

derful advancement is being made in the science of astronomy; but who would suppose that this meant the discovery of new planets! Is it not rather new discoveries concerning the old planets. This is the great want of the age, a better knowledge of the old Bible. The trend of the current reformation is not a movement away from the Bible, but away from human traditional authority, and towards the fountain of all Christian faith, the word of God.

The progress made is plainly seen in the spirit of "original, individual investigation and independent thinking." In the words of another, "The reformation denies all human authority over beliefs. It throws humanity back upon itself and drives it to an independent study of the truth."

In view of this onward movement in the knowledge of divine truth it becomes us to be very modest in our denunciations of others who have not received the truth, least we condemn in others what we allow in ourselves. We cannot condemn ourselves for not obeying a truth that we have not yet discovered, but for wilfully rejecting what we know is truth; hence the saying that we take the "Bible and the Bible alone for our rule of faith and practice," does not compell us to assume that we have discovered all the truth in the Bible, but that we will not accept more than we have discovered.

H. MURRAY.

THE POWER OF PRAYER.

James, the servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, impresses upon the minds of his brethren the necessity of prayer, and commands them to pray one for another, saying that the fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. And to prove to his brethren the truthfulness of what he is saying, he quotes (I. Kings, xvii. 1): Elias being a man subject to like passion as we are, prayed that it might not rain, and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. (James iv. 17).

In the case of Abimelech, King of Gerar—when God was punishing the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife. Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, his wife and his maid servants. Here is the answer to the effectual fervent prayers of two of God's prophets, Elias and Abraham. If we were to ask questions and give answers to those who would ask us how often did God answer the prayers of his people, it would fill volumes. Suffice to say that God did answer prayer, and is still answering the prayers of the faithful. In order to receive answers to our prayers, we require wisdom in petitioning the throne of grace. James, the inspired writer, says: If any lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. Again, we are to ask in faith, nothing wavering. I am inclined to think that many of us are wavering, because we do not get all we ask for. God knows what is best for us. From this time forth we would ask the prayers of God's people on behalf of the work in Halifax. Let the effectual fervent prayers of those who are interested in the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom pray that His work may be blessed to the saving of many souls in Halifax.

Yours in Christian love,
W. J. MESSERVEY.

MEN generally find what they are looking for. This illustrates it:

"An ancient dame sat down to inspect the beans for the midday meal. Immediately she found a rotten one, and presently another; soon a third, and the old lady rapidly counted ten, whereupon she decided the beans unfit for cooking. A little girl said, "Granny, look for the good beans;" whereupon the dame began and so soon counted fifty that she decided the beans were more good than bad."

Look for the good, sometimes.—Exchange.

Married.

OUTHOUSE-ROBBINS—At Tiverton, Digby Co., N. S., on the 15 h, of February, by H. A. DeVoe, Simonson Outhouse, Jr., and Ermina H. Robbins, eldest daughter of Captain Charles Robbins, all of Tiverton.

CAMPBELL-THURBER—At Freeport, Jan. 24th, at the home of the bride's parents, by E. C. Ford, Mr. Herbert D. Campbell, and Miss Althea May Thurber, all of Freeport, Digby Co., N. S.

BLACKFORD-McCORMACK—At Tiverton, Feb. 2nd, at the home of the bride's parents, by E. C. Ford, assisted by H. A. DeVoe, Mr. Hudley Blackford, and Lillie D. McCormack, all of Tiverton, Digby Co., N. S.

Died.

LYNN.—On the 11th ult., after a lingering illness, Thomas H. Lynn, in the 48th year of his age, leaving a wife and daughter to mourn their loss. The large gathering of friends at the funeral was evidence that Sister Lynn has many friends in her hours of affliction. T. H. C.

LEONARD.—On Feb. 2nd, of spinal meningitis, William Oliver, aged 2 years and 5 months; and on the following day an infant child, both sons of brother and sister Oliver Leonard. These parents, though sad over their loss, were comforted by the fact that their little ones are better off. T. H. C.

HARRIS—At Nictaux Falls, N. S., A. W. Harris, Esq., aged 77 years and 10 months. "To him death was but a gate to endless joy." He was a member of the Christian church and a subscriber to your paper, but he is gone to the better land. Of this we are sure. But only those who knew him best can understand what the loss is to us who are left. R. D. BEALIS.

McCONNELL—At Le'Tang, Oct. 30th, Lelia A., youngest daughter of Ira and Ellen McConnell, aged 6 years. "For of such is the kingdom of heaven."

HATT.—At the same place on the 10th ult., Samuel Hatt, aged 23 years.

McNICHOL.—At Le'Toto, Dec. 23rd, Harietta, daughter of John and Ellen McNichol, aged 15 years.

MATTHEWS.—At the same place on the 18th inst., Sealey, son of John and Martha Matthews, aged about 20 years.

McKENZIE.—At Le'Toto Dec. 5th, 1888, Bro. Benjamin McKenzie, aged 63 years. He was baptized four years ago by Bro. J. A. Gates, and strove to prepare himself for heaven. I was with him when he was dying, and endeavored to console him in his passage through the valley of death to a home beyond the grave. Then we laid him away to rest, to await the morning of the resurrection.

TUCKER.—Sister Annie Tucker died in Anisonia, Conn. but was brought home to Le'Toto, December 1st, 1888. She was a lovely girl, twenty years of age, and died in the hope of heaven. I officiated at her funeral and consoled her sorrowing mother and friends, that they might meet her beyond death's gloomy vale.

McNICHOL.—Miretta, daughter of Bro. John McNichol, of Le'Toto, passed away December 22nd, aged 14 years. I watched her when the pangs of death came over her, and she sank peacefully to rest. This was the second daughter of Bro. McNichol has given over to the grave during the last few months. His daughter Alice was brought home recently from Boston and buried here in Le'Toto. She was baptized by Bro. G. A. Gates, and Oct. 3rd, at the age of 23 years, she exchanged her home on earth for a home in heaven.

W. K. BURR.

GREW.—Maud, daughter of Mr. Charles Grew, of Lord's Cove, aged 4 years. She was their only child and it was very hard for them to give her up. She was truly beautiful in death and we laid her away to rest.

McKENNEY.—Herbert, son of Bro. James S. McKenney, of Leonardville, Dec. 29th, aged 6 years. This is the third child Bro. McKenney has lost during the last few months. His daughter Laura, a very estimable young lady, loved and esteemed by a large circle of acquaintances, was among the number. She was baptized by Bro. O. B. Emery and was considered a lovely Christian, and, while in the bloom of youth, she passed away

to a better land. Seldom do we have so many deaths to chronicle at once. We mingle our tears of sympathy with these sorrowing families, and fondly trust that we may all meet in heaven. God bless them is my earnest prayer. W. K. BURR.

OUTHOUSE—Suddenly at Tiverton, N. S., Feb. 1st. Otis Outhouse, aged 19 years, son of Bro. and Sister Wesley Outhouse. Also at same time and place, Bernard, son of the late Geo. Robbins, aged 19 years.

NEWCOMBE—At Sheffield's Mills, Cornwallis, Jan. 5th, 1889. Bro. Barnabas Newcombe, aged 61 years. In all my life I never knew so great a sufferer as Bro. Newcombe was for between two and three years before his death; but his extreme suffering only made him feel the need of his Saviour, on whom alone he could rely. Bro. Newcombe was a man of more than ordinary ability and business tact, and for many years was associated in business capacity with the leading men of the county. But his record is clean. He was known as an upright honest man, on whose word you could depend. During all his severe sickness his faith was strong in Christ, and he died in the hope of immortality. E. C. F.

NORTH.—At Centerville, Cornwallis, Jan. 24th, 1889, Elizabeth North, beloved wife of Bro. Stephen North, aged 60 years. Sister North united with the church here in Cornwallis, many years ago, and remained faithful to the hour of her death. When I last saw her, she said she knew her time was very short, but she was confident when the change did come, be it sooner or later, she was ready. She loved the truth, and nothing seemed to give her so much pleasure as to meet with the brethren to worship the Lord; which she did whenever her strength would allow. We sympathize with the afflicted husband in his bereavement, and her children and grandchildren, who are left to mourn their loss. May the truth our departed sister so much loved be the truth of all their lives, and their comfort, as it was hers, when their time to die will have come. E. C. F.

CAMPBELL.—Sadly we record the death of two more members of the church of Christ at Montague, Bro. John D. Campbell and Bro. Daniel R. Dewar, on the morning of January 24th, 1889. Bro. Campbell's death was not unexpected. He had suffered long, and during the last five weeks of his life was unable to take any food; so he wasted away until the weary body was worn out, but he could say with confidence, when heart and flesh shall fail, then the Lord is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Brother and Sister Campbell stood side by side in the trials and pleasures of life for half a century, and were blessed with a large and somewhat singular family—twelve daughters and one son. The son, Bro. Ebenezer Campbell, and eight daughters, remain to cheer the remaining days of Sister Campbell who also survives her husband; and four daughters have passed to the other shore. There are also grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The 76 years of his eventful life are ended, a place is left vacant in the family circle and the house of prayer; his familiar face and form will be seen on earth no more, relatives and friends are left in sorrow, but yet in hope, because of the higher and the better life which awaits the children of God. Blessed are they who die in the Lord.

DEWAR.—The death of Bro. Daniel R. Dewar was a great shock to the community and loss to his comparatively helpless family of two sons and three daughters. Ten years and one month since Bro. D. was left, by the sudden death of his wife, with six little children, one since then passed away. During those years, he endeavored, as far as possible, to fill the place of father and mother, too, to the little ones, and so far succeeded that their loss today is a peculiar one and so sudden. On Monday, Jan. 21st, Bro. Dewar, in company with his brother, Capt. John T. Dewar, and others, left his home to go to Lower Montague on business connected with their vessel which is laid up for the winter, and less than half a mile from his home he met with a severe accident, from which he was carried back to his little family in an almost unconscious state, which continued almost unbroken until Thursday morning, when he died. Sid indeed is the home which he has left. May the God of the fatherless and also every true hand and loving heart be engaged for the well-being and guidance of those who are so sadly bereaved. It was well that our brother had thought before of life, death and immortality. He had no time to think when the summons came. Is it not a warning to us, to be also ready, because in such an hour as we think not, the Son of Man cometh. Truly; "In the midst of life we are in death."

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