

you will have abundant reason to rejoice that you were persuaded, ere it was too late, to search the Scriptures, and like your Divine Redeemer, to submit yourself to every requirement of the Word of God.

W. H. EATON.

Saint John, November, 1883.

CRUMBS.

We saw this motto in one of our earthly homes the other day—"Love wins love." This agrees with another, that "Love is the price of love." According to these we have none to blame but ourselves if we are not loved. The good must and will respect and love the good. If we are not respected it is because we are not worthy of it. Be careful, therefore, that you do not find fault with your neighbors, because by so doing you successfully advertise your own faults, and your neighbors will find you out.

SOME ONE has said "That we cannot judge of a sword by its hilt." It may be in a golden belt and yet not be much of a sword. In the battle is the place to test its real worth. One weapon of warfare in the spiritual conflict is "the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God." Its value can be tested only in the battle of life. We must have the right instrument—the sword of the truth—and we must use it, and use it in the proper way. Be sure that you have the truth; be earnest in the use of it; and be very careful *how* you use it. A failure in either of these will result in a defeat.

NEVER get weary in well-doing. If you don't see success at once, remember that some crops last a long time, and often take a good while to grow. The fruit that ripens the quickest is the quickest to decay. God will always give success to honest faithful labor. We may not understand just how He will do it. We cannot understand His providences, but we can trust in His promises "that all things will work together for good to those who love Him."

I HEARD a man say, when speaking of another man, that he did not need baptism because he was good enough without it; and yet the same person, when speaking of a certain wicked man, said he was not good enough to be baptized. What a jumble! How is it possible that goodness can be obtained while refusing to do good, or, in other words, while refusing to do God's will. And then again, who is worthy to come to Christ, through obedience to His commands, but he who feels his own unworthiness? How weak are the excuses of those who wish to evade the force of God's commands. Such excuses is not the language of faith. Every true believer submits unreservedly to the will of God.

A GERMAN who had been sprinkled was anxious to be immersed, and when asked if he had not been baptized, answered, "Vell, now, shust a leetle."

THE second Lord's day in November. In the evening meeting a good congregation, a good text, and a good subject—"The Gospel the power of God unto salvation." First—Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel, neither was he a shame to it, but an honor. See ndly—Fire! Fire!! Fire!!! And lastly—a grand rush for the door, and a few moments later hard at work in saving a neighbor's house from the fate of the merciless flames.

NO LACK of work in the Queen's County Mission. Last Tuesday evening we drove out twelve miles from Milton, preached in a hall to a congregation that quite filled the hall, drove back home again the same evening, reaching home at ten o'clock. One week later—left home on Monday, drove fifteen miles, preached in the evening. Made a number of visits on Tuesday, preached again in Summerville on Tuesday evening and came home the same night. Next Tuesday—well, we will wait and see, and then report. Would it not be a good idea for every church to run a Mission in its own County?

Who does not rejoice to see the revival of the Mission spirit among the Disciples of Christ? Our own Provinces are catching the spirit. We haven't it very bad yet, but it is coming on. Bro. Capp's short visit in Nova Scotia has shown us what can be done, or, at least, what he can do. This settles the question beyond a doubt that the difficulty is not in our poverty, but for the want of a proper effort to bring our Mission work before our brethren. We have many good brethren among us who will lay hold of this work as soon as they understand its importance. Let every preacher among us preach the necessity of Mission work. Let us say much about it on some special occasions, and something about it on all occasions. We have been expecting the active condition of the churches to revive the Mission work, but this is the cart before the ox. It is the active live condition of the Mission work that will revive the churches. We received a letter from a brother in the New England States. He reports the church in his locality in a fine working condition, much better than in former times; the reason of which is found in the fact it has given for Missions the past year \$100.

CHRISTMAS is coming, and it comes to all. But I notice that "Santa Claus" is partial in his annual visits. He is apt to go where he is least needed. Let us all keep a sharp look-out for him this year, and see that he makes every little tender heart happy. Don't neglect the children, especially those who are hopeful, and yet doubtful as to whether "Santa" will remember them. It may seem very small to us to remember them with our gifts, but eternity alone will reveal the influence for good that our little tokens of respect have on the minds of the young. None are more susceptible to the power of friendship. We must all admit that love and friendship are the keys that open our hearts, and that the gifts of friendship is the power that turns the key. I can well remember, when but a small boy, how I respected and honored and loved the persons who remembered me by their kindness; and they left an impression on my mind that will never be lost. I remember just as plainly the faces I would make at those who would pass me unnoticed and uncared for. Let us all be careful that in the distribution of our gifts the needy are remembered.

WE are all pleased with the first number of THE CHRISTIAN, and we hope to prove our faith in its success by our works. One of its editors has inspired us with a hope that it may be still better, and has insinuated that its growth depended upon the atmosphere with which it was surrounded, and the interest and support of its many friends. We think the want of a local paper among us will make all hands feel sufficiently interested to do all they can. Industry and hard work will most assuredly win. Here are our hearts and our hands for its continued growth and prosperity.

H. M.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LETTER FROM DENVER, COL.

DEAR EDITOR,—A brother has sent me the first number of THE CHRISTIAN, and asks me to send some news for its columns from Denver. I hardly know where to begin, and, if I should make a good beginning, would not know where to leave off.

St. John is my old home. The dearest memories are associated with it. I had not heard of such a people as the "Disciples" or "Christians" before I left, and now, as a minister with considerable experience in the Far West to write back to a paper published in their interest, you see I might say much.

We have a beautiful church building here, an earnest congregation working in harmony, are in favor with the people, and of course growing. We receive many by letter from the East, and have

every reason to expect to be a useful people in this growing State.

I can easily understand the difficulties our churches must contend with in New England and the Provinces. You work against the tide. It is like trying to get into a church when the people are coming out. The movement of peoples and the tide of intellectual and religious influences are Westward; but the West is now so great and influential, and so rapidly increasing in all the elements that give domination, that the time is at hand when it will be the glory of the Reformation that the centre of its power is in the great valley of the Mississippi. Even from the West it may go forth to claim the attention of the world.

I trust you are able to glory in the principles of the Church, not the less because you are comparatively few in numbers and weak financially. Being steadfast, cheerful and hopeful, God is able to give you victory.

WM. BAYARD CRAIG,

Denver, Col., Nov. 15

108 Broadway.

DEER ISLAND.

EDITOR CHRISTIAN.—*Dear Bro.*—In the article, under the above heading, in the November number—"While more are under the pressure of pinching poverty," should be "While none are under," &c.

In the article—"Continuous Effort Wins"—"What is properly called a revival," should be—"What is popularly called a revival."

The mistakes made by the printer, in both the above, are misleading, and, as my object in writing on Deer Island, was to give correct information to those who know comparatively little about it, it is desirable that the picture should fairly represent the reality.

There is one great disadvantage to persons living on this Island, especially, if they are much interested in the concerns of the outer world. It is in our inadequate mail service. Our Island is within two miles of Eastport, Maine, and three miles, or less, off L'Etete, N. B. In Eastport, they have, I think, two mails each day (Sundays excepted), and at L'Etete they have three mails each week, while on Deer Island we have an arrangement for two mails each week in summer and one in winter; the winter term beginning on the first of November. Our two mails in summer and one in winter are by no means certain; depending largely on surrounding circumstances, and, if the conditions—wind, tide, &c.—are not favorable, they may sometimes fail, and often do fail.

Can not the friends of the people—those who have the general public welfare in their hands, help us in this matter, and allow our mails to come either by the way of Eastport, or by St. George and L'Etete? The people here are not insensible to justice and injustice, so I hope our rulers in the matter of "mail service," especially, will gain the gratitude of a patient, but also, intelligent people, by doing simple justice.

Deer Island is not merely a small speck rising out of the water, with one dilapidated log hut on it, as some have erroneously imagined. In kindness to all. Your brother,

O. B. EMERY.

Deer Island, Nov. 16.

FROM OUR BRO. MCLEAN.

We have just received a short note from Bro. McLean in which he says:

Word has just been received that our Missionaries to Japan arrived in Yokohama, October 19th. They had a pleasant voyage across the Pacific, and are in excellent health and spirits. On the 22nd they took their first lesson in Japanese. They begin their work under favorable auspices. They trust in God for the increase of the seed sown.