

the student will know to what book to turn to find what is written of it. We spend about a half hour in hearing the scriptures memorized and studying these books of the Old Testament. Then for the next half hour we take up the study of the New Testament. We are now studying the book of John. Have spent four evenings on the first chapter. I have given this brief outline, believing it will be helpful to any Bible class, and will add much to the interest of the class.

The second Tuesday in November I made my regular monthly visit to Elmsdale, Hants Co., and preached to a fair company in the school-house in Belle Nann. Hants County is now without regular preaching, excepting those monthly visits to Elmsdale, and what is being done in West Gore. This church is very fortunate in having a few leading brethren who are capable of edifying the brethren. A few brethren, too, at Shubenacadie still meet regularly for the worship. With these exceptions I am informed that the other churches are without any regular service. At this rate the light will certainly go out and much faithful labor will be lost. Let us pray that the Lord of the vineyard will send faithful laborers to work therein.

E. C. FORD.

Halifax, Nov. 22, 1899.

SOUTHVILLE, N. S.

We rejoice to report five accessions to the church at this place. Four of the number were young men in the strength of manhood. On November 16th, in the presence of a number of witnesses, we led them down into the baptismal waters. The scene was joy inspiring. This makes twenty young men added to the church within a year. One of the latter number is a brother of our esteemed brother and faithful preacher, G. D. Weaver; another, his cousin. We are still looking for further success. God grant us our desire. P. S.—5 of the "500 souls for Christ."

H. E. COOKE.

NEW GLASGOW, P. E. I.

The work here is progressing favorably. The audiences are about as usual. Our Sunday-school closed about three weeks ago. The closing exercises reflected great credit on the teachers. Sorry more parents were not present. Although the day was rather unfavorable, yet nearly all the children were present and a pleasing programme was rendered. Bro. Frank Ford, who was present with us, made some appropriate remarks. Bro. Ford was a classmate of mine in the College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., and I was glad to meet him again.

Three confessions since last report, A. N. S.

CROSS ROADS, P. E. I.

The interest in our work here is increasing, and we all feel encouraged. Some progress is being made, and the Lord is blessing our efforts. Our audiences are a little larger than usual; and although the weather at this season of the year is rather unfavorable, and the roads generally muddy, yet the people come to meeting.

A stormy Sunday is a test of true discipleship. A. N. S.

BRO. LORD ON THE CARE OF WEAK COUNTRY CHURCHES.

"To use a military figure, what purpose is any advance which allows weakness and danger and loss to lurk in the rear. To build a few great city churches out of a part of the abundant material which country churches furnish and then cut off the source of supply does not indicate any wise management. To send the gospel to the heathen while we allow churches and even whole groups of churches, composed of our own countrymen, to languish and die is an indulgence in sentiment rather than the exercise of common sense.

"Where there is a strong church at a county-seat, or metropolis of a county or district, and dying churches in all the regions about the strong church is not doing its duty, especially if the evil is a chronic one. For churches to be declining when efficient established preachers are within an hour's travel, means that the strong have refused to bear the burdens of the weak and are seeking to please themselves.

"The first business of a preacher is to preach the gospel; and certainly the delivery of two brief sermons a week should not satisfy where opportunities are many and the need is great. From the neglected and decadent congregations six or ten miles away, we hear the voice of the man of Macedonia, Come over and help us. We will not be held guiltless if we heed not that cry. Every strong church, with its capable ministers and many helpers, should consider itself a divinely appointed evangelization society to preach the gospel within the personal reach of its own membership. If the world is to be evangelized through America, then more attention must be paid to the preaching of the gospel and the nurture of the churches in the country districts."—*Christian Standard*.

OUR SILVER JUBILEE.

This is the Silver Jubilee year of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society. The Society was organized in 1875. At that time we had no missions in foreign lands. During the past twenty-four years strong missions have been planted in India, Japan, China, Turkey, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, England, Africa and Cuba; and the Philippine Islands will be entered at no distant day. We now have an army of missionaries numbering 229, scattered over the whole world field. Churches, Sunday-schools, day-schools, hospitals, dispensaries, orphanages, training schools and industrial schools have been successfully established. A large number of native preachers, teachers, evangelists and other helpers have been carved out of the hard rock of heathenism, and trained in efficient service as messengers of light and peace to their own people. Scores of homes, chapels, hospitals, etc., have been erected at a cost of nearly \$300,000. In only twenty-four years more than one-third of the churches and Sunday-schools at home have been enlisted in the great enterprise of world-wide missions. They have given \$1,292,587.69 for Foreign Missions in twenty-four years. What wonders God hath wrought!

THE SILVER JUBILEE LEAGUE OF THE F. C. M. S.

The Silver Jubilee League of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society is to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Society. The object is to help secure an unprecedented gain in the receipts. The membership in the Silver Jubilee League is \$25, or \$1 for each year of the existence of the Society. This we ask friends, churches, Sunday-schools and Endeavor Societies to give as a special thank-offering to God for the great things that have been accomplished in the past twenty-four years, and to help extend the influence of this work all over the earth. A church or Sunday-school may take a membership for each \$25 it pays.

Every member of the Silver Jubilee League will receive, upon the payment of \$25, a beautiful diploma or certificate of membership, that may be kept as a souvenir of the Silver Jubilee Year. It will be printed in colors and will be a real work of art.

What we need now is a movement all along the line in this matter. If you will join us in this enterprise at once, you will help to ensure the raising of the \$200,000.

Let us celebrate the closing year of the nineteenth century by an unprecedented gain in our receipts to evangelize the dark places of the earth.

NOTE ESPECIALLY.

- 1 You can pay the \$25 or any part of it now if you so desire.
 - 2 Or you have until Sept. 1st, 1900, to make full payment.
 - 3 The \$25 may be credited to your church, or Sunday-school or Endeavor Society, if you choose, but the certificate of membership in the Silver Jubilee League will be issued in your own name.
 - 4 The \$25 may be credited on a Life Membership or a Life Directorship in the Foreign Society.
 - 5 Remember, we now have 229 missionaries in foreign lands.
 - 6 Every member of the Silver Jubilee League will receive the *Missionary Intelligencer* five years free of charge.
- We hope to hear from hundreds at once. Remember the new watch-word: \$200,000 for Foreign Missions in this, the Silver Jubilee Year.

Fraternally yours,
A. McLEAN, F. M. RAINS.

Married.

ALLEN-McGOWAN.—At Easton, Digby Co., N. S., Oct. 24, Mr. Wentworth Allen, of Weymouth, to Mrs. Mary McGowan, of Easton, H. E. Cooke officiating.

WYAND-LINKLETTER.—At the home of the bride's mother, on the 8th of November, by D. Crawford, Charles Wyand, of Mayfield, P. E. I., to Mary Eva, youngest daughter of Mrs. Mary Linkletter, of Linkletter Road, P. E. I.

Died.

WIER.—Died at his home in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., Nov. 9, 1899, Bro. Elias Wier, in the 63rd year of his age, leaving a wife and seven children to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and father. Bro. Wier made the good confession about six years ago and was baptized by Bro. W. H. Harding. As long as he was able he was in his place in the house of God, and took an interest in the advancement of the cause of his Master. Only a year ago last July this afflicted family lost by death a very promising daughter aged 20 years, and now the father has been called to follow this loved one to the spirit land. But they "sorrow not as those who have no hope." The writer was called to Shubenacadie to attend the funeral of this departed brother, and met a large gathering of the people, who had come to express their sympathy for the afflicted family, and respect for the one who had been called up higher. E. C. FORD.

McDONALD.—At Wheatley River, on the morning of Oct. 31st, 1899, Crawford, this much loved son of Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, aged five years and ten months, after a lingering illness passed peacefully away to be with the Saviour. It was hard to give him up, but the Saviour wanted him in the upper chamber. He cannot come to us but we can go to him. This tender bud was plucked from the family tree to blossom and bloom in the Master's garden above. Parents and loved ones, your loss is his gain. He went in the morning of life. It may be noon, or evening when you depart, but when you have crossed the valley, up yonder at Heaven's gate you'll see a little beaming hand bidding you welcome home. The reunion time is coming by-and-by.

"A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our homes,
That never can be filled.

Oh dearest, it was hard to part
With you, we loved so well,
But Jesus parted with his life,
That we in Heaven might dwell."

A. N. S.

LING.—At Wheatley River, P. E. I., on the 14th of November, in her 37th year, Sister Martha Nesbit, beloved wife of John Ling, of that place, after a year's illness. Her disease was consumption, which she bore with a cheerful resignation to the divine will. It was most refreshing to visit her in her illness and hear her intelligent and joyful conversation about Christ and the prospect of "going home to die no more." For 21 years she was a consistent member of the church in New Glasgow. She leaves a kind husband and four children to mourn their great loss.