

to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity."

Subtraction: "Let us put off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light."

Multiplication: "Mercy unto you and peace and love be multiplied."

Division: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and I will receive you."

We are to raise fifteen hundred dollars for mission work in our provinces. Some one asks how this can be done? an interrogation that means, when interpreted, that it cannot be done. But it must be done or we will rob God. The trouble is not in the smallness of our means but in the largeness of our meanness; not a larger pocket but a larger heart that is needed. "There was a widow of small means, yet of noble liberality, but unexpectedly a legacy was left her. In her comparative poverty she had delighted in giving five dollars but now she proffered twenty-five cents. When asked why such a change she replied, 'Ah! when day by day I looked to God for my bread I had enough and to spare. Now I have to look to my ample income and I am all the time haunted with the fear of losing it and coming to want I had the guinea heart when I had the shilling means, now I have the guinea means and the shilling heart.'" That reminds us of a case that came under our observation when at Durham, N. H. A lady was supporting herself by her needle. She was sewing for a wealthy family in Dover and putting twenty cents into the Lord's treasury every week. The man for whom she worked died and left her one thousand dollars. The fear of losing it soon destroyed her interest in the cause and she immediately became too poor (?) to spend anything for the cause of Christ. These with many like cases show plainly that the trouble is not so much with the pocket as with the mind. The better understanding of this duty is the ground of our hope that the demands that are upon us will be met. The growing interest and knowledge in this work will not allow us to spend lavishly on ourselves and give sparingly to the Lord. We must make the very best use of our best whether it be wealth or faculties or time.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET

Dr. R. Bently Ray spent the past month with the church at Milton, N. S. During his absence, Rev. J. W. Manning, of this city, occupied the pulpit on Lord's day evening, Dec 3rd, and Dr. McLeod, of Fredericton, N. B., on Lord's day, Dec. 17th. Bro. J. C. B. Appel, the pastor of the Main Street Christian Church, conducted our Thursday evening prayer-meetings.

One addition by confession and baptism during the past month.

We were glad to have Bro. J. Barry Allen with us during this holiday season.

From letter received, we learn that Bro. Henry W. Stewart has arrived at Whittier, California.

Miss Ethel Barnes has returned from a visit to New York and Boston.

The C. W. B. M. held a very interesting meeting on Lord's day evening, Dec. 10, the President,

Mrs. John E. Edwards, in the choir. The following is the programme:

Opening Hymn—"Joy to the world, the Lord has Come."

Scripture Reading—91st Psalm.

Prayer by the President.

Remarks.

Hymn—"Labor On."

Paper, by Mrs. L. A. Miles—"What has God Wrought in this Century through Missions?"

Paper by Miss Ada Emery—"What has God Wrought in this Century through the Disciples of Christ."

Twenty third Psalm, recited by five little girls.

Song by Pearl Ingraham.

Paper by Mrs. J. S. Flaglor—"What has God Wrought in this Century through the C. W. B. M.?"

Hymn—"Hark the voice of Jesus crying, who will go and work to-day."

Address on Mission Work, by Mrs. D. A. Morrison.

Recitation, "The Deacon's Mite," Miss Mabel Boyne.

Collection.

Closing Hymn—"Far, Far Away in Heathen Darkness dwelling."

Prayer, Mrs. D. A. Morrison.

MAIN STREET.

The regular monthly visit of the Coburg street Endeavor Society on Dec. 6, was most helpful. The meeting was led by D. A. Morrison.

Miss Maggie Barnes, of Coburg St. Church has rendered very efficient help at the organ at several of the Sunday services. Since the departure to Boston, of Miss Vemie Frizzel, this part of the church work has been neglected, but the prospects are now encouraging. Two young workers have been enlisted, Etta Huggard and Harry Dixon; both have proved their ability and willingness. These, with Miss Ethel Kincade (who usually plays at the Wednesday evening prayer meeting) will give assurance of better things in this connection.

Bro. Appel has accepted a call to remain another year.

At the close of the prayer-meeting on the 27th, a meeting of the congregation was called to consider business with reference to the new church house. The great need of more money was presented to those present and a number of generous pledges were made. It is hoped that the members who were absent will also be self-sacrificing for this work.

It would be a great encouragement to this small band of workers if their fellow Christians in other parts would manifest Christlike interest by contributing more generally and more generously.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

We are right in the midst of holiday times. Saint Nicholas, the patron saint, the jolly little old man, is around and making the hearts glad of young and old. A number of our friends in Tiverton kindly remembered us and our family with Christmas gifts, and our friends in Westport remembered us with their gifts of good cheer, among which was as fine a turkey as we ever undertook to devour. Our friends in Milton did not forget us, but sent us their good wishes in substantial and pleasant gifts, to all of whom we tender our hearty thanks and happy new year greetings, and the assurance that their friendship and blessed fellowship greatly increases the Divine message of peace on earth and good will to men. There is nothing more sacred and beautiful and soul-inspiring than Christian friendship,—to be in touch with human hearts, to feel and know you have a friend, and to have a friendship for others deep and unselfish enough to work and sacrifice for their good. It is said to be more blessed to

give than to receive, but it is twice blessed to both give and receive. The love of God in our own hearts is made more precious to us as we impart to others in generous heart and hands sweet joy and peace the gift of God's love. May the new year be crowned with new and greater blessings in making known the angels' song of glad tidings of joy and peace to all the world. To be the means, in the hands of the Lord, of bringing one precious soul into the joy of the Lord, will be a bright star in the crown of our rejoicing when we meet "beyond the cloud rift."

H. MURRAY.

SOUTHVILLE, N. S.

C. W. B. M. day was observed by the ladies of Southville Auxiliary. The programme consisted of missionary readings, recitations and missionary addresses. It was considered a success. Our cause to complain is small, but our reasons for rejoicing are great. The cause of Christ is advancing in our midst, and we desire sincerely that Christ should have the glory.

The community has been saddened by the sudden and painful death of little Jennie C. Steele, daughter of Howard and Bessie Steele, aged eight years and ten months. Her illness, of about three weeks, terminated in inflammation of the brain, with intense suffering, till death came to her relief on Monday morning, 18th inst. Her funeral that took place Wednesday afternoon, was attended by Elder Cooke, who delivered an interesting discourse full of tenderness and Christian consolation.

Loving and gentle, healthy and fairer than most, a general favorite, none would have dreamed she could thus early be taken; but Death is

"Not of those

That wait the ripened bloom to seize their prey."

Missed at the school, the Sunday-school and the home circle, lamented by all, little Jennie was laid away on the hillside, with many tears, there to rest till graves at last must give up their treasures, while alternating snowdrift and daisy will guard her chilly bed.—*Free Press*.

HALIFAX, N. S.

Last Lord's day evening I baptized a young man from Hants Co. who came about sixty miles for this purpose. He had met some Priscilla or Aquila who had expounded unto him the way of God more carefully, whom also we were glad to encourage, and send on his way rejoicing.

This is an object lesson. How many there are who are hearing the simple gospel almost daily, and who know their duty, but yet cannot be persuaded to accept Christ, though urged to do so again and again. Yet here comes an honest man, who had but recently learned the way of the Lord, fifty or sixty miles to consecrate himself to Christ in obedience to the gospel: For ye are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ.—Gal. iii. 26-27.

We enjoyed a very pleasant evening at our home last Friday evening with the children and young folk of our Sunday-school and Junior Society. These social gatherings help to get the young people better acquainted, and also increase their interest in their work.

My son, F. C. Ford, was with us for a few days, and preached very acceptably Lord's day evening. He has accepted a call to preach for the North and South Lubec churches, and has already entered on his labors.

We are now enjoying a visit from Bro. R. E. Stevens and wife, who will be with us through the holidays. We shall make the best possible use of them while here, in the interest of the cause we we plead.

We are still losing members from our congrega-