

Querist's Column.

[All matter intended for this column should be addressed to E. C. Ford, Fort Williams, Kings County, N. S. Questions touching the meaning of scriptures will be gladly received.]

Having consented to conduct a querist's column in THE CHRISTIAN, and desiring to make this department as profitable and interesting as possible, I will make the following suggestions:

1. Let questions be purely Bible questions
2. Let the question be put in as few words as possible, and made clear, that there may be no mistake as to the information desired.
3. Let no one question contain too many points, lest too much space be taken to answer them.
4. Nothing that is of a personal nature will be admitted into this department.

We trust all interested in this column will assist us to make it profitable by sending honest questions not puzzles, that we may be mutually benefited.

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NOTES BY THE WAY.

Through the kind care of our dear Father I arrived in safety at my home in Woodville September 26th, after an absence of two months. Found my family and friends well. Many hearts, however, were filled with sadness. Dear Brother William Steele had passed away, after a few days' sickness, in the bloom and fullness of his manhood. My heart aches for his sorrowing companion, left so soon to mourn her great loss. May the blessed Jesus sustain her in this trying hour.

The church in Southville is living in harmony and peace. The meetings are well attended. About twenty-five sit down regularly on the Lord's Day to attend the Lord's table. I preached for them on the Lord's Day while at home and held a few extra meetings on week evenings which was well attended. I trust that the seed sown in those meetings may yet bring forth much fruit. We were much pleased last Lord's Day to have of our dear Brother H. Devoe with us. He preached an excellent sermon in the morning from Rom. viii: 28, 29, showing that God's purpose was to save man and not to destroy or punish him. In the evening he spoke in Riverdale, and the writer in Woodville. Both houses were well filled. May the Lord bless the work of Brother Devoe in Southville and vicinity.

It was announced that on Monday evening a donation visit would be made to Brother Gates, and although the night was wild and stormy a good number assembled; and on Tuesday evening they came back bringing others with them. Not to eat the poor preacher's bread, but to spread a bountiful table with their own provision. They left many tokens of their love and goodwill to the writer, and to his family things substantial and useful. The evening was passed very pleasantly with music and singing. A presentation address was made by Brother Peter Wagoner, and responded to by the writer and his companion. Brother Devoe was also present on the occasion, and made some pertinent remarks, telling how glad he was that the writer had got out of the woods, and expressing his hope that he might be kept in the field publicly to make known the glad tidings of salvation.

I left my home yesterday to return to my labors in LeTete. While crossing the bay I met Sister Robertson, of St. John. By our united effort to wile away the hours of the trip with music and singing we drew many passengers around us, and the time passed very pleasantly. On leaving the boat I sought the home of Brother A. Barnes at the Marine Hospital, where I found Brother Ellis B. Barnes, a late graduate of Lexington University, and a family gathering of the name.

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NOTES OF TRAVEL.

Another month has rolled by, carrying with it many sorrows, much care, and yet without a great amount of joy and happiness. The first month has been a very busy one for me. I have not had much time to think about myself. I have clasped the hand of the bride; spoken words of comfort and consolation to bereaved ones; taken the confession of men and women who vowed eternal allegiance to the God of heaven; and all within a month. My last notes were written at Montague. I closed my meeting of three weeks with fifteen additions by baptism, had the weather been fine there might have been more, but I am in hopes in the near future to again visit them, and see others confessing the Saviour. Bro. Emory was present on two Lord's days. He has been with the church about five years, and has won a place in the hearts and affections of the people. My home was made with sister Isabella Stewart, a woman noted for her earnestness and love for the work of her Master. Her husband was also a devoted follower of Christ, but he has laid down his armour and now waits the summons to rise and put on an immortal body. On the last Monday in September, I bade them all good-bye, hoping and praying that the Lord would bless and keep the church in Montague faithful to the end. I remained on Monday night at the comfortable home of Dr. Knox. He was delighted at the result of my visit to Montague, his best wishes go with this church and the one at East Point. No man is esteemed more highly by the brethren than Dr. Knox. Tuesday morning I was up very early to continue my journey, but I found the Dr. and his wife up ahead of me with a nice warm breakfast for me. The words of the Saviour came to my mind: "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of these ye did it unto me." Wednesday night I was at home and at our prayer meeting; one young lady made the good confession and was baptized on Thursday as I had to leave for Summerside on Friday morning. I spent two Lord's days with the church at Summerside. But O! the rain and mud. I spent one Lord's day with the church at Tignish and preached some for a week, and as an immediate result six were baptized into Christ.

The brethren here are in earnest and are determined to fight the good fight of faith. They have an interesting Sunday-school and well supplied with library books; a young people's society, and a women's prayer meeting. There are two young men here who are preparing for the work of the ministry; and this leads me to speak about this subject, as it is one of importance.

In the first place, our young men need more encouragement. I am glad to know that our brethren are awakening to the fact -- that we need to educate our young men at home. Several years ago, at one of our annual meetings, I suggested the importance of considering the advisability of the matter. I was then laughed at, but those who laughed there cannot laugh now for I see by a recent *Canadian Evangelist* that one of our prominent Canadian brethren has taken the matter in hand, and in the near future we hope to see an educational institution in the Dominion of Canada under the management of the Disciples of Christ. In the second place, I think young men who contemplate preaching the gospel should exercise their talents for public speaking whenever an opportunity is offered. Now, I know young men who contemplate preaching the gospel who can sit through a whole social meeting and never open their mouths. I did hear of a young man lately who studied for the ministry in one of our towns where there is a small band of Disciples, he is giving his influence towards building up one of the sects because it happens to be a little more popular. The man who has not courage enough to maintain his principles in the face of some slight discouragements will

never make a very successful preacher. Let young men who anticipate spending their lives in the work of the ministry go into it with all their hearts; stand by their colors; be true to God, and they must succeed. I speak from some experience.

There is one important matter in connexion with the church at Tignish, of which I will speak in my next notes. I am now in Tryon where I intend holding a special meeting.

Brethren pray for us that our work may be blessed and our hearts gladdened by seeing many sinners turn to the Saviour. There are several places in Nova Scotia where successful meetings might have been held this fall, but I have not been able to attend them. The field truly is ready for harvest. As I am on the Island at present, I think it is better for me to remain for awhile and do all I can. My address for awhile will be: Summerside, P. E. Island.

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Selected.

THE LORD'S DAY.

BY HIRAM WALLACE.

(Continued from last month.)

When the thirteen colonies were subject to Great Britain, they were under the laws of that empire; but when they declared and secured their independence, which of those laws were they under? That obligation under which they had been held was now dead to them. But all the moral laws of England were made binding by the authority of the United States. Jesus says, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of man in Lord also of the Sabbath." Mark ii: 27. He possessed the right to remove it, that its place might be taken by a day of greater significance.

But man needs a rest day, a day of precious memories. Has the church such a day? How did it come? By whom was it given, and for what purpose? These are questions of much interest to us. In Rev. i: x, we read, "I was in the spirit on the Lord's Day." There was therefore in John's time, a second day bearing upon it that sacred name. As it has been claimed that this referred to the Sabbath, let us examine the subject closely. Notice the following points:

1. In all of the many references to the mentions of the Sabbath, the phrase "Lord's Day" is never used.

2. I have shown that the old covenant with its Sabbaths had passed away, and therefore there was no day in legal force to which the phrase could properly be applied, while the first day was then and before that time, being observed.

3. The designation *Lord's Day*, points to Christ and the time when he had all authority in heaven and on earth. Peter says, "He has made this same Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." He is Lord of all. Jesus quoted from David, "The Lord said to my Lord, sit on my right hand till I make thy enemies my footstool." Paul says, "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, etc." The Lord's Day, then, is Christ's day, standing in significant relation to Him in a sense in which the Sabbath never stood.

4. The early Christians applied the phrase to the first day of the week, not to the seventh. Eusebius, in his *Ancient Ecclesiastical History* says, "From the beginning, the Christians met on the first day of the week, called by them the Lord's Day."

There is abundant proof that this day has been kept from apostolic times by the church. Justin Martyr was a disciple of Polycarp, who was a disciple of the apostle John. His words are: "On Sunday, all Christians in the city or country meet