

can afford to thunder; but do not try to thunder out of an empty cloud.

Do not scold the people. Do not abuse the faithful souls who come to meeting rainy days, because of the others who do not come. Preach the best to the smallest assemblies. Jesus preached to one woman at the well, and she got all Samaria out to hear him next time. Ventilate your meeting room. Sleeping in church is due to bad air oftener than to bad manners. Do not repeat saying, "as I said before." If you said it before, say something else after. Leave out words you cannot define. Stop your declamation and talk to folks. Come down from stilted and sacred tones and become a little child. Change the subject if it goes hard. Do not tire yourself and every one else out. Do not preach till the middle of your sermon buries the beginning and is buried by the end. Look people in the face, and live so that you are not afraid of them. Take long breaths, fill your lungs and keep them full. Stop to breathe before it is exhausted. Then you will not finish off each sentence with a terrible gasp-ah!

Aim at the mark. Hit it. Stop and see where the shot struck, and then fire another broadside. Pack your sermons. Make your words like bullets. A board hurts a man worse if it strikes him edgewise.—*Exchange.*

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN ITEMS.

CORBURG ST. CHURCH.—Lord's day services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sunday School at 2.15 P. M. Young People's Meeting, Tuesday evening at 8. General Prayer Meeting, Thursday evening at 8. Brethren visiting the city cordially welcomed. The Ladies' Sewing Society meets every Wednesday evening at 6.

The women's meeting during the Quarterly was a decided success. Brethren Capp and Murray gave us very interesting addresses on Mission Work.

Some of the little girls of the Sunday-school have organized a Society, calling themselves "The Little Helpers." The object is to make and sell articles, the proceeds of which will be given to aid our missionary work.

The only excitement during the Quarterly, was on the first Lord's Day of the meeting. Just after the Sunday School had been dismissed and while the teachers were in session, some one rushed in and cried, "The church is on fire!" Some little excitement occurred until the fire brigade arrived, when the fire was quickly subdued. The total loss amounted to twenty-five dollars.

THE QUARTERLY.

The Quarterly Meeting was held according to appointment, commencing the third Lord's day in March. The meeting was in every respect a success. We were fortunate in having with us Bro. Wm. Murray, of Lubec, who preached for us throughout the meeting. Our only drawback was very stormy weather, which prevented a good many from attending some of the meetings. Two persons confessed the Saviour during the meeting, but others were interested, and we feel confident the good seed sown will yield more fruit. Our brethren were much pleased with Bro. Murray's manner of presenting the Truth, and we hope he may be long spared to sound forth the Word of Life which he loves so much.

G. F. D.

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETY, CORBURG STREET.

DEAR SISTERS.—In the last CHRISTIAN I mentioned that we would have an evening meeting during the Quarterly; if agreeable. Well, the

brethren were not only agreeable, but gave us all needed assistance to make our effort a decided success.

The meeting opened by singing hymn 21, "Zion awake! thy strength renew." Then the President, Sister Martin, read a portion of the lii. chapter of Isaiah, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, thy God reigneth, &c." and the corresponding passage in the x. of Romans, after which Brother Murray led in prayer asking God's blessing on our work. Then the President made a few remarks and gave an invitation to those present who were not members to join our Aid Society. Sister J. E. Barnes then read the Secretary's report. The expressive hymn 717, "Work for the night is coming," was then sung in which the audience joined heartily.

Here I will take the liberty of copying from a report as it appeared in a daily paper: A missionary meeting under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Aid Society, was held in the school room of the Church on Monday evening, Mar. 24. There was a good attendance; the reports which were submitted showed that there were at present fifty-seven (57) members. The Society was organized in September. The treasurer has on hand sixty dollars (\$60.) After reading the report, Bro. Wm. Murray, of Lubec, Me., addressed the meeting, pointing out that the object of the Society was the salvation of souls.

It was an individual work to save the people in these provinces—about our homes. We must not measure our contributions by those of our neighbors. We must remember that He who was rich, for our sakes became poor; although you cannot work yourselves, still you have the power of helping to send men out to preach the Gospel. All can consecrate something towards God's service.

Brother Capp followed, pointing out the object of this meeting was to consider missionary work, which meant the sending out the Word of God. He briefly traced the growth of mission work since the Divine command "To go into all the world and preach the gospel." Missionary work is to aid in strengthening weak churches as well as build new ones. It is love toward our Saviour and towards our fellow men that prompts persons to engage in such work. He congratulated the society that since September the membership had increased from nine (9) to fifty-seven (57.) The average collection of each month being ten dollars (\$10.) He hoped a preacher would be sent out into these provinces by these Home Societies. Every member should be a missionary.

Previous to the collection, Sister McInnis sang "Not a sparrow falleth" with wonderful pathos. Just before the dismissal Brother Capp buried with their Lord in baptism, a young brother and sister, who came out and confessed Christ the evening before, thus making a happy conclusion to our first missionary meeting.

Since the meeting reported we have had our regular monthly, and we had a good attendance, the numerous meetings of late did not seem to cripple us, as we had a good meeting every way and some new members.

A MEMBER.

LEONARDVILLE, DEER ISLAND.

A letter from Brother Emery, dated 19th March, reports: "I have been holding a week's meeting at Leonardville and three were baptized last Lord's Day, and one yesterday, making four to date. To-day there is a very severe snow storm, but we hope to continue the meetings when the weather is more favorable."

Bro. George Leonard who is now on a visit to St. John, informs us that the brethren at Leonardville are very much encouraged by the labors of

Bro. Emery. Since the annual meeting, six have been immersed, and four others have taken their stand with us upon the Bible as their only rule of faith and practice, while many who formerly had grown discouraged, were now working with a will.

Bro. Hughes who lives on Deer Island, has been very poorly during the winter, but we are pleased to learn that he is somewhat better.

NOVA SCOTIA.

DIGBY COUNTY.

Since my last report the number of meetings held, sixteen; families visited, twelve; number of preaching stations, five; interest manifested, fair; attendance, good. The few brethren at Gulliver's Cove are in quite a healthy condition spiritually, but by reason of "snow banks, &c.", they have not met as regularly upon the Lord's Day as desired. We predict a brighter future for this little church in this locality. Our beloved brother and sister Hines enjoy much of the presence of the Master in their isolated home over the mountain. March 25th, 1885.

RIGHT ESTIMATE OF MAN.

Let men speculate as they will on man's origin and place, let them expound the stages of development by which he has attained his present structure and power, this much, at least, is clear about him, clear on the face of God's words—that he is a being whose rescue from moral evil is held on high to be worth the agony and the bloody sweat, the cross and passion, the precious death and burial, the glorious resurrection and ascension of the Son of God. His sacrifice is the eternal witness to the truth that man at his very worst is worthy of being ministered to from Heaven, and at a cost which defies expression in terms of our earthly sacrifices. If, brethren, you are tempted to think meanly of man, if, face to face with the dark facts of his vice and frailty, all the fine things that poets have sung of him, prophets have forecast, seem to you but a hollow mockery, then remember that there is a judgment above yours; remember that however little you can see to honour or admire, there must be in each one something of infinite value since God would fain redeem each for Himself by an infinite sacrifice. The humblest personality is glorified by this thought of redemption, and you cannot stand before a human being, no matter what his race, his creed, or his character, without being in the presence of one whom God loves, and for whom Christ has died.—*Canon Duckworth.*

A CURIOUS EXPOSURE of a mesmerist named Townsend is related in Chicago papers. It seems that he had hired "subjects who presented themselves at his lectures, and, under the supposed influence of mesmerism, underwent the most painful tests. One of these men, who are said to be called "horses" in the "profession," failed to get his wages and exposed the fraud, declaring that the endurance of pain was due simply to practice and nerve. In the presence of physicians and without any "mesmerism" this man was "prodded with needles, burned with lighted cigars and had cayenne pepper thrown in his eyes. He swallowed the bitterest drugs and submitted to all sorts of torture without the slightest perceptible tremor, and allowed needles to be inserted under the finger nails or through the tongue without wincing."

John Foster of Bridgetown, N. S., 76 years of age, has chopped, split and piled 26 cords of wood during the past winter.