

hardness, who deny themselves, who live for others—in short, those who follow Christ—are the ones whom the world needs and heaven will reward. To make pleasure the end of this life means an eternity of misery.

The editor's absence from home, for a reason elsewhere mentioned in this paper, accounts for the non-appearance of the usual editorial. We are glad to have intimations that his mission to Mahone Bay was successful, and rejoice in the hope that for years his pen will continue to tell the old, old story through THE CHRISTIAN.

We are glad to learn that the *New England Messenger* "has reached a point where a self-sustaining basis is in sight." A paper so interesting and helpful, with such a wealth of news from the New England churches, and more general news selected with great care by the editor, should have reached this basis in its second year; and we think it would have done so had its worth been better known.

It is said that the Central Christian Church, Des Moines, leads all others in the brotherhood in missionary offerings, giving about \$3,000 annually. H. O. Breeden is their minister. Ten years ago, when he began his work there, there were only 400 Disciples of Christ in the city. To-day there are nine churches and 4,000 members. If the Central had not been a missionary church and the preacher a missionary man these results could not be recorded.

Returns from the May collection for Home Missions are encouraging. The outlook for raising the \$100,000 asked is brighter than ever before. Last year the amount sent to the treasurer in the first ten days was \$3,499 85; this year the amount is \$4,688 51, an increase of \$1,188.66. Last year 313 churches gave; this year 349. Some of our provincial churches have already taken this collection. We hope that all will have a share in this good work. It is just as important as the foreign work. Send your offering to B. L. Smith, Y. M. C. A. building, Cincinnati, O.

The Mormons are particularly active at present in the United States, and also, we believe, in Canada. R. B. Neal, who is remembered by many of our readers, is busy writing tracts that expose the hollowness of their claims and the rottenness of their teaching on many subjects—their distinctive doctrines. He has published two tracts, and has a third nearly ready for the press. Out of their own mouths he condemns them. The tracts can be secured from the Standard Pub. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The great work of the ages is the conversion of the world. For this the Christ came and lived and died and rose again. For this the Spirit came on the last Pentecost and fitted the apostles who went forth to preach the gospel of our salvation. For this he still abides in the Church of Christ. But can a divided Christendom bring the world to Christ? Jesus prayed that His followers might be one—that the world might believe that God had sent Him. A united church will be a conquering church. Hence the plea for Christian union must not be lost sight of, must not be subordinated. Those

who make it have a message for the churches as well as for the world. If the churches hear and heed their message, the world will be more speedily won. Union, then victory.

It is better to be right in living and wrong in faith than wrong in living and right in faith. It is best, and possible, to be right in both. We have seen people who could defend their doctrinal position with a skill that made them invincible; but when their moral characters were assailed, they went down as fortresses of straw. It is good to have the truth; it is better to live it. There are too many people who are Christians in form only and not in fact. They once obeyed the gospel, but they are not striving to walk worthy of it. Such people are the bane and weakness of many a church. As they become numerous, the church becomes paralyzed.

In reading the reports from the evangelistic field, we are often impressed by the large numbers who are coming from the various denominations and taking their stand with those who are pleading for Christian union upon what they believe to be the scriptural, and therefore the only proper, basis. A very considerable minority of those who now call themselves simply Christians or disciples of Christ, once wore another name. We need not be astonished at this change. If there is any strength in our plea for union, it is natural that they and we should feel its force and find ourselves standing upon the same ground.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET

We were all very glad to see and to hear Sister Murray, of Leonardville, Deer Island, at the Young Peoples' meeting on Monday evening, May 2nd.

Bro. Wm Murray was at our prayer meeting on Thursday evening, May 5th. He will spend some weeks preaching for the church at Keswick, N. B.

At the monthly meeting of the Home Mission Band held on Friday, May 6th, the following officers were elected for the year: President, L. A. Miles; Vice-president, Mrs. D. A. Morrison; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Mabel Boyne.

On Lord's day morning, May 15th, Bro. Wallace Bagnall of the church at Tryon, P. E. I., was received into the fellowship of the church, and at the close of the evening service a young woman confessed the name of Christ.

Bro. Stewart exchanged with Bro. Appel on Lord's day morning, May 1st.

The annual business meeting was held on Tuesday evening May 10th, at which trustees were appointed for the year, and reports of the Treasurer, Secretary, Woman's Aid Society and Relief Fund were read. Bro. Stewart, by the unanimous request of the church, has consented to remain another year, which will be the eighth year he will have served the church.

MAIN STREET.

The morning service, May 1st, was conducted by Bro. Stewart of Coburg Street. His visits are greatly appreciated both at the Wednesday prayer-meetings and at the Lord's day services.

The annual business meeting was held May 10 at the home of Bro. Robert Roberts. Reports were received from the Secretary, Mrs. D. A. Morrison, and the Treasurer, O. B. Stockford. The Ladies' and Junior Aid Societies presented a

most encouraging statement. The Furnishing Fund for the new church is growing steadily as a result of earnest and persistent efforts. New officers elected: Deacon, Robert Roberts; Secretary, James W. Barnes; Treasurer, Robert Roberts.

As Bro. Stewart, through sickness, was unable to fill his appointment at Silver Falls, May 22, Bro Appel went out. This congregation is a standing example of what a few faithful followers of the Lord will do. It is always a pleasure to meet with them.

Mrs D. A. Morrison has left us for a few weeks trip to the Old Country.

During the month there has been one addition.
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HALIFAX, N. S.

The North street Christian church will lose several good members within the next few months. Two of our families are preparing to leave for other parts, while some individual members have already gone. Dulness in business and lack of employment are largely the causes of these changes.

The *Acadian Recorder*, our oldest evening paper in Halifax, has given during May several full reports of the evening sermons of Lord's day in the North street Christian church. The issue of May 10th published both sermons of May 8th.

Our attendance for April and May has been better than the attendance for the corresponding months of last year. The use of the blackboard at our evening services as an adjunct has had the tendency to attract quite a number of interested and thoughtful hearers.

As we pen these lines we are expecting a call from Bro. D. Crawford of P. E. Island, the senior editor of THE CHRISTIAN, who expects to pass through Halifax en route to Cornwallis and Mahone Bay.

The pastor of the North street Christian church, and family, were guests this week at a church reception, given by the young men of the North Baptist church. Bro. L. Fash and his young people understand how to "do the hospitable."

The brethren at Elmsdale are in the best working order of their history. At the last two visits there the pastor of the North street church had full houses, probably more being in attendance than at any previous visits. They are keeping up their Bible study classes with regularity.

KEMPT, N. S.

Since our last report we have lost one of our members by death—Bro. Zenas Hanley. Bro Hanley was baptized by Bro. H. E. Cooke some years ago.

We are looking forward with pleasure to the quarterly, and trust that a good number will come to help us enjoy a feast of good things. The first meeting will be Friday night, June 10th, at eight o'clock. Brethren and friends, come; we know that you will not be sorry if you do.

F. C. FORD.

CORNWALLIS, N. S.

The congregation here in Cornwallis had the pleasure of listening to two most excellent sermons last Lord's day by our beloved Bro. D. Crawford. This was a rich treat for us all. I have heard Bro. Crawford preach a good many times, and always enjoyed his sermons, and was profited by them, but I never remember hearing him speak when I enjoyed it so much as last Lord's day. His sermons were both rich in thought and soul-inspiring. Heaven and heavenly things seemed wonderfully near to us.