

His short ministry was a grand march of mercy among the sons and daughters of suffering. His every act and word declaring his "goodwill to men." His life is epitomized in the short but expressive statements, "He went about doing good."

Not to the Christ of the evangelic record do we refer therefore when speaking of "a deformed Christ." For "He is not here, he is risen as he said," and hath gone up on high to the right hand of the Father Almighty.

But to that caricature of Christ which is presented in the lives of many who call themselves Christians, or Christ's men, Should not the Christian life be as near as possible a copy of the life of Jesus? Do we not profess to be imitators and followers of Him, and that Christ is formed in us the hope of glory—the inspiration of a new and higher life, and that "the mind which was in Christ Jesus is also in us?"

In a word, are we not professing to re-live the life to represent the holy character of Christ in the midst of a wicked and sinful world. To be guided by the same spirit, and to be actuated by the same motives that he was. If so, then what sort of a Christ are we presenting to the world? Is it anything like a copy of the original, or is it "a deformed Christ?" A Christ that is easily provoked—that gives railing for railing—that is jealous and envious that which can love friends and has not but hatred for enemies—that does nothing for the well-being of others, or the upbuilding of the church of the living God. If this be the Christ that the professing Christians is presenting to the world, it is a caricature and not a likeness—a deformed Christ and not the Christ of the New Testament.

There are many around us who (rightly or wrongly) will study the life of Christ as presented in the life of the Christian; who will not study that life as it is written in the Gospels by the Evangelists. And their estimate of Christianity is formed by what they see and hear.

Knowing this therefore, "what manner of persons ought we to be in all conversation and godliness?"

"As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former hints in your ignorance, but as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all conversation. Because it is written—Be ye holy, for I am holy."

We are left as Christ's representatives upon earth, and in order that we may fulfill our mission aright, we must need be found "looking unto Jesus" as learning of him, so shall we by life and word recommend Christ as the lover and Saviour of men's souls.

FAIRVILLE, St. John, N. B., Dec. 5th, 1885.

**OUR STUDY TABLE.**—Book and exchange review we have to hold over for next issue, when we hope to do fuller justice. Work has been heavier than usual with this New Years issue, getting alterations in our ads, etc. Carefully read over the list and oblige us.

## Home Circle.

FRIENDLY GREETINGS FOR BUDS AND BLOSSOMS.

The Editor "Missionary Review" writes, "It is beautifully illustrated, wholesome, chaste and pure."

A gentleman sends P. C. from Bristol, of Enland. Have just seen an old copy of your valuable paper, *Buds and Blossoms*.

Can it be obtained anywhere in England. If not please state price, post paid. "Praise the Lord." Yours in Him,  
E. HAWKINS.  
We greatly enjoyed the following:—  
At Home, No. 61 Spencer St., Rochester, N. Y.,  
Sixth day 12th month 11, 1885.

My Dear Christian Brother, J. E. Avery:—I saw *Buds and Blossoms* mentioned in the "Christian Cynosure." I sent for a copy and so much pleased with it that I have tried to increase its circulation. I had it entirely free from objectionable matter, and good for young and old. I am a member of the Society of Friends, among whom I hold the station of Minister. Am 71 years of age. I have made considerable effort in thy behalf and have the pleasure of sending thee the cash and four names.

JACOB D. BELL.

We hope all who appreciate our effort, will aid us in obtaining a wider circulation, and introducing *B. and B.* to friends who will pay for the same. To any who can say a kind word and lend the magazine we will gladly now and then send an extra, or a few extra copies for this purpose. This month we circulate at least one thousand five hundred more copies than are paid for. The Master knoweth the motive.

The Courts have decided that all subscribers to newspapers are held responsible until arrearages are paid, and their papers are paid, and their papers are ordered to be discontinued.

*Clearing the Lot.*—Mrs. B. Byers' Sabbath Class paid in \$5 for another lot. Miss Agnes Collishaw's class have also paid into the funds \$5.00 for another lot. It is a noble example. It should have been Elias Covey not Silas, as acknowledged last month. Paid per Bella Spry's 1st Mr. and Mrs. Spry, Sent., for five lots, \$25.00; Mr. and Mrs. Gaston, two lots, \$10.00; Mr. and Mrs. William Davis for five lots, \$25. Per Miss Collishaw, Phillip Myers, one lot, \$5.00. Per J. E. Avery, John Mason, 3 lots \$15.

*The Tabernacle Fruit and Flower Mission.*—We have to thank our little friends Jessie Isnor, Lovenia Dickie and Minnie Davidson for saving their own and collecting other papers for our poor household distribution. Rev. Pryor sends number of Watchman.

*Our Lappets.*—The Wolfville "Floral Band" have surpassed themselves. By their patient industry they have collected Christmas and New Year's cards of past years and brought them out into the light and usefulness, and by their pens and scissors have made them messengers of mercy, and as we scatter them among the sick and poor they will pleasantly tell of Jesus, and add sweetness to the apples sent. Mrs. D. F. Higgins sent, carriage paid, two barrels of apples to be distributed at our discretion. May the giver have a tithe of the pleasure produced.

We hope Miss Barsz and the young ladies will continue their card parties. How would it be to plan a card for the prisoners? There are about 300 men, women and children in our poor house.

*Our Sabbath School.*—On Wednesday the 30th, the teachers formed a Christmas tree surprise for the children, and it was successful in giving no small amount of pleasure. The pastor also found that there was something for the Superintendent, Mr. Covey, whose patient continuance in well doing has won the fullest confidence and love of the school. For Miss E. Covey, the organist of the congregation and Sunday School, there was a surprise and puzzle money box, into which friends had put some thirty notes, which if not musical, were intended at least to show that her constancy and efficiency in presiding at the organ is appreciated, and she was asked to receive the same as a token of love and esteem and an earnest of what we would do if we could.

On New Year's morning at the close of a very interesting and solemn watch night service, Mr. T. Covey, on behalf of the pastor's Bible class presented him with a first class top coat. In fact judging by the little love tokens passing between the teachers and scholars it is evident that there is no lack of heartiness and good feeling in the Tabernacle Sunday School. And we might add between it and the Church for as will be seen by our acknowledgements for lots, the teachers and scholars are our most efficient friends in raising funds towards finishing the Tabernacle. Mr. W. Davis' class of young men raised over \$70, half of which they donated to the purchase of lots. Totals next month.

P.S.—Want of space crowds out vote of thanks to all our friends who specially remembered us at Christmas-tide.

## Olive Branches.

Born, Dec. 17th, the wife of the Editor, J. F. Avery, a son.  
June 16th, the wife of Silas Hubble, a daughter.  
The wife of Silas Covey, Dec. 8th, a son.

## Orange Blossoms.

Married, Dec. 11th, at Mizpah Cottage, Halifax, N. S. Gilbert W. Walker to Minerva Miller.  
Dec. 31st, Joseph Perryman, at Mizpah Cottage, by Pastor J. E. Avery.  
Dec. 31st, Joseph Mee.s, to Emily Whidden, at the house of the bride, by their Pastor, J. E. Avery.

## FADED LEAVES.

Died, Dec. 21, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Nailor.