

In some recent papers I have seen a notice of the death of T. F. Dwyer. Many of my readers will remember him as being at one time an active worker in the church of Christ in these provinces. He has gone to his rest.

There have been two confessions at West Gore since I last wrote. W. H. HARDING
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SOME THOUGHTS.

When Jesus Christ declared to the apostle that he would build his church upon the great rock truth, that he was the Son of the living God, he uttered a prophecy that he understood and intended to be fulfilled. That there would arise obstacles, he also fully comprehended, but he in his omniscient wisdom provided for these obstacles.

He sent the Comforter to sustain his disciples in their hour of trouble, temptations and danger. When the church is imbued with firm faith in the prophecies and promises given by the Saviour of the world; when it is filled with a fulness of the Holy Spirit of God, then and only then shall it triumph over the enemies of the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world.

When Christ made that prophetic statement, he intended that the church would, in a measure, sustain itself. There is no reason or a vestige of wisdom in the idea which some men and women give utterance to, "Oh, the church is all right: Jesus Christ has promised that it would triumph over all things. He will bring it safely through all without our worrying our minds about the matter."

Oh, no! When Christ made that statement, he did not intend that it should be a mere passive body, standing as a sort of incubus in the world, but rather that it should be a mighty active living power, moving about in the world with a majesty caught from the Creator of the universe himself, not grovelling amongst the sordid things of earth, catering to the appetites and fancies of men.

The Church must be on the alert and in an unmistakable tone, speak when anything may be introduced to detract from her purity and majesty.

We must give heed to the words of the apostle, when he refers to the days when people having itching ears shall provide for themselves teachers to tickle their fancies

Then let us be careful so that when the Bridegroom of heaven shall descend from the presence of the Father of lights, clothed in the spotless habiliments of purity, that he may not be ashamed to meet this Bride besmeared with the impure things of earth, but rather that He may receive her with joy, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. Then, child of God, be careful. Be watchful. Be prayerful. Beware, lest the enemy of your soul lure you to do that which will bring reproach upon the name of Christ, or the Church of Christ. Do your duty to your God, your Christ who has redeemed you, your brotherhood who has received you, and lastly, to yourself.

It is incumbent upon every child of God to have some part in the extension and perfect development of the body of Christ. But be careful of the means for use. Be sure that they will receive the sanction of the blessed Christ and his inspired word.

Energized prayer is the great desideratum of the Church to-day—prayer incorporated with good acts. This is the power that will convert the world to Christ. Work as you pray, and pray as you work, and there will be but little danger from the blandishments of the world. Then, brethren, give heed to the inspired writer when he says, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

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SPRAY FROM THE BREAKERS.

Christ entered and passed through death to procure the keys of the grave. The morning the angels came to wake up the sleeping Christ, they brought the keys and delivered them to the conqueror.

Christ, in spirit, the morning of the resurrection, entered the ark, in which he carried back to God a living interest for the whole world.

Christ, in his natural birth, put on our mantle of death to be our Saviour. We, in our spiritual birth put on the mantle of his life to be saved.

If you want that warmth of soul that will aid you to unfold a fruitful life, live near to Christ the great soul warmer. On the hillside in the spring, I have seen the beautiful flowers (while yet the foot-prints of giant winter were plainly seen) opening their petals to nature's sun, despite the chilly atmosphere of winter in which they lived. Even so let the Christian climb the mountain top of God's grace, and there open the heart to the Sun of Righteousness, and let the penetrating rays of his love fill the soul, driving out the chilly breath of winter, and opening out the balmy spring.

Satan is always endeavoring to manufacture an agent out of some of God's material to throw stones through the windows of heaven.

The greatest declaration in the word of God, is found in John iii. 16. The greatest promise in Rev. xxi. 7. The greatest invitation is found in Matt. xxviii. 6. The greatest curse is found in 1 Cor. xvi. 22.

A live, working Christian is one of God's search-lights—always throwing light into the darkness of this world of sin to guide the benighted wanderer.

Words from a heart where Christ dwells, are like sounds amid the hills. They always find an echo in the heart of some poor wanderer.

Render your bodies a living sacrifice unto God. Don't bring the empty body, but bring your heart in it. It is useless to carry a lantern on a dark night without a light. God has built the light-house, and furnished all requisites. Our work is to keep the light trimmed and burning.

Jesus went down to the grave with all our sorrows, and came up with all our joys. H. E. C.

Home Mission Notes.

Bro. Shaw and the church in Halifax is doing good, steady work, and such an interest has been aroused that Bro. Ford is going to hold a meeting for them. Let all pray for a grand meeting in Halifax. As the great apostle said, "that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified."

Bro. Blenus closed his meeting at Leonardville on the 29th. The meeting opened on the 3rd. Two meetings were held every day, which increased in interest and attendance until the close. Six were baptized and four restored, new deacons were appointed. Attendance at the Lord's table and Sunday-school has been the largest for years. The church, and in fact that part of the Island is stirred up, and our people are going ahead. Let us rejoice with them. This meeting ought to arouse greater interest in our mission fund. Bro. Blenus has done a grand work, and ought to receive the support of every disciple in these provinces. See our receipts this month! We are pleased to have so many of the smaller churches

giving; it encourages those who are trying to raise the funds necessary to support the work. Many thanks to Newport for its liberal contribution, and the Sunday-school at Westport for its first contribution; also their promise to take up regular collections. Let us now hear from all our churches and schools. Also from the brethren who are not able to meet with the churches; you ought to give freely to this work if you are not helping to support a church. If we can induce many to give to this fund by our "much asking," we think we have done good, both to the giver and to those who are benefitted. At one time the children of Israel gave until Moses said, "Stop; you have given too much!" Can Christ say the same of us in this day. We speak as to wise men and women.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$238 78
St John Mission Band—	
Per Miss Lingley,	6 00
Westport Church,	2 72
" Sunday-school, per B. Hicks, ..	2 00
Frederickton—	
O. B. Stockford,	1 00
Summerville Church,	3 00
" White Star M. B., per Mrs. Hupman,	1 00
Newport—	
Per W. H. Harding,	10 00
South Range,—	
Per B. Sabean,	2 00
Keswick—	
Per Miss Wilson,	1 00
Halifax—	
Per W. F. Shaw,	37 50
Nauwigewauk, N. B.—	
Alice M. Hill,	1 00
Richard A. Hill,	1 00
Charles A. Wanamaker,	1 00
Alice M. Wanamaker,	25
Total,	\$308 25
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Children's Work.

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DEAR GIRLS AND BOYS,—

Before I give you the promised news about O Gin Sau, I want to ask your help in a little undertaking. The "Wide Awake" Band in St. John has decided to start a "Missionary Scrap-Book" and we want the help of all the other bands. Will you all begin looking up missionary pictures and items for the scrap book? We will paste as many as we can and then mail the book to each band in turn, and each band can add their contribution and send it on to the next one, as we did in the case of our circular letter. This will give each of us something to do, as well as furnishing us with the enjoyment of seeing the collection added by the other bands.

I was glad to hear news of three of our bands this month. The Westport "Willing Workers" are doing nicely—had twenty-five members at their last meeting. That speaks well for their interest during these winter months. The East Rawdon Band writes that they have "not fallen asleep but are still at work for the Master"—That is good—we need all our brave little workers! Their members are so scattered that they meet only once in four weeks instead of once in two, as formerly. The West Gore Band held a most successful concert on December 26th and realized \$2.60. I have seen a copy of their programme which consists of twenty-seven pieces, among them four "Essays" or "Papers" by members of the band. I should liked to have been there to enjoy the hour with them.

Now I must close and let you read the extracts from Miss Rioch's letters,

Your loving friend,

Mrs. D. A. MORRISON,
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