

conclusion of his discourse two confessed the name of Jesus.

Sunday morning at 7.30 a large number met for prayer, and a most solemn, delightful meeting we had, after which there were two baptisms.

Bro. Rogers at 11 o'clock gave an excellent discourse from Rev. i. 18, to a full house. Directly after this meeting we attended to the Lord's Supper, Bros. Barnes, Emery and Leonard officiating. No words can express the joy of the heart in the presence of such a loving Saviour. Before our eyes, in those emblems, is Christ crucified among us. Such love as this should inspire us to love Him with all our hearts.

In the afternoon Bro. Minnick spoke again, and in the evening Bro. Crawford spoke to a crowded house. The writer was not present, but all those he heard speak of the discourse said that "Bro. Crawford gave us a grand sermon." After this meeting there was another baptism.

Monday at 10 o'clock found quite a number gathered for business. Bro. Ford was elected Chairman. Reports were read from eighteen churches, showing an increase of 100 members. This is quite encouraging. Many of the letters that were read gave very encouraging reports of the cause in their respective fields. We have many things in connection with the success of the past year to inspire us to a greater degree of activity. But more especially should the opportunities that are open to us for doing a much greater work than we have yet done inspire us with greater earnestness and greater efforts. It is very hard for us to think it possible for one to enjoy heaven who is not interested and actively engaged in this blessed work. It may be possible that one who is indifferent to the spread of the gospel in and all over our land will go to heaven. If they do, heaven only knows—as Spurgeon says—how they get there. Bro. Frank Lambert was chosen a member of the Mission Board. It was moved and lost, that we have a committee chosen at this meeting to arrange a programme for the next meeting, so that all could know weeks and months before the Annual what the order of the meeting would be, when, how, and what would be done. We hope our brethren will give this special thought so that by another Annual this order may be fully established. Much was said and done at this meeting that was good that we have not time to report. A great deal, however, was left undone for the want of time. Our time is too limited in these business meetings. One thing, however, is worthy of notice, viz., peace and unity prevailed in all our deliberations. We love the cause of God too dearly to allow our notions and whims to divide and destroy this blessed and important work.

The ladies held their business meeting at three o'clock. A large number of the sisters were present and a few of the brethren. Letters and reports were read, and remarks were made by both brethren and sisters. Sister James E. Barnes was President of the meeting, and by her remarks convinced all that she is intensely interested in the mission work. I am ashamed and yet compelled to say that the church in St. John has left us away behind in this important work of missions. Read carefully the report of this meeting, and then resolve in your heart to do more.

In the evening at eight o'clock was a general meeting in favor of missions of which I will have more to say at another time.

Thus ended a grand and extra good Annual Meeting. One thing we had to regret, viz., that there were not more of our brethren, who are workers in the churches, at this meeting.

The benefits of these meetings are too much to lose; we are too poor to allow such rich opportunities for getting good to be lost. There is nothing better for increasing our faith and enlarging our hearts.

I have said nothing of the kind and unattained

hospitality of the brethren in St. John, because I know my inability to do the subject justice; so I leave this part, with many other good things, for the brethren to imagine.

On Tuesday evening two were baptized, making six, and one other to be baptized, making seven baptisms in all.

H. MURRAY.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.

The Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia was opened at the Coburg street Christian Church on Friday evening.

The attendance was large and attentive. The services were opened by E. C. Ford, of Cornwallis, who read the hymns, and the preaching was by W. H. Rogers, of Swampscott, Mass. He based his discourse on James iv. 8, and Acts xvii. 24 to 26.

On Saturday, at 8 P. M., H. Minnick preached from Romans iii. 21, Justified only through Christ. On Sunday from 7 to 8 A. M. a prayer-meeting was led by H. DeVoe, and at the close of this meeting two persons were baptized.

At 11 A. M., W. H. Rogers preached from Revelation i. 18, on Christ the Living One. Man is a living one (1) Christ is the living one. All life is derived from Him. As all lesser lights are derived from the sun, so, also, Christ is the source of all moral light. It is not in light and atmosphere that we live, and move, and have our being; it is in God that we live and move and have our being. (2) The living one was manifested in the flesh, and suffered death. The Prince of Life was dead. He who raised Lazarus was dead. Death has triumphed over life, say the demons of darkness. (3) But no! Christ is not dead. The skeptic says that the church is built upon an empty sepulchre. But that means it is built on a risen Lord. He is alive forever more. (4) So death is not the end of life. It is an incident by which life is enriched, enlarged and made eternal. Christ has the keys of death and the unseem world. Because He lives, we shall live also.

At 3 P. M. H. Minnick preached from Ezekiel xviii. 29. Pardon of sin was conditional in the patriarchal and Mosaic dispensations. John the Baptist preached conditions for the pardon of sin. Christ offers pardon on condition that we love and obey Him.

At 7 P. M., Elder D. Crawford, after reading Luke x. 21, in which Jesus heartily thanked His Father for hiding these things from the wise and prudent, and revealing them to babes, read the 23rd and 24th verses to show that the wise and prudent were the many prophets and kings, and the babes His disciples. He then called special attention to the two persons, Jesus, and the lawyer who tempted him with a question about eternal life, in which was set forth in clear contrast the human and the divine views of that important subject. The lawyer's own description left him hopeless, as by the deeds of the law no flesh shall be justified. He also showed that by the work of Jesus all who accept Him are justified on His account by the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus. At the close of this discourse, one made the good confession.

At the prayer-meeting, after the evening sermon, one more was baptized. All the meetings were crowded and the greatest interest prevailed.

The business session of the Disciples of Christ opened in Coburg street Church Monday morning.

A Woman's Missionary Meeting was held in the afternoon.

In the evening a general missionary meeting, which was very largely attended. The chair was occupied by Bro. E. C. Ford, of Cornwallis, N. S., who read eighteen verses from Phillipians, ii., and Bro. Crawford followed with prayer.

The chairman stated the purpose of the meeting. It was to arouse a more earnest interest in mission work, and to stir up the brethren to the demands

that were made upon them in this direction. In the passage he had read, Paul speaks of such work. It is the duty of all who have within them the light of the gospel to disseminate that light. When this series of meetings came to a close, he hoped that every heart would have received fresh inspiration, and that every heart would be strengthened in the work of the Lord.

Mr. Rogers, of Swampscott, Mass., said, our only permanent inspiration comes from the Word of God. We accept the command, Go forth into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature: but it is necessary to tell men the way to salvation. No one ever taught as Christ taught the reality and necessity of salvation. He taught it by the example of His life. Civilization spreads. But if we do not come nearer to God what is the use of civilization? The speaker believed in himself because he believed in his neighbor, and he believed in his neighbor because he believed in God. He believed himself and every one present, was a creature of destiny. As soon as one believes he was created for some grand purpose, he will feel a desire to be of service to his fellow men. The gloom of Paul's prison life was relieved by the privilege of preaching to his fellows. If men realized the all prevailing love of God, they would lead grander and nobler lives.

Mr. Crawford felt that the soldier of Christ was in a good position; a position that angels never hold. A young minister, adverse to foreign missions, asked Wellington if he did not think that by the introduction of the missionaries the morals of nations were corrupted. The Iron Duke answered, "Look at your marching orders." We, children of God, have our marching orders, promulgated by Christ when he was about to go from earth to the presence of the Father; Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. We feel the necessity because it was commanded by the Redeemer. We cannot all be missionaries, but we can assist those who are, materially and with our prayers. When the teacher of our salvation comes, how glad shall we be to hear Him say, "well done, good and faithful servant." When we are doing for Christ, we are doing that which will lead us to eternal peace.

Rev. J. T. Parsons (F. C. Baptist) who was present, expressed his sympathy and interest in the objects of the meeting. Coupled with the injunction which had been discussed, was the promise that he that believed and is baptized shall have eternal life, and lo! I am with you always, even to the end of the world. We cannot realize these promises unless we comply with the conditions, one of which is that the knowledge of God shall be disseminated throughout the world. He liked to see men who were as ready to put their hands in their pockets as to get down on their knees. He prayed God for success in missionary work—not for foreign missions only, but domestic as well. There are places within two days' journey of the city where a sermon is rarely heard from one year to another.

Mr. Emery said these talks give us light, and he who walks in the light does not stumble. If men will be faithful the word of God can be carried into all the world. The man who aids in sending missionaries abroad fulfils the injunction as well as they who go. God sent His Son, a missionary to save us from our wretchedness. He came to show us how men can be saved. It cost to save us; let us spend a little that others may be saved. Men are all around us in sin; are we trying to lift them up, so they may stand with the children of God? If we neglect to do this, the question is, shall we, ourselves, be saved? May God help us to be awake in this great matter.

Mr. W. Murray said, when we speak of a missionary we speak of one who has something to tell for another's benefit. God sent a missionary from the sky. He came to deliver an important message and to die. We ought to be the greatest mission-