

ling. Then doubts enter our minds and the penitent praying man says, I have been deceived with a false peace and groundless hope; my tears and sighs have been in vain. Alas! I am still under the thralldom of guilt. This is a shadow which falls upon the Christian in spiritual conflict—its density varies oftentimes. It is dispersed by the light and warmth of redeeming love. Still, if we are not watchful, it may return and weigh upon us to the last. But the day of complete and final victory will come and the Christian will find himself more than conqueror through Him who loved him. The shadow of doubt will flee away when the Captain brings forth the crown with—Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord.

When a man finds that half of his life is spent and the most of his energies gone, and seeing he has failed to secure the objects upon which his thoughts and hopes were bent, the disappointment falls upon him like a dark shadow. When friend after friend has been laid away in the grave; when suffering and weakness invade the body and lay him aside in the chamber; when age has whitened his head and dimmed his eye—it is then that man has intimation that the shadows of life's evening are falling upon him. But this night, even the night of death, shall have a morning—the day of resurrection will break upon this world. In sealing up the volume the Saviour says, "I am the bright and morning star." He will suddenly shine upon us from heaven and usher in a new period of eternal happiness; then all those who have fallen asleep in Jesus will be re-animated and come forth and see that every shadow which darkened their course has fled away.

W. R. McEWEN.

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### A QUESTION.

The question is asked, What are our brethren in these provinces doing for missions? The question is easily answered, Nothing. Brethren, are we to stop giving as the Lord has prospered us, and let the Christian religion die a natural death? or will we make a sacrifice for once and say, We, as members of Christ's body, will not see the cause die out in the provinces but will come together as one man and give, say at the least, one dollar each to build up the cause. I am sure that is not much to ask. The poorest can give that much and not miss it. He that soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly. God loveth the cheerful giver.

The great fault is, to my mind, that the preaching brethren have sadly neglected their duty in not preaching that it is the duty of all members of Christ to give. The New Testament is not silent on this important matter, but abounds with it. And those who withhold from giving their means as the Lord has prospered them will be held responsible for the same.

But there are many who would say, The preachers are all the time preaching money. I would like to know how any business can be carried on successfully without it. If you all felt the same as I do about it, you would give without being asked. It would do a sight of good for some of our brethren to travel the world a little and see how ungodliness prevails; and I would venture to say that there would be a reformation of things in these provinces as never was before. My prayer and heart's desire to God is that our brethren would wake up to their bounden duty and make an earnest effort to keep our preaching brethren at home!! But as sure as you live they are not going to stay long, and I don't blame them one bit. You will find that some of our most beloved brethren will cross the line where they can do better service and be treated with kindness. I am sure we are not, in any respect, doing our duty towards them. Just look at other bodies of so-called Christians, and see the amount of work they are doing. How do they

do it? Simply because the members hold up their hands and furnish them with the capital they require. They have the spirit of giving and we have not, that is one difference between us and them. And again, the man that has not that spirit has but little Christianity; for giving is part of our religion. I hope and trust that each member will take the subject of giving to heart as well as all other subjects, and remember that those who give one dollar will receive double, and in the end everlasting life.

W. J. MESSERVEY.

Halifax, N. S., May 23, 1887.

### News of the Churches.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN.

Four persons confessed Christ last Lord's day evening, and were baptized at the close of our Young People's meeting last Tuesday evening.

Others are interested, and we expect to see them soon "rejoicing in the Lord."

Our Sunday evening Prayer Meeting is a grand success; much good is being done, and it is the best attended prayer meeting we have.

Our Sunday School is in good working order. A new library has been purchased for the school.

Two of our young men have decided to prepare themselves for the ministry.

Bro. P. D. Nowlan gave us a call on his way to River John, where he goes to preach for the church.

Our missionary workers are still busy, and we are glad to say their efforts so far have been successful.

G. F. B.

BACK BAY.

Since last report, one more baptism.

P. D. N.

June 1st, '87.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

CORNWALLIS.

Dear Christian: We are now about settled in our new home, and are very pleasantly located. The brethren have given us a hearty reception, and seem much encouraged as to the prospects of the cause in this beautiful valley. It is too soon to say, such as to our work, as we are hardly settled down to work as yet. Suffice it to say that the outlook is encouraging. Our meetings are starting out with a very good attendance and growing interest. I find the cause here in a better condition than it was last fall, from the fact that the brethren are more alive to the interest of the cause, and are at work trying to build up. Bro. Carson did a good work here last winter in keeping up the interest and in strengthening the things that remained. I am very thankful for this good work, as we are in a much better position for work than we otherwise would have been. Both Bro. and Sister Carson have made many friends among all classes here, who will be glad to see them at any time.

I am greatly assisted and encouraged in my work by Bro. Dwyer. This brother, too, has assisted the work all along, and preached for the brethren by times during Bro. Carson's absence. Bro. Dwyer's heart is in this work, and will do what he can to make our efforts here a success.

We have started a Bible class and Sunday-school, which we think will be the means of doing good. Our Wednesday evening prayer-meetings are quite interesting, and, for this season of the year, very well attended. Taking everything into consideration, we are hopeful for the future of our work in these parts. We have been so busy since coming here, getting settled, that we have not been able to

see many of the brethren. But now that we are at home, and having provided ourselves with a team, we hope to see the brethren at their homes as well as at our meetings, and talk to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

We have had calls from a few of our preaching brethren. Bro. Murray cheered us with his presence for a day. We are always glad to see him.

We have also enjoyed very much frequent visits from our young Bro. T. S. K. Freeman. This excellent young brother graduates next week at the Acadia College and will enter at once on the work of the ministry. He will, I think, go first to P. E. Island, and labor for a few months with Bro. Crawford. We were very anxious to have him begin his work with us; but having made previous arrangements with Bro. Crawford, he decided to go to the Island. For Bro. Freeman, we have no doubt but this is best; but we have such confidence in our young brother, and feel so much encouraged that this worthy young man is going into the work of the Lord, that we were selfish enough to even urge him to remain in Nova Scotia for the summer. I would say just here to the brethren, that Bro. Freeman is worthy of their Christian confidence, and I am rejoiced that he is consecrating his life and education to the work of saving souls.

I am also pleased to hear of other young men who are going at once into this grand work of preaching the gospel. May the God of all grace help these dear brethren, and may they have the spirit of wisdom, and may their lives be made very useful in the work of the Lord. I have long prayed for the Lord to raise up young men to enter the vineyard, and now that we see these young brethren volunteering their lives to this work we thank God and take courage.

E. C. FORD.

Port Williams, Kings Co.,  
May 26th, 1887.

#### P. E. ISLAND NOTES.

In Lot 48 the meetings have been well attended of late. The prayer-meetings on Lord's day evenings are said to be very interesting and instructive, in each of which some profitable Bible subject is especially brought before the meeting, as well as prayer, exhortation and praise. At one of these recently a young person confessed the Lord Jesus and was soon after baptized.

The church in Charlottetown has been cheered of late by the accession of four persons, who hearing, believed and were baptized. These came forward at the meetings conducted by the elders.

The New Glasgow church has had an addition of six members within a few weeks, one restored and five immersed. Among the latter, four promising young men. The urgent call for preaching in different parts of the Island seems to be still growing more intense, and we are hoping and praying for more laborers.

The yearly meeting begins on the second Saturday of July (D. V.) at New Glasgow, where the brethren will be glad to meet friends from different parts of the Island, as well as those from abroad. Come brethren, for we expect through the favor of God a good meeting. Such advantages as can be obtained by boat and rail, we hope to announce in the July "CHRISTIAN."

D. C.

### Married.

MORRISON-LORD.—By D. Crawford on the 26th May, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Robert P. Morrison, to Janie Alexandria, only daughter of John Lord, Esq., all of Tryon, P. E. I.

LEONARD-DRURY.—On the 11th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, 21 Paddock street, by the Rev. Jas. Bennett, D. D., assisted by the Rev. T. H. Capp, C. H. Leonard, to Georgina, eldest daughter of John Drury, all of this city.—*St. John Sun, May 12th.*