

attendance was good and the spirit of the meeting inspiring. A goodly number took part, and more would have done so had there been time; but promptly (so as not to encroach upon the time of the next service), the leader, Bro. D. Crawford, brought the meeting to a close.

By 11 o'clock the house was filled. Extra seats had to be provided, and still there was not accommodation enough. Bro. Emery preached an earnest practical sermon from 1 Tim. iii. 15. He made a touching allusion to the faces that used to greet him there, but are now no longer seen on earth. But while the faithful are called away, the church remains. It has a glorious future, when all lovers of the Lord will be one, and the efforts of critics and infidels will not destroy the church nor prevent the coming of that time.

After this service the brethren from the different congregations "sat round the sacred board, as members of one common Lord" and remembered their Saviour's death and His coming again. A solemn stillness filled the house as one by one they partook of the bread and of the wine.

At 3 o'clock another large audience assembled and Bro. Harding preached an excellent sermon, having for his text "And there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed," Jos. xiii. 1. He related the circumstances, telling what had been done, what difficulties encountered, and what yet remained to be done. He then spiritualized the passage, applying it to the heart, the family, and the church. What had been accomplished was done in the face of opposing forces; and before undisputed possession could be enjoyed hearts must be given unreservedly to Christ. He must rule in every family, and the church must go up and possess the land.

The largest congregation gathered in the evening at 7 o'clock. The house was completely filled, and enough people were outside to make another fair audience. Bro. Crawford preached, and his sermon was worthy of the occasion, and characteristic of the man. It was earnest, clear, instructive, and scriptural. He selected as his text, John i. 14, "And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us," etc. We will not try to give even the barest outline of the discourse. Thus a day of good things passed away.

On Monday morning at 10 o'clock a prayer and social meeting began, and at 11 the business of the Association was entered into. The Moderator, Bro. Emery, made a short address after which he called upon Bro. Robt. Stewart, the Secretary, to read the minutes of the preceding meeting. These were adopted as recorded. The Moderator and Secretary were then re-elected to their respective offices. Reports were received from all the churches except Summerside, Tignish, and Tryon, and the absence of these three makes an accurate statement of last year's progress and the present statistical standing of our churches on the Island impossible. Of those reporting, the church at Montague shows the largest membership, 199; the most additions, 17; and the greatest loss, 8. It is a great pity that the blank reports which the Association some years ago decided to have printed had not been prepared and sent to the various churches, then reports, uniform in arrangement, would probably have been received from all the churches.

At this stage of the meeting a letter of greeting from Sister Flaglor, Secretary of the Christian Women's Board of Missions of the Maritime Provinces, was read. Bros. Emery, Crawford, and others spoke sympathetically in reference to the work the women are trying to do in Japan. They emphasised the importance of the work and the need of present activity. Bros. Crawford, Weaver, and Robt. Stewart were appointed to send a suitable response to the letter received.

The Home Mission Board, composed of one member from each church, submitted their report. At their request Bro. Crawford labored in the gen-

eral field for some weeks, with good results. The amount of money now on hand is \$172.45. There was a very general desire that some steps should be taken to push the work on the Island during the current year. Owing to lack of time no exchange of opinions as to ways and means, times and places, men and methods was made, except at an informal meeting in the afternoon. It is unfortunate that more time can not be had for the consideration of matters which are of vital concern to the Church of Christ on the Island. It is well to come together to form new acquaintances and to preserve old ones, to unite as one great congregation in praises to our Master, to have our hearts enlarged and enriched, to have our hopes brightened and strengthened. But is it not well to plan hopefully and deliberately for aggressive work? And where can this be done better than at the Association?

A resolution in recognition of the self-denying labors of the late Dr. Knox was moved by Bro. R. Stewart. He spoke of the greatness of the work he performed and the persistent opposition he overcame. Bro. Crawford in seconding the resolution referred to his learning and popularity. Bro. Emery spoke of the pleasant hours he had spent in the Doctor's home, and then the resolution was passed by a rising vote.

The Association was invited by the church in Summerside, through Bro. Harding, to meet with them next year. The invitation was accepted and the meeting was adjourned to meet on Saturday before the second Lord's Day in July, 1894.

The interest throughout the meetings had been good and it was decided to continue the services through the week. Owing mainly to the hand to hand work and heart to heart talks of Bro. Weaver six noble souls made the good confession and were baptized.

The outlook for a large ingathering at Montague during the present year is good. That the church there, and all the churches on the Island may be greatly increased and strengthened, none can wish more earnestly than the writer. H. W. S.

Original Contributions.

TEMPORAL—ETERNAL.

For our momentary light afflictions work out for us an eternal weight of glory, great beyond expression; while we are aiming not at things seen but the things unseen; for the things seen are temporal but the things unseen are eternal. (II Cor. iv. 17-18, L O.)

How ineffably sublime is the quality of Faith! How infinitely more contracted than it is would the mind of man be could he feed that mind only on things seen? What a spectacle to make angels and his fellow-men weep, does that man present, whose mind aims only at the things seen during the mere flash of time allotted to his earthly career! No looking backward to the immeasurable oras of the past, replete with lessons beautifully instructive of Nature and her God, and latterly of Man. No glimpse of the glorious panorama of the future, that a loving Father has so grandly unveiled, giving us a vision of the cycles of eternity through which all must live—where?—how? All visible things are but the temporal manifestations of an invisible eternal power. The tree that proudly rears its head laden with refreshing fruit, affording grateful shade to its surroundings, is but the visible manifestation of a hidden power, which goes on with its work while tree after tree falls beneath the blight of time. All that is seen of man passes away like the flower of the grass, while the invisible spirit, manifest only by its acts of good or evil, lives eternally. Our object, then, ought to be the attainment of eternal things, using things temporal as a means whereby we may attain. A traveller meets a man

wandering on foot through a desert, tired, hungry and thirsty. He gives him a horse to carry him safely home where comfort and happiness await him. The man instead of enduring his momentary affliction for a little while, kills the horse to satisfy his hunger, thus destroying for temporal gratification his only means of safety. How foolish! you say. Friend, you are wandering through this wilderness world not far from home. Weary you may be. Momentary afflictions you may have. But oh! do not misuse the blessings the Father has given you. Only by using aright the gifts you receive as his steward can you reach home where an eternal weight of glory, great beyond expression, awaits you. Let not momentary afflictions induce you to seek happiness in the pleasures of this world, that is such pleasures as shall deprive you of heaven. All the pleasures in the world are not of the world. No happiness is so great as the serene contentment of a soul at peace with God meekly striving to benefit his fellow-men, which is the state of every true Christian. If Paul could speak of his afflictions as momentary and not to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed (Rom. 8:18,) how can we complain when ours is not worthy to be compared to his? *Temporal! Eternal!* Oh the difference is beyond human comprehension! What a speck is Time upon the boundless tide of Eternity! And what a speck is our life on the tide of Time! Then why compare the small part of our lives devoted to afflictions, to the eternal glory of our heavenly home? Oh, sinners who fear the opposition of family, friends or society, who fear the scoffs and frowns of the world and the temptations and trials that may assail you, which fears perhaps prevent you becoming Christians; remember that he that loveth father or mother, son or daughter, more than Christ is not worthy of Him; (Matt. 10:37,) that he that is ashamed of Christ and of His words in this time, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when He cometh in all the glory of His Father and the holy angels, (Luke 9:26) that God will not suffer us to be tempted above what we are able to bear but will with every temptation provide a way of escape (I Cor. 10:13) that whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth and that our afflictions are momentary, but our glory and reward are eternal as the throne of God and Him that sitteth thereon. C.

P. E. I., July 1893.

Correspondence.

SUMMERSIDE LETTER.

Our Annual Meeting has come and gone, and the churches are settling down for another year's hard work. Our meeting at Montague was a success, and everybody seemed happy, and a good feeling existed from beginning to end. Owing to the fact that the Secretary had forgotten to send the blank forms of report to the different churches, some churches did not report: therefore we are not able to give a summary of the year's work. The meeting next year will be at Summerside.

Bro. H. T. Morrison, of Iowa, is in Summerside, and we are having some meetings this week. Two have made the good confession so far. Bro. Morrison was baptized about twenty-five years ago by Bro. Crawford, and became a member of the church in Summerside. He at once became a worker, and finally devoted his life to the ministry. For about twenty years he has been preaching in various parts of the United States. He is now visiting friends here and enjoying our beautiful Island air. We are going to get all we can out of him while he is here, and he will feel better when he gets away. We want more evangelical work on the Island. One baptism at Tignish during my last visit there. In our church work at present,