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"FAITH COMETH BY HEARING, AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD."—Paul.

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BRO. HARDING'S statements concerning the reports of 1879 and 1888 are somewhat misleading, and if space permitted we intended to show wherein the real facts are not presented. Hope to do so in our next.

OUR readers will be surprised and pained to hear that Bro. Isaac Errett of the *Christian Standard* has departed this life. He was indeed a talented man. As a controversialist he had but few equals. He was an able journalist, clear-headed, large-hearted and an indefatigable worker for the Master. The *Christian Leader* has clipped from the *Commercial Gazette* of Cincinnati a sketch of his life, which will be found on page three of this issue.

MONDAY and Tuesday of the week preceding Christmas gave promise of anything but fine weather for the Christmas holidays, and our merchants had every reason to feel anxious as to their Christmas trade. But Wednesday came and with it fine weather. There was just enough snow on the ground to make sleighing grand. The people thronged the streets and filled the stores, and the hearts of the merchants were made glad. As friend would meet friend with "A Merry Christmas to you," there would be added, "Isn't the weather just about perfect!"

BRO. WM. MURRAY, under date of Dec. 12th, writes:

My mission work at Princeton, Me., is, for the time being, brought to a close, and I am now on my way to East Machias, where I expect to remain for a few weeks. My three months labor in Princeton, with the help of the brethren and our Heavenly Father's blessing, resulted in seventeen baptisms and five restored to the fellowship of the church, and the brethren much encouraged to carry on the good work. That the Lord may continue to bless and to preserve them to the end is my earnest prayer.

Bro. and Sister Ford are now visiting the brethren at Tiverton and Westport, N. S., their old fields of labor. The anticipated joy of meeting these brethren furnish one of the reasons, perhaps, for receiving no communication from our brother for the columns of this number of THE CHRISTIAN. From many quarters we hear that Bro. and Sister Ford are doing a grand work in Cornwallis, and that the brethren esteem them very highly for their works' sake. The rest—if such we can call it—they are

now enjoying is well earned, and we earnestly desire that the result will be, as expressed by Paul to the Romans, that brethren may be established; that is, that they may be comforted together by the mutual faith which they will see in each other.

BE NOT LIKE UNTO THEM.—How many there are who have promised to leave something to the Lord when they die. They refuse to give while living lest they might need it for themselves; but when dead, should anything be left, they would just as leave the Lord should have it as any one else. While on earth they do but little for any one but self. If they pray, its "O, Lord, bless ME and MINE, and let the rest of the world take care of itself." They enjoy everything that is going on. They look proudly and speak (with a kind of a don't-I-deserve-credit tone) of the improvements in their village, of the magnificent church building, and the success of Christ's cause, etc., etc., and at the same time give nothing (well, it is so near it that, to be truthful, you could scarcely call it by any other name) for the furtherance of any of these things. Yes, if they ever give, they are post mortem gifts. And it is more than questionable whether such *reputed donors* will receive from the Lord the "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter then into the joy of the Lord."

This reminds us of something we read but a short time ago, which is in keeping with the foregoing and should be to us a word of warning and awaken within us a determination to be *not like unto them*.

There was a certain man who for years professed to be a Christian, but who, as life drew to a close, went to the clergyman, under whose ministration he had been accustomed to sit, and asked advice concerning the disposition that should be made of his property by his will. "Suppose," said the gentleman, "I were to leave funds for an assistant, and for a new kirk and for a glebe, do you think I would gain admittance to heaven by so doing?" The Scotch preacher was very conscientious, indeed, but he wanted to make sure of the chance at hand, just the same, and replied as follows: "My friend, I have no authority to state that such a disposition of your property by will would secure your entrance to heaven, for I am not in charge of the gate over there, but I would say this, that if you are doing, or have done nothing else, your plan would be as good as any experiment that could be tried."

In looking through a little book presented by the Y. M. C. A. of our city, we find the following table, which presents so forcibly the fact, that by taking care of the cents the dollars will take care of themselves, that we give it here in full:

RESULTS OF SAVING.

The following shows how easy it is to accumulate a fortune, provided proper steps be taken. The table shows what would be the result at the end of fifty years by saving a certain amount each day and putting it at interest at the rate of six per cent.:

| Daily Savings. | Result. | Daily Savings. | Result. |
|-------------------|---------|--------------------|-----------|
| One cent..... | \$ 950 | Sixty cents..... | \$ 57,024 |
| Ten cents..... | 6,504 | Seventy cents..... | 66,528 |
| Twenty cents..... | 19,006 | Eighty cents..... | 76,032 |
| Thirty cents..... | 28,512 | Ninety cents..... | 85,537 |
| Forty cents..... | 38,015 | One dollar..... | 95,041 |
| Fifty cents..... | 47,520 | Five dollars..... | 475,203 |

Nearly every person wastes enough in twenty or thirty years which, if saved and carefully invested, would make a family quite independent. But the principle of small savings has been lost sight of in the general desire to become wealthy.

THE experience of Dr. Broaddus (Baptist), as presented in an exchange, is not without point, and is therefore worthy of a careful reading by us all. Should we in no way need such a lesson as herein set forth, it might be helpful to straighten out some one else:

After removing from Virginia to Kentucky, Dr. Broaddus received an invitation to preach one Sunday at a certain pastorless church some eighteen miles from his home. He accepted the invitation. Immediately after the sermon, the church held a conference and called Mr. Broaddus to be their pastor. He accepted on the spot. A brother then moved "that we now take a subscription for the pastor's salary, that we may decide what salary we can offer." Another brother, somewhat of the hard-shell, arose, and vigorously opposed the motion, saying, "We ought not to treat our pastor as a hireling. Let every one give according as he purposes in his heart; that is the Scripture rule, and I am opposed to making any bargain about the amount of salary to be paid." The speaker was a man of some influence, so Mr. Broaddus was appealed to and asked "if this would do." He replied: "Arrange it to suit yourselves;" and so it was decided not to take subscriptions. Presently another brother arose, and said that it was now desirable to settle the question "what Sundays Mr. Broaddus would preach for them?" They had been accustomed to the first and third Sundays, but if the second and fourth would suit Mr. Broaddus better, the change had better be made. Mr. Broaddus replied: "Well, brethren, I had not decided upon any particular Sundays. If I get up on Sunday morning feeling fresh and lively, I would come down and preach; but, if I feel rather dull, I would stay at home. In short, I would come whenever I PURPOSED in MY HEART to come." "But," said a brother, "how should we know when to come to meeting?" "Just as I would know when to expect my salary," said Broaddus, with imperturbable gravity. "In short, the preaching would be, like the pay, a little uncertain." This somewhat altered the state of more than one mind, and the result was that a regular subscription was at once made and the matter was settled upon that basis.

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