

gladdened by hearing another confess that Jesus was the Christ the Son of God and her Saviour. We had intended to close with this meeting but we were encouraged to try another meeting on Tuesday afternoon. At this meeting a deaf and dumb man stood up when the invitation hymn was sung and showed that he believed in a crucified and risen Lord. Some others in the meeting appeared to be like one of old almost persuaded to be Christians. At the close of the meeting, I led the two candidates down into the beautiful lake and buried them with Christ in baptism, and thus closed our Quarterly. All who were present appeared to enjoy the meeting very much; and our brethren, and especially the sisters, were much pleased to wait upon the friends from abroad.

J. A. GATES.

Woodville, July 20th, 1887.

## RIVER JOHN, N. S.

I am happy to inform the readers of THE CHRISTIAN that the church here is in good working order. Attendance good, especially at our evening services. We are hoping for better days.

July 25th, 1887.

P. D. NOWLAN.

## P. E. ISLAND.

The Annual Meeting of the Christian Association of P. E. Island was held with the church at New Glasgow, July 9th to 11th, and was attended by many of the Disciples of Christ on the Island, representing every congregation from Tignish to East Point; and including some in extreme old age, who perhaps, supposed they were meeting their brethren in the "annual gathering" for the last time; and some in early youth, before whose hopeful vision life yet appears bright, beautiful, golden-tinted, and something to be controlled altogether after the counsels of their own will. We felt like praying that, with them, life's lessons might not be too hard nor the pruning too severe, but that easily, readily, they might learn the lessons to fit them for the Master's use here and for the inheritance of the saints in light.

The meeting was said to be enjoyable, and I think was enjoyed by all—not only by the visitors, but also the New Glasgow friends, who entertained with most cheerful hospitality.

The preaching brethren present were: D. Crawford whose home has for so long a time been at New Glasgow, but whose preaching is heard over the entire western part of the Island at every available point; President Henry A. Macdonald and John T. McNeill of Kentucky; Neil MacLeod of Indiana, and O. B. Emery of Montague. Others were expected, but failed to put in an appearance.

Prayer and social meetings were held Saturday at 6 P. M., Lord's day at 5 P. M., and Monday at 9 A. M. Preaching on Lord's day at 11 A. M. by Bro. N. MacLeod, and at 6 P. M., by O. B. Emery. The congregations were very large, and the attention was all that could reasonably be desired, notwithstanding the close packing inside and the large number outside the house.

Bro. John T. McNeill preached on Monday evening, and Bro. MacLeod again on Tuesday evening.

Bro. D. Crawford presided at the Lord's Table, and, during the meeting, was over ready to speak a needed word, doing much to keep everything running smoothly and profitably.

The business meeting at 10.30 A. M., Monday, was well attended and was interesting and profitable. The Moderator and Secretary of the preceding year were re-elected. The reports from the churches showed a healthy condition and encouraging increase at the several points. Bro. Matthew Stephenson, of Charlottetown, in a thoughtful and well tempered speech, laid before the brethren the needs of the church in the city, and Bro. James Dickie, son suggested, and on motion it was resolved, that

the several churches be requested, through the delegates at this meeting, to aid Charlottetown by a contribution of at least ten cents for each member. Bro. Lorenzo Miles, of St. John, suggested that a contribution be made by those present for Charlottetown. The suggestion was acted upon, and the result was very satisfactory. The subject of mission work on the Island was introduced by Bro. Crawford, who spoke of young men rising up with a strong desire to preach Christ and Him crucified to the lost and perishing, and particularly of young Bro. Freeman, who has just come from Nova Scotia, having resolved to spend his life in trying to win souls to Christ. He asked for Bro. Freeman the sympathy and support of the brotherhood. Bro. F. is young in years. He seems to be earnest in spirit, and I trust he will faithfully serve the Lord and build up the cause for which Jesus died. Some spoke of the discouragements and responsibilities. They are many and great, but to the faithful worker and supporter the end will be glorious.

The meeting adjourned to meet with the church in Montague the Saturday before the second Lord's day in July, 1888.

The thanks of the Association is due the P. E. I. Railroad, the P. E. I. Steamboat Company, and the Intercolonial Railway for favors granted to delegates to the meeting.

O. B. E.

Montague, July 20th, 1887.

## The Family.

## PERFECT THROUGH SUFFERING.

God never would send you the darkness,  
If He felt you could bear the light;  
But you would not cling to His guiding hand.  
If the way were always bright;  
And you would not care to walk by faith,  
Could you always walk by sight

'Tis true He has many an anguish  
For your sorrowful heart to bear,  
And many a cruel thorn-crown  
For your tired head to wear;  
He knows how few would reach Heaven at all,  
If pain did not guide them there.

So He sends you the blinding darkness  
And the furnace of sevenfold heat;  
'Tis the only way, believe me,  
To keep you close to His feet;  
For 'tis always so easy to wander  
When our lives are glad and sweet.

Then nestle your hand in your Father's  
And sing, if you can as you go;  
Your song may cheer some one behind you  
Whose courage is sinking low.  
And well, if your lips do quiver,  
God will love you better so.

—Selected.

## A LARGE CITY.

If any one were to walk one way through all the streets of London, he would be obliged to go a distance of 2,600 miles, or as far as it is across the American continent from New York to San Francisco. This will give an idea of what would have to be done in order to see even the greater part of London.

In our approach to this city, as well as in our rambles through the streets, we shall not be struck so much by its splendid and imposing appearance as by its immensity. Go where we may, there seems to be no end to the town. It is fourteen miles one way, and eight miles the other, and contains a population of nearly four million people, which is greater, indeed, than that of Switzerland, or the kingdoms of Denmark and Greece combined.

We are told on good authority that there are more Scotchmen in London than in Edinburgh, more Irishmen than in Dublin, and more Jews than in Palestine, with foreigners from all parts of the world, including a great number of Americans. Yet there are so many Englishmen in London, that one is not likely to notice the presence of these people of other nations.

This vast body of citizens, some so rich that they never can count their money, and some so poor that they never have any to count, eat every year 400,000 oxen, 1,500,000 sheep, 8,000,000 chickens and game birds, not to speak of calves, hogs, and different kinds of fish. They consume 500,000,000 oysters, which, although it seems like a large number, would only give, if equally divided among all the people, one oyster every third day to each person. There are 300,000 servants in London, enough people to make a large city; but as this gives only one servant to each dozen citizens, it is quite evident that a great many of the people must wait on themselves. Things are very unequally divided in London; and I have no doubt that instead of there being one servant to twelve, some of the rich lords and ladies have twelve servants a piece.—*St. Nicholas.*

## PROFITABLE CONVERSATION.

A number of friends were dining together in England. To prevent the introduction of sinful or idle conversation one of them said, "Let us discuss the question whether we shall one and all get to heaven." This most unexpected motion induced all that were present to serious thoughts, and to thoroughly examine themselves. One thought, "If one of our number be lost, I shall be the one!" So thought another, and a third, and so every one of the company. Even the waiters at the table became serious and thoughtful. It subsequently appeared that this word gave the first start to the conversion of all present on that occasion.

## BLACK BUT BRAVE.

A master cooper called upon a black man in Ohio, and wished to purchase some stave timber. The black asked for what purpose he wanted the timber, and received for an answer, "I have a contract for a thousand whiskey barrels."

"Well, sir," was the prompt reply, "I have the timber for sale, and want money, but no man shall buy a stave from me for that purpose."

The cooper was indignant to meet with such stern reproach from a black, and called him a "nigger."

"That is very true," mildly replied the other. "It is my misfortune to be a negro; I can't help that; but I can help selling my timber to make whiskey barrels, and I mean to do it."

## Died.

HOLMES.—At her home, LeTete, July 12th, 1887, after an illness of many months, which she bore with Christian resignation and fortitude to the close, Sister Abigail Holmes, in the 78th year of her age. Sister Holmes for many years has been a member of the Christian Church, and no one in the circle of my acquaintance has lived a more exemplary life. She was a faithful worker in the church and will be greatly missed. Her family and friends and the church of which she was a member will long cherish an affectionate regard for her memory. She leaves three daughters and one son and a large number of grandchildren to mourn her loss.

A. W. RIDGOUT.

BOWEN.—In this city, on July 23rd, after a lingering illness, of consumption, Martha Bowen, in the 50th year of her age. Our beloved sister was a great sufferer. Her hope was strong in her Saviour. She knew in whom she had believed. She leaves four daughters to mourn her loss. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."