

charity school house in Japan. This makes a total of \$77.69 for Missions during December.

Bro. D. A. Morrison, assisted by the prayer-meeting committee of the Endeavor Society, arranged for a "rally" on December 4th, which proved to be the best meeting ever held by our young people. The following is the programme: Opening, Service of Song; Address, Our Plea, by J. W. Barnes; Paper, Whither are we Drifting, by D. A. Morrison; Brief history of the Society, by the Secretary, Miss Bertha Stockford; Singing, Bro. A. D. M. Boyne was to have given an address on Knowles Shaw's life, but was too ill to attend. Bro. Blenus who was present, took Bro. Boyne's time and place. Paper, Relation of C. E. to Missions, Mrs. J. S. Flaglor; Questions read and answered by H. W. Stewart; Singing; Address, The Pledge, H. W. Stewart; Consecration service, Leader, W. A. Barnes. The papers and addresses showed that a great deal of time and study had been spent on them, and they ought to be published in the CHRISTIAN for the benefit of all the churches. The questions showed a variety of thought, and all bore on Christian life and work. Bro. Stewart's answers were to the point, most instructive, and endorsed by all. The consecration meeting was most heart-felt, and full of the spirit of the Master which stirred our hearts for continued constant service. Every one said we must have meetings like this often, and we will if all goes well.

On the 18th, at the close of the Endeavor meeting, Bro. Stewart baptized three young ladies who had become acquainted with the church through the Portland Sunday-school.

Bro. Blenus was compelled to be here on Lord's day the 9th. He preached to good audiences in Portland and Silver Falls.

Sister Lamont has gone to Charlotte County to spend her vacation.

Letters from Bro. C. H. Leonard and family state that they are settled in Pasadena, California. It has about 10,000 population, it is a beautiful place, fruit growing all round and summer weather. The Christian church is one of the strongest, and has a fine building.

#### CORNWALLIS, N. S.

It would be very pleasant to write a report of our work every month, for the readers of THE CHRISTIAN, if there was success to report. But to write such report without the success is almost like making brick without the material. It is often the case that our hardest work is done when there is but little to show. Successful labor cannot always be judged by the number of additions made. There is so much work to be done to keep those already in the church alive, and to instruct those to be brought into the church, that a wise builder will find enough to keep him out of mischief, if he is disposed to work. Some of the best work of a preacher's life is with those in the church, and some of the poorest is among the additions he has made. "But let every man take heed how he buildeth," is an admonition still in force. The desire to make additions too often tempts preachers to bring into the church those who turn out to be but "wood, hay and stubble."

Only those who are acquainted with the work in the country can understand how hard it is to keep up the interest during the cold weather and rough roads. Of course the preacher is expected to be present whether his people are there or not. However cold it may be he feels quite sure some will be there, and he generally knows *who* they are. So far this fall and winter, we have been able to fill all our regular appointments with but one exception, and this was when it stormed so hard we were not expected. Besides our regular meeting with

the church on Lord's day mornings, we have regular appointments at Cold Brook, Steam Mill Village, and Sheffield Mills. Our congregations at these out stations are always good, and the people give us a hearty reception; but whether much good is being done is more than I can tell. The congregations at these three last named places are made up of the different denominations, with a few of our own brethren. If nothing more is done than to keep those alive who are already in the church, and to break down prejudice which has been so strong against us, we should not feel that our labor was in vain. This much success we can truthfully report.

We are all glad to know that Bro. Blenus is in the work with us in these provinces, and congratulate the board on finding as good a man after such a long and discouraging hunt. Now that Bro. Blenus is in the work, let us see to it that his hands are strengthened and his heart encouraged. Unless he finds the brotherhood in sympathy with him, and his work, he cannot succeed as he would. First let us pray earnestly for the success of his labors, and secondly, let us pay liberally for the support of the work. The one will strengthen his heart and help him to reach the hearts of the people, and the other will strengthen the hands of the Board and enable them to continue this work and keep our evangelist in the field. I do not believe there is a brother or a sister in these provinces but feels some interest in this work our board has undertaken; but I fear there are too many who do not realize their responsibility. Feeling a deep interest in this work, and knowing how much depends on the liberality of the brethren, I must urge on them the necessity of coming up to the support of this mission. A failure to sustain this work as it should be sustained, means years of failure in our mission work. None of us can do much, but anyone can do something. I am making this appeal simply in the interest of our home mission work, and make it because I see the necessity of a greater interest than has been in the past.

How many of our Sunday-schools have taken up the collection as requested at our last annual? Enlist the young people in this work and the success is sure. I know the school in Halifax, and also in St. John will be on time in this, and hope that every Sunday-school in these provinces among our brethren, will be found in line in our home mission work. The Sunday-school here, in Cornwallis, goes into winter quarters very early in the fall, owing to the distance some of the scholars have to come to attend. But as soon as we open in the spring we hope to interest them in trying to save souls.

My letter has grown sufficiently long and must suffice as the best I can do in the way of a report under the circumstances. Hoping and praying that the new year (now so near, and into which we shall have entered before this appears) may bring to the editors, and all the readers of THE CHRISTIAN, richer blessings even than we have enjoyed in good old 1894, I subscribe myself as ever yours for Christ and his church. E. O. FORD.

Port Williams, December 20, 1894.

#### MILTON, N. S.

Nothing especially new in our church work. There is no diminishing of interest, but rather an increase in all the lines of work. The preacher has had another severe "pounding" in the shape of a donation leaving him about thirty dollars happier. This was not a salary donation, but the gifts and tokens of friendship, a friendship "to which I owe so much and far beyond what I can ever pay." Surely "never could myself or mine, fall into kinder hands than thine."

The "Willing Worker's" concert was a success. Our vestry was well filled and a collection for

missions of six dollars. Sister Kempton is doing a splendid work with this band of children, and our sisters May and Bessie Kempton are manifestly talented in their training the children for the exercises of the concert.

The young ladies "Sewing Circle" received \$40 from their sale.

Our Sunday school is still increasing in numbers. It was the largest last Sunday we ever saw it.

The Endeavor Society is growing in numbers and strength. We have the largest Endeavor Society now in the county. We were never more encouraged in our work than now. There would be perpetual "sunshine in our soul" were it not for "Blue Monday." Our young people are growing in efficiency and activity. If the Lord spares them and Mr. Harvey builds the railroad in our county we shall look for showers of blessings beyond any thing we ever had. So may it be. H. M.

#### CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

Last night, in the presence of a crowded house, the writer buried six with their Lord in baptism—five of whom were the results of a six days meeting just closed; one at a previous prayer meeting, one by letter; making seven in all. Besides great spiritual strength created in the church, twelve have recently been added to the C. E. Society.

The writer commenced work here the first Lord's day in October. We were somewhat discouraged under the cry of some of the Island brethren to disband; but through the loyalty of a few to Jesus, they held up the banner until the Lord sent them help. Now that help is here, not only for Charlottetown, but for any church that wants meetings, let us, altogether, with uplifted hearts to the Father of lights, pray and work for a glorious future, not only for Charlottetown, but for the whole Island. Let the past be past, and hope for a future. If in the past the church made mistakes, will it help the church to oppose it? Would it not be better to remember the words of Paul to the Galatian brethren: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted." "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."—Gal. vi. 1-2.

The church is going on, praying and hoping for a glorious harvest this year. Will the brethren join us in our prayers. Every department of work is brightening. Pray for us in brotherly love, that the church this year shall have a bountiful harvest.

W. G. MILLER.

#### YOKES FOR YOUNG NECKS.

"It is good that the man bear the yoke in his youth." Here are three good yokes for young necks:

1. Acquire a little knowledge every day. One fact in a day. Ten years pass. You have gained 3,650 facts, and much mental discipline and power.

2. Practice a little self-denial every day. The thing that is difficult to do to-day will be easy 365 days hence, if each day repeated. What freedom from evil, and what power of self-mastery shall he enjoy, who, looking to God for grace, seeks every day to practice the grace he prays for.

3. Engage in a little helpful work every day. We live for the good of others, if our living be true living. It is not in the great deeds of philanthropy only that blessings are found. In "little deeds of kindness," repeated every day, we find true happiness. At home, in school, in the street, in the church, in the neighbor's house and on the play-ground, we find daily opportunities for usefulness.—Our Paper.