

in us. We must have His mind (1 Peter iv. 1), and His spirit (Rom. viii. 9).

The end in view in the cultivation of the vine is fruit. Now Jesus declares that in bearing much fruit we glorify God and also be His disciples. Bearing fruit is leading souls to heaven—to God. This is the fruit that Jesus bore. "Behold, here am I and the children which Thou hast given me." And the Psalmist says, "He that goes forth and woopeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Christ's success as a man arose from His continuing in His Father's love. And right here the dear and loving Jesus shows us how we may abide in His love in Him and surely bear fruit as He bore fruit. "If ye keep My commandments ye shall abide in My love, even as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love." Here is the secret of happiness. This gives fullness of joy. Jesus was always happy. He followed this.

It may not always appear to us to be the most happying. It may even seem humiliating. It was to Jesus. We read "He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross; wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him." He that humbleth himself shall be exalted. Those who are exalted by God are happy.

Let us then, dear reader, see that we are united to Christ, that we use God's word to cleanse us. Hearing and doing it—living a life of humility, which means obedience.

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## News of the Churches.

### NEW BRUNSWICK.

#### SAINT JOHN.

The work here is indeed encouraging. Although we have no additions this month to report, we start the New Year with a good active working church, all at peace with one another, and with a stronger desire than ever to serve the "one Lord."

Our New Year's Day meeting was held on the 2nd this year. Although the weather was very stormy a goodly number came together, and we had a joyful time, praising and thanking our heavenly Father for the many tokens of His love during the old year, and praying for strength and guidance for the new.

Bro. Devoe preached once for us last Lord's Day. His efforts were much appreciated by all. He has left us for Tiverton where he intends laboring with the church for a while.

Bro. Howard Murray visited our Young Peoples' meeting on his return from the Lord's Cove meeting. He and Bro. Devoe speak very highly of the Brethren at Lord's Cove.

At our S. S. Teachers' meeting last Lord's Day, it was decided to give a special collection once a quarter to mission work. We hope all our schools will do likewise.

#### LORD'S COVE.

Our last letter from here recorded the events of the opening of the new church-house. The prospects for a good meeting were so encouraging we concluded to continue the work. Our last meeting was on Sunday evening, Dec. 18th. We remained three weeks longer than we expected. The interest was so great we could not leave it. We intended when we left home, to visit the church in Portland, Maine; but to leave such an open door of success, after so much had been done to open the door, was more than our heart could possibly do. We feel assured the brethren in Portland will make due allowance for our failure to visit them. During our meeting at the Cove, we had Bro. Devoe with us all the time, who rendered valuable service, both

in the meetings and from house to house. Bro. William Murray of Leonardville, was with us part of the time. He preached several times, and gave us some warm-hearted exhortations, which greatly added to the interest of the meeting. We had also a number from the Leonardville church, who contributed to the interest of the meetings by their presence and exhortations. This, with the work of the church and the help of the Lord, gave us one of the most successful meetings of our life. We have held meetings that resulted in a greater number of additions, but none when the numbers added would give so great an influence to the church. There were twenty-two baptisms, and seven others who took their place in the church; some from other churches, and some reclaimed; thus making twenty-nine accessions in all. Twenty-six of these were heads of families, and among the intelligent and most influential people of the place. We expect the work will go on to greater victories. Others are almost decided to make the important change from the service of sin to the service of God. We are most earnestly praying for this. It was very sad to part with some for whom we had prayed and labored—feeling that there was a possibility they might decide against God. The church expects to secure Bro. William Murray's labors for part of the time. We hope to hear that he has decided to take on the work of Lord's Cove while he is on the Island. If so, we may expect the continuance of the good work there. The church is full of joy and hope now, and well they may be. They have an element of strength now, that is promising of a successful future. The brethren who have borne the heat and burden of the past against much to discourage, are now renewing their strength and receiving new marching orders, with a stronger determination to carry on the work of the Lord. They are receiving a reward for their holdoutness. With their new house and their intellectual and financial strength, they are capable of raising the moral and religious standard of the place that will reflect great honor to the church of Christ. We have a "thousand thanks" to render to the many friends of that Island. Our work among them was made pleasant and delightful by the unstinted kindness of the many friends. While we are unable to repay them for their kindness and substantial aid, even beyond our expectation, still we can assure them we will never forget it. It is impossible to express the gratitude of our hearts for true friends, so we must leave it for heaven to reward. Trusting that in a few short years we shall meet where we shall know and feel the true condition of each other's heart.

H. M.

#### DEER ISLAND.

Since my last writing I have visited this lovely isle of the sea known as Deer Island. On our way there, in company with Bro. Geo. F. Barnes, we visited Lubec, Me., where Bro. H. Minnick preaches, who so ably assisted at our Annual last September. We spent a delightful evening, in company with Bro. Minnick, at the home of Bro. and Sister McFadden, and were graciously entertained for the night and sent on our way rejoicing in the morning by Sister Pevey and daughter, feeling that the storm which prevented our crossing to Deer Island on the same day we left St. John, had proved a blessing in disguise by causing us to make these very agreeable acquaintances among our brethren across the border.

Arriving at Eastport, we soon found Bro. A. C. Lambert, of Deer Island, waiting to convey us across the water with his yacht to his home, where on our arrival we found Sister Lambert waiting to make us a hearty welcome.

On the following day the splendid new meeting-house was opened for worship at Lord's Cove, of which Bro. H. Murray has written. Then for over five weeks we lived and worked for the cause of

the Master, assisting Bro. Murray, who is a successful winner of souls for Christ, and in our feeble way tried to do what we could to help advance the cause of our beloved Master among the noble inhabitants of this picturesque spot, who must first be visited in order to be fully appreciated. The natural scenery from some of the elevated points on the island, from which one can look out over a broad expanse of waters, studded and dotted with numerous islands, is of more than ordinary loveliness.

While here, we made one hundred and twenty visits among these truly courteous people, and at last parted from those whom a few short weeks before we had never seen, feeling our heart heavy within us at the separation, yet praying that we would all meet once more, if not on earth, yet in that upper and better kingdom where there will be no parting.

This is the home of our aged preaching brother Wm. Hughes, who is now almost eighty-five years old. We visited him several times and enjoyed his explanations of the scriptures very much. He has been a deep, intelligent, and earnest student of God's word for the term of a long lifetime, and as we listened to his clear explanations of some of the most obscure passages of the Bible, it seemed to our soul like water drawn from a deep well to the lips of a thirsty traveller. By the death of his aged wife, which occurred on the 10th inst., Bro. Hughes was left entirely alone. Bro. Wm. Murray, of Leonardville, conducted the services at the funeral, and spoke in the most feeling terms to the assembled friends, and to our aged and beloved brother, who followed her remains to the grave, leaning on the arm of Elder Jas. Ward, of the Lord's Cove Christian church. Looking into the grave, as they were about to fill it with earth, he exclaimed, "rest there, loved one, till God shall call you forth," and then started for his lonely home, as the tears started to our eyes, realizing that we all must some day thus part, or be parted from our loved ones. Then how we should rejoice in the hope of that final meeting, where parting shall be no more.

H. A. DEVOE.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

#### HALIFAX.

We are more than thankful to the good brethren who have so nobly responded to our call for help to build a church-house in Halifax, and hope all will respond that have been asked to contribute to this cause of Christ, for this is a noble work and is dear to the hearts of all who love His appearing. We have it in our power to lift up our fellow man to a higher, nobler, holier Christian life, and by so doing we lift ourselves to a higher standard of Christianity and feel closer drawn to Him who so loved us, even laying down His own life for us, and not for us only, but for all them that will accept Him, that through obedience we might have eternal life with Him in the world to come. We should have nothing of self, but all for Christ. Our very life has been purchased by Him. We are not our own. We are His—and all we possess are His. We are His servants, and we should make good use of His goods that have been intrusted to our care. For we all will have to give an account of our stewardship to Him at the last day. It will be well if we have done right. It will be the reverse if we have done wrong.

Brethren, let us be Christians in thought, in word, and in deeds of kindness. Hear the words of the Apostle John: But whose hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? And in reference to certain rich men James says: Go to, now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come