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"FAITH COMETH BY HEARING, AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD."—Paul.

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We are informed that Bro. H. Murray is intending a short visit to the States.

The fourth annual convention of the New Brunswick Sunday-school Association will be held during the present month at St. Stephen, N. B.

SHOULD our subscribers have any cause of complaint and will write us, we will try and rectify the mistakes before commencing the new year of THE CHRISTIAN.

FROM several sources we are pleased to hear that Bro. W. K. Burr is doing a good work among the brethren and friends at Newport, West Gore and the surrounding country.

THANKS to the brethren for their many words of enquiry and encouragement. Our health is to a great measure restored. In fact, we feel well again—the trip to P. E. Island did us much good.

BRO. CRAWFORD, writing from New Glasgow, P. E. I., says: "I went from Summerside to Malpeque and preached there two nights to large and attentive congregations. It was my first visit there and must say that I was favorably impressed with the people. How hard it is to see promising fields that must be left for want of laborers."

WITH this issue THE CHRISTIAN closes the fourth year of its existence. With the November number it will start afresh on a new year. Let each subscriber ask himself or herself: "Do I owe any money to THE CHRISTIAN—am I in arrears?" If the answer be yes, then hesitate not a moment but send at once, and then you can say No. There is no better time than the present. Address—THE CHRISTIAN, Box 106, St. John, N. B.

THE PRESIDENT of the United States in company with his wife and some officials, left Washington for the West at 10 o'clock Friday morning, Sept. 30th. The train is said to be the finest ever seen—consisting of three Pullman Palace cars equipped elegantly, and assuring both comfort and safety. The cars are joined together by vestibules, making the train one continuous car. An observation-room, barber-shop, bath-room, reading-room, dining-room, smoking-room and a private bed-room are provided. Even a piano and writing desk are among the conveniences of the train. It is lighted throughout by electric lights.

We have, at present writing, three young men attending the Bible College at Lexington, Kentucky—Bro. Stewart, of Lot 48, P. E. Island; Bro. Weaver, of Digby County, Nova Scotia; Bro. Ellis Barnes, of St. John, New Brunswick. From all accounts we learn they are delighted with the College and are doing well. Our young Bro. Freeman, of Milton, N. S., has decided to take a course of study in the Garfield College, Kansas. Our readers may expect to hear from them through the columns of THE CHRISTIAN. Brethren, let us remember these young men when we appear before the "Throne of Grace."

BRO. W. H. ROGERS, of Swampscott, after his return home from our Annual in St. John, writes a very interesting letter to the *Christian-Standard*, from which we clip the following in reference to our paper:—

"THE CHRISTIAN, edited by D. Crawford and T. H. Capp, and published at St. John, is their religious organ. It has 925 subscribers, and earns a balance of one hundred dollars yearly, after all publishing expenses are paid, which balance goes into the home missionary treasury. THE CHRISTIAN is an excellent paper, free from personalities and from unprofitable discussions. Its tendency is to instruct, to inspire, to promote harmony and to win hearts. It is at once scriptural in its make-up, and practical in its aim, and thus it builds up the churches. It is not a tearing-down paper."

THE following item was sent us by Bro. Johnson for publication. As to the merits of this college we cannot speak definitely. Its system is highly commended by such men as Morgan Morgans, of Mo., Hugh Black, of Rockford, Ont., J. L. Parsons, of Ind., and Hertzog, of N. Y. We judge, therefore, the following to be worthy of attention by those seeking such instruction:

The Correspondence Bible College furnishes a full course of Bible instruction by mail. It has an extensive patronage in U. S., Canada and Australia. During the next thirty days, the first lesson will be sent to anyone for examination, who will send references and agree to return it promptly and in good order if he does not enter the course. Address, Ashley S. Johnson, President, Knoxville, Tenn., U. S. A.

THE following is one of the random thoughts found jotted down in a memorandum book belonging to the late poet Longfellow:

"What discord should we bring into the world if all our prayers were heard and answered! Then we should govern the world and not God. Would we govern it better? It gives me only pain when I hear the long, wearisome petitions of men asking for things they know not what. As frightened women clutch at the reins when there is danger, so do we grasp at God's government with our prayers. Thanksgiving with a full heart, and the rest silence and submission to the Divine will."

Upon this "The Christian at Work" offers kindly and justly too, a timely criticism in the following words:

There are very many foolish prayers, wicked prayers, no doubt, based upon purely worldly selfishness; and these the dead poet rightly condemns.

But not all will go so far as to say that silence and submission are alone to follow the denial of requests. Even their prayer comes in and turns the denial into a positive blessing. Doubtless in season we shall thank God quite as much for prayers denied as for petitions granted.

IF VOLTAIRE were living to-day and could have seen the room in Geneva (in which on a certain occasion he predicted that before the 19th century Christianity would have disappeared from the earth,) and beheld that same place as a Bible repository; could he but witness the marvelous strides of Christianity; could he but read the recent reports concerning the present circulation of the Bible with that of fifty years ago—what would he say? Would he not realize, and painfully, too, that Justice long since has rightly classed him not simply among the false prophets, but as one of their chieftains.

The Earl of Harrowby, President of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in a recent address, gave some very interesting facts connected with the Society, during the reign of Queen Victoria. Here are a few:—

Fifty years ago our receipts were £100,000; now they are nearly £225,000. Fifty years ago the Auxiliary Societies at home amounted to 2,370; now they are over 5,300. Abroad there were then 260 auxiliaries and branches, now 1,500. Fifty years ago the issue of the Bible and portions of it from this Society was 600,000; now it is about 4,000,000. The cheapest copy of the book was then about two shillings; now the price is sixpence. The cheapest Testament was twopenny; now a penny. Fifty years ago, 14 fresh languages of Europe had been honored by Bible publications; now the Bible is published in 12 fresh languages in India, 14 in China and Mongolia, 19 in the Pacific, 30 in Africa, 30 in America. In this fiftieth year of the Queen's reign there is only one great language which has not a complete translation of the Scriptures, namely, the Japanese. I am told that by midsummer the complete Bible will take its place in the Japanese language.

### BE MAGNANIMOUS.

It is said of Saint Paul, "He is always ready to yield, when it is only his own personal ease or pleasure which are concerned; he is immovable as a rock when the interests of truth and justice are at stake." He thus gives expression to this noble trait of character: "For though I be free from all, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. . . I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the Gospel's sake." Such a disposition evinces the true Christian spirit, and is essential to manliness. A willingness to yield a point, or preference, where no principle is involved, for the sake of harmony or the well being of another not only reveals character, but contributes to the development of real moral greatness. What men sometimes count weak and compromising, God regards as heroic. It is a great thing to overcome the little, petty annoyances of life. The way in which we meet and master these is a touch-stone of strength and a seal of our manhood. It pays to be magnanimous. —*Buffalo Christian Advocate.*