

done this. It was by his perfect trust and confidence in his God that he overcame them. Samson at one time was bound and delivered over to the Philistines, but by the help of God he burst his bonds and slew one thousand of his enemies. David, when he went out to meet Goliath, did not trust in himself, but went to God for strength. In speaking to King Saul just before the fight, David said, "The Lord will deliver me out of the hand of the Philistine." So, also, in speaking to his antagonist, he tells him that it is not with sword or spear he comes against him, but in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel." It was not in his own strength, but by the help of God, that David overcame the giant.

In these three instances we see that the reason of their success over their enemies was not in any power of their own, but by the strength they through faith received from God.

Our Saviour, before his crucifixion, while in the garden of Gethsemane, was subjected to the greatest trials, and so terrible was his agony that he asked his Father if it were possible the cup might pass from him.

We read that he withdrew from his disciples a short distance and kneeled down and prayed; and again it says, "and being in agony he prayed more earnestly." By this he has shown us that the way to overcome all trials and troubles in this life is to go to God for strength; and the way to receive that strength is through prayer.

David, with God's help, slew Goliath; we also with the same help can overcome the Goliaths of to-day. Paul says, I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Although the committee cannot report much practical work done during the month, yet the preparation for such work has been continued. We will be in a fair way to start the work as soon as sufficient funds are raised. I am glad to announce the receipt of four dollars from brothers David and George Fullerton. These brethren, who show great zeal in the work, are going to purchase some books and tracts for use and distribution about Pictou. The C. E. Society of the Coburg street church, St. John, has ordered some tracts through the committee. This, we believe, is a work which our C. E. societies and churches should take up. Our publishing houses issue many good tracts, which, if wisely distributed, would go a great way toward educating outsiders with reference to our plea.

We will probably be able to secure the services of Bro. James Prince, of Bridgewater, N. S., to act as a general agent as soon as sufficient funds can be raised to begin the work with. Bro. J. W. Gates, who is at present studying in our college at Lexington, Ky., writes that he will (D. V.) give us two months of his time next summer. He is willing to go anywhere and only asks that his expenses be paid. This is good news, as these brethren have acted as agents, and understand our position well. We hope that the brethren will contribute more liberally, however, as funds are necessary to put this work on a firm foundation.

RECEIPTS.

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David Fullerton, Pictou,	2 50
George Fullerton, Pictou,	1 50

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Married.

MATTATALI-MABEE.—In St. John, on November 4th, 1896, by Henry W. Stewart, James S. Mattatal and Edith Mabec, both of St. John.

DAY-GARNETT.—In St. John, on November 10th, 1896, by Henry W. Stewart, Albert H. Day, of St. John, and Hattie M. Garnett, of Silver Falls.

COSSABOOM-OUTHOUSE.—At the home of the bride's parents, in Tiverton, N. S., George E. Cossaboom and Alice M. Outhouse were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by J. W. Bolton, pastor, assisted by H. A. Devoe, October 28, 1896.

Died.

RANDALL.—At Le Tang, on September 14th, 1896, Bro. John W. Randall ended his earthly pilgrimage after a sojourn of 48 years. Bro. Randall and his wife were baptized by Bro. J. A. Gates fourteen years ago. But living a long distance from a church of his brethren he could not often meet with them in the regular worship. He however maintained his confidence in Christ until he was called home. I had the pleasure of spending two days with him during his sickness, and his constant talk was of his Saviour whom he loved and of the hope of seeing him, and enjoying his presence and the presence of loved ones for ever. He leaves to mourn their loss, a widow, three children, four sisters and two brothers. May the Lord sustain them in this great sorrow, and may they be prepared to meet the redeemed who have gone before.

"Amid the strong ties that are broken,
Still our faith shall unshaken remain;
Whilst hope with unwavering finger
Ever points to our meeting again."

W. MURRAY.

JOHNSON.—In Boston, Mass., October 28th, 1896, Mrs. Lena May Johnson, wife of Wm. Frederick Johnson, and daughter of the late George Leonard of Leonardville, N. B. Sister Johnson was baptized in her young girlhood by Bro. O. B. Emery, and lived a consistent and active Christian life until the call came to enter into rest. She was married to Mr. Johnson of Boston, Mass., December 18th, 1893. Her disease was pulmonary tuberculosis. Loving friends did everything in human power to relieve her suffering and prolong her life. But after a losing battle the tender and affectionate daughter, the bride of less than a year, was called away from the friends of earth to the higher and dearer companionship of the heavenly home. The remains were interred at Leonardville, N. B., on November 1st, 1896, in the presence of many friends. M. B. RYAN.

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