

and hand to hand contact, and because of this stilted, distant manner we lose and sacrifice our power for good." It may be good to talk to people, but the great want of human hearts is sympathy and society. When we mingle with the sick and sinful world to do them good, we become like our Master. Here is the only proof we have of our Christianity. Those who refuse to help the poor and rejected ones of earth are the poorest type of Christians on earth. May the Lord pity him who never comes in touch with the longings and deep-felt needs of humanity. Never can he feel the purifying influences of divine grace that sanctifies human affections.

"O, brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother,  
Where piety dwells the peace of God is there.  
To worship rightly is to love each other,  
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer."

How grand and wonderful must have been the words Christ spoke at the home of Zaccheus as He opened to him the grandest possibilities of life and revealed to him not only His will, but His divine nature, in which are found the sublimest heights of true manhood.

This social talk that Christ had with Zaccheus was not the revelation of a creed, but of a person, the presentation of true manhood, which is the inspiration of all noble actions. This is the need of the age, the true interpretation of humanity found only in the divine life. When the doctrine of Christ reveals to man the Christ life, it is then he gets the ideal manhood. The doctrine without the life is absolutely useless. To make the truth of God effectual it needs to be harmonized, and not as is falsely said, "modernized." To teach faith and love and righteousness is to produce them in our lives. Here was Christ's success with Zaccheus. Truth humanized. A human heart filled with love for humanity coming in touch with a human heart, like two drops of water becoming one. To touch Christianity successfully we must be in love with humanity.

Zaccheus was a converted man. He was changed from the love of self to the love of Christ, which necessarily involves or embraces love to man. "The half of my goods I will give to the poor." Here in this example of Christ is the true method of reaching the human heart, and here in the life of Zaccheus is the only true evidence that a heart has been reached, i. e., the deep, intense love and interest in the welfare of humanity.

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## Correspondence.

### SUMMERSIDE LETTER.

How many people there are in the world who would like to be something, and yet they are not willing to pay the price. In the race for wealth and position very few succeed; many start, but there are so many drawbacks, so much discouragement that a great many drop into some place near at hand easy of attainment and there they remain. An opportunity presents to them an easy living without any more toiling and anxiety, and so the ambition dies. A few, very few, toil on, work on, "Excelsior," their motto, and they reach the top.

What a lesson for Christians in this. The Master once said: Strive to enter in at the straight gate, for many shall seek to enter in and shall not be able." As Christians, we cannot afford to settle down in any groove and remain satisfied with present attainments. We must press on toward the mark. Glory, honor and immortality awaits us at the top. Now if we want to be something in heaven we must pay the price. On our part it is faith, repentance and obedience, continued right through life.

The *Treasury* for October lies before me, and I am tempted to give my readers a paragraph from

this excellent monthly. It is as follows. "Christians should be outspoken and true-blue in loyalty to their minister. Are some against him? They should be for him with emphasis. Are some talking him down? They should talk him up, up. Suppose he does not just suit you. He cannot suit everybody, and he is an ideal pastor in the estimation of a good many people who know almost as much as you do. Kind words count. Speak them often. Allow no one to speak disparagingly of the minister in your presence. Give the faithful man a lift every little while. Talk him up in church, in the home, in society, on the street, in the shop, on the cars, everywhere. He will take courage, will preach better sermons, will put increased enthusiasm into all his multiplied duties, will win gloriously. And you will have the great joy of knowing that your bracing words proved a real tonic and helped him to conquests he never could have achieved while struggling alone." I give you the foregoing without any comment.

The *Sunday School Times* of October 8th gives some good hints as to how we should form our opinions of others. I will give you the article, as it is short and worth more than anything I might say. It is as follows: "There are two sides to every man, a good one and a bad one; and we can look at that side of him which we choose to look at and estimate him accordingly. If we look at his better traits of character and at his more attractive ways of showing them, we shall see much in him to commend and admire. But if we look at his faults and defects, and fix our thoughts on his more disagreeable ways, he will seem to us unlovely and repellant. It is practically impossible for us to judge a man with absolute impartiality, giving the good and bad in him their relative proportions in his character as a whole. But it is better for us to give prominence in our minds to a man's good traits than to his bad ones, for his truer measure is found in his highest reach rather than in his lowest level. All of us start on a low plane, and it is our truest selves that aspire to rise Godward. If, therefore, we look at the evil remaining in a man instead of at the good to which he has already attained, at his drawbacks and defects instead of at his upreaching and strivings toward a high ideal, we do him positive injustice, and we fail of knowing him as he is. Our whole estimate of a man will sometimes be changed as in a moment if we are induced by love or gratitude to look at the lights on his character and personality instead of at the shades. And for this change in our opinions of one with whom we have long been acquainted, we are responsible, not he. Are we making any mistake just now in our estimate of one of whom our opinion is still unfavorable?"

W. H. HARDING.

Summerside, P. E. Island.

### VISIT TO P. E. ISLAND.

Dear readers of the *Christian*: I wish to speak to you a few minutes of the pleasant visit I had this summer in Prince Edward Island. I never was there before. I always was of the impression that the place was pretty and I was not disappointed. It is a pretty place, and in every direction there are many very lovely views. The country is well kept and shows general signs of thrift. Cardigan Bridge is my favourite place of any part I visited. That lovely river captivated me completely. It is just perfect, to my mind, when the tide is in, and I shall often long for its cooling waters when another bathing season comes round, if I should be spared till then.

There are also a few of our good people there. I refer to Sister Robin Kennedy, Bro. and Sister McVain, Bro. and Sister McNeil. I was much pleased with the church at Montague. The people come out well at the services, and well they might, for I can testify to the good sermons they have it

the three I heard were a fair sample of what they have generally. The people come out better to the Lord's day evening services than they do here in our church in the city where it is so easy to get about. I was also glad to hear the music there. It is a great aid to the proper worship of our Father. I think if it was not right and proper to have music in church after all that is said in the Psalms about praising God with the various kinds of musical instruments, our loving Saviour would have spoken against it, or would have said some word to express His views on the matter.

I shall long remember my short visits to the kind and cordial households of Bro. and Sister Campbell at Lower Montague, and Bro. and Sister Dewar of New Perth, also Sister Cameron of New Perth, and Sister Keith of Montague.

But I must hasten. I had a flying visit to East Point. Met only Sister McDonald and two sisters at Red Point. I have forgotten their names. They will please pardon me if their eyes meet this. I have not forgotten the kind reception they gave me.

I didn't see as much of Bro. and Sister Emery of Charlottetown as I would have liked to, but I did pass a very pleasant afternoon and evening with them, enjoying the good things at tea time. I was very much pleased with them and their crazy home. I at least heard one good sermon from Bro. Emery. Was sorry not to meet Sister Emery on my return. I received the hospitable kindness of Bro. and Sister McLeod, and called on quite a number of the church, among whom were Bro. and Sister W. H. Harris and dear old Dr. Knox and wife. I enjoyed my visit very much everywhere, and to look back over it is one of the bright spots in my life (not a small spot either,) not forgetting the pleasant picnic at Brudnell, when just as we were about finishing our tea (you must remember I am a lover of good tea) down came the rain on our devoted heads. But the gentlemen rushed up to the barn and were down again in a trice with horses and carriages, and soon we were all right in the kind home of Sister McLaren, laughing over the little mishap.

I was also at a union picnic at Montague. Met kind and pleasant friends there but missed Bro. Weaver. He was at East Point. Accept much love till we meet again.

I enjoyed reading the Annual report. Thanks Bro. Stewart. It was worth the price of the paper.

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## News of the Churches.

St. JOHN, N. B.

On the evening of September 30th about seventy-five friends invaded the home of Bro. and Sister W. A. Barnes to celebrate their china wedding. Although we were not invited, yet they gave us a hearty welcome. We congratulated them and wished them twice twenty more years of happy wedded life. We feasted on the most delicious food. We never spent a more enjoyable evening. Well, of course we took presents, many of them. They were useful, ornamental and costly, but were only slight tokens of our love and esteem. After heartily singing a number of our best hymns we said "good night"—wishing all blessings upon them and their beloved daughter.

At the September meeting of the Women's Missionary Aid Society the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. L. A. Miles; Vice-presidents, Mrs. J. E. Barnes and Mrs. Owen; Treasurer, Miss Ethel Barnes; Secretary, Mrs. W. A. Barnes. The collections for home and foreign missions amounted to about \$16.00. On the first Tuesday in October the Endeavor Society elected the following officers for the next six months: President,