

this country, and the church in which he was brought up, taught him that all he had to do was to believe and be saved. He was not satisfied in his mind with their teaching, and as soon as I began to divide the word with him and showed him where the Christian dispensation commenced for our present salvation—at Pentecost, and not from Sinai, he had no trouble whatever to understand what the Blessed Master would have him do to be saved. Then I put the question to him, are you willing to go down in the water and be buried with Christ in Baptism. He said he was, and on Tuesday evening he came before the church and there he confessed, that Jesus was the Christ the Son of the living God, and on Wednesday evening was buried with Christ in baptism.

The Lord willing on Sunday morning (19) we are to have at 10 a. m., an open air service on the Grand Parade, to see what can be done in rescuing perishing souls. Why need any feed on husk, when there is bread in their Father's house and to spare. May the Lord open their eyes to the truth as it is in Jesus. And may we have strength and wisdom given us to go on in the Master's cause, humbling ourselves as obedient children to all the commandments of Christ Jesus. And may we consider the value of one soul. Let him know that he who converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. This should be enough to encourage every true follower of Christ—to work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. We find as soon as Jesus was baptized that he findeth followers. He first findeth Andrew, then Andrew findeth Simon then Jesus findeth Philip. Philip findeth Nathaniel and so on and on. And it is just what we want to do—find others and tell them what they must do to be saved, and then send them out to find others.

Since writing the above, two more, a husband and wife have been added to the Church of Christ. Last winter they were bitterly opposed to the course now taken, but being exported to study God's word they did so and made it a matter of prayer. A few days since in conversation with a brother who had called to see them the husband replied, I asked God to show me the way and the right way, and this man (visiting brother) has showed me the way. I am fighting against God. I see it all clear now. The following day he and his wife obeyed their Saviour in the ordinance of baptism, and are now walking in newness of life. When Bro. Murray comes others no doubt will follow the Saviour.

W. J. MESSEREY.

WESTPORT.

Dear Christian,—A Happy New Year to all your readers. To your worthy editors we extend the hand, with the compliments of the season, and the wish that they may long live to cheer our hearts with words of peace and good will, such as they are wont to speak to us through the pages of our ever welcome paper. And may you long continue to breathe forth the same sweet spirit of love for God and man that has characterized your pages since their first issue.

I was pleased with the change made in the head dress of THE CHRISTIAN. I liked the appearance of the paper before, but like it better now. To my mind it is somewhat suggestive. It is very difficult sometimes to read the Christian through too much dress. It is much easier to read the plain Christian.

I have it in my mind to tell the readers of THE CHRISTIAN what some five or six of our youngest sisters here in Westport have done, during the last thirteen months, for the support of our Mission work. In its proper place in this issue of THE CHRISTIAN the Willing Workers of Westport are credited with \$12 for Mission work. In the October number they were credited with \$9, making in all \$21 raised for Mission work since Nov., 1885. As already stated, this amount has been raised, principally, by five or six of our youngest sisters, who formed themselves into a society to aid the work of spreading the Gospel. At the first starting of this society there were quite a number of the children to take hold. But not receiving the encouragement they should have had, they soon dropped off, and

left the work to only a few. But these young sisters were not to be discouraged, but met once a week, paid their dues, made such articles as would sell at a fair valuation, and took contributions as they could from those who came in to see them at work. While the amount raised is not large, still the effort made by these young Christians is very commendable, and well worthy honourable mention. My object in speaking of this, so particularly, is first to encourage our young sisters to still persevere in this good work, and secondly to encourage others to go and do likewise.

If all our young sisters in these Provinces would do what they could to assist this grand work of saving precious souls, what an impetus would be given to our work. If I could feel that our brethren, old and young, were doing what they could to build up the cause of our Lord, I would be content. But certainly we are able to do much more than we are doing, as a people. May we all come to feel the necessity of being more faithful to the trust committed to our charge, so that when the Master comes to call us to give an account for our stewardship, He may be able to say to us, "Well done."

I have now completed my fifteenth year with the church at Westport. The brethren are at peace, and our social meetings are very interesting. The congregations, particularly on Lord's day evenings, are good. We hope, by the blessing of God, to see a good work done here during the coming winter.

I expect to go to Tiverton this week to begin a meeting there. As announced in the last CHRISTIAN, the Quarterly Meeting is to be held with the church there. We are expecting to have Bro. Capp with us, and we look for a good meeting. Let us work and pray for the conversion of sinners, and that those who have gone back into the world may be brought back to their father's house.

After the meeting at Tiverton, we expect to hold a meeting with the church at Westport. These two meetings will about complete my work with the churches on these islands. It is now decided to move to Cornwallis in the early spring to labour with the brethren there. This step has not been decided on without much prayer, and I humbly trust we are guided by the God whom we try to serve.

We have been so long associated with these dear brethren, and have received from them so many kind acts, that is no small thing to decide to leave them. But I am satisfied that this is the path of duty. My prayer is that God will raise up some good man to come and labour in these parts. The church here has a beautiful home for their preacher, and will do what they can to make him comfortable.

E. C. FORD.

Westport, Dec. 27, 1886.

SURPRISE.

Our home in Montague has been visited again by a large party, members of the church and others. Evening, Dec. 13th, 1886.

This time it is a fine, rich fur coat and gloves, which were presented to the writer by Bro. D. Macdonald, who, with the whole company, appeared to be in the best of good humor during the presentation, and his remarks were very pleasant and appropriate.

Mrs. E. was also the recipient of a beautiful album, from the hands of Mrs. Peter Stewart. Sister Stewart also spoke pleasant words in presenting the elegant gift.

The replies to the presentation addresses—well—I am not very good at speech-making under circumstances like the above, and I fear Mrs. E. also failed.

The furs and album were the gifts of the lady members of the church at Montague Bridge, and I may just say here that the members of the church and many others in this community have been untiring in their efforts to make our sojourn, where so short a time ago we were strangers, enjoyable in the highest degree.

Many other substantial tokens of esteem and thoughtfulness were left at our residence by our self-invited guests of the evening.

Cheerful conversation, music, praise and prayer filled up the time, which seemed all too short, until our friends departed for their homes, and we were left alone to think and thank the Father of all our mercies for the growing good feeling, unity and love which is manifest among the members of the church at Montague. May the Lord of the harvest, who can alone give the increase, enable us to so present the Word of truth and righteousness, that love and labor for Christ and men may so increase that many precious souls may be brought from darkness to light, and from Satan unto God.

O. B. EMERY.

Montague, Dec. 15th, 1886.

A flow of words is no proof of wisdom.
A clear conscience can bear any trouble.
Every day is the best of the year.

We rise in glory as we sink in pride.—Young.

Those who school others, oft should school themselves.—Shakespeare.

Errors like straws upon the surface flow;
He who would search for pearls must dive below.
Addison.

A foe to God was ne'er true friend to man.

—Young.

Virtue alone is happiness below.—Pope.

"The enthusiasm you create in your pupils is the measure of your success."

It matters not what men assume to be, but what they are.—Bailey.

Dare to be true. Nothing can need a lie.

—Herbert.

Avoid that which you blame.

Bitting a stone breaks the teeth.

Original Contributions.

DR. PARKER ON CHRISTIAN UNION.

BY B. B. TYLER, NEW YORK.

Joseph Parker, D. D., was born in 1830 in Northumberland in England. He thinks that his training for the ministry began when he was seven years old. After a thorough training in the ancient languages and mathematics he studied logic and moral philosophy in the University College, London. After that he was for a short time pulpit assistant to Dr. John Campbell of the Whitefield Tabernacle. Then he was settled five years in Banbury, where he built a new chapel, after which he succeeded the learned Dr. Robert Halley in Manchester, where he labored with increasing success and distinction until he was called to the church in the Poultry, London, 1869. More and more as a preacher and author he became known to the public. He projected and built the City Temple, a noble structure at one end of the Holborn Viaduct, far from the fashionable quarter of London, and removed from even the plainer portion of dwellings, but in the heart of what is technically called "The City." This great church cost \$250,000, and such men as Dean Stanley and England's great Prime Minister, Mr. Gladstone, have spoken in it. Dr. Deems, of this city, pastor of the Church of the Strangers, to whom I am indebted for some of the foregoing facts, says that Dr. Parker is a voice, a fire, a herald, an orator speaking in Heaven's name and strength. This about the man, Not long since he preached a sermon on Christian Union. His text was John xvii. 20-23. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word, that they all may be one as thou, Father, art in Me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me; and the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them, that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and they in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me,