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This is the first number of Volume X. Now is the time for our subscribers to renew their subscriptions for next year. Send along your subscriptions at once before you forget it.

We rejoice to see such good news from our home field. The outlook is grand for a forward movement this year. Let us have a report of your work every month.

BRO. GATES' work in Hants County is showing up well. He is the right man in the right place.

A WISE CHOICE. Bro. Hardin has been appointed Chief Secretary of the General Christian Missionary Board. A letter from him gives us the assurance that our field will not be neglected.

BRO. FORD will be at Lord's Cove the first week in November.

DIGBY COUNTY is making a good showing. They now have five good meeting houses well equipped for the Lord's work.

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Our brethren will be glad to see the report from the work in Boston. Sister Till will report regularly from that field.

POLITICS are important and elections are necessary, but in some places they make sad inroads upon Christian feeling and brotherly love. During such occasions even church members sometimes forget their holy profession and fail to walk as children of the light. It speaks well for a church in which different political views are represented, when it can pass through an election without the shadow of unchristian conduct. There are such churches and they are the glory of Christ, and the members believe that the salvation of souls is even more important than the salvation of the country.

THE New Brunswick Sunday-school Association met in St. John, October 18-20. The attendance was not so great as was expected, N. B. S. S. and there was no great display of earnestness. Dr. Gilbert, of Indianapolis, was present and gave lectures on teaching, and much of what he said was good; but some was worse than bad. It should be

a teacher's first duty to understand the books he intends teaching and the purpose for which they were written; but as regards the New Testament, he was evidently astray. He regarded this portion of the Bible as the work of men representing four different sects, or distinct schools of thought; and then he went aside to defend sectarianism and say it was God's work. And this, notwithstanding Jesus prayed that all His followers should be one.

PERHAPS the writer of the report of the annual meeting in the last CHRISTIAN should apologize on account of its length, but he left out so many good things that he feels more like asking the reader's pardon for making it so short. The half was not told. If he had been trying to report some meetings where there was no crowd, and no interest, and nothing done and nothing planned, he could have done it fully in a paragraph of ten lines and then wasted half the space.

ONE of the best evidences of the success of the annual meeting is to be seen in the work the churches are carrying on with renewed vigor. The St. John church has been stirred and God is using it more than ever to spread the knowledge of His will and carry on the Saviour's work. Since the meeting the attendance has increased at all the meetings, new scholars are coming into the Sunday-school and there is a movement all along the line. So far God has won to Jesus by the power of His gospel fifteen precious souls—and this since the meeting. The church believes He will use them for even greater things yet.

Now is the time for churches to push the work. "Attempt great things for God and expect great things from God" is just as applicable to the work at home as it is abroad. And now that the long winter nights are coming on, and with them a season of comparative inactivity in many places, the members of our churches should be planning some good work that will build up their own spiritual natures and do good to those around them. Spend your spare time for God. Make a special point of trying to attend all church meetings and be sure to bring some one with you. When you get there do your best to contribute to the interest, and especially of the prayer-meetings.

It is hard to study when the mind is full of cares. Some people are so busy that they can only get a glance at the Bible once in a while. The writer will give them a good chance to make up for lost opportunities. Let them make the Bible their great text-book and try and fill themselves with its wisdom. The Bible Study Publishing Co., 13½ Bromfield St., Boston, Mass., publishes a two years' course of Bible studies. The first year takes up the "Life of Christ," the second the "Apostolic Church." Those who are pursuing the study of it find it full of help and very fascinating. Why should not the young people of our churches do this systematic work? You can do your studying at home, and on one evening of the week you could come together and compare notes and solve puzzling questions. Such meetings would do more good than all the ordinary parties of a lifetime.

Miss RIOCH, our missionary to Japan, has probably reached that far off land before you read these words. On her way she and the other missionaries who go with her attended a farewell meeting in Cincinnati. There she told the reasons that led to her giving herself to the work—as she relates them in this issue of THE CHRISTIAN. They also went to Lexington where she spoke to the students in the College of the Bible and also in the Main St. Church—the same church in which the great Campbell and Rice debate took place almost fifty years ago. Campbell then contended for the faith once for all delivered to the saints, and he was successful. She now goes forth to make known the glorious news of salvation through the faith of the gospel.

USUALLY it is harder to get money than it is men, but not always. Our Home Mission Board, by the favor of God, are getting money to send out preachers, but they cannot get the men to take up the work. So they have to depend upon the preachers already in the provinces and ask them to leave their home congregations and take the field. Often this is a great disadvantage to the church with which they labor for most of the year, but churches have to be unselfish and seek the general good. And we may be sure that the right man will yet be sent to us. The longer God keeps back the blessing, the greater it usually is when it comes. He may be merely trying our fidelity and giving us a chance to show that we are anxious to see the work prosper. So let us contribute liberally to this work, remembering that they that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

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