

exchanges were as follows: E. M. Dill (Pres) for the Baptists; W. H. Robinson (Bap.) for the Presbyterians; R. W. Weddall (Meth.) for the Christians; and H. E. Cooke for the Methodists.

We have been holding a few special meetings and so far there have been two additions. If the weather permits we will continue a while longer.

Our Sunday school is doing a good work. It is steadily increasing. The lessons for the quarter are very interesting.

The International Sunday school lessons are creating quite an agitation in regard to baptism. We are informed that E. M. Dill will deliver a sermon from the Presbyterian pulpit on next Lord's day in support of infant sprinkling. The candid study of the truth will wake people up

H. E. C.

#### CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

The writer is now back at his post much improved physically, mentally and spiritually. May God bless the friends of Montague for all their kindnesses to me, and especially Bro. and Sister John A. Stewart whose assiduous attention did much to build me up.

Bro. Rufus Stevenson is highly favoured with having such a harmoniously working church. I had arranged to help him in a meeting but am unable to do so at present.

The interest in the meetings here still keeps up. "Power from on high" is being granted as a result of the earnest prayers and abundant labours of faithful brethren and sisters. Last Sunday three girls made the good confession.

GEO. MANIFOLD.

#### MONTAGUE, P. E. I.

We have been in Montague three months and have had some changes during that time. We went to house-keeping in rented rooms until the parsonage was ready. Everything being completed we moved the day after Christmas, and are now quite comfortably settled in our new home. We have had diphtheria in the family since we came, and thought for a few days that we would lose little Ruth, but she recovered from the disease and we are very thankful to our Father in Heaven.

On account of the inclement weather and the very bad travelling, the attendance at church services has not been as good as is usually the case.

The week of prayer was observed, all the Protestant churches uniting. A collection was taken up for the P. E. Island hospital in Charlottetown.

We have begun holding gospel services, the meeting is only two days old, the terrific snowstorm we had on Tuesday prevented our having meeting that evening. We hope to have Bro. Manifold down to help us next week. Our prayers are that great grace may be upon the church and that many be turned to the Lord.

We have been planning for quarterly meetings in the churches on the Island and hope to have a number of rallies, that there may be an awakening of all the spiritual forces in the churches and that much work be done for Christ on the Island.

The ladies of the church held a supper and bazaar on Christmas eve and cleared \$170, which they gave towards the parsonage.

R. W. S.

#### COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

It will not be possible for the committee to report much practical work until they obtain more funds. It has been thought advisable to begin our work by starting a brother or two in the field with a small supply of our publications. But whether we send them out with such a supply or merely with sample copies, more money will be required; for we will necessarily have to purchase the first few instalments before we can receive any return. The few that have given have done well, but more might contribute. If some of the brethren and sisters feel that they are only able to give a small amount, they might unite in remitting through the pastors of

their churches, who are *ex-officio* members of the committee. In this way quite a sum might be raised.

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How deep a curse, how wild a woe,  
Is lurking in that ruby wine.

Look on my cheek—'tis withered now;  
It once was round and smooth as thine;  
Look on my deeply furrowed brow—  
'Tis all the work of treacherous wine.

I had two sons, two princely boys,  
As noble men as God e're gave;  
I saw them fall from honour's joys  
To fill a common drunkard's grave.

I had a daughter, young and fair,  
As pure as ever woman bore—  
Where is she? Did you ask me where?  
Bend low, I'll tell the tale once more.

I saw that fairy child of mine  
Linked to a kingly bridegroom's side;  
Her heart was proud and light as thine—  
Oh, would to God she then had died!

Not many moons had filled their horn,  
While she upon his bosom slept;  
'Twas on a dark November morn,  
She o'er a murdered husband wept.

Her drunken father dealt the blow—  
Her brain grew wild, her heart grew weak;  
Was ever tale of deeper woe  
A mother's lips had lived to speak?

She dwelt in yonder darkened halls;  
No ray of reason there doth shine;  
She on her murdered husband calls—  
'Twas done by wine, by cursed wine!  
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