

Bro. Murray, do you not see wherein lies the strength of the one-man power? That it lies in what you are pleased to call majority rule?

I am sorry to say I am ignorant of the facts about the churches in Texas; but this I do know, that during the time of the *American Christian Review*, the history of many churches was written; that young, inexperienced men went into the churches as pastors or preachers, they made themselves popular, the elders were stigmatized as "old fogies," the majorities ruled, innovations were introduced, and the churches were broken up. That is the way the one-man power acts, and it is a matter of history in the churches that the innovations are not introduced by the elders, chosen for their qualifications, but by the one-man pastor, generally, who has become popular and led the majority. Now, don't think I am saying anything against pastors, for I would not.

Bro. Murray, if you really wish to show me my error, reread that article carefully, and then show me from the scriptures where I am wrong. Your reply shows unmistakable evidence that you read my letter in too much of a hurry. Remember, too, that a mere assertion is not a proof, for it may be correct or fallacious, and don't forget, "in all alike sweet charity."

By a typographical error the wrong initial was put to my name. I don't wish to sail under false colors.

H. S. FREEMAN.

A FEW WORDS TO THE SAVED AND TO THE UNSAVED.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ, or read the New Testament and then learn it for yourself. What is the Gospel? you ask. Answer; Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. After His resurrection He was with His disciples a few days, and then ascended to heaven, and there lives as an advocate for all God's children. We learn also that Christ will come again the second time without a sin offering unto salvation.

Now, if you have not already accepted Christ, believe this Gospel with all your heart, repent of your sins, confess Christ before the world, obey Christ's command: Be baptized (immersed), then you are pardoned, a child of God; have put on Christ, are in the church of Christ. Your duty, then, is to observe all things He has commanded, and you will be happy in this life and in the end will receive the gift of God—eternal life. All can obtain this gift, rich or poor, high or low, on these simple terms which are plainly given to us in the New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Search the Scriptures, for they testify of Jesus. That you may choose right now and be wise is the earnest desire and prayer of

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TO YOUNG DISCIPLES.

The life you live on earth is short. The pleasures of the world are of short duration and are not satisfactory. The company you keep in this life is sinful like yourselves, but often more deceiving, wise and artful, and lead you back further into sin.

The next life is eternal. The pleasures of that life are everlasting, and are pure and holy. The companions of that life are God our Father, Jesus our elder brother, and the holy angels. There is no sickness, no sin, no sorrow nor pain there. Which will you choose? What do you intend to do? Enjoy the sinful pleasures and company of this short life and be unhappy forever? Or will you spend this short life in the happy service of God your heavenly Father regardless of what the world may say or do, and when this life of toil, of

sorrow and pain and persecution is over live in joy and pleasure forever? You cannot serve both; you cannot serve God and mammon. The wages of sin are death. Do you want these wages? The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Do you want this gift? Live for worldly pleasures and you get the wages. Live for Christ our dear Saviour and you will surely in the end get the gift—eternal life—glorious, precious gift. Make your choice now and choose the right and the good and be happy forever.

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THE HARVEST.

(Paper read Nov. 9th before the Young People's Meeting at Port Williams by Miss Susie B. Ford.)

In all our undertakings we have some end we wish to gain; something that will benefit ourselves or others. For those things we will labor, keeping the end in view. Just so, when we enlist in God's army, and take upon us the duties, responsibilities, trials and pleasures that belong to the Christian life, we have before us the grand fruition which comes to His loving children.

Here we will not undertake anything that does not promise some reward that will better our position, at least in some small way. How strange, then, how unprofitable, to fill our lives with thoughts, words and deeds which will not reap a harvest to life eternal. To those who do not heed the call to labor for God the time will come when they will say, with the prophet, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved;" and Matthew xii:31 says, "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God."

There is one of two harvests that we may reap. These harvests are given in Galatians vi:7-8: "Whoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Thus being Christians in name only will not give us the reward we hope for, for the apostle goes on to say, "Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

One of the most important questions that we all have to settle for ourselves is, What is the result of our lives? It is not a thing we can put upon others, but it is an individual matter. We sow our own seeds, we reap our own harvests. The careless, thoughtless one is laying up stores of sorrow. But the earnest, praying Christian has the promise, "Him that overcometh, will I grant to sit with Me on My throne." There is no place for half-hearted reapers in God's harvest. When we think of the harvest around us, of the many, many souls who are without Christ, in our own land, and of the millions who know not the love of our Saviour in the foreign lands, how can we be half-hearted!! "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Can we, as professed followers of Jesus, hold back in this great work of bringing souls into the vineyard of our Master? Do we say, "I am weak, and can do nothing?" We can do something. We each have an influence over some one. Our words, our actions are showing every day whether we are for or against Him. If against, the harvest we reap will be gathered in tears and sorrow. Who of us does not remember the many vain regrets we have had over careless words or actions? Think of the endless regret when it is too late. If on the other hand we are for Christ, that one thought is more than we will ever understand fully here. If we are for Christ we are Christ's. We are gathering for Him and in His name; and from Him we gain the welcome words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

We do not fully realize the importance of our life here, or we would be more consecrated to the work of our Master. Do we each one ask ourselves the question, "What shall the harvest be?" Let us think carefully and prayerfully over it. Let us look around us for work in the Master's vineyard. There is work for all. We need not fear we shall not find it, for it lies on every hand. The great need of the day is earnest Christian workers who are willing to serve Christ in which ever way He requires them. He wants us who are here to be laborers for Him.

We are nearly all of us on the threshold of life. The harvest is before us. It is for us to decide our part in the gathering of it, and the reward we will gain by and bye. Shall we be contented to drift with the tide, our names on the church book, but letting our Christian life end there, or shall we be earnest consecrated Christians, whose one desire is to be known as Christ's, who are willing to speak for Him, to lead others to Him? Are we going to gain the rich harvest which Christ gives to His children? Oh, let us remember that our life, so full of grand and noble opportunities for Christ, is rapidly slipping away from us, and it is high time to advance and decide on the work before us. Thus our harvest shall depend, under God, upon our sowing and cultivating, and this can only be done during our life.

If we are to have a harvest of souls won for Christ now is the time that work must be done to this end. If the harvest be a character moulded from Christ's perfect model now is the time it must be formed; and last of all, if glory, honor, and immortality be the harvest that we would reap, now in this short life is the time to bend all our energies of soul and mind towards this grand end.

"Oh, traveller, through this busy world,
One moment stop and ponder;
Was thy great mission here below
For naught but gain and squander?
See how the wasted moments fly!
The harvest time is passing by,
The summer days are ending."

News of the Churches.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN.

Services on Lord's day at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 2.30 o'clock. Short prayer and social meeting after the evening service. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor Tuesday evening 8 o'clock. Woman Missionary Society meets the last Thursday of each month in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mission Band meets the last Friday evening in each month at 8 o'clock, and the Little Workers every Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The numerous friends and relatives of Bro. and Sister Jas. J. Christie assembled at their residence, corner of King and Pitt streets, on Monday evening, November 17th, to extend their hearty congratulations to them on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Many beautiful gifts were presented, and all spent a most enjoyable evening. Bro. Christie, who has recently recovered from a stroke of paralysis, was able to receive his guests, and move about them during the evening. In reply to the congratulations showered upon them, Bro. Christie in a brief speech answered the question "Is marriage a failure?" by declaring emphatically that his half century of experience proved the very opposite. He paid a high tribute to the virtues of the gentler sex and to Christianity, which had exalted women to her proper sphere in the world. On behalf of Sister Christie and himself he feelingly thanked the friends assembled for their presence and congratulations.