

that we shall have a clearer atmosphere and brighter sunshine. There is a great amount of dead formality among Christians, there is a certain routine through which they must go, and that constitutes about all of religion for them. Stereotyped habit takes the place of warm-hearted devotion. Hearts are filled with pride and vanity, instead of love and humility. As no two substances can occupy the same identical spot at the same time, neither can we have our hearts filled with the world and still have Christ in them. We must push out the world and make room for Christ. The less we have to do with the world, the more room for Christ; and the more room we take up with the world, the less we have for Christ. If we do not overcome sin, sin will overcome us. Paul tells us: "to not be overcome with evil, but to overcome evil with good." The late Bro. A. Campbell, in his introduction to his work on "Baptism" says: Christianity has its theory and its practice, its theory is the sacred writings of the apostles and evangelists of Jesus Christ; its practice, the life of the Christian." These are remarkable words from a remarkable man.

How many professing Christians eulogize the Bible and call it a wonderful book, and talk about its effect on the world, but at the same time their lives are not in accordance with its teachings. Now the Bible is worthy of all the economies that may be heaped on it, but I do think the consistent life of a true Christian man or woman is the best recommendation it can have. Christ says: "ye are the light of the world." We once were children of darkness. Where did we get our light? From Christ, "the light of the world;" we get everything from Christ. *The only thing we get out of the Bible is information*, it informs us how to be saved; Christ saves us and so on to the end. I believe too many Christians are serving a dead Christ. I believe in a LIVING, personal, real, Christ, who has all power, and who is with us always, and who will come again. Yes! A Real Christ.

W. H. HARDING

Summerside, P. E. Island.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

Our New Year's Day meeting was a grand one, a large representation of the church was present and a most enjoyable time was spent in worship.

Our Sunday-school is preparing for the anniversary.

A number of our members living at Silver Falls (about three miles from the city) have started a prayer-meeting. They meet every Friday evening. Bro. Stewart and some of the boys will be with them this week.

A collection for Foreign Missions was taken up last Lord's day evening. About \$10 09 was raised.

The Y. P. C. Endeavor Societies of the different churches in the city will meet with us next Tuesday evening.

LORD'S COVE, N. B.

Bro. F. C. Overbaugh writes that he has been dangerously ill and has been confined to the house since October last. He reports one addition by baptism to the Lord's Cove church.

WEST GORE, N. S.

Bro. Hiram Wallace has helped us much in this part of our Lord's vineyard since his return. He preached almost every evening and on Lord's days to very attentive audiences. A number were added to the saved and great good done at the several points where he labored in "building up the brethren on their most holy faith." His plain and forcible presentation of the pure word of God, his stirring exhortations and solid admonitions were well adapted to all, both saints and sinners. He

has been away from this part most of the time these last few weeks, and the brethren everywhere we go are enquiring about him, wanting to know when he will be back here again, all are so anxious to see and hear him again. We are sorry that his wife's health has not been good since their return to this country. She is now visiting her sisters in the western part of this county. We hear that she is better, and we hope she will soon recover her health and come out all right in the spring.

Our twenty-first annual donation visit took place on the 20th of December. The day was fine, but the roads were very rough and the weather cold, yet a large company came wheeling in from all directions, filling the house with as cheerful and happy a people as you may find anywhere. As usual, the table was well supplied by the good sisters from their well filled baskets. A very pleasant evening was spent. Beautiful songs were sung. Some speaking and much pleasant conversation. We were presented with \$70 00, besides other things, good and useful. To this is added other valuable presents, before and since the donation, among which was a beautiful fur-lined cloak for my wife, for which we take this opportunity to thank our dear friends. We were much pleased to have Bro. H. Wallace with us on that happy occasion, also Bro. R. Stevens from Cornwallis, who made the opening speech and presented the money.

J. B. WALLACE.

MILTON, N. S.

The church here is moving on quietly, but hopefully. The social meetings in the beginning of the year were more than usually good. One evening there were thirty-six who were active in the service. This was the highest number ever reached in any one meeting. We are looking for much better times in '92. We are not satisfied with our present attainments in divine life. It is greatly encouraging to see the numbers desiring to reach a more consecrated Christian life. We may be sure of success when we are seeking a higher standard of life than our present attainments.

One sister remarked in the first meeting of the new year, "that in looking over the past year she found her greatest mistake was not in what she had done, but in what she had not done." Our greatest sins are the sins of omission rather than commission. The sentiments of another heart is expressed thus: "I always enjoy Sister —'s remarks, because she lives her religion every day, and that is the only kind of religion I care anything about. This going to church religion is not the kind that the world wants. I get disgusted with myself, as well as with others, when I see so little of the pure and undefiled religion. I am so far from entire consecration, and sometimes I fear I will never reach it. It means so much. But it is the desire of my heart, and I know nothing else will satisfy me; health, wealth nor friends cannot meet the requirements of our real life, but Christ." These are the sentiments, and many other like sentiments from others we could mention, that show we are on the road to a higher and more devoted life.

Bro. Wallace's visit to Milton did the church much good. All who heard him declare themselves better in listening to his instruction. His life is a constant benediction. A union meeting was held on Thanksgiving Day in the Baptist house, and Bro. Wallace preached the sermon to the satisfaction of all.

Union meetings were held in Milton during the week of prayer. Very interesting meetings were the result. Two meetings in each house, and the houses were well filled when the weather would permit. Mr. Austin Kempton, the Baptist preacher, is a live young man, and is lifting the church up into a more united, earnest, active condition. The splendid success attending his labors is the best

commendation a preacher can have. Mr. Black, the Congregational preacher, is back to Milton. He was here seventeen years ago, when I first came to Milton. His talks during the week of prayer were excellent and soul inspiring.

H. MURRAY.

SOUTH RANGE, N. S.

I have preached four sermons here since last report. Result, one confession and baptism and two additions.

H. A. DEVOE.

SUMMERVILLE, N. S.

Our meeting here commenced the first day of the new year. The first week we had six baptisms, the second week we had nine baptisms, making sixteen in all. The weather was fair the first week, but the second week we had three evenings that greatly lessened our congregation. The beginning of the third week was too dark and stormy to allow the continuance of the meeting. The greater number had to walk a long distance to the meeting, many walking four miles and some walked six miles, and back home after meeting, making a walk of eight miles and twelve miles. This will show how it is quite impossible to have meetings here in stormy weather. The result of the meeting cannot be measured by the number of additions. There were many who heard our plea for the first time, whose hearts were opened and who will evidently attend to the things which they have heard.

Bro. William Murray was with us and did the most of the preaching, and those who know him know it was well done. Our social meetings were very interesting and profitable. One evening as many as thirty-nine were active, and another evening forty were active. Much of the success of this meeting is due to the united, active, earnest, zealous condition of the church. All the members were in their places but one, and he soon got into line. When we see brothers and sisters walking miles to meeting, it means business; and when such zeal is manifested, look out for success. I have held meetings where brethren who lived three and four miles from church, with good teams, but would not get out to meeting, and then wonder why the meetings were not successful. Four years ago we had one family in this community. We preached three times in the hall, and then the hall was locked indefinitely. We then worshipped in a dwelling house. Two years later we worshipped in our own meeting-house. Now the meeting-house is too small. Now we have a church with over fifty members.

Bro. William Murray has returned to Kempt where he will hold the fort till spring. If the church in Kempt would make the sacrifice and united effort necessary to success, an ingathering of souls would be harvested. But it is impossible for a few to do the work of a church. We expect to see the church in Kempt making a strong, united pull in this new year, which is to be the most wonderful of all the years.

H. MURRAY.

CORRECTION.—When writing the notes concerning the work at Gulliver's Cove, Digby Co., in the December number of THE CHRISTIAN, I did not know at the time that Bro. H. A. Devoe had made a similar appeal; and also had this work in hand. Those desirous to aid in the finishing of the house at the above named place, will please remit to Bro. H. A. Devoe, Tiverton, N. S., Digby Co.—Respectfully submitted,

H. E. COOKE.

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H. W. STEWART, Treasurer.

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St. John, N. B.