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SUNDAY—9.30 a. m., Prayer Meeting.
10.30—Preaching Service.
11.45—Lord's Supper (First Sunday of each month).

2.00—Sunday School.
3.00—Normal Class. (Mission Band the first Sunday of the month).
7.00—Preaching Service.

MONDAY—7.30 p. m., B. Y. P. U. Meeting.

WEDNESDAY—7.30, General Prayer Meeting.

THURSDAY—3 p. m., Woman's Missionary Meeting, on week following Communion Sunday.

SATURDAY—7.30 p. m., Conference Meeting, (on day preceding Communion Sunday).

Light.

The night has a thousand eyes,
And the day but one,
Yet the light of the bright world dies
With the dying sun.

The mind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one;
Yet the light of a whole life dies
When love is done.

—Francis William Bourdillon.

Gems of Thought.

No man's life can rise any higher than his belief.

Power lies not in the theory, but in the application.

A soft answer has often been the means of breaking a hard heart.

Be as gentle as possible in your judgment; as severe as justice in your survey of self.

You can give a man money enough to enable him to declare that he will never lack for bread, but God has promised that the righteous shall never come to want.

Why He Waited.

A new post office was established in a small village away out West, and a native of the soil was appointed postmaster. After awhile complaints were made that no mail was sent out from the new office, and an inspector was sent to inquire into the matter.

He called upon the postmaster, and stating the cause of his visit, asked why no mail had been sent out. The postmaster pointed to a big and nearly empty mail bag hanging up in the corner, and said:

"Well, I ain't sent it out 'cause the bag ain't nowheres nigh full yet."—[Harper's Bazaar.

PRESIDENT S. J. P. KRUGER'S ADDRESS

The South African Baptist Union reports 35 churches, 34 pastors, 11 missionaries, 44 church buildings and 3,430 members. One of the churches is located in Pretoria, the capital of the South African Republic, and others are located in Johannesburg, Kimberley, Pietermaritzburg, and other places brought into prominence in the present war in South Africa. As we read the reports of the war in the daily papers, perhaps we have not before thought sufficiently of our brethren, whose homes and lives are imperiled in the present contest. The last annual meeting of the Union was held in Pretoria, and an address of welcome was delivered by President Kruger, Staats President of the South African Republic. Our readers will be interested to read his address.

BROTHERS, SISTERS, AND REVEREND GENTLEMEN:—I call you brothers and sisters because you believe with me in Christ. When I see how the gospel is being spread, I think of the words, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring messages of peace." Those words are dear to me, and I rejoice to see the fulfilment of the Word. This is the peace which our Lord Jesus Christ brought to us. Who can describe the inward feeling of the disciples when the angels brought the tidings, "Christ has risen from the dead?" for it meant the salvation of the sinner from the bondage of sin. After that first Easter the apostles spoke to every one in his own tongue. Churches were founded, and the gospel began to be preached among all the nations of the earth. And if we look at the events which have taken place, under the guidance of the Almighty, since that period, then we see that it was the dawn of a new era in the history of the world. Notwithstanding that the unbelievers persecuted the Christians, the course of the gospel could not be impeded, and although subordinate differences arose between the churches—the one understanding the Word in a different sense from the other—the Christians became more and more united by the one great subject; and, as long as the churches adhere to the Word of God and Jesus Christ, they will continually grow in unanimity as regards the way in which the gospel must be understood; and I believe that the day will come to pass when all will understand it in the same light; then all will unite to work together for the suppression of sin, and the churches will be one and indivisible. Then the four angels, spoken of in the Apocalypse, as standing at the four corners of the world, will prevent the winds from damaging a single tree—the trees representing the Churches on the earth, which will not be destroyed. John said: "And there was war in heaven," but Satan will be bound and cast into the pit that the churches may be sealed, and then comes the glorious state of the Church, the return of the Jews, the gathering of the heathen, and all who shall be saved will then be in—and this will be the whole Israel who have struggled against sin. For this reason I am glad that I have been able to come here—to see and to feel that peace is preached also in this church in the name of Christ. I am glad to think of the day when all Christians will understand the Word of God in the same light, and

the gospel of our Lord will be proclaimed all over the world. In the meantime we can always co-operate in love and peace, and where we differ we can always argue with each other in all brotherly love. As far as I know, the Baptist churches preach the peace of Jesus Christ, and therefore they teach the true salvation. My desire is that every one in this Republic should preach the gospel so that the name of my Savior and the everlasting gospel may be uplifted and made known to all who walk in the darkness and the shadow of death—to every nation and kindred, tongue and people—until the time shall come when every one will understand the Word of God. This is what I wish also for the Baptist church. Amen.

THE CORNER-STONE.

A great cathedral was being built. The most beautiful marble, exquisitely carved, made its walls. Its wood-work was like satin, and of delicate colours. The windows were like rich paintings, telling the wonderful stories of Christ's life. The workmen had come from far and near, the most skillful only having been chosen. For months hammers and chisels rang, till at last all but one window was finished. It was a south window, not very large, where rich sunlight fell early and late.

"Strange it should have been forgotten," said the master workman, "the bishop comes to-morrow, and all should be finished."

A little, bent man, with a shrewd but kindly face, limped up. Doffing his cap, he said:

"Sir, I have made a window for that space from bits of the other windows. Pray you, let it go up."

"It is the best we can do," said the master. "Put it up for the morrow, man, but after that it must come down."

The next day the church was crowded. Just as the old bishop turned to preach the sermon, the sun burst forth. It came through the south window, touching his white hair with a halo. Every one turned to look. The stranger's window was a flashing jewel. Although it was made of bits, the colors were so blended that it seemed like one. The sunlight glittered and broke into a thousand rays.

The bishop knew about the forgotten window, and the strange way in which one had been made. He had written a stately sermon, but he put it away, and preached the thought the beautiful window gave: "The rejected stone being the head of the corner."

People who heard it and saw the window never forgot. So shall we feel, little and big, when we see that some of our little efforts, which many thought worthless, shall be counted by Jesus worthy of all recognition.—Selected.

Christian experience begins with "He is mine." After we have made some progress, there comes to us a fuller realization of the blessed companion truth: "I am His."—[United Presbyterian.

A living, loving Christian!—there is no stronger power on earth, no power can withstand him.

Our Yankee friends observe Nov. 30th as Thanksgiving Day. They are behind the times, as compared with Canada's Thanksgiving observance.

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Published monthly as an auxiliary to the regular work of the Church.

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MILTON, N. S., NOV., 1899.

WITH this issue the STANDARD makes its first appearance. Doubtless questions may be asked concerning the reason for its existence in these times of so many newspapers, both religious and secular. To the question "Wherefore art thou come?" the STANDARD replies, "I have come as an additional voice for righteousness and truth."

A large proportion of the membership of every church do not regularly attend public worship. Some are hindered by age and infirmity; others are deprived of such privileges by sickness; many more are detained at home to care for children, and the sick; and others, indifferent folk, have no good reason for non-attendance. When we consider also the non-resident members it is evident that a very large proportion of the people are not directly influenced by the weekly services of the church. It is the purpose of the STANDARD to carry the atmosphere of church life and religious influence into the homes of all such people.

On appropriate occasions reports on the progress in different branches of work may be expected. These columns will contain a record of the more important events in religious work, as well as a record of marriages and deaths occurring in the community.

The many other purposes for which a church paper exists will become more evident as its columns are carefully perused during the coming months.

It is hoped that the STANDARD may be a welcome visitor in every home. The price of subscription has been made so low that all may receive its monthly visits. Let our readers be assured that as soon as it becomes evident that there will be a surplus in the treasury, that that amount shall be immediately used in the improvement and enlargement of the paper. The STANDARD depends on each individual for hearty support

JOTTINGS.

The Baptist Year Book of the Maritime Provinces for 1899 is at hand. 410 churches report a membership of 50,846. There were 1,362 baptisms during the year. The amount expended for church support was \$162,834.66.

R. A. H. Morrow, Publisher, of St. John, N. B., has recently published a little volume entitled "The Bible Vindicated" or "Marvellous Discoveries in Bible Lauds." The price is 40 cents.

The death of Sir William Dawson, late Principal of McGill College, Montreal, is an equal loss to science and religion. He was one of the most successful educators of our time, and as a geologist stood in the very first rank. He was an outspoken christian man, and always brought his vast attainments and influence to bear upon belief in the Scriptures and the encouragement of the personal christian life.

The illness of Mr. D. L. Moody, which led him to close suddenly his evangelistic engagement and return to Northfield, fortunately does not seem to indicate that his life is in danger, but probably his work as a public speaker is drawing to a close. Mr. Moody, however, is a good deal more than a public speaker.

Men are not proud of their physical defects. They do not boast that they have lost an eye or an arm; but, strangely enough, they are often found to exult in their mental and moral defects. They call themselves agnostics with a tone that savors of anything but regret; they say that they lack the power of faith as if that were a reason for congratulation.

By his recent resignation, Dr. Richard S. Storrs closed one of the most distinguished pastorates in the history of the American pulpit. For fifty-three years he has been pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims, of Brooklyn. It is not the mere length of his term of service which makes this pastorate so eminent, but rather moral and spiritual force, high and fine attainments of character, insight, and eloquence.

When we read that the two armies about Ladysmith suspend fighting to bury their dead and help each other in the task, exchanging ambulances and fraternizing as if they were comrades in arms, we get a fresh glimpse as to the meaning of civilized warfare. The men who are fighting each other do not hate each other. They are simply playing a game according to recognized rules. When we have got as far as that it seems as if we had reached a time to settle these international disputes by some other game than one that involves the killing of men and the manufacture of widows and orphans by wholesale.

Churches that give their members least opportunity to work, are most apt to wonder why more work is not being done.

The occasional christian, who has his spasms of religious fervour, is the type that keeps the church apologizing to the world, and keeps the world away from the church.

Sir Harry Smith was a general in a former South African war. The town of Harrismith in Orange Free State perpetuates his name, while Ladysmith, in Natal, so well known during the present Anglo-Boer war, is named from the wife of General Smith.

What we need to know is not the reason for our trials, but that God is our Father, that His power is almighty, that His wisdom is perfect, and that His love is infinite.

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For the Quiet Hour.

Passing Out

Passing out of the shadow
 Into a purer light,
 Stepping behind the curtain,
 Getting a clearer sight;
 Laying aside the burden,
 'This weary mortal coil;
 Done with the world's vexations,
 Done with its fears and toil;
 Tired of all earth's playthings,
 Heartsick and ready to sleep;
 Ready to bid our friends farewell,
 Wondering why they weep;
 Pass us out of the shadow
 Into eternal day—
 Why do we call it dying,
 This sweet going away?

Prayer

O Lord, Thou who searchest the heart
 and knowest it altogether, cleanse Thou
 me from every secret fault. Preserve
 me from self-delusion, self-confidence,
 self-conceit. As a servant of Thine
 make me charitable to my neighbors,
 kindly in spirit, helpful in word and
 deed. Give me humility and simplicity,
 with a more perfect trust in Thee from
 day to-day. Amen.

On Life's Sea.

Fair little voyager on life's sea,
 Smooth may the course of thy journey be,
 Little thou knowest where danger lies,
 Of shifting winds or of cloudy skies.

From a land unknown to a land unseen
 With wild and turbulent waves between,
 We know that the gentlest breezes wait
 The onward way of thy tiny craft.

And may'st thou ever a refuge make
 Of Him who walked on the surging lake,
 For He will bid all thy storms to cease
 And guide thee into the harbor, Peace.

His Little Mistake.

An exchange tells of a clerk who was
 showing a lady some parasols. He had
 a good command of language, and knew
 how to commend his goods.

As he picked up a parasol from the
 lot on the counter and opened it, he
 struck an attitude of admiration, and
 holding it up, said:

"Now, there, isn't it lovely? Look
 at that silk. Particularly observe the
 quality, the finish, the general effect.
 Pass your hand over it," he said, as he
 handed it to the lady; "isn't it a
 beauty?"

"Yes, said the lady, "that's my old
 one. I just laid it down there."

Outvalued.

A messenger came tearing up to the
 White House in '63, and, hurriedly
 gaining admission to Mr. Lincoln, in-
 formed him in great excitement that a
 large waggon train had been surpris-
 ed on short ways across the Potomac, and a
 brigadier-general taken prisoner. "Did
 they capture the train?" inquired Old
 Abe. "No, sir, the regiment came up
 and saved it," answered the messenger,
 "but the general, Mr. President, is a
 prisoner." "Oh, never mind that,"
 said Lincoln. "I can make a dozen
 generals in a day; but mules cost \$300
 each."

The family of Admiral Dewey's wife,
 who is a Roman Catholic, are Scotch
 Presbyterians, but Mrs. Dewey was sent
 to a convent for her education,

Of Local Interest.

Temperance Sunday was generally
 observed by special sermons on temper-
 ance and temperance S. S. lesson.

The Liverpool Town Council have de-
 cided not to sell any electric lights out-
 side the town for the present. The Mil-
 ton churches must wait in patience.

Rev. and Mrs. E. N. Archibald, of
 Lunenburg, are visiting at the "Parson-
 age" for a few days.

Bro. Benj. Hayes is seriously ill.

The STANDARD extends many thanks
 to the advertisers who have so liberally
 patronized its columns.

Whenever it is possible we invite our
 readers to patronize the advertisements.
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 sented in these columns.

We would remind the boys and girls,
 that by saving the pennies and other
 small change they may open a Savings
 Bank acct. Deposits are accepted from
 \$1 upwards. Now is the time to begin.
 See advt. in another column.

Mr. Churchill L. Freeman, B. A., L.
 L. B., paid his friends a short visit a few
 days ago.

Master Fred Burnaby has returned
 from Antigonish. He will resume his
 work in school.

By a vote of the annual business meet-
 ing it was decided to have the deeds of
 parsonage and church property and the
 old records of the church given over to
 Bro. Wm. Ford, Church Treasurer, to be
 placed in his vault for safe keeping.

A committee of the proprietors, who
 are about placing insurance on the
 church property, ask for contributions
 for that purpose. Hand to Deacon E. D.
 Ford.

We are pleased to note the improve-
 ment in the roadway leading down to
 the vestry door. The brethren who vol-
 untarily did the work deserve the thanks
 of the church.

The next issue of the STANDARD will
 be about Dec. 20th. All items for pub-
 lication should be addressed to P. O. Box
 21, Milton, on or before Dec. 15th.

We are pleased to learn that the Con-
 gregational church has secured a pastor
 in the person of Rev. Churchill Moore,
 from the Province of Quebec. He will
 enter upon his duties here Dec. 17. As
 a co-worker, we extend to him a wel-
 come in advance.

The Young Ladies' Circle are hard at
 work preparing for the Xmas sale.

The recently elected officers of the B.
 Y. P. U. are: Pres., Willard N. Free-
 man; Vice-Pres., Frank Cole; Sec'y,
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 F. B. Shields; Treas., Miss Blanche
 Brown; Organist, Miss Mamie Free-
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 K. Freeman; Flower, Mrs. L. H. Burn-
 aby; Lookout, Miss Stella Allen.

The Disciples church is now without
 a pastor.

Mr. Nicholas Smith, M. A., is enjoy-
 ing a visit with his son, Dr. Smith, in
 Port Huron, Michigan, U. S. A.

There are three classes of people in
 the world: Those who make good res-
 olutions and do their best to keep them;
 those who form the resolutions but make
 no effort to realize their fulfilment; and
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**Financial Statement of the
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCT. 31ST, 1899.

CURRENT ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES:
Paid Pastor's salary, \$600.00
Paid Janitor. 50.00
Incidentals, 42.69
Other expenses, 28.44—\$721.18

RECEIPTS:
Balance on hand Nov.
1, 1898, \$ 21.18
Received on subscrip-
tions, 524.25
Loose collections, 93.02
Old subscriptions col-
lected, 24.38
From other sources, 19.49—\$682.33

Deficit for the year,
Old subscriptions paid
since Nov. 1, \$ 38.81
30.65

Present deficit on old
acct., \$ 8.16

MISSION ACCOUNT.

Bal. in treasury, Nov., 1898, \$ 3.69
Collected during the year, 68.39

Total, \$92.08
Paid to Treas. Con. Fund, 88.22

Bal. on hand, \$ 3.85

**MEMO. OF TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS OF THE
CHURCH.**

Due Church Treasurer, \$ 8.16
Due on parsonage debt, includ-
ing interest, 59.27

Total indebtedness, Nov. 1, \$67.43

The proceeds of a concert (33.85) is in
the Treasurer's hands for the purpose of
installing electric lights.

E. D. FORD,

Chair. Fin. Com.

SABBATH SCHOOL STATEMENT.

Bal. on hand Nov., 1898, \$16.14
Amt. receipt to Nov., 1899, 26.32

Paid for S. S. supplies, \$11.41

" " Library, 31.32—\$42.63

Bal. due Treasurer Nov. 1, 1899, .17

Physicians as a class are supposed to be
indifferent to poetry. They have other and
more important things to think of.

"What do you think of my poems?" in-
quired the young man.

"They betray an astonishing ignorance
of anatomy," replied his medical friend.

"But they're not supposed to be scien-
tific, you know."

"That may be the case, but it affords no
excuse for your saying they 'spring from
an aching heart,' when it is so apparent
that they proceed from a deranged liver."

The Turkey's Farewell.

"I am a big fat turkey, I go 'Gobble,
gobble, gobble!"

My knees they are so shaky, they wobble,
wobble, wobble;

Because I am so frightened, my feathers
fairly flutter,

And when I try to gobble, I only feebly
stutter.

Dear friends, Thanksgiving's coming, I
know my end is nigh—

I sadly wipe away my tears and say my
last good-bye."