

clusion, learning the way of the Lord more perfectly. It is a most significant fact, however, that intelligent advocates of believers' baptism do not change their views and come to the conclusion that infants should be baptized. Why is it that the change is almost altogether in one direction?

The question "How can I have more power with my fellow-men to bring them into the church," is answered by B. B. Tyler in the following: "It is possible to bring men into the fellowship of an organized body, or congregation, without in any sense bringing them to Christ." There are in our churches men and women who have never been brought to Christ. A question more difficult to answer: How can the men and women who are now in our churches, and who have not come to Christ be brought to him? *i. e.*, to believe on, to live and to serve him." We might add, that our great need is converted church members.

A ship has been in our harbor a number of weeks unfit for use, so much water within her that she was waterlogged, and therefore too deep in the water to be manageable. The steam tug has taken her to the city for repairs. The lesson: The Christian in the world is useful and a great blessing to the world. The Saviour prayed that his disciples might not be taken out of the world but that they might be kept from the evil. But when the world gets into the Christian it soon sinks him so deep in worldly things that he becomes unmanageable as a Christian. He needs to go up for repairs.

Our religion is more than showing others the way of life and salvation. It is in going that way ourselves. We need not only to tell others how they ought to live, but to help them to live right. "We are our brother's keeper." Christ was a fellow-helper. William Jay said, "Don't tell me what a man said, but tell me what he does."

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, of Topeka, Kansas, the well known author of "In His Steps," will shortly undertake an experiment, which from its novelty, is certain to attract general attention. His test question, "What would Jesus do?" he believes in applying to all the affairs of life. Last year he made an appeal to the Christian Endeavor Convention for a million dollars to establish a daily newspaper to be conducted as nearly as possible in accordance with Christ's own teachings. At that time the appeal brought no response. A few weeks ago the owners and editor of the *Topeka Capital* announced their willingness to turn over the entire plant and staff of that newspaper to Mr. Sheldon for one week, that he might try the experiment of publishing a daily journal which should in all respects embody his idea of what a Christian newspaper should be. Mr. Sheldon has accepted this generous offer, and the result will be everywhere watched with intense interest. The first issue begins March 13th, and the six numbers can be had for twenty-five cents, by addressing Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, Topeka, Kan.

Three well known preachers, each one a leader in his denomination, recently met together in New York city and held a conver-

sation. Among other things the Baptist said:

"The Protestant churches have far outstripped the Romanists in their percentage of growth in the United States. I am satisfied there never was a time in the history of the United States when all forms of Christianity had such a rapid growth."

The Lutheran said: "Happiness and glory will certainly be in the presence of God, and those who are kept away from his presence will suffer from the dark and cold."

The Jew said: Finding yourself a unit in the midst of a great world like this, and seeing in that world so many instances of wise conception, wise execution, and loving care, will not that compel you to acknowledge the supreme being who arranged all this—the architect of it all—in other words, God?

It is sometimes asked—"Would it be right to grant a letter of commendation to a brother or sister who are members of the Christian church in good standing and full fellowship, but who desires to leave the church and unite with a sectarian denomination?" It would be right to give an exact statement of the facts if they are in good standing and full fellowship and simply testify to their character and standing. A brother or sister who desires to go backward into sectarianism would hardly expect us to give them a letter commending them for doing that which we disapprove of.

Rabbi Mendes, one of the foremost Jews of America, in speaking of Christ as the Messiah, says: "The Sovereign was waiting in Him. The Jews were then ground under the heel of the Roman tyranny—were dying for the appearance of their Messiah—but their Messiah was a man who should take the Romans by the throat and throw them out of the land. The Jewish conception was not that he came to save their souls."

This expectation of a messiah, who was a man, and would give them material advantages, was the "stone of stumbling" to the Jews. The sovereign, the kingly qualities, were present in Christ, but they were spiritual. Nineteen hundred years have proven him a King, with an everlasting kingdom and a mighty following. The history of the Jews itself testifies that they made a great mistake when they thought Christ a man without "sovereignty;" for since the day they pitted themselves, their nation, with all its traditions against him, they have been scattered, lost their compactness as a nation, wandered, persecuted in many lands, and despised in all, taking up the meanest of occupations, without temple, without altar, and not possessing even a shadow of their one time glory.

It is said of a chaplain of Frederick, William I of Russia, that on being asked by his master to supply an argument for Christianity in the fewest words, he answered, "The Jews, your majesty."

"The Jewish conception was not that he came to save their souls." Sometimes we as Christians, forget that Christ came to save our souls. And losing sight of the real mission of the Saviour, become dissatisfied when we do not find every desirable earthly thing put in our hands and every undesirable thing taken away.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

CORBURG STREET.

The annual festival of our Sunday-school was held on Friday evening, February 9th. At the opening Dr. Ray gave a short address. Then followed singing by the children, and readings and recitations, after which they adjourned to the school-room, where the teachers and friends had prepared an abundance of good things for the children, and to which ample justice was done.

Miss Gertie Dick, of Mascarene, N. B., was at our Christian Endeavor meeting Monday evening, February 26th.

Dr. Ray preached at the Silver Falls Christian Church on Wednesday evening, February 28th, to a large congregation. The church there very much appreciate the visits of the pastor of this Church in speaking to them of the things that pertain to the kingdom of God. They have maintained their services on Lord's day and through the week ever since the church was organized. They also have a Sunday-school and Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

The special collection asked to be taken by our Home Mission Board the first Lord's day in February, amounted to \$16.77. This may not seem so large an offering, but it must be remembered that not only is our collector working to help raise the \$1,500 but the Mission Band and the Sunday-school as well.

NAUWIGEWAWUK, N. B.

Our little band is still meeting on Lord's days to commemorate the Saviour's dying love and commune together. We also meet in the afternoon for Sunday-school, and have no notion of not meeting, although our numbers are small, and one of our best workers is about leaving us. Our Sunday-school will greatly miss our present superintendent, W. H. Wanamaker, who goes to Roxbury, Mass., but hope his place will be successfully filled by some one else. We have found by experience, that the best way to build up our church is to give our young members a prominent place in the Sunday-school. The special collection for Home Missions amounted to \$4.50. L. A. H.

MILTON, N. S.

The writer arrived here after a long, tedious journey of about four days, from his home in Toronto, Ontario, shortly after midnight, Saturday, 17th. The following day, being the Lord's day, I had the pleasure of preaching the never-failing word to as good congregations as could be looked for in such stormy weather as then existed, and indeed the evening congregation passed all my expectations, as far as numbers were concerned.

Sunday, 25th, the weather, though rough, did not hinder the Christians of Milton from attending divine worship. About 175 attended in the morning, eighty-seven of these remained to partake of the Lord's supper. A goodly crowd, numbering from 350 upwards, assembled in the evening, and the preaching of the Word to such a number cannot return void, and so we are looking for evidences of the fruit.

The many kindnesses I have received from the members of the body of Christ in Milton, beginning with an entertaining supper at Bro. Prince's, in Bridgewater, bespeak great things for the church here. Truly, where such Christ-like spirit exists there will be progress. Looking for, expecting great things of Christ, we are attempting great things for him.

Pray for us and the work here.

Your brother in Christ, WM. STIFF.