

## NEWFOUNDLAND

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With this number we begin a new volume. Profoundly thankful to our friends who have helped us in the past, we earnestly solicit the continuance of their valuable aid. Our sole aim is to benefit our fellow man. That a pure literature will do so admits of no dispute. The pages of this magazine will contain only such. Though a denominational organ, we have been studious to avoid all sectarianism, and will. To win souls to Christ, and advance in any measure the glory of God, is infinitely more important than to add numbers or influence to our party or creed. We are glad to know that among our readers and supporters we have some of the best men in all the churches. We claim no merit for this, as we are sure that in what they are doing they, too, do it as unto the Lord, and not to men.

We sincerely hope and pray that the results of our feeble efforts may be more manifest during the present year than they have been during any one of the four that are past. Our readers can help us much by recommending their friends to become subscribers, or by sending a few copies to those who may not be able to afford to pay for them, and especially by invoking the Divine blessing upon our humble efforts.

We have promise of help from some able pens during the year, and we will do our utmost to merit continued and increased support.

### THE EVANGELISTS AND THEIR WORK.

Our esteemed brethren Hutchinson and Bromley have spent four weeks in Harbourgrace. Their work has been much blest. Great numbers have nightly crowded the British Hall, where their meetings have been conducted, and many have professed to turn from a life of sin and unbelief to a life of faith and holiness. The Christian men of the various Churches have given them all the assistance in their power. The Rev. Mr. Ross (Presbyterian) and the Rev. Mr. Dove (Methodist) have laboured very cordially and earnestly.

We hope in our next to give further details of their work.

### RESULTS IN ST. JOHN'S.

The noon prayer-meeting in the Temperance Hall has been continued since the evangelists left. Though not quite so many in attendance, the spirit of the

meeting has been excellent, and from fifty to a hundred have been drawn together daily at this busy hour to supplicate the Throne of grace. Several union Gospel services have been held with encouraging results. The young men's nine o'clock meeting has been well sustained every evening, and much good has been done among the young men of the city. The young women have a weekly meeting, which is said to be well attended. There is a spirit of prayer in our churches, and a goodly number are coming forward to unite in Christian fellowship with the Lord's people. We have much reason to be thankful for spiritual blessings in connection with the late evangelistic services.

### OBITUARY.

We have to record the decease of an aged member of our church—Mrs. Moses Nicholas, native of Porte de Grave. At the age of sixteen she was converted. Six years ago, when she came to reside in this city, she joined the Congregational Church.

She has been about five years the subject of severe affliction, during which time she experienced the supporting grace of God in a very remarkable degree. She could, and did, cheerfully say, "Thy will be done." Nothing but the comforts of true religion could enable her to endure the long-continued pain without repining.

As she realised the approach of death she expressed her implicit trust in the Lord Jesus, and said she had not one doubt respecting her eternal salvation. She often repeated as her experience, the words of the Christian poet—

"Jesus can make the dying bed,  
Feel soft as downy pillows are;  
While on his breast I lean my head,  
And breathe my life out sweetly there."

She longed intensely for that hour of release, and often asked how long might it be—how many hours did we think before the end. The end came at last, and the patient sufferer, the long and sorely-tried pilgrim sank to rest—slept the sleep from which none ever wakes to weep, on Nov. 26, 1877, in the fifty-eighth year of her age.

### THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance in Newfoundland has had an able lecturer at work for