

correctness of the record, but I was suddenly startled into a more honest mood by an audible sigh—almost a groan—from the stranger, who had passed into the hall, and by a sudden darkness that was falling upon me, by which the record became at once obscured and nearly illegible. I suddenly cried out,

"LORD, SAVE ME!"

and knelt down at my chair, with the paper in my hands and my eyes fixed upon it. At once it became a mirror, and I saw my heart reflected in it. The record was true; I saw it, I felt it, I confessed it, I deplored it, and besought God to save me from myself, with many tears; and at length with a loud and irrepressible cry of anguish, I awoke. I had prayed, in years gone by, to be saved from hell, but my vow to be saved

FROM MYSELF

was now immeasurably more fervent and distressful; nor did I rest or pause till the refining fire came down and went through my heart, searching, probing, melting, burning, filling all its chambers with light, and *hallowing my whole heart to God.*

That light and that love are in my soul to-day; and when the toils of my pilgrimage shall be at an end, I expect to kneel in heaven at the feet of the Divine Alchemist, and bless Him for the revelation of that day which showed me where I stood and turned my feet into a better, higher, narrower path.

That day was the crisis of my history; and if there shall prove to have been, in later years, some depth and earnestness in my convictions, and some searching and saving pungency in my words, I doubt not eternity will show their connection with the visit of the Searcher of hearts, at whose coming my sins went to judgment beforehand, and I was weighed in the balance and found wanting.—*Rev. C. H. Sprurgeon, in "Sword and Trowel."*

FROM THE AID SOCIETIES.

FROM Amherst we learn that the *women* concluded that something special must be done for the N. W. so had an announcement of the needs of the N. W. mentioned on Sunday, and also asked that donations in envelopes be given at the Thursday evening prayer meeting. Notwithstanding that Thursday was bitterly cold the collection amounted to \$40.00, and since, the sum has risen to \$70.00. Who will follow?

Mrs. Brown writes from French Village, Halifax Co., of a Mission Band having been formed there in August with a membership of thirteen, which has since increased to twenty-one. The meetings are held monthly, on Sunday afternoon after the dismissal of the Sunday school. Through a mistake the Prov.-Secy was not notified of the organization of this Band at the time. All the same French Village is gladly welcomed.

FROM Benton, Carleton Co., N. B., we learn that a Mission Band was organized in December.

WATERSIDE, ALBERT CO., N.B., Dec. 31, 1893.

My Dear Miss Johnstone,

On the evening of December 25th, the Waterside Mission Band held a concert in the Baptist Church. The programme was interesting and well received. Of the mite boxes which had been distributed five were returned, and contained \$2.87. The proceeds from the evening's entertainment was \$15.32, making a total of \$18.19. The membership of this Band is small, but they are united, and are endeavoring to give others some of the sunshine Christ has sent into their homes and lives.

I visited Harvey Society on November 23rd, and a pleasant and I trust profitable meeting was held. Their attendance is small, but a few faithful ones hold their little meetings for prayer regularly.

Albert Society held a public meeting December 9th, to which the neighboring Societies Riverside and Hopewell Hill were invited. The Secretary of that Society has probably sent you a fuller report before this.

Yours in Christian love,

M. F. FILLMORE,

Secy for Albert Co.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

LITTLE HELPERS.

A concert exercise for eight little girls.

Suggestions to teacher: Four of the children approach the stage from the right, four from the left, meeting in the centre. The one at each end is dressed in white and carries a pretty basket; they are somewhat removed from the six children who stand in a semicircle in the centre and recite the verses. The two in white wait with their baskets, but join in the singing. The organist should be ready to accompany the children when they sing, and help them if necessary. The first song is quoted from the "Voice of Jesus" in "Songs of Salvation," the second is "Jesus Bids Us Shine" in "Hymns New and Old," the third is from "Little Givers" in "Songs of Salvation." In the first stanza the six children clasp and swing their hands, like veritable playmates, and recite joyously, looking at one another.

(The six recite together.)

We are little playmates,
Playing in the sun,
Gay and happy-hearted
Each and every one.

(First child.)

We are little workers
Even while we play,
Glad to work for Jesus
All the livelong day.