

It was so soul-stirring, that if a Quaker had been present his idea of silence would have, for the time being at least, given away, and he, too, would have joined in the singing. 2 Peter i. having been read, a prayer offered and hymn sung, Bro. Crawford read Matt. xvi. 13-20, and announced as his subject, "The Keys of the Kingdom." He then proceeded to show,—what were the keys,—what are keys for,—and what Peter did with them. It was an excellent discourse, and made a lasting impression for good upon all present. At the close of the sermon a hymn was sung, and then we attended to the "breaking of bread," which brings to our view as nothing else can the dying love of Jesus.

A little after 2 P. M. found us again in the house of the Lord engaged in prayer and social exercises. At 3.15, a little past the time announced for preaching, the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," was sung, and after reading, prayer and singing, Bro. Howard Murray read the twentieth verse of Jude, drawing our attention especially to the phrase, "building up yourselves on your most holy faith." We here give an outline, and an imperfect one, of course, as we have neither the time, space nor sermon. He introduced the subject by saying: (a) Here is a figure of a house. (b) The exhortation shows the possibility of us building ourselves up. (c) The object we have in coming together on these occasions is to build up. (d) For we are not born men and women; we grow or build up. 1. Building yourselves up. (a) We must be going up or going down. (b) In order to build up, must have a foundation; important to know what that foundation is. (c) The Bible informs us that Christ is that foundation, and that to build on anything else is to build on the sand. (d) We must build on Christ. (e) Instruments are needed. Said the apostle to the Ephesian elders; "I commend you to God and the word of His grace, which is able to build you up." (f) You may have the material, foundation, instruments and the knowledge, and yet no BUILDING going on. 2. On what to build, and how to use the instruments as means. (a) Not on honesty, sincerity, etc., etc., but on your most holy faith. (b) Not handling the word of God deceitfully, etc.

At the conclusion of the discourse an invitation was given to any desirous of confessing Jesus to stand up. While we were singing

"Just as I am without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,"

the audience was requested to keep its seat while the hymn was being sung. We had not proceeded very far in singing when one stood up, then another, and in a few seconds another and then another, and before the hymn closed, five were standing upon their feet to renounce the world and to confess before men that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and their Saviour. Oh! how our hearts rejoiced as we witnessed even this number start heavenward. One of the number having to return immediately home (twenty miles distant), was, at the close of the meeting, buried with his Lord in baptism.

7.30 P. M. having arrived, and while arrangements were being made to seat as many as possible, the audience joined in singing

"I will sing you a song of that beautiful land,
That far away home of the soul."

The congregation was then called upon to sing

"Thou art the way—to Thee alone
From sin and death we flee."

Reading, prayer and another hymn was sung, and then Bro. Ford selected, as a foundation for his remarks, Matt. xxvii. 22, "What

shall I do, then, with Jesus which is called Christ?" He hastily reviewed the circumstances, amid which this question was asked (a) Jesus as a prisoner before Pilate; (b) Jews thirsting for his blood; (c) Pilate confident that before him was a just man; (d) Pilate's desire to please the people, yet to dispense justice, and to do both at this time was impossible. And hence the question, "What shall I do, then, with Jesus which is called Christ?" He then presented the character of Jesus as portrayed by the prophets of the Jewish dispensation, and then as revealed in history by the witnesses of the New Testament, and what men have said of Him since. And every now and again throughout the discourse would ask the audience "What do you think of Jesus?" "What will you do with Christ?" "What are you doing with Him, for you are either accepting or rejecting Him?" At the conclusion of the discourse a similar request, as in the morning, that the audience keep its seat while the invitation hymn was being sung, four more stood and made the good confession before many witnesses. And thus closed one of the happiest Lord's days we have spent on earth.

Monday morning, 8 o'clock, the friends began to assemble at the water's edge to witness the baptism of those who had publicly confessed Jesus the day before.

About nine o'clock we repaired to the meeting-house for the transaction of business. After singing, reading and prayer, the chairman, Bro. E. C. Ford, stated briefly the object we had in this meeting, the good work already accomplished by our coming thus together. Then followed reading of minutes, election of officers for the coming year, reading of the treasurer's report, which appears in another column of this issue, the financial standing of THE CHRISTIAN, reports of churches, work done through the year, value of church property, number of members, amount raised for missionary purposes, number of additions, whether a Sunday-school or not, reports from those who had been laboring under the Mission Board, passing of certain resolutions, one being an expression of confidence and approval as to the management of THE CHRISTIAN, and then followed an informal discussion as to our work in the future, and wherein we might learn lessons of profit from the past, etc.

In the afternoon, at 2 o'clock, was another prayer-meeting. At 4 o'clock the Ladies' Aid Society met, an account of which will, no doubt, be given by the secretary.

In the evening, at 7.30, was held what we call "Our Missionary Meeting," when each preacher is called upon to say a few words on mission work; what is mission work; hindrances and discouragements; how to remove them; conduct of the missionary to the outsider, to the brethren, and the brethren to him; what is necessary for properly carrying on the work. Thus was brought to a close one of the pleasantest and most profitable meetings in our history. Everything was done by the brethren of West Gore to make the visiting brethren enjoy themselves, and the good feeling on all sides was abundantly manifest. Our beloved brother, J. B. Wallace, preaches for the brethren at West Gore and East Rawdon, and at times in school-houses. He did not preach during the meeting, it being held at his "home church," and in fact he was so engaged in other matters, such as looking after strangers, assigning them homes, etc., it would have been almost impossible and unreasonable for us to expect him to do so.

The following morning, Tuesday, the friends started for their homes, and here we are, as indicated at the beginning of this letter.

T. H. C.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following report, audited and received at our last annual in West Gore, gives receipts and disbursements for missionary purposes in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia during the year commencing with September 7th, 1885, and ending with September 6th, 1886

In comparing this report with those of 1884-85, some of our readers would conclude there has been quite a falling off in our receipts. That less has been paid into the treasury of the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Board is true; but that less has been paid by the brethren and churches for missionary purposes in these parts is not true, for the sisters, who formerly united their efforts with those of the Board, have now a society of their own, with a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, collecting, retaining, reporting and disbursing as they see fit their own funds. Now, if these two reports were united in one, it would be seen that as much, if not more, has been given the past year than any previous year, and from this fact we are encouraged to persevere on in the good work, firmly believing that God is blessing our efforts. During the year in the various issues of THE CHRISTIAN full credit has been given to persons herein named, with the exception of a few that have contributed since the last report. Hence, and for the want of space in THE CHRISTIAN, we omit the dates on which the amounts were received:

Bal. last yr. Sep. 7, '85	\$119 27	Maude Munroe, Maine	1 50
Col. Y. M. Milton, N.S.	11 70	Mrs. G. Thomas, Gul. C.	1 00
The Christian, profits		Emily Murphy,	50
1st year's pub.	104 00	L. A. Soc., Milton, Q. C.	20 00
H. Hill, Fr. Vil, N.B.	4 00	Mis. Circle	6 50
A. Welch, Leonardville	2 00	Ch. W. Gore, March	4 00
Ch. W. Gore, Oct. 28	19 00	A. Brother "	5 00
H. Wallace, W. Gore	5 00	Ch. Leonardville, N.B.	22 54
Church, E. Rawdon,	12 30	Sew. Circle	5 00
Ch. Shubenacadie	Oct. 25 8 44	S. School, St. J.	14 98
Mrs. P. Williams, Shu.	1 00	Mis. Band "	1 15
P. Williams,		L. C. C. Bailey, Westport	3 00
Ch. Newport, Nov. 15	4 41	W. Webb, Noel, N. S.	3 00
L. Lockhart, Newport,	25 1/2	J. Flagler, St. J. N.B.	1 00
John Anthony "	2 00	Wil. Workers Westpt	9 00
Benj. Vaughan "	5 00	Col. Cornwallis Aug.	12 52
Ida. Barnes, lit. girl "	05	Mrs. I. Reed, T. Plot	4 00
Mrs. Eldridge, S. Cove	2 00	Mrs. J. Jackson "	2 50
G. M. Archib'd R. I. U. S. I.	50	Mrs. Cir. Milton, Q. C.	6 10
H. B. Lambert, Lord's C.	50	W. A. Society, Tiverton	16 40
Lil. A. Lambert "	50	S. School, St. J. Aug.	16 40
M. M. Lambert "	50	Ch. W. Gore, Aug.	14 15
F. S. Lambert "	50	Interest,	5 00
Nellie A. Lambert "	2 00		
		Total,	\$481 41

In noticing the location of the above contributors, we should judge that, in the matter of giving, the churches would be as follows:

Gulliver's Cove, Digby Co., N. S.	\$1 50
Shubenacadie, Hants Co., "	9 69
Newport, Hants Co., "	11 71
Westport, Digby Co., "	12 00
East Rawdon, Hants Co., "	12 30
Tiverton, Digby Co., "	18 40
Milton, Queen's Co., "	32 60
West Gore, Hants Co., "	47 15
Lord's Cove, Deer Island, N. B.	4 00
Leonardville,	29 54
Coburg street, St. John,	37 53
Cornwallis, King's Co., N. S.	19 02

Total	\$235 44
Balance Sept. 7th, 1885	119 27
Collection yearly meeting	11 70
Profits from THE CHRISTIAN	104 00
From sources not in above	11 00

Grand total.....\$481 41

DISBURSEMENTS.

1885.	
Sept. 17th, P. E. Island Mission Board	\$34 66
Dec. 1st, H. Murray lab. in Hants Co.	59 70
Dec. 5th, " "	38 30
1886.	
March, H. Murray laboring in N. B.	67 54
April, " in Hants Co., N. S.	32 66
Aug., E. C. Ford, King's Co., N. S.	56 00
Sept., Incidental expenses	1 50

290 86.

Leaving a balance on hand, Sept. 6th, 1886.....\$191 05

T. H. CAPP,
Treasurer.