

ed with Him, they will fully understand the wondrous plan. God gave Paul the grace to preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who hath created all things by Jesus Christ. To the intent that now unto the principalities and homes in heavenly places might be known by (through) the Church the manifold wisdom of God. (Eph. iii., 9, 10.)

When the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, or in the many mansions, see Jesus and all whom He has redeemed by His blood, together in the place He has prepared, they will have new and enlarged views of God's manifold wisdom and infinite love.

Reader, will you go to that place which Jesus is now preparing? You know we cannot, at best, stay long here. We are liable at any moment to leave this place. Jesus loved you; died for you to reconcile you to God, to your truest and best and Almighty Friend. He loved the world so as to give His beloved Son, that all who believe in Him might gain that home. Jesus died for every man, and prepares but one place for man. Those who reject Him reject all His love and all his arrangements, and must be driven to a place not prepared for them. Those who accept of Jesus, honor Him and His Father, acquiesce in all the blessed plan of salvation, and will go to meet all the redeemed—all we have known and loved on earth, Abraham, Moses, David, and all the prophets, all the apostles and martyrs of Jesus, and, better than all, to meet Him who loved us and washed us in His blood. How easy it is to love one who loved us so much, and so earnestly seeks to bring us home to Himself that where he is there we may be also.

D. C.

It is possible that some reports of our Annual Meeting, at Milton, will, for the want of space, be compelled to remain over till next issue.

THE SMALLPOX in Montreal is still rampant, there being in one week alone about 250 deaths. Business seems very much paralyzed in almost every branch.

In the Montreal *Herald* we notice with pleasure that Bro. W. H. Eaton has been presented, by the men under his charge, with a heavy gold locket, as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by them.

SISTER FRANKLIN BARNES, who has been spending a few days with her friends in St. John, informed us that her sister, Annie E. Orvis, wife of our late lamented brother, E. E. Orvis, died at Mayfield, Ky., on August 30th.

In the *Ravenna Republican* of September 16th is found the statement, that C. C. Foote died at Wooster, Ohio, on Sunday morning, September 13th. He was for many years a successful preacher among the Disciples, but of late years has been connected with the Baptists.

WE received a kind invitation to attend the wedding of D. O. Thomas and Aune Elizabeth Butler, at Forest Home, Indianapolis, Wednesday evening, Sept. 23rd, at 8 o'clock. Sorry that circumstances forbade our being present. We sincerely hope that the union thus formed will, throughout life, be pleasant to each other, and to the glory of God.

FROM our Church News our readers will learn that Bro. Emery leaves Deer Island for P. E. I. Bro. Emery has done a good work in his present field of labor, and the people are loud in his praises and regret exceedingly his departure. We all are glad, however, that he is not going far from us,

and that he will, as usual, take an interest in THE CHRISTIAN by contributing to its columns.

THE TRUTH presented in the oft repeated expression—In the midst of life we are in death—has, within the last few days, been painfully impressed upon the minds and hearts of our citizens. It was only a few days since, when a young man named Dunham, with his brother and a companion, went as far as Lepreaux to have a day or two's shooting in the country, when grasping his gun in excitement at seeing some game, the gun went off and the poor fellow was shot and died in a few minutes. The next day news reached our city that a young man by the name of Lawson, well and favorably known in the city, was spending his vacation, with two companions, in the country, shooting, when through a little carelessness on his own part, he allowed the butt of his gun to strike the hammer of his companion's gun, which went off, and in a moment he was dead. While the citizens were grieving over the apparently untimely death of these two young men, they were thrown into a furore of excitement, when a report gained currency that the "Humacao," wrecked at Grand Manan, had slid off the rocks and that all on board were drowned. The facts of the case are as follows: The "Humacao," a Spanish steamer of 1,650 tons, went ashore on the Murr ledges during a thick fog on Wednesday, August 5th. On Saturday, 19th September, a tug left the city with a Mr. Griffiths and a gang of eleven men to work on the wreck. On Wednesday, during a gale, the steamer was driven off the rocks into deep water, and eleven men were lost. Oh, the scenes in the homes thus made vacant, would move to tears the hardest heart, as they witnessed the widows and orphans baptized in deep grief over the loss of loved ones. Our citizens are already taking active measures to alleviate, as far as possible, the heart-rending circumstances of the bereaved, and to respond to the cry of the widow and orphan.

Oh, let us all receive lessons of warning. We know not how soon our time may come. Let us be wise, that when it does come we may be ready.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

THIS ONE THING I DO.

So said Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles. *Not*, this one thing I think about, or consider good; but, this one thing I do. Once Paul's position and prospects among men were good. He profited in the Jew's religion. Why? Simply because he was zealous. But he profited more than his fellows. Why? Because he was *more exceedingly zealous*.

Zeal tells everywhere. The zealous man of business usually succeeds, and if his zeal is coupled with knowledge, he does so almost without an exception.

Zeal without knowledge may lead into many disastrous mistakes, and knowledge without zeal may lead into an idle, aimless, useless life; but, knowledge and zeal going hand in hand are almost sure to lead to success in any undertaking whatever may be its nature.

To-day I passed over the ground of a farmer who is successful far beyond any of his neighbors. Why is he so? Simply because he has a good share of knowledge, gained by experience, and an abundance of zeal in his business. He loves his farm and watches with interest the growing crops. He carefully watches all the changes, and, where he makes a mistake one year tries to rectify it or makes a change so that the mistake is not repeated, or continued. Success is his aim and he tries to gain it by continued effort. There is no need, as we pass over the farm, to ask: Are you careful, watchful and industrious? We know he

is. There is a difference in farmers. There is also a difference in Christians. If you go into a community where the people are comparative strangers to you, but, after a time, you become somewhat acquainted with the professing Christians there, you will not find it necessary to ask many questions in order to find out who are the careful, watchful, industrious ones among the number. This will soon be manifest to everybody. The Christian whose aim is success in the Divine life will soon stand out clearly defined, known and read of all men. Who, in becoming acquainted with Paul, would make a mistake in reference to his Christian character? I think not anybody. The marks of: "This one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind," &c., were so clearly defined that all might and *must* see the likeness of the Divine Master whom he so faithfully served. Paul said: "Follow me even as I also follow Christ." Let us then follow him as far and as fast as possible in knowledge, in zeal, in watchfulness, in prayerfulness, in labor, and soon we will, under the care and direction of the Master, wield an influence for good which will disarm opposition, subdue the stubborn wills of men and give grand victories in the battle of life.

The reason why some make shipwreck of faith is: they have zeal only, and not knowledge, and so running energetically but aimlessly for a time they become by and by bewildered in mysticism, and tire and droop and die.

Others having knowledge but not zeal, content themselves by indulging in meditations on the "doctrinal points" of Christianity, never doing anything except when attacked on those points, when, like the sloth goaded into motion by hunger, they move, and fight *hard* for these points, sometimes silencing an opponent, and then they "plume themselves" and think how well they've done and how nobly they "*contended for the faith once delivered to the saints*." When really their own soul is not enriched, but rather built up in pride, nobody is benefitted, somebody is injured, and the *hero* settles back into continued idleness.

How much better, like Paul, to leave the things behind and reach forth to those before, &c.?

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COUNTERFEIT COIN.

BY D. McDougall.

It is reported that counterfeit coin is circulating in parts of our country. The idea of counterfeit coin implies that there is genuine coin. An imaginary something, a myth is not counterfeited. Our national currency is not a myth, not an imaginary thing, but a reality, a genuine article; hence the counterfeit.

Now, the very fact that Christianity is extensively counterfeited, is conclusive evidence that it is not a myth, not an imaginary something, but a grand reality—a genuine article. Who ever heard of any one striving to counterfeit a worthless piece of pewter? The fact that he strives, with great skill, and at great risk, to counterfeit the coin proves that the coin is valuable. Just so; the fact that Christianity is counterfeited proves, likewise, that it is valuable; that it is worth possessing, worth striving to possess; that it is the most precious of all precious things, because most of all extensively counterfeited; that it is indeed the "pearl of great price."

The counterfeiter knows the value of money; consequently desires to get it; but is unwilling to make the necessary effort to obtain it in a legitimate way. He is too proud or too indolent to work, and wants to get money without earning it. He needs money, he must have money, he *will* have it, or something to cheat his fellows and pass for money. The counterfeiters of Christianity, likewise,