

GIVE EARNEST HEED.

The time for the March Offering for Foreign Missions is at hand. The missionary force is larger and the receipts will need to be correspondingly increased. We must do three things this year :

1. Enlist 3,000 contributing churches.
2. Bring 1,000 churches up to their full apportionment.
3. Reach \$100,000 in the receipts

The *Missionary Voice* will be sent to every church requesting it. It should be distributed in each church preparatory to the offering. See that one copy reaches each family represented in the church. And the *March Offering Envelope* will be furnished the churches. Place one in the hands of all the members. Order *Voices* and *Envelopes* at once.

The Watch-word is: An offering from every church; a gift from every member.

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WEST GORE LETTER.

On November 20th a number of friends met at the house of Bro. D. S. McDonald, Elmsdale, and after spending a pleasant evening were called to order by Mr. McDonald, when Mr. Charles Horne, in a short speech, presented the writer with a purse of twenty-five dollars. I need not tell you about how I tried to reply so as to show my appreciation of the kindness of these people, especially to Bro. and Sister McDonald and family, whose house was thrown open for the occasion.

On Wednesday, December 30th, the same thing happened at West Gore, and at the close of the evening we were the better off by many useful things and twenty-five dollars in cash.

But Newport was not going to be behind; so it was planned that we should all meet at Bro. B. S. Vaughn's on January 7th, and as we had all been there before we knew just what to expect, but a storm came and interfered with the plans. However, there are some people in Newport not easily discouraged, and on Friday the 8th they met. I could not be there; and I got a letter and twenty-three dollars as a result. Next.

On New Year's evening, a number of the friends surprised Bro. Hiram Wallace and his wife on the occasion of the thirty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and a number of useful presents bestowed on the happy couple.

Did you attend any of the meetings during the week of prayer? If so, did you hear any prayers for a fresh baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire? What is it that these people really want when they pray thus? Those who practise effusion would not get much of the Holy Ghost, would they?

W. H. HARDING.

FROM NORMAL, ILL.

Normal is a town of about 5,000 inhabitants. It is, properly speaking, a suburb of Bloomington and about midway between Chicago and St. Louis. The State Normal University is located here, and is the largest and most prosperous institution of its kind in the state. Its present enrollment of students is between six and seven hundred. The great majority of these young men and women will become teachers. There are also State Universities at Carbondale and Champaign. Bro. H. W. Everest is president of the former. It is just beginning its career. But from all quarters comes the opinion that Carbondale's management is equal to the best. Disciples everywhere can be assured that the religious training of the young there will not be neglected. I am sorry to say that the religious training of students in State Universities, as a rule, is sadly neglected. Semifidel forces are at work, and if the young are not completely captivated by them, they are rendered wholly unfit for religious work in any of the evangelical churches.

The church in this place is prospering. It has seen discouraging times; "whisperers" have done their deadly work. The church has suffered internally, but the wounds have not been fatal. Divisions have been healed, and the unity of the spirit prevails. Our audiences are large, additions are frequent, and the spiritual interests are deepening.

We are starting the new year with well devised plans for a year's work. We are beginning to learn the value of personal effort, and much of our work will be done in that way. Long-range preaching is good; but a personal talk is better.

I am anxious to see our people take up that phase of primitive Christianity. Now that we are strongly entrenched in many points, let us be strong in this one. It is a vital force in our work, and while we neglect it our failures can be accounted for. Jesus spake to the multitudes, but he spake as often, perhaps, to the individual. We have an apostolic example as well. When we have saved the sinner, we have reached the multitude. E. B. BARNES.

T. H. Capp has proved himself not only to be a preacher of splendid ability, but an unexcelled church worker. The Christian church has been badly in debt ever since the church was built. It amounted a few weeks ago to \$550. Mr. Capp then set out with the determination to raise the entire amount before the first of the year. He said that if the entire amount was not raised by that time he would give every dollar back that had been given him for that purpose. He has toiled early and late and before the time given he had the entire amount in cash in the bank, in fact he had more than was necessary. This leaves the church entirely out of debt and with a fair surplus on hand with which to begin the new year. Mr. Capp has done a work for which the church should ever hold him in grateful remembrance, and doubtless it will.—*Democrat Lever*.

Married.

HOPPER-HILL.—At Nauwigewauk, Kings County, on January 27th, by Rev. Ezekiel Hopper, Robert N. Hopper, of Elgin, Albert County, to Alice M. Hill, of Kings County.

ROBERTSON-CAMERON.—In St. John, on January 27th, 1897, by Henry W. Stewart, James S. Robertson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Theodosia Cameron, of King's Co., N. B.

HOLDER-BANKS.—In St. John, on January 27th, 1897, by Henry W. Stewart, George L. Holder and Mabel K. Banks, both of St. John.

Died.

CONLEY.—In Worcester, Mass., Dec. 17th, 1896, Chas. H. Conley, Jr., aged 41 years and 4 months. Bro. Conley was one of the most active business men of Deer Island, and was a faithful member of the church at Leonardville. He was secretary of the church and Sunday-school, and had an active interest in all the work of both. He was universally loved and respected, and his death was a great shock to the community. He had gone to Worcester on a business trip, and went to visit friends while there in his usual health. His death occurred from heart failure after a few hours suffering. His remains were forwarded to Leonardville, and one of the largest funeral processions ever seen on Deer Island followed them to their final resting place. He leaves a widow, but no children. He will be greatly missed both in the church and in the community.—M. B. RYAN.

SHORTLIFF.—At South Range, N. S., January 10th, of consumption, Emma Dunbar, beloved wife of Bro. Chas. Shortliff, aged twenty-two years, leaving a husband and two young children to mourn the loss of an affectionate wife and mother. Sister Shortliff was baptized about four years ago by the writer and has lived a consistent Christian. When sickness came that seemed so certain to end in death, she met it all with a strength of faith and spirit of resignation that can only be found in those possessing the spirit of our Saviour as he prayed to his Father from Gethsemane, "Nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done." Although the day was very cold and stormy, a large number followed her remains to the grave, after which they gathered at the meeting-house where the writer took for his text, 2 Cor. i. 9, 10, and tried to draw all hearts nearer to that great Deliverer who had done so much for the departed, and would yet deliver the body in the resurrection morn.—H. A. D.

ROURKE.—On the 15th day of December, 1896, at her home on the Whim Road, of pneumonia, sister Susanna Stewart, beloved wife of Bro. Moses Rourke, in the 68th year of her age. She leaves a sorrowing husband, two sons and a daughter to mourn over their loss. Sister Rourke was a faithful member of the Christian Church in Montague. May the Lord Jesus help the family to bear their sorrow and lovingly follow Christ, so that all may meet with him beyond the river.—R. W. S.

DEWAR.—On the first day of the New Year we laid Bro. James D. Dewar, of Brudenell, to rest in the Brudenell cemetery. He died on the 30th of December, 1896, and was 77 years of age. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and an affectionate father. Bro. Dewar was well known in the county, having held several important public offices, and was for many years a member of the church at Montague. May the good Lord bless and comfort those left behind.—R. W. S.

HENRY.—On Dec. 31st, 1896, in her 55th year, Sister Sophia Henry, wife of Bro. George Henry, fell asleep in Jesus. For many years she had been a great sufferer, and though during the last few months we felt that she could not live much longer, yet her death was a shock to us all. She made the good confession in her fourteenth year at New Glasgow under the ministry of Bro. D. Crawford. For forty-one years she had been a member of the Church of Christ. Bro. O. B. Emery kindly conducted a short service at the home and at the church cemetery at Cross-Roads, where on New Year's afternoon she was laid to rest. The bereaved husband, four sons, and one daughter, have our loving sympathy. The constant prayer of the wife and mother was that they may meet as an unbroken family in that home above where partings never come.—GEO. MANFOLD.

WILSON.—On January 1st, 1897, after a short illness, and a life of less than one year, Prescott, infant son of Havelock and Sister Wilson of St. John, was called away from the home on earth to the Father's home in heaven, to meet him who while among men said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." May God bless the sorrowing parents.—H. W. S.

WYAND.—Died very suddenly at Cavendish, P. E. I., on the 19th of January, in her 47th year, Sister Elizabeth, dearly beloved wife of Charles Wyand, leaving two dear children and a devoted husband in sadness. She was the youngest sister of Dr. Crawford MacKay, the young preacher who died in Auburn, N. Y., about twelve years ago. In early life she embraced the Saviour who enabled her to hold fast her confession of her faith and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. Hers was a Christian life and a peaceful death. It was a sorrowing sight to look into the casket upon the radiant face of the one her turned upon the infant in her arms, both asleep in Jesus. A large number of friends and acquaintances met at the funeral, many to weep with those that wept.—D. C.

MORRISON.—On the 24th of January, Janie, dearly beloved wife of Robert P. Morrison, fell asleep in her 38th year, leaving a devoted husband, an affectionate mother, and a dear little daughter to mourn their loss. She was the only daughter of Bro. John Lord, who died at Tryon five years ago. Being instructed in the Scriptures from a child early in life, she felt her lost state as a sinner, and joyfully accepted of a Saviour's pardoning love. From that day she held fast the beginning of her confidence firm unto the end. Sister Morrison was widely known, and known only to be loved and admired. Amiable and intelligent, she was happy in making others happy. Being for years of a frail constitution, death seemed to be waiting for her as his victim. But for her he had no terror, but she regarded him as a welcome messenger to call her to her Saviour's arms. The writer has attended many funerals but these two have deeply impressed him and brought nearer to the eye of faith the pearly gates and the streets of gold.—D. C.