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The Quarterly Meeting appointed at our last annual, to be held with the Coburg Street Church in this city, will commence on Lord's day 11th inst.

Through an oversight, several bundles of the February CHRISTIAN were misdirected. Some were returned, and redirected, which accounts, in some cases at least, for the delay in subscribers receiving their papers. A failure in receiving the paper, should at once be made known to THE CHRISTIAN, Box 106, and the mistake will be rectified.

The temperance people of Westmorland Co., N. B., have for the third time decided to retain the Scott Act. The Act was voted upon Sept. 11th, 1879. The total number of votes cast was 1,381, 1082 for the Act—299 against. August 14th, 1884, on the question of repeal 3,475 were polled, 1701 for repeal—1774 against repeal. During the past month (Feb. 16), the repeal question was again submitted to the electors. The total number of votes polled, 4,166, 1692 for repeal—2474 against, making a majority of 782 in favor of the Act.

THE FISHERY TREATY has been one of the absorbing themes of the past month. Religious and secular papers have given in full its provisions with comments of approval or disapproval. Some of the Canadian papers would lead us to suppose that the American Commissioners had out-generaled the English Commissioners—that to the former had been conceded every demand, and that the American people were rejoicing over the victory. But in looking over certain American papers such as the New York Tribune, Boston Herald, &c., we learn that such is not the case; that the American Commissioners are being censured and the victory conceded to Canada. Of course many of these papers are under political influences and are constrained thereby to speak as they do. But let this be as it may, how gratifying it is to see on all sides a desire, yea, determination, to settle by arbitration this vexed question. Questions of far less importance have in times past plunged nations into war, widening the alienation, depleting the treasuries, and causing to flow rivers of blood. This kindly feeling is without doubt due to the influence of Christianity. And its manifestation on the above question will certainly exert an influence for good upon nations not having the Bible, and hasten the day when they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

## EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Any one having contributed to this fund, and not receiving credit therefore through the columns of the CHRISTIAN will please notify us at once.

The following extracts from private letters (containing various sums for the Fund) show that the brethren are becoming thoroughly interested in this phase of our work.

In reply to the inquiry, "Can't something be done?" I would say Yes! If we can find willing hearts much can be done for the extension of our Master's cause and kingdom. Enclosed please find — for Educational Fund.

Yours,

New Brunswick.

It affords us great pleasure to be able to hear through the CHRISTIAN how the several churches are progressing. Although we are doing but little for the Master's cause, I am resolved to do more for Christ in the future. Thanks to the CHRISTIAN for showing us so plainly our duty. We are not living near a place of worship (where our brethren meet), but hope ere long to have some of the preaching brethren come this way and preach for us. I enclose — for the Educational Fund. You will hear from us again, the Lord willing. We love the CHRISTIAN and wish it every success.

Yours,

P. E. Island.

We rejoice in the success of the gospel in so many places as reported by the brethren. (1) how encouraging to our few faithful preachers in these Maritime Provinces, that others are to be added to their number ere long. The very thought that faithful young men are preparing for the ministry makes our hearts leap for joy. Help them? Yes. The heart of every true disciple answers Yes, and his pocket-book responds Yes. Enclosed I send — for the Educational Fund, hoping to be able to send more. We are much pleased and encouraged at the success of our Halifax brethren in their noble enterprise. We see plainly they mean business, and the brethren throughout those provinces will help in that good work so much needed.

Yours,

Nova Scotia.

J. B. WALLACE.

Bro. G. T. SMITH, known to many of our readers in these parts, especially in Cornwallis, N. S., the home of Sister Smith, who died 25th of March, 1885, in Akita, Japan, was married, Jan. 20th, to Miss Candace Lhamon at Tiscombe, Iowa. Bro. Smith and wife expect to sail from San Francisco for Japan March 24th.

ARRANGEMENTS having been made that on the first Lord's day in February, Bro. Minnick should be in St. John and I in Lubec, a letter stating the fact was dropped to Bro. W. Murray, with the statement: "Shall try and come down on Monday's boat, and during the week my time is at your disposal for aiding you in pushing forward the cause of the Master."

Monday (Jan. 30th) was a fine morning. The water being perfectly smooth we were speeding our way to Eastport, Maine. On arrival we found brethren from Deer Island awaiting us, and soon, in one of those sardine boats, (the safety of which there need be not the slightest doubt, but for first class passenger accommodations and pleasantness, may indeed be questioned), were literally leaping towards the Island. In the evening we preached at Leonardville and also on the following evening. Wednesday night at Lord's Cove. The house richly deserves the praise given it, and the large audience that greeted us was encouraging.

Returning to Leonardville we preached on Thursday evening—at the conclusion of the discourse Bro. W. Murray followed with an earnest appeal when two confessed Christ. On Friday evening four more decided to follow Christ.

Bro. Winslow Richardson promising to see me to Lubec in time for preaching on Lord's day, a meeting was given out for Saturday night, when, at the conclusion of an earnest exhortation by Bro. Murray, two young men responded to the invitation. Sunday morning, with head wind and tide, we set sail for Lubec. If space and time permitted, we would give some of the incidents connected with this trip—but we forbear. The friends at Lubec having received a letter, knew the reason for our not being with them on Saturday; and Sunday morning, by reason of the storm, were predicting the almost impossibility of our arrival. But we were on time. Our visit to Lubec was in every respect (as far as the writer is concerned) a very pleasant one. The condition of the church and general out-look was far ahead of what we expected. This state of things, the brethren unhesitatingly attribute to the wise management and irreproachable character of Bro. Minnick. And without an exception, we are confident the brethren feel sorry that he purposes to leave them during the coming month.

We remained here over the second Lord's day, preaching each night, with but one exception. No one was persuaded to confess Christ. Still we trust that some good was done—that the seed sown will yet take root and bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of God.

Bro. Murray informs us that after our departure from Leonardville, one more came out, and was buried with his Lord in baptism.

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