

great mistake of the past, erecting human standards of faith. The church must be branded unsound and discarded that does not endorse the views of some pessimist. We will suffer as martyrs in the fire, built out of our own opinions and peculiar notions and then call on others to see us burn; and because our eyes are not blinded with tears over their martyrdom they conclude the church has lost all love and sympathy. Were the church to-day as pure as the life of Christ she would have to include the same amount of fault-finding. For Christ Himself was constantly blamed, because, in the eyes of His enemies, He was doing things wrong and unlawful. Things will necessarily look dark to the pessimist, because he stands with his back to the sun and his own shadow falls on that at which he looks. As Dr. Talmage has said, "They were born backward and never feel comfortable unless harnessed with their face toward the whiffletree and their backs to the ends of the shafts. It is their mission to file objections to everything. There is quite a difference between the days of Christ and now. Then the one got strayed away from the ninety-nine, now the ninety-nine get strayed away from the one. It is a heavy burden for the one to restore a whole church that has strayed away from the truth. Time is too brief and too precious to be frittered away in "muzzling innovations." The cause we love is in the hands of a loving heavenly Father, and He will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and crown His workers with success. In the words of Gamaliel, "If this work be of men it will come to naught, but if it be of God ye cannot overthrow it." We should therefore be very cautious lest we be found speaking against God.

It will never do for us to let the supposed evils of life draw our attention from our own work. The old Waterloo soldier had the right idea. "When he was asked to describe the battle he could not, he said he did not see the battle. He was blazing away with his gun, that was his business, and his Waterloo, the battle he left to Wellington and Napoleon." Some one has said, "The best way to get others to go right is to go that way ourselves." Our own unwavering fidelity to the truth will much better promote the cause than harsh denunciations. Dr. C. H. Parkhurst, of New York, tells us the successful way to correct evil, that is by love. "God chose to love men out of sin into holiness, as some mothers love their children out of bad habits into good ones." Love is the "coal of fire" that will burn out the evil. Evil will be overcome by love. Let us love each other and overcome all evil with good.

H. MURRAY.

SOUTHVILLE.

Receiving many pressing invitations from the friends of Southville and vicinity who attended the Annual at Tiverton to pay them a visit, I accordingly accompanied Bro. G. D. Weaver to his home on Saturday, the 14th inst.

On Lord's day morning we found a good congregation assembled in that beautiful little house of worship which the brethren of Southville have erected as a home wherein to worship the one true God through the one Lord Jesus Christ the "Author and Finisher of their faith."

We regret that an error was made in regard to the size of this house in the August number of THE CHRISTIAN. It is 26x36 feet and not 26x30, and is about as complete in arrangement as a house of its dimensions can be made.

I preached here twice on Lord's day and again on Monday night and then was obliged to return. I left these brethren in good cheer, feeling encouraged for the future and with a determination to "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints."

HUBERT A. DEVOE.

TIVERTON.

The brethren here enjoyed the annual meetings and experienced much pleasure in entertaining our good brothers and sisters from abroad. About the only expression of regret to be heard was that the duration of the meeting was all too short and that our kind friends could not have remained longer among us.

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above."

Although we felt that tie so binding that we were loth to part with our dear brethren who so kindly came among us for a few days to cheer us on life's pathway, and although we may never all meet again 'mid earthly scenes, in an annual meeting or otherwise; yet it is a blessed thought that while we are drifting on the tide of life toward the "heavenly city of the great King," surrounded by the wreckage on either shore, marking the dangers that beset the way; that we can have a daily meeting by faith at the throne of grace.

"There is a scene where spirits blend,
Where friend holds fellowship with friend;
Though sundered far, by faith they meet
Around one common mercy-seat."

HUBERT A. DEVOE.

P. E. ISLAND.

MONTAGUE.

This is written to let the brethren know that peace and quietness rule and reign in the churches of Montague and East Point. Almost four years have been spent with these churches, and while we are not at all satisfied with the amount of work done, we thank God for His goodness to us and for the fellowship which exists among the Disciples of Christ here.

At East Point, last Lord's day, Sept. 15th, two confessed the Christ and were baptized, and we trust there are others to follow in both congregations. Our confidence in the integrity, stability and good-fellowship of the people on this eastern end of the Island increases as our knowledge of them becomes more thorough and extended.

Four years only, yet how many changes? During those four years some of our best friends—our most dearly beloved brothers and sisters have passed away to be seen no more on earth. Some have grown cold in the divine life. Some who had grown cold have been brought again into the activity of "the life of faith," and some have been born into the kingdom. We tarry yet. We labor on in the hope of a better time to come—of souls yet to be won to Christ—and especially of the glorious period in the history of the universe, when the saints of God shall stand redeemed from sin, death and the power of the grave—shall stand in good unmixed with evil—stand in the garments of light, life and immortality, and praise the goodness of the fountain of redeeming love forever and forever.

O. B. EMERY.

We had a very interesting baptism at New Glasgow on the 25th of September. Two more were baptized there since last report.

Bro. McGain preached at Summerside on the 15th of September. His visit there was short, but he impressed the brethren as a good and earnest servant of Christ.

Bro. Clark Braden has spent over a month on the Island, addressing large and attentive audiences nearly every evening and on Lord's days. In nearly every place he has been treated by ministers and people with great cordiality. It is believed that his able and earnest lectures, in defence of the Bible and Christianity, will be productive of much good. May the Lord prosper and keep him

Till he shall lay his armour by
And dwell with Christ at home.

Young Bro. W. H. Stewart, of Lot 48, Prince Edward Island, has been attending the Bible College for the past two years. He is spending his first summer in Kentucky. Of course part of his time is given to Bro. Simpson, a fellow Islander. He is a fixture in our sanctum during his stay, and is getting somewhat acquainted with the mysteries of typography—the art preservative. He has not caught the Kentucky fever. His whole aim at present is to qualify himself for work on his native Island. We are most favorably impressed, and predict a career of usefulness for him.—*Kentucky paper.*

Married.

MURRAY-LINKLETTER.—By D. Crawford, at the home of the bride, on the 3rd of September, Adoniram Murray to Miss Susan Linkletter, both of St. Eleanor's, P. E. I.

LING-NESBET.—By D. Crawford, at New Glasgow, P. E. I., on the 12th September, John Ling, of Wheatly River, to Miss Martha Nesbet, of New Glasgow.

Died.

McLAREN.—On the 24th August, at the home of his son, Bro. James McLaren, near Montague Bridge, after a short illness, Bro. John McLaren passed peacefully to rest at the advanced age of 81 years, leaving four sons and two daughters to think in loving remembrance of him who is gone: the loving father, the wise counsellor, and faithful friend. The Church of Christ in Montague, by the death of Bro. McLaren, loses one of its best members, and the community one who was ever ready in every good word and work. Thus passes "over the river" the members of the "household of faith," but, while we sadly miss the presence of the dear departed, as, "one by one," they advance, it is pleasing to know that they only pass from a lower to a higher mansion in the "Father's house"—"one family in heaven and earth." O. B. E.

McLAREN.—The dark shadow has again entered the home of Bro. James McLaren. On the 12th September, the silent messenger laid his chilling finger on the beloved form of Cassie, the eldest daughter; and father, mother, brothers and sisters are left in sorrow. Cassie was young; in her 16th year she passed away. She leaves, with those who knew her best, the memory of a pure and gentle life. May the God of all consolation sustain the bereaved, and grant a reunion in a purer clime.

O. B. E.

MORROW.—Sept mber 13th, near North Lake, Lot 47, Edgar Stowell, the only son of Bro. J. F. and Sister E. C. Morrow, after a short but painful illness, passed from pain to rest, and to Him who said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me." Little Edgar had reached only the age of 2 years, 2 months, and 19 days.

Ere sin could blight or sorrow fade,
Death timely came with friendly care;
The opening bud to heaven conveyed
And bade it bloom forever there.

O. B. E.

VAUGHAN.—On Friday evening at 8 o'clock, Hilbert B., infant child of Bro. and Sister LeBaron Vaughan, of this city, passed away from this world of care. Only seven months and twelve days old, still two months of this short time was spent in intense suffering so that no one could really grieve at its departure.

TITUS.—The facts relative to the subject of this obituary having been misplaced accounts for the lateness of this notice. After a lingering and most painful suffering of erysipelas, Willie, son of W. E. and Mary Titus, aged 9 years and 4 months, died April 1st, at Nauwigewauk. We preached his funeral sermon and laid his little remains away in the graveyard at Titusville to await the morning of the resurrection.

T. H. C.

EATON.—At Chicago, Illinois, September 28th W. W. Eaton, in the seventy-ninth year of his age