

which in the wisdom of their own eyes they thought good. So Korah and his troop rebelled against Moses, and God said they rebelled against Him. Behold now, when the popular leaders of the congregation depart from the right way of the Lord, how quickly the congregation follow. Like sheep they go astray. No sooner hath the leaders broken the fold of God than the flock hasteth, rushing and bleating for the forbidden pastures without the fold. And so the congregation of the Lord's people followed Korah and his troop, when they gathered themselves together against Moses and Aaron, and with arrogance such as a powerful majority gives to rebellious men, they said to Moses, "Ye take too much upon you. We are all likewise holy; every one of the congregation is holy, and the Lord is among them. Why thou lift ye up yourself above the congregation of the Lord? We are wise also as thou art. Wilt thou kill us in the wilderness except thou make thyself altogether a prince over us?" These men were discontented under the restraint of the civil and religious system which the Lord had established among them. They aspired to the priesthood and the civil power which they pretended were usurped by Moses and Aaron. They were like unto these men in our generation, who have waxed wise above what is written, and become dissatisfied with the divine and perfect system which the Lord has in these latter days established in His kingdom. And the whole congregation followed Korah. And the Lord threatened to destroy them all. Think ye that there were no good people in all the congregation of Israel? Yet God accounted them all worthy of death because they took the side of Korah in departing from the Lord's arrangement. And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron saying, Separate yourselves from among this congregation that I may consume them in a moment. When men follow the herd into which the devil is entered, it is at their peril. But Moses and Aaron besought the Lord in behalf of the deluded and erring people, so He spared them and punished only the leaders and their company. Behold these things are written for our learning.

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### Correspondence.

#### SPRINGFIELD, MO., NOTES.

Dear Editor,—A year will soon have passed away since we left your field of labor for this place. How time flies! How many and how sudden have been the changes since then! Although far away, THE CHRISTIAN is a welcome visitor, its columns are scanned with interest, and even the eighth page is replete with the associations of other days. The mind is a wonderful thing, for though unable to carry our body to you, still in some mysterious way, it crowds into the present the things and persons of the past, until lost in wonder and surprise, we find ourselves living, as it were, amid the scenes of days that are no more.

Though the winters here are not as severe as in the Maritime Provinces, still the sudden changes from heat to cold are to be dreaded, because so trying upon one's constitution. In the morning it will be quite warm, so that a light overcoat is oppressive, but during the afternoon the wind has whipped round to the north, and you are eagerly searching for the warmest coat in your wardrobe.

During the last four weeks, I have seen more sickness, and heard of more deaths, in and around Springfield, than in any four months of my life. It is no exaggeration to say there are but few families in Springfield that have not one or more of its members down with la grippe, which if not carefully treated turns to pneumonia, and proves fatal.

Times here are very dull. Real estate cannot be disposed of at any price. Still the citizens are hopeful, scarcely one of them will run down his country. I have frequently wished that some of those dissatisfied Nova Scotians, New Brunswickers and P. E. Islanders were out west for a while that they might learn lessons of loyalty, deprivation and hardship. I feel confident that many of them, if not belonging to that fraternity of constitutional discontents or stowed in the spirit of dissatisfaction, would return and sing with much feeling "My Own Canadian Home."

The people here are very hospitable, they mean business every time, and do not despise a dollar. As a class they have peculiar ideas about Canada and its people, but time nor space in your columns, Mr. Editor, will not allow me to enlarge on these views.

The questions of women's suffrage and prohibition are being agitated among the people. I am in favor of both, believing that if women are permitted to vote, the question of prohibition will soon be settled; and the rumseller, knowing this, has emphatically expressed himself as opposed to woman's suffrage.

The College Street Church (commonly called the 1st Christian Church, for we have four in Springfield) for which I am preaching, is doing very well indeed. The brethren are living in peace and working with a will, and as a result many have and are obeying the Saviour. I could of course give you some items, but being so far away from your readers, might not prove of much interest, and then I might be dubbed as an "Ink Slinger." This is quite a familiar name out west, and why? because the number of such men are—well it is not much of an exaggeration to say legion. These men are already at a discount in the estimation of the good brethren, west. I presume that some of them will soon, if not already, want to go east. I do hope the day is FAR DISTANT when the brethren of the provinces are to have an epidemic of "Ink Slingers." Brethren, do not believe all you read even though it may appear in a religious paper.

I have been reading with much interest and profit "The Great Controversy," by Bro. Ashley S. Johnson, of Knoxville, Tenn. The author presents to his readers an assemblage of preachers and people of the different religious organizations of our age to discuss and to search after the true basis of Christian union. Each denomination, through one of its preachers, makes known to the assembly their peculiar views and excellencies over all others. Each preacher reviewing and pointing out what he considers to be error in the claims of the speaker preceding him. The speakers are, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Dunkard, Quaker, Roman Catholic, Universalist, Infidel, Inquirer, Iconoclast and Peacemaker.

This book is worth four times the price asked for it. By sending a \$1.00 bill (Canadian currency) to Ashley S. Johnson, Kimberlin Heights, Tenn., you will receive two copies of the work. I write this note because I believe the reading of the book will do good.

T. H. C.

#### FROM HANTS CO., N. S.

We are reminded that the year 1891, with all its toil and care, with all its joy and sorrow, and with all its responsibilities, is past and gone. Yea, gone forever and numbered with all the years of the past, which can never return. And through the favor of our God we have commenced our work in the year of our Lord 1892, not knowing that we shall live to see its close. But we know that every day that dawns upon us here brings to us great responsibilities. We also know that we are not our own, that we are bought with a great price. Then our time belongs to our Heavenly Master. And whether few or many the days of our sojourn here,

they should be spent in faithful service to Him who has redeemed us with His own blood. The great captain of our salvation gives the word of command to all people. Those who wish to enlist under King Jesus may find the conditions plainly defined in the words of the new covenant. And to all that have joined the army of the faithful, the King's orders are clearly and distinctly proclaimed by His own chosen officers, the Apostles. Our Lord and Saviour has been given, not only to redeem us, but also to "be a leader and commander to the people." Now if we are good soldiers of Jesus Christ we will obey His word of command. We are assured that "He has become the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey Him." The great commander of the armies of the living God requires faithful submission to His will in all things. Every one is required to obey His word. When in the world He taught perfect obedience by His example, for "He was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Then let us be careful to hear His word, as proclaimed by His Apostles, and do the things that He requires and we shall gain the victory over all our enemies through Him. But there are deserters from the armies of earthly kingdoms. Oh! how ungrateful and disgraceful and vain to desert our Lord's army to join the ranks of the enemy of God and man. Oh! then let us be watchful, prayerful and careful, to stand in proper position, with the whole armor on, that we may fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life. "If a man strive for the mastery, yet he is not crowned except he strive lawfully." What law directs and governs all faithful Christians in their holy warfare? Answer, "The law of the Lord, which is perfect, converting the soul;" "the perfect law of liberty;" "the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus;" "the word of the Lord as proclaimed by His Apostles all along the line of battle." The Apostle John says: "He that is of God heareth us."

J. B. WALLACE.

#### SUMMERSIDE LETTER.

Three persons were added to the church in Tignish, at my last regular appointment there. There have been several very useful members added to the church here this fall, and the outlook is good for future work. When peace and goodwill reigns in a church, and all the members are earnestly at work, success must attend their efforts. I care not how eloquent the preacher may be, nor how learned nor yet how hard he may work; if the congregation are pulling apart and finding fault, and are idling away their time, then the work of the Master cannot succeed. Some people are "born grumblers," some brother or sister is always doing something out of the way, etc. But I am not in a spirit for writing an essay on grumbling today.

We are having a strange winter up to date (Jan. 20th) the thermometer has not yet been down to zero; we have had but very little snow, and no sleighing. The harbours are all open; last year they were closed for the most part during the first week in December. As I look out of my window I see the fields as bare as in the spring, and an occasional spot turning green, and I do think the trees have a notion to bud.

We are trying to hold some special meetings here, but the travelling is so bad that I do not know how they will get along. Of one thing I am sure, either the meetings or the weather must stop.

On account of the openness of the winter, business has been very dull, and several failures are reported, and there is a cry of "hard times." There also seems to be a religious apathy; even the free thinkers seem quiet. Whether this is the calm that precedes the storm, is a question on my mind. The signs of the time are ominous; I shall not be surprised if there is a commotion here before long but I trust that when the storm has spent its fury