

us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. And again in chapter 7: 14 he said a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Immanuel—God with us. It is observable that the mother of this unique person was to be a virgin; not a virgin wife. The idea involved in this prophecy is that a divinely begotten and humanly born personage was to come into the world, and St. Matthew says, that the birth of Jesus was the fulfilment of this prophecy. It behoved the human family to have a divine Saviour, who should be holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners; one that is higher than the heavens. John the divine, so called, says that the word that was in the beginning with God, and was God, by whom were all things made; the same became flesh, and we saw his glory as the only begotten of the Father; that he dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. John does not give us an account of the nativity of Christ; but rather calls our attention to the fact of his divine personality. St. Mark passes by the miraculous nativity of Jesus, and gives us an account of the Father's recognition of his divine sonship at his baptism, saying, this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased; and the Spirit descending upon him in a bodily shape like a dove. So we have the testimony in one form or other of the four biographers of Jesus, that he was the begotten son of God. And it was for that claim the Jews had him put to death in the flesh. But St. Paul says he was declared to be the Son of God by the resurrection from the dead. The same apostle tells the Philippians that Christ Jesus being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God, made himself of no reputation and took upon himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of man. The epistle to the Hebrews begins with the declaration that Jesus is the Son of God. And John in his epistles calls Jesus the Son of God, saying "for this purpose was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the works of the Devil." The complex person of Jesus Christ is the ministry of God, and of His redemptive scheme. The divinely begotten, and humanly born one, is the only possible union of God and man. God with God, and man with man. God revealed, and God concealed, in the Christ, that man might know God as otherwise he could not know him." And without controversy great is the mystery of Godliness; God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

Cost of Solomon's Temple.

The cost of Solomon's temple and its interior decorations and other paraphernalia was one of the wonders of olden times. According to Villapanus, the "talents" of gold, silver and brass used in its construction were valued at the enormous sum of \$30,879,822,000. The worth of jewels is generally placed at a figure equally high.

The vessels of gold, according to Josephus, were valued at 140,000 talents, which, reduced to federal money, was equal to \$2,876,481,015. The vessels of silver, according to the same authorities, were still more valuable, being set down as worth \$3,246,720,000. Priests' vestments and robes of singers, \$10,500,000. Trumpets, \$1,000,000. To the above add the expense of building material, labor, etc., and we get some

wonderful figures.

Ten thousand men hewing cedars, 60,000 hewers of burdens, 80,000 hewers of stone, 3,300 overseers, all of which were employed for seven years and upon whom, besides their wages Solomon bestowed \$33,041,885.

The material in the temple is estimated at having been worth \$12,726,585,000. These several estimates show the total costs to have been \$77,521,365,936.

G. T. R.

Religious News.

WOODSTOCK, N. B. Sunday evening, March 9. I baptized four candidates. Others have been converted. Z. L. FASIL.

TAFERNACLE, ST. JOHN, N. B. Pastor Reach preached to a full house on Sunday evening a very earnest and impressive sermon, and at the close of the service administered the ordinance of baptism to one candidate. The outlook for successful work at the Tabernacle seems to be very encouraging. VISITOR.

ALBERT MINES, N. B. We have held special meetings in this church for three weeks. Evangelist Marple spent two weeks with us. Seven were baptized on the last Sunday in Feb., and one last Sabbath. Others are seeking the Lord. We are getting along nicely in paying for our new church. After having paid for the furnace the debt on the house will be less than a hundred dollars. Our congregations continue good. MILTON ADDISON.

March 2nd I met my dear 2ND AND 3RD ELGIN, people for the 4th Annual Semmons. How rapidly times flies, during the time 60 have been baptized into the fellowship of the churches. Also we are completing a new parsonage for the comfort of the present incumbent as well as for all our successors. May the blessing of the Great Head of our churches rest upon this people in their effort to discharge this debt they owe to God.

I. N. THORNE.

MERCHANVILLE, N. Y. is a busy town of 7,000 inhabitants situated on the famous Hudson River. As it was once the scene of the successful labors of the late Rev. Walter Barrs of Wolfville, N. S., and as Rev. S. W. Wallace late of Lawrence-town, N. S., is now filling the Baptist pastorate there, it will be especially interesting to many of the readers of THE HOME MISSION JOURNAL to learn that the present pastor and his church are greatly encouraged in their work. Mr. Wallace on two recent Sabbath baptized fourteen persons, chiefly all heads of families, and making a very valuable addition to his membership, and expects to have a large baptism on the approaching Easter Sunday.

CENTRE VILLAGE, N. B. We closed special meetings here last Lord's Day. Three more were baptized and received the right hand of fellowship. Eleven in all professed conversion nine joined the church here, the others expressed a desire to join other churches. Others expressed a desire to lead Christian lives. On Wednesday night we held a farewell meeting. One sister was received by letter from Sackville church and was given the right hand of fellowship. After a good social service Dea. Hicks presented us with a nice purse of \$23, accompanied by a tender address read in behalf of the church by Bro. Geo. I. Read. About \$10 more was contributed during the meetings by offerings and private donations. About 30 hymn books were purchased by the church and congregation. We have reasons to thank God for the blessings we have enjoyed

here and for the kindness and faithfulness of the people. They have struggles and discouragements but feel cheered. They expect to carry on a prayer meeting and Sunday School. May the Lord help them and send them some servant to help them on their way is our prayers.

G. H. BEAMAN.

DOAKTOWN, N. B. The work of the Lord goes steadily on. We had a crowning day yesterday. The house of God was thronged last evening. The mighty power of God was in our midst to bless and save. Stout hearted sinners trembled. The old people say they never saw such a movement among the people in this place. Twenty have already entered into solemn covenant to forsake sin and follow Jesus. So many that we cannot keep count of them are moving toward the cross. Two young brothers, Curtis and Wright, who came here to work in the mill are rendering us great assistance by their prayers and exhortations. All the dear brethren and sisters are doing nobly coming out evening after evening after a hard day's work. We have no flaming evangelist here. The pastor and his flock taking hold with him. God has been pleased to honor and bless. We have had no baptism yet. We are not going to be in a hurry in that matter, feeling that if any will not keep until we get ready they had better never been baptized. Many backsliders have returned. We are not bringing in sinners over the heads of dead church members. We are walled in by sects. Only for their opposition many more souls might be won for Jesus. Brethren I mean it, pray earnestly that I may have strength of body, soundness in the faith, love of God in the heart sufficient to go on in this work. As a Baptist minister I am all alone in this region of country and to watch against the adversary in the many forms in which he comes is no easy matter. I am now as the great apostle said "trusting in truth for souls." We are trusting this work so well begun will reach all our churches in this valley. It would, we feel sure, but that the men, young and old, may soon have to go away to the drives. They are just now, poor fellows, coming out of the woods, and it is a joy to see in the meetings how the good Spirit bows them down. The Spirit seems to have even gone into the camps after them before they left for home in some instances.

M. P. KING.

ST. ANDREWS. Mr. Editor, I would like through your paper to let the public know how our friends in St. Andrews are conducting themselves. On Monday evening, Feb. 10th, without giving notice, they came streaming through the front door of the parsonage to the number of forty-five or more, each one bearing a parcel. After we had recovered somewhat from our surprise we learned that they had come to give us a pounding, which we endured patiently. The ordeal past, we found ourselves not bruised, but much better off in this world's goods. To all our friends, we say, pound away, we like it. Our thanks are cheerfully given.

CALVIN CURRIE.

2ND GRAND LAKE. Since Bro. Dresser has come to this field the brethren have been making great effort to secure a parsonage. A site has been procured, and considerable funds are now on hand for the work. The young people especially have taken much interest and promise to give all necessary help.

Personals.

Rev. A. J. Archibald of Glace Bay, C. B. supplied the pulpit of the Leinster Street church, St. John, on Sunday last.

Rev. G. A. Lawson who recently resigned the pastoral charge of the Isaac Harbor church is resting for a time at Albert, Albert county. Mr.