Rev. W. E. McIntyre who will be attending the Baptist Association held at St. Stephen, Char. Co., July 3rd, will on the Sabbath July 5th preach at the Dam in the morning at 10.30; at Bartlets Mills, 3 o'clock; at Oak Bay, 7.30. Collections to be taken at these three services for Home Missions. All come and give liberally.

God has seen fit to graciously revive and strengthen his cause in the Second Baptist church at Upper Dorchester. As a partial result of a three weeks campaign it was my privilege to baptize nine happy believers in Jesus Christ on May 31. Six brothers and three sisters, a father and two sons were among the number. Our third year of service here has witnessed great victories for Zion and the cause of the New Testament Truth.

B. H. THOMAS,

The Second Falls church ST. GEORGE, N. B. was destroyed by forest fires. We rejoice to report this week that the people of that section, though few in numbers, not more than twenty families, voted unanimously at their last Friday evening meeting to build a new house of worship at once. A committee has been appointed to prepare plans and make estimates. It is thought that a suitable house may be built for about \$700. Now the people at Second Falls are unanimous and enthusiastic but I fear are unable to raise enough among themselves for this purpose, so that if any readers of this note feels moved to help financially I can assure them they will be helping those who are doing all they can to help themselves. Remittances may be sent to Mr. Williamson, treasurer, Second Falls, N. B.

M. E. FLETCHER.

Since coming to this field I have written notes from Florenceville, Bristol, and Simonds. Now a word from East Florenceville. Here we have our largest church building on the field capable of sitting nearly 200 persons. It was built when the church was organized about twenty years ago. There are 25 homes at East Florenceville and River Bank connected with the membership of this church. We have fortnightly morning services in a hall at River Bank. Besides these 25 homes others are usually represented giving us a congregation of about sixty. Each Wednesday we have a prayer meeting. In speaking of this church I would make special mention of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hartley who form its "Backbone." Mr. Hartley has been superintendent of the Sunday School of this church (which has lost but 12 sessions in twenty years) since it was first organized. Our readers have before heard of Mrs. Hartley's museum. In her untiring efforts Mrs. Hartley is constantly adding to her museum which is now no mere exhibition of mission band curios. By this means and other special efforts Mrs. Hartley is able to support a native teacher in a school on the field of H. Y. Corey, India. Another means of raising this money is by lectures which Mrs. Hartley gives in churches asking her valuable assistance. Last Lord's Day she spoke in two houses on the Richmond field. The collection, amounting to \$21, is evidence that an inspiration in missions was imparted. Being able to illustrate so much of her lectures by specimens from the museum added strength is given to them. Any church in the province will do well for its mission cause if it will make the necessary sacrifice to have Mrs. Hartley visit them. Should any pastor or friend wish to donate to this museum at any time they will find Mrs. Hartley most appreciative.

MYLIE H. SMITH.