

my good fortune to meet some Scotch Brethren in Canada who took the Millennial Harbinger, and thus I was never prejudiced against the "Campbellites," but found in them the same fundamental truth as that in which I had been trained, viz.: That the New Testament was the authority for the present dispensation; that salvation was by Christ; that nothing but immersion was baptism; and that God, to love, had sent His Son to save the lost world. But I was employed where there were no Disciple services, and so time passed on for some years before I made the good confession—after death had taken my eldest child, the idol of my heart, and my eldest brother, most worthy of all affection. It was time to give heed to the lessons of my youth, and to be ready for the great change if I would hope to join the loved ones gone before. So the Bible was my teacher, and I read chiefly the New Testament, desiring to know the truth as it is in Jesus; and the light arose, and the darkness departed. Jesus had fulfilled the law, had been delivered for our offenses, and had risen for our justification; therefore we are justified by faith and have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, and "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself," and beseeching men, by his preachers and people, to be reconciled to Him. What a privilege to be allowed to testify in baptism the blessed gospel facts, viz., that "Christ died for our sins," and was "raised for our justification." Yes, and to rejoice even if "for Christ's sake" we are regarded as "fools" in yielding such obedience. True, indeed, "If Christ be not raised we are yet in our sins;" but, hallelujah! "In Christ shall all be made alive." Life and immortality were brought to light by the resurrection of our Lord. Nothing in the world should be so precious to His people whilst they are pilgrims onward to their heavenly home. The early Sunday school practice of learning verses and daily readings of the scriptures were realized as a great benefit when memory recalled them as I read, to know the truth. The whole became clear—doubts and difficulties were dispelled, and the child-like heart faith of Abraham which was accounted to him for righteousness was found supreme over all the vain conceits and false philosophies of the head, and peace was found through Him who is "the way, the truth, and life" for repentant sinners. I am thankful to say I have never regretted having made the good confession, and am now more than ever convinced that divisions are sinful, as are also their sprinkling and the Romish wafer—the last instead of the loaf and cup—and that our duty is to promote loyalty to our Lord under His own appointed banners, and so to hasten the answer to the prayer of our Lord, John xvii: *that all may be one—that the world may believe the Father sent Him to save it.* The great civil war in the United States was to have the Stars and Stripes for the union, instead of stars and bars in a division! Ought we to be less loyal in heart to the stars and stripes of our Redeemer in the precious symbols He has left us of His death for our sins, and of His resurrection for our justification? Certainly not. Therefore let us "put on the whole armour of God" and rejoice if evil spoken of, or even if struck on the one cheek to turn the other also. Thus we shall assuredly conquer under the great Captain of our salvation.

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**Children's Work.**

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Mission Bands and Junior Endeavor etc., "Lend me your ears" One third of our missionary year is gone already, and the time is flying so fast it actually makes me nervous. I wish I knew that all the Bands are busy at work and doing your very best. Are you? If you are, it would be such a comfort if you would just send me word to that effect. If not, why are you not busy? Is there a really good reason for being idle? If so, send and tell me what it is. Seriously, children, we need to be in earnest. This year so much is depending on us, and it would be a dreadful thing if we were unable to meet our pledges next June. How ashamed we would be! I heard from one Band last week, and was glad to know that they are at work. I was privileged to address a Junior Endeavor meeting for the first time while I was in Toronto. Do you know, I thought that the boys always attended J. E. meetings, but they were as scarce as though it had been a Mission Band. All honor to those who were present; but, as usual, the girls predominated. I wonder the boys like to have it so; but they do.

The "Golden Links" of Owen Sound had their picnic a few weeks ago up on the pleasure ground. Some of the sisters helped to provide the refreshments, and came and helped with the work. A good game of baseball between the boys and girls kept them interested for some time, and also made them relish their supper, and for once we had exactly the same number of boys as girls, and they beat the girls at baseball. Now we are busy preparing for an entertainment to be given on Thanksgiving night. Perhaps this will be a practical suggestion for some of the other Bands. I think it is likely that we may try the sewing again after the entertainment is over.

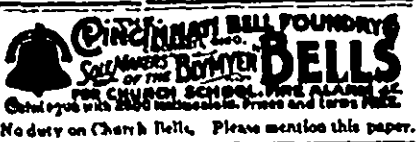
One of the most interesting features of my week's absence from home was a flying visit to Buffalo, for while I was there I found our missionary, Miss Mary Graybeil, whose home is in that city, was just about starting for India again. I missed seeing her, as she was away on business, but I had a very pleasant visit with her mother, which I enjoyed very much. Mrs. Graybeil is a lady of 84 years of age, but time has failed to rob her of anything but physical strength, and she is an ideal missionary's mother; brave and strong, and ready to send away her daughter so cheerfully and lovingly that it was an inspiration, and a revelation as to what missionary work really means. I think it would be very nice if all the Bands remember Miss Graybeil and her mother in their prayers at their next meeting.

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**Down by the Sea.**

The annual meeting of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was held with the church at Milton, N. S., Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sept 2<sup>d</sup>. About ninety delegates were present. The preachers present were E. C. Ford, H. Murray, W. Murray, W. H. Harding, H. E. Cooke, H. S. Devoe, H. W. Stewart, G. D. Weaver, and H. E. Andrews, a student. Bro. Cooke, Harding, Ford and Stewart, did the preaching.

The letters from the churches were read, which showed the best year's work in our history; nearly every church reported growth in additions and work. Next came the report of the Home Mission Board, which was also the best yet, as follows:

One new house had been opened, two churches, and one Sunday school organized, the communion restored at one point, eleven preachers employed 457 days, they preach 321 sermons at fourteen points; collected \$455.00; cost \$908.00; 143 were added to the churches. C. H. Leonard, G. F. Barnes and J. S. Flaglor were re-elected the Home Mission Board. J. E. Edward, of the *Christian*, reported that it had about 1,000 subscribers, and that the profits for two years had been \$156.00. It was decided to divide the profits for mission work as follows: two-thirds to N. S. and N. B., and one-third to P. E. Island.

Complimentary remarks were made made in regard to the *Christian*, and all promised to try and make it more successful.

The invitation from the Halifax church to hold the next meeting with them was accepted. The date of the meetings was changed to the Thursday before the 2nd Lord's day in August. This was deemed wise because the opening of the schools and colleges prevented many from attending in September. It is expected the brethren in P. E. Island will change their meeting from July to 1st Lord's day in August, so that visiting brethren, especially preachers, will be able to attend both meetings without loss of time. Will the Ontario brethren and sisters make a note of this?

The G. C. M. C., through Bro. J. H. Hardin, are paying \$250.00 a year toward the support of a preacher in Halifax. A motion passed expressing thanks to them and satisfaction with their co-operation; also asking all the churches to take up a collection in May and forward it to Bro. Hardin. All the Sunday Schools were requested to take up a quarterly collection for our own Mission Board, and send it to J. S. Flaglor. A motion that the Board employ an evangelist was passed; also that they pay \$300.00 a year for the support of a preacher in Halifax. Elder Carson made an appeal for Halifax, stating that there was still \$2,200 of debt on their house. An appeal was also made for Bro. Devoe, who is personally responsible for the debt on the house at Gulliver's Cove. In the evening there was a Home Mission rally. All the preachers and the secretary of the H. M. Board spoke. A collection of \$34.00 was taken. This is nearly double what it was four years ago at this place.

3 p. m., Saturday.—The C. W. B. M. began their meeting, Miss Payson, the President, in the chair. The following motions were passed: To send greetings to the sisters in Richmond in October, and Ontario in June next; thanks to the *Christian* for its support; a rising vote of confidence and esteem for their missionary in Japan, Sister Rioch. The Secretary's encouraging report was read; the Treasurer's report also showing a large increase for Miss Rioch's support, and more than enough for the support of Okin San, whom



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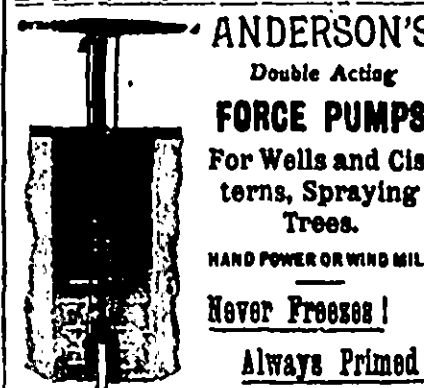
they have adopted. The P. E. Island brethren, led by Bros. D. Crawford and G. D. Weaver, have given large sums to help on these good works. The Superintendent of children's work read a most satisfactory report. Then came reports from Bands and Auxiliaries. The Sunday Schols were requested to observe Children's Day in June.

Mrs. J. M. Ford read Sister Rioch's last letter from Japan. W. H. Harding prayed for her and the work in general.

Sunday was a good day. Crowds at all the meetings. Some walked twelve miles to be there. 7 to 8, early prayer meeting, led by Lyman Peters, of Everett, Mass.; 10.30, W. H. Harding preached; 11.30, Lord's supper, Eiders Barnes, Carson, Payson and Freeman, presiding; 2 p. m., Mrs. Morrison gave a chalk talk and an object lesson, also an interesting address on Japan to the Sunday school; 3 p. m., E. C. Ford preached; 7 p. m., H. E. Cooke preached in the Baptist church; 8 p. m., H. W. Stewart preached, after which we had a farewell meeting.

This was one of our first meetings without outside preaching help, and we are glad to say it was one of our best meetings. All seemed willing and anxious to make it a success. The outlook in the province is good. The H. M. Board has already made an offer to T. H. Blenns, who would have been at the meeting, but his daughter was too ill to leave. Bro. Murray and the church at Milton are to be congratulated on the manner in which all our wants were supplied. We hope to go to Milton by rail next time.

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