

ible flow of truth that tells rather than the spray of divided effort. If pulpit and pew do not work together,—if there be no co-operation,—then industry becomes idleness, and words, instead of being rich with the heavenly harmony of truth, are nothing but discordant sounds. They are as unwelcome as the pauper's poverty and as unsought-for as the beggar's rags. But let there be co-operation and the words of divine truth will be tuned to the matchless music of heaven, and the heavenly treasures will be as eagerly sought after as if they were spread out before us like the boundless ocean.

Success of the preacher means success to the church, and in no better way can we secure both than to lay our all upon the altar of devotion. If we fail in this we fail in all. Failure in time means failure in eternity. Let one and all remember that they who preach the gospel shall live by the gospel, that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We may be paupers in pocket but millionaires in good works. Help by your works. We may be rich both in pocket and life. Help by both. Happy the man who is rich in act as well as intention. To such the wealth of the world is rigorous poverty before the heavenly riches. His faith is more precious than the gold that perishes, and all such are adding stars to the crown that fadeth not away.

E. B. B.

THE LORD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER.

The Gospel is the power that God uses to save men. We, as a people, believe that we have the Gospel in its simplicity. The sects around us preach parts of the Gospel with great earnestness, thus causing many persons to feel their need of salvation, but when they enquire for the way to be saved the plain, simple instruction given by the apostles commissioned by the Saviour is withheld and some man-made plan presented in its stead. What, brethren, is our duty in this matter? Jesus says, preach the Gospel to every creature. Are we doing this as we have ability. I think not. Our churches try to have a preacher with them. For what purpose? To carry the Gospel to those beyond, to the regions outside of the church limits, as did the people in Thessalonica. For the word of the Lord sounded out from them to the regions beyond so that their faith was spoken of abroad and the Apostles had no need to speak anything.

Now, the preacher is paid to entertain the people who pay him, to do in a great measure their praying and exhorting in the public assembly; and at the same time souls are going down to eternal ruin all around us for the wants of the Gospel in its fullness and simplicity.

If we have the Gospel, brethren, plain, pure and simple, let us give it to our neighbors. This cannot be done without means; our hands must go down into our pockets and not come up empty. Why should we not keep an evangelist in the field in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick all the time. Is it because we are not able? I think not! At our annual some sixteen hundred or more members were reported and there are more than this, say three quarters of these are women and persons too poor to pay anything, but this is not the case. Still there are four hundred left to do the work. And these can keep a man in the field continually without a great effort. Are you willing, brethren, to come up and do the work? As Bro. Cooke says, "come and help us." The God of all grace has done very much for us. We cannot measure it by dollars and cents. Heaven has been emptied of richest treasure. Jesus came to earth where he suffered and finally died the ignominious death on the cross. Can we measure this? O, no!

Now the Lord loveth a cheerful giver. Will you "come and help us?" Put your hand down deep

into your pocket. Do not say there is nothing there, do as you would if you wanted some addition made to your house or as you would if you thought you should have a new coat or your wife a new dress. Do as you would if you lost your horse, or ox, or cow, or anything else, go right on and live with what you have after it is gone. What you give to the Lord is not lost; remember that He will repay you. The wise man has said. Honor the Lord with the first fruits of thy labor, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, etc. Let us get out of our selfishness. What will you do? I will pledge ten dollars to put a man in the field for one year, to tell the story of a Saviour's love and point out the way of salvation!

How many will join me to accomplish this work by giving for this purpose according to their ability for one is not to be eased and the other burdened. If you are able to give twenty or thirty dollars or more, do so, if you are only able to give a dime give that. I will not only pledge that amount for this year but year by year as long as God gives me breath to do so. Who will respond? This money to be paid to the Treasurer of the Board for the purpose named as soon as a man is secured to do the work. Let us hear from you, brethren, through THE CHRISTIAN.

May the good Lord bless us in this matter and he will if we bring all our tithes into the storehouse.

J. A. GATES.

Woodville, Nov. 25th., 1889.

Correspondence.

The following letter is a copy of one sent to Bro. John S. Smith by the president of THE CORRESPONDENCE BIBLE COLLEGE of which the lamented Hammond J. Smith was a student.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., }  
October 17th, 1889. }

DEAR BRO. SMITH,—

Your letter indeed brings sad intelligence to us. I do not think that we realized how sick Bro. Smith was. This, of course, was owing to the great distance between us. God's ways are unscrutable. It was best for him to die. God knows why. We will not know until the dawn of the eternal morning. We mourn not for him but for ourselves. It is our loss not his. My intercourse with him was pleasant and Christian. I see nothing in our relation that either of us could wish to undo. Tell his mother that we deeply sympathize with her. I pray God that He may give light and peace. I have lost a patient, appreciative and painstaking student and friend. You cannot take his place for every one must fill his own place. His life ought to be an inspiration to you. I will be greatly pleased to see you enter the ministry.

Faithfully your brother,  
ASHLEY S. JOHNSTON.

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

My last closed with an account of my arrival at River John, Pictou Co. I found the church here struggling against heavy odds, a small membership and that scattered over a large district of country. In the past they have had trouble and discouragement enough to have crushed them out of existence; and the only wonder is that the church still exists and meets regularly to break bread. Then sectarianism is strong, and consequently the little band of disciples are looked down upon by their large and influential neighbors. This is the dark side of the picture, there is a bright side, they have a snug little meeting-house in the village and the brethren who remain are faithful. When I say "brethren" I mean the sisters as well and they are determined to stand by the work. On my first arrival among them they seemed somewhat discouraged but they were quite cheered up by the result of our meeting. The first few days I had very small audiences, but they kept growing and the last Lord's day we had a full house.

I preached a discourse on "Union" and at the close invited any one present to comment upon what had been said. Some Baptist brethren who were present spoke on the subject. While agreeing that the basis of union as presented in the discourse was scriptural and that it would be very desirable to see such a union consummated; they thought it would be necessary to have a few articles on church government written out. There are about as many Baptists as there are Disciples and it would be grand for the cause of Christ in River John, if they would all unite on the Bible alone, to speak when it speaks and be silent when it is silent. I think our meeting that afternoon will prove a step in the right direction. The immediate result of our meeting was four additions, three by confession and baptism.

I have been very favorably impressed with the prospect in River John for future work. I think if a man can be got to stay there who is not afraid to work and who will proclaim the whole Gospel without being afraid to offend his audience and hold up "our plea" for a return to primitive Christianity that a strong church might be built up to the honor and glory of God. I hope to again visit River John under more favorable circumstances and continue the work already begun. The brethren there manifested their appreciation of my efforts in a very substantial manner.

After leaving River John I spent one Lord's day with the brethren at Shubonacadie; the church here is doing well and an effort is being made to organize a young peoples' meeting; many of our churches have little or no talent to carry on a social meeting and the main reason is, that they have not in days gone by educated the young members in this way. What we want is to have old and young interested in this great work; have our hearts filled with an holy enthusiasm for the Master's "work." A wise man has said "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." This will hold good in church work. I also spent one Lord's day in Newport. One was received into the fellowship of this congregation by letter. I shall spend a few days among the brethren here ere I return home. I would like to hear from South Range. Brethren, how is that new meeting-house coming on?

Let us all work and watch and pray till Jesus comes.  
W. H. HARDING.

Longard Road, Halifax.

News of the Churches.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

One addition by confession and obedience since last report.

Our Women's Missionary Aid Society held their regular monthly meeting yesterday. A large attendance was present. We understood it was resolved to aid a special effort among our churches in the provinces.

Now windows are being placed in our meeting-house, which will make our audience room much more comfortable and pleasant.

Elder Steele, from the Southville church, worshipped with us last Lord's day.

Our Sunday-school continues in the good work of taking up a quarterly collection for missions.

The Young Peoples' Mission Band was glad to welcome back one of its most faithful members in the person of Sister Lorenze Miles, of Milton, N. S.

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