

WON BY A WELCOME.

There is nothing in the world more winning than sympathy and friendliness. Many a one has been led to understand God's willingness to receive, from the cordial welcome given by his children. Some of us may take a hint from the experience of a young man who with his wife strayed into a church service in a great city where they were strangers.

There were neither of them Christian—rather, both of them carelessly unchristian. With the services they were not especially impressed. But after the service, as they were standing about looking at the church, a gentleman approached them, and flinging his arm over the shoulder of the young man, welcomed him and his wife in a way so genuinely cordial that the hard edge of their strangeness was at once smoothed away, and the young couple were sure somebody had real interest in them. "We'll go to that church again," they said together after the warm welcome. They did. It was not long before both husband and wife accepted Christ as their Saviour and their Lord, and united with that church. Almost penniless, and obscure, and quite disheartened, that young man was on that night when so warmly welcomed. To-day he is a member of a firm which flings the meshes of its business all over; and he is now one of the best and most winning of Sunday-school workers and superintendents.—*Young People's Weekly.*

"NEVER SIR."

If every Christian who trims his lamp and keeps the oil of grace up to its full supply is such a blessed benefactor to others, what a terrible thing it is for a Christian to let his light burn low or go out entirely! A traveller who once visited a light-house in the British Channel said to the keeper "But what if one of your lights should go out at night?" "Never," said the keeper, "never—impossible! Sir, yonder are ships sailing to all parts of the world. If to-night my burner were out, in a few days I might hear, from France, or Spain, or from Scotland or America, that on such a night the light-house in the channel gave no warning, and some vessel had been wrecked. Ah, sir, I sometime feel, when I look at my lights, as if the eyes of the whole world were fixed on me. Go out—burn dim—never, sir, never!"—*T. L. Cuyler.*

IMPORTANT.

Persons going to the Annual at Leonardville, from places in N. S., P. E. I. and in N. B. along the Intercolonial Railway, will need to be in St. John on Thursday evening, August 5th, in order to go to Eastport on the following morning by the steamers of the International S. S. Co.

The International S. S. Co. will give return tickets from Eastport to St. John free to those paying full fare from St. John to Eastport. Certificates will be given by Secretary at the meeting.

On purchasing tickets for St. John by the Dominion Atlantic Railway, ask for certificate from the ticket agent. This when properly filled in and signed by the secretary of the meeting will allow purchaser to return free.

Those who come by the Intercolonial Railway should purchase a first-class ticket to St. John and at the same time ask for a Standard certificate. If ten persons hold these certificates, properly filled in and signed by the secretary of the meeting, return tickets will be issued free.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

The Literature Committee can report good progress made during the month. Bro. Gates' success has exceeded the expectations of all.

Since last report Bro. Gates was ordered \$69 85 worth of books for New Glasgow and Summerside. He has, including subscriptions for CHRISTIAN, taken orders for \$70 worth at Montague, \$50 worth at East Point and \$20 worth at Charlottetown. He left the Island on July 16th for home, where he may do some canvassing.

Bro. Gates is well pleased with the reception accorded him by the brethren and sisters where he has gone.

We have not been able to follow the plan most prominently advocated at our last annual, viz., that of circulating our literature among outsiders. The principal reason for this has been because, through lack of funds, we were compelled to seek the most ready sale for our publications. But while our sales have therefore been very largely among our own church members, this has been a much needed work. Our success so far justifies us in believing that the work of canvassing outsiders may be successfully entered into next year.

O. B. STOCKFORD,
Secretary-Treasurer.

St. John, N. B.

MAIN STREET BUILDING FUND.

With this month begins the report of receipts for the building itself. The \$985.20 already collected has just met the expenses of the lot on Douglas Avenue, and with thankful hearts we begin the second and greater part of the work.

Let us hear promptly from all the friends of apostolic Christianity who read this. If you can send a contribution now, do it—it is needed. If you cannot forward a subscription at this time, write us that you will do so, and give the amount and date when it may be expected.

Main St Sale (balance)	\$3 00
Collected by Mrs. W. H. Torsey,	5 10
Hants Co. June Meeting, held at Shubenacadie, per W. H. Harding,	8 00
Lord's Cove, Mrs. Frank Richardson,	1 00
Anonymous,	25
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ABEL ALLAN, Treasurer.

154 Metcalf Street, North End.

Married.

STEVENS-FORD.—At Port Williams, Wednesday, June 2nd, by E. C. Ford, assisted by H. Murray, Susie B., daughter of E. C. Ford, and Rupert E. Stevens, of Picton.

Died.

O'BLENUS.—At Woodville, Kings Co., N. S., July 10, 1897, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Allen Morton, Bro. Thomas O'Blenus, in the 82nd year of his age. A good man and one who loved the truth has passed "over the river." Bro. O'Blenus was baptized by Bro. Benj. Howard nearly sixty years ago. The writer has known him for more than thirty years, and has ever found him a true friend, and one who loved the gospel, which gave him so much comfort through all his Christian life. His trials through life have been many, but he never gave up the faith, but felt it his only hope. He was a deacon of the Church of Christ, and officiated in this office until his failing health prevented him meeting with his brethren. He was highly esteemed by his brethren and respected by all. His last sickness was very severe, but was borne with a Christian resignation that only those whose trust is in Christ can realize. He died at the home of his daughter, Sister Morton, who, with her sister, Mrs. Minard, did all that loving hearts and willing hands could do to relieve his great suffering. But on the morning of July 10th he passed away in the sure hope of eternal life. He is the father of our Bro. T. H. Blenus, who also was with him in his last hours. Before his death he selected to be sung at his funeral those beautiful words in hymn 237 of Christian Hymnal:

"How blest the righteous when he dies,
When sinks a weary soul to rest"

This beautiful hymn so fitly expressed his feelings, and was so real in his death, when like a tired child he fell asleep in Jesus to await the trump of God to call the dead to life. Three daughters and three sons mourn the loss of a kind father, but "they sorrow not as those who have no hope." E. C. FORD.

AGENTS FOR THE CHRISTIAN.

MRS. PETER CHING, Little Harbour, P. E. I. of Lots 46 and 47.

MRS. O. M. PACKARD, 353 West 57th Street, N. Y.

W. R. McEWEN, Milton, N. S.

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MAJOR LINKLETTER, Summerside, P. E. I.

ROBT. DEWAR, New Perth, P. E. I.

W. W. BOYER, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

J. F. BAKER, North Lake, P. E. I.

PETER A. DEWAR, Montague, P. E. I.

KENDRICK OUTHOUSE, Tiverton & Freeport, N.S.

GEORGE BOWERS, Westport, N. S.

D. F. LAMBERT, Lord's Cove, Deer Island, N. B.

MRS. C. H. CONLEY, JR., Leonardville, Deer Island N. B.

JOHN W. WALLACE, Shubenacadie,

ISRAEL C. CUSHING, Kempt, N. S.

W. J. MESSERVEY, Halifax, N. S.

GRACE WILSON, Burt's Corner, York Co., N. B.

More names will be added as they are appointed

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Money to loan on Freehold Property.

OFFICE:

RITCHIE'S BUILDING, ST. JOHN, N. B.

30 STUDENTS IN GOOD SITUATIONS

Two weeks ago we published in the daily papers names and addresses of TWENTY-SIX of our students who have recently obtained good situations. Since then we have added four to that list.

We thank the public for the above evidences of their appreciation, and will endeavor to merit the continued confidence of all our patrons.

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