enlightened, that they might know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, &c. That the study of the Scriptures may result in good, the divine blessing is necessary: to obtain this blessing, prayer is required. " If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God :" let han take his case to God, and he that giveth and upbraideth not will impart understanding and wisdom and knowledge. -

> "God, through homself, we then shall know, If thou within us shine , And sound with all thy saints below, The depths of love divine."

The study of the Scriptures thus conducted would, with the divine blessing, result in spiritual profit. Persons would not only improve in religious, the best of all knowledge, but also be brought to feel the necessity of obtaining the possession of the blessings which they reveal as the privilege of all repentant and believmg individuals. God thus honors his own word. It accomplishes its professed design to lead sinners to God, and invest them with spiritual life and enjoyments, preparatory to the bliss of heaven. Thousands have leal, and thousands doubtless will have, cause to exalt God for his precious word, which has indeed to them proved " a light unto their path" to " guide their feet in the way of peace." The happy results of prayerfully reading the Scriptures in the conversion of many s cals, and in producing an extensive revival of religion, were pleasingly detailed in an article inserted in the 170th page of this paper, under the title of "Tag WORTH OF A DOLLAR," to which I would refer the reader; and, beyond doubt, many events of a similar nature have transpired under the eye of God, though not generally known by men for want of a recording pen. But such study of the book they profess to venerate as sacred, will result in much good to those who have "tasted, that the Lord is gracious." Their knowledge of the divine character, and providential government and goodness of God, will be much enlarged, and their experience of spiritual joys will be deepened, whilst they will obtain clearer conceptions of their exalted privileges. "With open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, they are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." Their minds being well furnished with divine knowledge, they will be able not only to 6 give air answer to every man that asketh them a reason of the hope that is in them with meckness and flear," but also " by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince gainsayers," and " put to silence the ignorance of foolish men." In imitation of their Lord, and from a knowledge of the will of God, they will be able to draw from the Bible, as from a Magazine, we give by which they will effectually resist the min himsti ais and assaults of The Enemy of Souther and the armed with the shield of faith, and the sweet of the Spirit which is the Word of God, they will be a they are quench all the fiery darts of theadver any, and fine a flight the armies of the aliens. "Thus saith the leads be put upon the supervisuated list. - Christian the Lord," will make their foes quail before them : to the second transfer of the principle of the principle

antagonists and cause them to flee. An intimate acquaintance with the Scriptures, arising from their frequent, regular and prayerful study, will also prove a constant feast to their own minds, an inexhaustible source of strength and comfort, from which they will be able to draw at all times, in adversity as well as in prosperity, in affliction as well as in health, in nature's last, sinking hour, as well as in the glow of life. Thus testified the Psalmist: "Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage,:"-" in the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul :"-" how sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way:" "this is my affliction, for thy word hath quickened me :"-" the law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver:"-"O how love I thy law! it is my meditatation all the day."-St. Paul exhorts the Colossians, - let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom:" an exhortation equally obligatory on christians in every age. I conclude this Essay, with the following advice, given by the late and lamented Rev. R. Watson, which is corroborative of some of the preceding observations, and which, being clothed in his own peculiar and energetic style, I sincerely hope may produce its desired effect. "Recollect even religious knowledge does not operate necessarily. carefully peruse the word of God; and this must be with much prayer, that it may be applied to your conscience, that it may be in you as good seed in good ground. Acquire the habit of devout reflection on divine and eternalthings; let the truths of God be ever present to your mind; but forget not that you need light and power from above. You must ask wisdom from God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; thus shall you walk in safety. The instruction which you receive from the word of God shall be rendered efficacious and sanctifying by the Spirit of God; and your wills shall be rectified, your affections purified, and, your footsteps being thus onward in his word, no iniquity shall have dominion over you."

Guysborough, December 24, 1938.

Miscellaneous.

TOO MUCH PREACHING.

WE invite the attention of our readers to the following article, to which, in the main, we subscribe. The writer of this notice has been long a minister of the Gospel, but has been compelled to desist from the regular duties of the ministry, and for a time from preaching entirely, on account of the severity of his talours in days gone by, and is probably destined to wag through life (although not in the meridian of his days) a broken constitution, as the fruit of too much treaching; to which he was compelled by the injurious as an of three services on the Sabbath. Many of his brothren he finds in nearly similar circumstances, who, if they do not cease excessive speaking, will ... ivocate and Journal.

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