offering to Mrs. R. Stevens, Pictou, N. S., as soon as possible.

Wishoug you all abundant success in all that you may undertake, I am,

## Your loving friend,

Mrs D. A. Morrison.
Surt. of Childrin's Work.
Notes fross Ous Workers
Riverside, Hants Co., N. S.-Hattie E. Mason, an earuest littlo worker, fourteen years old, organized a mission band, whicin is called the "Buds of Hope. During the winter they havo been forced to discontinue their meetings, on account of bad roads and weather, but they hope to get to work again very soon.

West Gore, Hants Co., N S.-This welcome nows came from West Gore: We have only two who are taking the "Junior Builders," but we are trying to get some more subscribers. We gave an entertamment during the Christmas holidays and took upa collection amounting to $\$ 2.3 \%$.

Summorside, P. F. I.-The president of the "Sunbeam" band writes: We are doing a good work. We have only missed one meating since we organized. We intend to celebrate our birthday, in March, by having a concert. At our last meeting we had twenty present; dues amounted to 65 cents.

Lord's Cove, Deer Island. N. B. -This band reports fifty members on the roll, and nineteen dollars raised since September last.

Westport, N. S.-The "Willing Workers" write that they had only oue subscriber to "Junior Builders," but have six names to send in now.

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## Book grvirus.

"The Life of Aiexandrr Campbell." by Thomas W. Grafton. Cloth; 234 pages. Price, $\$ 1.00$ Cbristian Publishing Company, St. Louis, Mo. Biograplyy is one of the most interesting of studics. The fascination with which the history of great men holds us is wanting in the consideration of many other subjects. While different temperaments create in students preferences for diverse branches of learning, all should be more or less interested in the lives of the greatest of their kind. The influence of those around us touches us at every point; and our characters are especially affected by the great of our race. No matter how much we may differ in spiritual, intellectual or physical ability, we are nevertheless creatures subjest to like paseions. Nithough we may bring diversified talents and widely different circumstances to their solution, get the same great problems confront all humanity. Then, again, the great achicvements of our fellowmen cannot but raise our admiration.
Of all great men, those of the leaders of religinus thought must be given the foremost place; for religion alone effects the most vital departments of our life.
Two things at least are essential to a gond biography-a great lifo and a true writer. The life of Alex. Campbell will be considered by our bethren as furnishing a fine subject for a sketch. Those who read this book will, 1 feel sure, regard Bro. Grafton as a pleasing and interesting writer. The book ought to prove an excellent popular biography. The style is spirited, clear and enter-
taining. Starting with the borbood and gouth of Mr. Camplell the writer arries us thaugh the trials and triumphs of the freat refurmer's carcer with an interest that never lags

In a plain simple way are set forth the condition of Christimity in America at the beginning of this century and the atory of the carnest search of the Campbells (father and son) after the remedy for the then religious difficulties. The solution of the problems then before the church required men of sincerity, strong in intellect, courage, faith, and with minds free from the trammels of tradition. These qualities Alex. Campbell possessed in no small degree The earnest and unbiased manner of investigating facts, strong faith, and the keen analytical and reasoning powers which Mr. Campbell brought to the solution of the great religious questions of his day are tuld in a striking manner. With absorbing in:ercst we follow Bro Grafton as he depicts the preacher, writer, debater, teacher aud conversationlist. In all these Mr. Campbell excels. His home life, deep devotion and piety are also beautifully set forth.

That Alex, Campbell was a truly grent man will clearly appear on an examination of the mighty change that the principles which he championed have already wrought in the religious world. The plea for Christinu union, the call for an unprejudiced interpretation of God's Word, and some of the doctrinal propositions which he expounded, such, for instance, as the distinction between the law and the gospel, have already made a marked impress upon the world. Some men are greac because they have successfully fought certain errors peculiar to their own age. But isir. Campbell is great because he ably championed principles that will apply equally to all prtions of this dispensation. No man, probably since the days of the Apostles, ever moie ably advocated the cause of pure Christianity than did he IIe was not, indeed, more worthy than many who preceded him. But building upon the labors of other seekers after truth be was able, because of their efforts, to obtain a better view of the " perfect taw of liberty." The only way to accomplish this is to humble oursolves in the presence of God's Word in order that it may have "free course and be glorified" This is the keystone to Campleell's greatness. Casting aside all pre-conceived ideas concerning the truth, he placed himself in a position to be carried whithersoever the Word of God led him. This is the cure for all disorders in the body of Christ.
It is given to some to possess as grand reasouing powers, to others the spiritual insight and pare religious devntion, to others the eloquent manner of presenting the truth in preaching, teaching and defending by oral debate, to others the convincing style of writing, to others the great capacity for work, to others the honesty pad freedom in examining the truth, that this reat man possessed: but very rarely do we see these qualities all so harmoniously combined as in him. Great men are but seldom evenly balanced. Their greatness, indeed, often arises from an abnormal development of some particular talent. This means the impoverishment of other taleuts. Mr. Campbell was not faulty here. In all his character there is a roundness and completeness that is truly refreshing This cas only be accounted for by his comprehensive grasp of the truth. He was truly free from all narow party sectarian spirit. He advoeated all of what is now generally conceded to be cssential to the plan of salvation; and in doing so presented the only true ground for Cbristian union While he probably erred in other particulars, yet be poloted out the brand principles through which the truth is to be acquired. His place in the history of the restoration of pure Christianily will appear, I confidently believe, more clearly as we attain to a better knowledge of the truth.
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