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ITEMS AND NEWS.

The large increase in interesting matter received for our paper this month has crowded us out of our limited space. We give our readers this month twelve pages which will be found especially interesting to the brotherhood in the maritime provinces and elsewhere.

With sorrow we record the death of the beloved preacher, John B. Wallace. The churches in Hants Co., N. S., have met with a sad loss. May the consolation of the glorious gospel sustain the widow and children in the sad hour of their affliction.

We are depending upon all our preachers and agents to keep THE CHRISTIAN before the people. Send us the names of any Disciples in your locality who are not subscribers, and we will send them specimen copies.

BRO. FORD will preach for the Halifax Church the last Lord's Day in March and the first in April.

BRO. WILLIAM MURRAY is preaching for the churches on Deer Island.

We just hear that Bro John Lord of Tryon, died on the 19th. A good man and true has fallen. More particulars will appear in next CHRISTIAN.

BRO. T. F. WEAVER has resigned as minister of the church at Hamilton, Ont.

BRO. HOWARD MURRAY is holding a meeting with his home church at Milton, N. S. We hope to have a good report for next issue.

BRO. WILLIAM MURRAY will visit the Letete and Buck Bay churches before returning to Kempt.

A PREACHER is wanted at Montague, P. E. I. See Bro Emery's notice in another column. Montague is one of the best churches in the provinces, and has prospered under Bro. Emery's ministrations.

REMEMBER that consecrated money will unlock the doors of barbarous Africa, of pagan Asia, of priest-ridden Europe; will educate, elevate, convert; will thresh the mountains into valleys, and reaching down its mighty arms will lift the valleys up to where the mountains have been. Its rattle will be the world's music; its power the universal sceptre;

its coming will be the summer of every age; and, on the eve of its splendid conquests, when all nature is flaming with the pyrotechnics of heaven, when the world's last day is slowly creeping to rest in the everlasting arms of night, and when the millenium robed in glory bursts upon our earth-bound view, then—and only then—can we read upon the gates of pearl, the streets of gold, the radiant throne, and plain and better than all else, in the faces of the redeemed, the value of money consecrated to the Lord.

A good brother living where we have no church organization writes as follows:

Dear Editor,—

Enclosed find \$1.00 to renew my subscription to THE CHRISTIAN.

I esteem the paper very much, am very deeply interested in its circulation. Every Christian family should take it. I have been instructed and helped in the Christian life by its Scriptural teaching. May God's blessing ever rest on THE CHRISTIAN.

Two WAYS of shortening a sermon: 1. To shorten its length; 2. To put enough shortening into it to keep it from being tough. The one makes it actually short, the other makes it seem short.

The preacher rebuked one of his hearers for sleeping while he was preaching. But how can I keep awake? Take a pinch of snuff, says the preacher. Had you not better put the pinch of snuff in your sermon, was the reply.

In a publication by John J. Christian, M. A., D. D., will be found the following:

The southern Presbyterians of the United States have founded three churches in Greece, and all three of them practise immersion. Dr. W. D. Powell, of Mexico, recently wrote from Athens: "I found that all churches in Greece—the Presbyterians included—are compelled to immerse candidates for baptism, for as one of the professors remarked, 'the common day laborer understands nothing else for baptism but immersion.' Some Greeks who have made fortunes in other countries have built and equipped some fine schools there. The university has 2,000 students. I visited the university and saw the magnificent library and museum. I asked a professor what baptism meant. He said it had but one meaning, to submerge, to immerse. Why do you ask? In Greece, Bulgaria, Asia Minor, Syria, Palestine, and where ever the Greek language is spoken, immersion is practiced. Here is an instance, says Dr. Christian, where the Presbyterians practice what their scholars preach. This is the land where Greek is a living language, and nothing but immersion is practised there."

A FEW years ago Hugh D Pentecost, a man of marked ability, a preacher in one of the large city churches, renounced his faith and entered the ranks of atheism and socialism. According to him, says the *Independent*, government is tyranny and law a brutal outrage. When the Chicago Anarchists were hanged he denounced their execution as an infamous crime. But after three years toil—editing one of the best socialistic journals in the country, speaking three times every Sunday—he proposes to become a lawyer and will soon be admitted to the bar. The man who has denounced law will live by the law. Listen to what he says:

"One of the lessons I have learned is that the working people, as a class, are in the unfortunate position they are in because, as a class, they are incapable of being any better off. They are wedded to the clergyman and the politician. They

will follow a black gown and a brass band into slavery and then enjoy their servitude. They like to be humbugged, robbed and ruled, and they love the men who humbug, rob and rule them. . . . I did not know this once. I know it now. When I did not know it I was willing to suffer, if need be, for the working people. Now that I know it I am not. . . . My own loved ones are dear for me to sacrifice them, if I can prevent it, in a vain attempt to rescue strangers from superstitions from which they do not wish to be rescued."

Commenting on this, *The Independent* says: "The working people do believe in religion, and they believe in government by law. An attempt to make Anarchists and Atheists out of them does not secure their support, nor give a livelihood to an agitator. They will support churches but they will not support this propaganda. That is the testimony of Mr. Pentecost, and no other man has given more toil, sacrifice and genius to the cause. We believe his testimony is true."

So after all it does not seem that the working classes are drifting away from the church.

TO OUR PREACHERS.

WHAT good man will come and help our brothers and sisters in Montague, P. E. Island, to proclaim the pure gospel of the grace of God, and thereby build up the cause for which Jesus gave His precious life, and for which martyrs have bled and died?

This is a grand field for a man who is desirous of honouring the Master by doing his will.

Montague, March 20, 1892.

O. B. EMERY.

OUR PLEA.

Briefly stated, it is this: A restoration of apostolic Christianity in its creed, its ordinances and its life. Its creed was simply this: Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Its ordinances were baptism and the Lord's Supper.

"Baptism is immersion in water of penitent believers in the name of the Lord Jesus, and unto the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

In the Apostolic church the disciples of Christ met every Lord's day to remember His sufferings as symbolized in His supper.

Christian life in the primitive church was characterized by self-denial, self-sacrifice, zeal and endurance, inspired and tempered by the love of Christ.

We plead for the restoration of the apostolic church because, first, it was one body, recognizing one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, and endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace; and secondly, it was pre-eminently evangelistic.

When Christ's divided body shall be united, when Christians shall throw away party names and party creeds, and be content to wear scriptural names and stand on the divine creed, and "forgetting the things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Then will Christ's disciples hear and obey His last command; then will the world believe that Jesus is the Christ; then will infidels and skeptics be disarmed and silenced; and heathens at home and abroad be taught the sweet story of the cross.—*Scl.*