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VERY kind and encouraging words come to us from Westport concerning our Evangelist—Bro. Applegate. Brethren, let us pray for him. Paul sought the prayers of his brethren. Said he: Pray for us * * * that we may be delivered from unreasonable men, * * * that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the Gospel.

The aged apostle of the Gentiles gave, among what might be termed his dying injunctions, this advice to Timothy: "Hold fast the form of sound words." His love for and fidelity to God's word stand out in strong contrast to that of many of the so-called religious teachers of to-day.

WE have received a little book of forty-five pages—written by Bro. R. W. Stevenson, formerly of P. E. I., but now of Syracuse, N. Y. The work is entitled, "A Conversation on Christian Union." The question is presented in a dialogue form, in which Bros. Alpha and Beta spend a few evenings together and in a friendly way discuss this all-important subject. The book costs but 15 cents and can be had by writing to Bro. Stovenson, Syracuse, N. Y.

ONE or more of our young men now at Lexington, Ky., will soon be through their college course, and if we expect them to return to these parts to labor for the Master, we should write them at once—before offers are made and accepted for other parts. Should any of the churches in either one of the three Maritime provinces be desirous of knowing the terms upon which the labors of these young men can be secured, and will write us, the information will be forwarded. Write at once if you wish to know.

THE meeting at Hutchinson, Kansas, conducted by Bros. J. V. Uplike and Easton, must have been a grand meeting. It lasted thirty-seven days, including six Lord's days, closing on the night of December 22nd with 384 additions—270 were by confession and baptism and 114 from other churches.

We learn that Bro. H. W. Stewart, of Southport, P. E. I., has been compelled, by reason of failing health, to give up for a time his work at Knoxville, Tenn. The doctor has ordered him a three months' rest. The hard study at college followed immediately with untiring efforts to assist the brethren (among whom his lot had been cast) to hold forth the word of life, was too much for him. We are in hopes that our brother will soon be able to resume his labor of love.

DURING the past month we had the pleasure on two occasions of slipping down to Lubeo, Maine, to see the encouraged condition of our brethren in that place. The untiring efforts of these brethren have been blessed even more than they dared to have hoped. Bro. Minnick labored week after week—holding meetings each night—and if the brethren have not stopped him for his health's sake why—he is at it yet. On account of the stormy weather and certain changes being made in running the International steamboats we were unable to be of much assistance to our brother. But we did what we could.

A VERY interesting and most important article will be found on page 6—"Jewish Defense of Christianity." From the article itself, it appears that a certain Jewish Rabbi—named Spargos—published in the *Eagle*, of Brooklyn, N. Y., an article, claiming that Christ was a myth or else an impostor. His article was brought to the notice of the Jewish Freethinkers Association of N. Y., and after a somewhat spirited discussion—whatever else may have been its views—the society's conclusions are set forth in this article. And in the language of a contemporary, we would say: We recommend any of our readers, who are skeptical respecting the claims of Christianity, to read with care this paper, and any of our readers who have friends troubled by doubts, respecting the claims of Christianity, to mark this paper and send THE CHRISTIAN containing it to such friends. Even apart from its source it would be remarkable as a clear, compact and concise statement of the evidence of Christianity.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY. — Something like three thousand years ago, Solomon said, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." In keeping with this statement are the words of Warden Bush, of the New York Penitentiary, a man whose experience with criminals, even of the worse type, is equal, perhaps, to any man living. He says: "Often when I have been asked what are the causes or particular cause that sends most of our men to prison? I have of late years invariably answered, "THE WANT OF FAMILY DISCIPLINE." The child oven of tender years, who is indulged in its natural waywardness, and who is allowed to say to its father or mother, "I will," or "I won't," IS IN A FAIR WAY TO BECOME AN INMATE OF OUR PENAL INSTITUTIONS. * * Parents are also responsible for the waywardness of the children—which leads them to crime—from a practice of deceiving them. The intelligent child, when deceived by its parents in small things, is likely to form evil habits—which in its future life will not be easily eradicated."

A VALUED friend seeing us one day in St. John, said: See, here, that article on "Be not as the Mule" was itself worth the price asked for or a whole year's subscription to THE CHRISTIAN, and I earnestly request that you publish it again. From the conversation that followed, we inferred that in the section of the country where our friend lives, there are two or three mules, and though the almost impossibility of changing their nature was conceded, still the responsibility of the article setting forth their outlines and characters might have a salutary effect on the young people—on the same principle that the

Spartans led their boys out to view the debased looks and idiotic acts of their slaves when under the influence of strong drink—and this they did that they might educate in them a determination never to follow the path that would lead to such results. The article, "Be not as the Mule," is on page 6, and if read before, is worth reading again.

A VERY important matter that needs, perhaps, a few words of explanation. The provincial census commissioners have been appointed and notified to appear on February 4th at the department of agriculture for instructions. The commissioners are to commence work sometime in April next.

The secretary of our Annual Meeting calls the attention of our readers in these parts to a suggestion or two made at our meeting in Milton concerning this question of census taking. On former occasions our brethren and friends have been reckoned with other religious bodies—thus swelling their numbers and making our own appear smaller than they really are. The commissioners were not altogether to blame for this state of affairs, for when they would ask: To what church do you belong? or what do you call yourself religiously? The replies would be: I am a Christian, or a Disciple of Christ. The commissioners, somewhat puzzled, having, perhaps, no knowledge of our position as a people, placed, as fancy dictated, our brethren and friends in some other religious statistical column. Now, while the foregoing answers are scriptural, and the same might be said of many others; still the authorities cannot be expected to give in their census column all the scriptural names applied to God's people, and seeing that [in the census book of 1881 there is a column—headed Disciples of Christ—it was thought advisable to suggest to the brethren and friends to give to the commissioners, when calling at their homes, but one answer—I am a Disciple of Christ. Another suggestion was also offered, that each member of the family (though not actual members of the church) be given as a Disciple of Christ. For example, here is a brother and sister with four children—these four should count. Here is a wife a Christian, but her husband is not, or perhaps neither of them are members, but still their views and sympathies and support are with us as a people, and therefore it is claimed that these for statistical purposes should be enrolled as "DISCIPLES OF CHRIST." The reasons given are that such is done by the religious bodies around us, and that the authorities wish to learn the number of adherents to the different religious views.

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