

children an education, and they stop us on the street sometimes to thank us. The other day a man stopped me. He started to talk quite quickly. I told him I did not understand, so then he talked slowly, and I managed to make out that he was thankful to me for allowing his little child to come to the Sunday-school and day school. I told him in good English we were only too pleased to have him attend the school. He bowed deeply and proceeded on his way. I think God lets little things like this come up to encourage us, for we need it sometimes so much. Just before the man came up I had been feeling a little discouraged, and his word of thanks was like a bright ray of sunshine to my heart. With much love, and hoping that this June meeting may prove to be even, if it is possible, more nappy and profitable than any preceding ones, I remain your loving sister in the work. MARY M. RIOCH.

Tokio, Japan, April 25th 1893.

Sister Rioch has now found another little girl whom she trusts can be trained for the service of Christ, and she has adopted her. This is the second little one that has been taken from sinful surroundings and placed under Christian influence and training since our sister has gone to Japan. Thus the work is encouraging.

The Ontario sisters have decided that notwithstanding the balance on hand, that it would be impossible for them at present to undertake to send out another missionary, but they expressed the determination to go on with renewed energy, trusting that very soon the way will open up that they may take up further work in the foreign field.

Sister C. J. Kempton, of Milton, sends an encouraging report. She writes: "Our meetings are interesting and well attended. We enjoy very much Sister Rioch's letters. Anything written by her is much appreciated by the sisters here."

MRS. J. S. FLAGLER, Secretary.

St. John, N. B.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$184 38
Cornwallis—	
Per Miss Wood, . . . . .	2 53
Westport—	
Women's Aid, . . . . .	2 10
Kent, Queens Co.—	
Per Miss Hunt, . . . . .	2 00
Total . . . . .	\$191 01

SUBIE B. FORD,  
Treasurer.

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CHRIST OUR GUEST.

What a deep sense of conscious spiritual comfort is experienced by the believing soul that opens the door as Christ stands knocking for admission, and receives by faith the Divine applicant as its guest. To such the promise, "I will come in and sup with him, and he with Me," is fully realized. Mysterious though it be, there is spiritual sympathy and communion between Christ and the truly consecrated soul, and He does fulfil His promise to manifest Himself to those who thus love Him. "If any man love Me, and keep My words, My Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him." Thousands who have passed away tested in their individual experiences the full realization of all that is implied in these precious promises of the living Saviour, even under the most trying circumstances of bereavement and suffering; and thousands are to-day enjoying the same blessed experience. Why may not all? Trust him, tired soul. "His heart is made of tenderness," and He knoweth them that are His. This union with the Christ, while the soul constantly draws spiritual aliment from Him, as the branch does its nourishment from the vine, constitutes His indwelling presence as our guard, securing to us the sweet peace and the sure light and strength we need.—*Christian at Work.*

TO MY LOVING WIFE.

BY JAMES MURRAY.

On this earth perfect freedom from pain is not found,  
But soon I'll be called, I shall hear the glad sound;  
Though I feel quite unworthy, the call makes me glad—  
"Come home child of sorrow to the mansion prepared."

God calls me from sorrow, from sin and from pain,  
I have nothing to lose, but the prize hope to gain;  
God calls me, Come home to thy heavenly rest,  
God is too wise to err, it is all for the best.

My work on this earth is now almost done,  
My faith is in God and in Christ His dear Son;  
He has redeemed me, yes, I've been washed in His blood,  
And He will go with me through Jordan's dark flood.

Dear wife, I leave thee no money, neither houses, nor lands,

But I leave thee with God, you are safe in His hands;  
While on earth thou wilt not fear what evils betide,  
God's promise is sure—the Lord will provide.

Long years I watched o'er you in your sickness and pain,  
God answered my prayers and you still remain;  
And now in my sickness God has spared you to me,  
To faithfully care for me—my comfort to be.

My prayer has been, dearest, to remain longer here,  
To be raised from my bed and your sad heart to cheer,  
To work for the Lord as we journey along,  
And then go together to join the glad throng.

But our dear loving Father, who is so good and just,  
Sees fit in His wisdom to call me home first,  
From the pains and the troubles that we here must endure

To that sweet heavenly home—to that bright golden shore.

It is a comfort to me, as I am passing away,  
That the Lord is with you and has promised to stay;  
God's promises are with you, to you they are dear,  
And Jesus is with you, what have you to fear?

Good bye, my dear wife, I commend you to God,  
And the word of His grace that such comfort afford;  
A short time on earth, with its trouble and care,  
And then live forever in the "home over there."

(Written in anticipation of a happy release from a body of pain to be clothed upon with immortality; to live with God and Christ and the holy angels forever. This is a blessed hope.)

ANNUAL MEETING.

MONTAGUE, P. E. I., July 8-10, 1893.

Conformable to the appointment of the Annual Meeting at New Glasgow last July, the church at Montague has prepared the following programme. The brethren whose names are placed thereon are kindly asked to respond:

SATURDAY, JULY 8TH.

8 p. m., Address of Welcome..... G. D. Weaver.

LORD'S DAY, JULY 9TH.

10 a. m., Prayer and Social Meeting.....  
11 a. m., Preaching..... O. B. Emery.  
12.30 p. m., Lord's Supper.....  
3 p. m., Preaching..... W. H. Harding.  
7.30 p. m., Preaching..... D. Crawford.

MONDAY, JULY 10TH.

10 a. m., Prayer and Social Meeting.....  
11 a. m., Business Meeting.....  
(a) Election of Officers.....  
(b) Report of Churches.....  
(c) Report of Home Mission Board.....  
(d) General Discussion as to the Expediency of Furthering the Interests of Home Missions, etc.

It is earnestly requested that all the Island churches will send to Bro. Robert Stewart, Secretary, on or before July 8th, 1893, a written report of their present standing.

The church of Christ at Montague extends a cordial invitation to the brethren to be present and aid in making our Annual Meeting of 1893 a complete success. The term "brethren" includes those also of the sister provinces. Come and aid us with your experience and wisdom in furthering the interest of Christ and His church in this province.

When you come, we will extend to you a hearty welcome; while you are here, our homes will be your home; when we part, having spent a season of joy together, we will ask the blessings of God to attend you and keep you safely till the grand reunion at His throne.

Reduced fares will be secured for the delegates coming by rail or boat.

Teams will be in waiting at Cardigan, Saturday, July 8th, to meet those coming by train.

PETER DEWAR, }  
G. D. WEAVER, } Committee.

PRINCIPLES.

"It is not strength of brain that saves a man, or orthodoxy of creed, or connection with a church. All these have often proved to be but ropes of sand. They are not proof against the tides of temptation. There must be firm, heaven-implanted principle; for no one is safe in business, or in politics, or in social life, or anywhere when conscience is unloosened from God. The parting of the cable may be unseen for a while, it may even be unsuspected; but it is a mere question of time how soon the backslider may strike the rocks. Jesus Christ never insures any one who unites with his church and yet has no 'anchor sure and steadfast which entereth into that within the veil,' and 'binds fast to Christ himself.' And if you ever reach heaven, my brother, you will come in, as I have often seen vessels come into yonder harbor of New York, with the storm-tide anchor swinging proudly at the prow.

"There are ships," said the eloquent Melville, that never go down in life's tempests. They shall be in no peril when the last hurricane shall sweep earth and sea and sky; and when the fury is over past, and the light that knows no night breaks gloriously forth, they shall be found on tranquil and crystal waters, resting beautifully upon their shadows.' These are they who have been piloted by the Holy Spirit; these are faithful ones whose inner soul was anchored to Jesus Christ."—*Theodore L. Cuyler.*

BEAUTIFUL LIVES.

Every man feels instinctively that all the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action; and that while tenderness of feeling and susceptibility of generous emotions are accidents of life, permanent goodness is an achievement and a quality of the life. "Fine words," says one homely old proverb, "butter no parsnips;" and if the question be how to render those vegetables palatable, an ounce of butter would be worth more than all the orations of Cicero. The only conclusive evidence of a man's sincerity is that he gives himself for a principle. Words, money, all things else, are comparatively easy to give away; but when a man makes a gift of his daily life and practice, it is plain that the truth, whatever it may be, has taken possession of him. From that sincerity his words gain the force and pertinency of deeds, and his money is no longer the pale drudge 'twixt man and man, but, by a beautiful magic, what erowhile bore the image and superscription of God.—*J. Russell Lowell.*

A Christian who is keen for work will soon find his right place. If he is "apt to teach," if he has the knack of breaking Bible truth into nice morsels for children's mouths, then he will soon scent his way into the Sabbath-school. Another person has some leisure and a sincere love for souls; to such an one personal visitation among the poor and among the unevangelized is a welcome work. It only requires health enough to walk and loving courtesy enough to talk to those who are visited. If a Bible and a tract go with the visit, as well as a loaf for the hungry, or a toy for the children, then all the better. The outlying masses never will be evangelized until there is more personal contact and personal effort.