

matter of vital importance, and each one must decide for himself whether he is living in constant submission to his Saviour or not. Let us ask ourselves. "Is it the delight of my inmost soul to do His holy will?"

How many squander this one opportunity, this one short life, in vain pursuits, and will inevitably realize that their lives were a fearful failure, a terrible calamity, a childish chase and grasping of the butterfly? Oh! what disappointment, what intense agony await those who will not in child-like simplicity yield a full and unconditional obedience to our blessed Redeemer!

Reader, will you not be entreated now, as never before, to consider what He has passed through—the sweat that rolled like drops of blood, the bitter pangs, the lowly step from heaven to a manger, the cruel mocking, smiting, spitting upon, the nails in His hands and feet, the crown of thorns, the railing, "He saved others, Himself He cannot save," the desertion of His chosen followers, His cry of anguish when forsaken by His Father, and then remember that He bore it all for you. Can any heart withstand such boundless love and divine sympathy?

Let us, with one strong, combined effort, glory in and lift high the once crucified—but now risen—Saviour.

Dear Lord, in humbleness and love,
We gladly yield our all to Thee;
O, grant us wisdom from above,
That we Thy garner-in may be.
M. E. GATES.

News of the Churches.

ST JOHN, N. B.

Five were received into the church this month one of whom was baptized last month.

Again we are called on to mourn. On the 9th, Sister Ashley was suddenly called from this world to a world where there is no pain or trouble. She manifested a deep interest in the Church, was a regular attendant and will be much missed. Bro. Ashley has the sympathy of the whole Church in his sad bereavement.

Sister Frank Richardson of Lord's Cove attended our Endeavor meeting on the 20th ult., and helped to make it interesting. Sister Lillie Lambert, of Lord's Cove arrived on the 19th, and will (we are glad to know) be with us for some time.

On the 23rd, the Sunday School of Silver Falls assisted by the Bloomsbury School gave a concert, the proceeds of which is to build a shed to protect the horses. They realized over \$32.00.

On the evening of the 4th, Bro. Stewart gave us a Foreign Mission sermon; on the 11th, a Temperance sermon. These sermons showed much study and strong arguments were used in behalf of both objects.

On the 20th, at our Endeavor meeting the subject was "The Peculiarities of the Disciples of Christ." Bro. Stewart led the meeting. The following subjects were spoken on and scriptures were read in proof of each:—Union; Name; Sonship of Jesus; The Work of Spirit in Conversion; Baptism, Design and Subjects; Lord's Supper; Old and New Testaments. Bro. Stewart briefly reviewed each point and closed our instructive meeting with a strong plea for others to unite with us on these grounds.

The first Sunday in February, we had the largest Sunday School attendance on record, Coburg St. 156, Portland 139, and Silver Falls 30, Total 325. The Portland school continues to grow, the average in January was 109, February it was 116. One of those baptized is from this school.

One more confession Monday, February 26th.

HALIFAX, N. S.

The church in Halifax, having failed to secure the services of Bro. Baker, have asked me to come over and help them for a few months, or until such

time as a suitable man can be found to take the work here permanently. To this call I have responded, though it was with much reluctance that I have left my work in Cornwallis—even for a few months. But such is the nature of the work there, on account of the scattered condition of the brethren, that their preacher can be better spared in the winter than at any other season of the year. We have now been in this city one month, laboring as best we could. Two of our young friends, in whom we are all much interested, have made the good confession and have been baptized, and are now active members of the church of Christ. This has made us all glad and given new life to all our workers. Assume one has said: "There is nothing that succeeds like success."

Quite a number of our brethren have been sick ever since we have been here, as many as ten or twelve being unable to get out on account of sickness; still our meetings have been well attended and very interesting. Indeed every department of the work here is moving on with an enthusiasm which means success.

One of the promising features of the work here is the Sunday-school. This school was one year old last Lord's day, at which time the secretary read his annual report, which I take pleasure in giving to the readers of THE CHRISTIAN, and which speaks for itself:

CHRISTIAN CHURCH S. S., NORTH ST.,
Halifax, N. S., Feb. 18, '94.

Just one year ago to-day our Sunday school was organized by Bro. H. W. Stewart, of St. John, N. B., with twenty-five being present. We are now having an average attendance of about sixty. When organized our collection was \$1.23; we are now receiving from \$1.50 to \$2.00. The whole amount raised during the year is \$65. We have one hundred and sixty-five volumes in the library, and fifty-five copies of our Sunday-school papers. There are two more classes than when organized, and all the classes are much larger.

There have been five additions by confession and baptism from the school, largely as a result of the faithful and instructive lessons given by their teachers. How, then, can any one say the Sunday-school work is a failure? Never, while we can be the means of bringing one soul to Christ. Let us then go carefully and prayerfully on and our efforts will be crowned with success, if our faith fail not, and we work as we should.

GEORGE E. WALLACE,
Secretary and Treasurer.

I know this report will be read with pleasure by all the friends of the cause in Halifax. Last Saturday I dropped into the meeting of the Children's Band for a few moments and found twenty-four bright and interested children under the efficient care of Sister H. L. Wallace, who was instructing them in the work of missions and warning their young hearts toward every good work. I was much pleased with this gathering of the children. The possibilities represented in that bright company cannot be estimated.

So far as I am able to judge, the prospects for doing a good work in Halifax brighten with every month. I have never seen more earnestness manifested by the brethren, nor have I ever heard so many of the brethren here take active part in our social meetings as now. Our regular congregations, too, are better than I ever had since my first coming among the brethren here.

The one great need now is the right man to take on the work, and this man we fully expect to secure in the near future. God will hear our prayers and send him to us.
E. C. FORD.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 20th, 1894.

HANTS COUNTY, N. S.

The winter is wearing away, and I think nearly everybody is glad. We have had very cold and stormy weather here during the last month. There has also been a great deal of sickness. Nearly every house has had a share, still we are glad to know that there is a move toward recovery manifest

in most cases. Notwithstanding the many drawbacks, our meetings have been well attended for the most part, and an evident interest is being taken in the work of the Master. "Hard times" is the general cry and there seems to be a general depression in business of every kind; in fact the whole world seems to be affected more or less. Are these some of the signs that come before the end? Is the fig-tree putting forth its leaves? We see that there is a great religious movement being made. Our great evangelists are having great success. Some years ago the greatest religious awakening of the century, or at least one of the greatest, was preceded by a great financial depression. Who knows but what the present depression may lead to some such result. God grant it. There comes a time to us now and again when we can do some good to somebody, it may be at a sacrifice but is there not a satisfaction in doing these things that help us? When we have to sacrifice something for Christ's sake then we begin to enjoy our religion, and so in these hard times when there are so many needy ones, the Church must show its true colours. It must feed the hungry, visit the sick, scatter the seeds of kindness, spread sunshine, cheer up the lonely, dark hours of some of earth's unfortunate ones; and in doing this the blessing of God will rest upon it, and the result will be that we will see a great many turned to Jesus to love and serve Him. Let us sow as we expect to reap. "Cast your bread upon the waters" is a good maxim for these hard times.

Our meeting house in Nine Mile River will be opened some time in April. I will tell you about it next month. The brethren have done well so far and we hope to open the house free of debt. If there are any persons who read this letter who would like to help these brethren out, why they will gladly welcome your assistance.

There is some talk about a new meeting house for Emsdale; but more about this some other time. There is also some talk about building a new house for the preacher in West Gore; but more about this some other time. There is also some talk of the Hants Co. Central R. R. Perhaps all these things will come together. Anyway let us work away and do all we can. It will be good to hear the Master say, "You have been faithful over few things I will make thee ruler over many."

W. H. HARDING.

West Gore, Hants Co., N. S.

LORD'S COVE, DEER ISLAND, N. B.

Our work moves along smoothly. Attendance has been very good at all our meetings during the month of February and interest fair.

One young lady confessed her faith in Christ at the close of our prayer meeting last Wednesday evening, and was immersed on Thursday morning.

A letter from S. W. Leonard informs us that he is enjoying his stay in "The sunny south." He writes: "We are having a mild winter with no snow."

Sister Lillie Lambert left us this week to spend a while in St. John. We shall miss her for she is one of our best workers.
R. E. STEVENS.

WESTPORT, N. S.

Bro. Cooke writes: "Our meetings have been well attended. On the 18th we extended the hand of fellowship to two who had formerly resided at Southville. Two added by confession and baptism. Bro. Murray is doing good preaching, and the outlook is encouraging. The church is aroused."

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HENRY CARSON,
Halifax N. S., February, 1894. Treasurer.