

The work in the city of St. John speaks for itself, and needs no commendation from us. They have a reputation for mission work second to none. The substantial interest they have taken in the mission work in our provinces for many years will surely count for something now in their favor for the mission effort on Main street. They have, as all know, an earnest, consecrated church. It is the truth, plus personality they possess, which is the power that will surely succeed.

There are other very important fields that are greatly in need of help. LeTete, N. B., is a promising field. If the work could be continued there a year or two we would have a large, self-sustaining church in LeTete, besides other interests in the adjacent localities. There are other countries in our provinces that are ripe for the gospel where churches could be established. Our work in the centres must be supported, and the work in the country must not be neglected. It would be as unwise to neglect the demands of our country churches as it would to kill the hen that lays the egg.

The one thing needful to sustain and advance the work in these assuring fields, is the financial aid. Good talk and good wishes only fan the flames. It needs substantial fuel to keep the fire of missions burning. The proper way to feel interested in missions is to feel in our pockets. The trouble to-day is not with the pocket, but with the heart. Get the love of God into the heart and there will be no difficulty in getting the money out of the pocket. A lean heart makes a mean pocket.

Two cents a week from our two thousand members will give a sufficient amount to support our mission points and to assist our weak churches. Many are giving more than this, but too many are not giving as much as this. This is very strange that those who are conscious of the sacrifice Christ has made to save them, are not willing to devote a few cents to save others. But stranger still, that such ones can make themselves believe that the Master will say to them "Well done."

We need not complain, as it is not complaints that are needed, but faithfulness to our brethren in our teaching; to show them that not to do a good thing is as great an evil as to do a wrong thing, and that those who are not helping advance the cause of Christ in the mission field have no part in the riches of Divine Giver. Let the love of God and the demands that this love make upon his servants be sounded out from the pulpit forcibly, plainly and kindly, until all shall know and fulfil this blessed privilege of giving as the Lord prospers them.

Correspondence.

DEER ISLAND LETTER.

I spent part of the month of February assisting Bro. Wm. Murray in a meeting at Letete. Bro. Murray filled my appointments at Lord's Cove and Leonardville on the two Lord's days I was absent. We had an excellent interest throughout the meeting, closing with a crowded house. Much of this interest was owing to the fact that ten young persons had acknowledged Christ and been received into the church within a few weeks before the meeting began. This is the fruit of the earnest labors of Bro. Murray and the devoted workers of the church in the months past. Four others confessed Christ and were bap-

tized during the meeting. Others seemed deeply interested and we anxiously hoped to see them take their stand for Christ and duty. We trust they may yet come to him who only can save.

Bro. Murray is greatly beloved by the church and the community. He should be kept there. The field is promising if it were continually worked. There is a good prospect at Mascarene, where a union Sunday-school is carried on and the people give an interested hearing to the preaching of the word. I was well cared for in the hospitable home of Bro. Edward Matthews, Bro. Murray's headquarters, and shall remember the kindness of all the people there with a great deal of pleasure.

Our work on the Island moves along in an even channel with little that is unusual to report. The Lord's Cove Mission Band gave a very successful concert Feb. 21st in the interest of the India work. This Band is making excellent progress, and its work will tell on the future of the church here. The C. W. B. M. also held a very helpful and instructive meeting March 2nd.

On Lord's day, March 7th, we took up the annual collection for foreign missions, in the Lord's Cove church, combining it with contributions for the India Famine Fund and for Armenian Relief. The collection amounted to \$42.00, distributed as follows: Foreign Missions \$17.00; India famine fund \$17.50; Armenian Relief \$7.50. Last year the Lord's Cove Church took up its first collection for foreign missions. It amounted to \$8.77. You will see that the collection this year for that purpose is nearly double what it was last year. When we consider that the gifts were divided this year between this and the other worthy objects named, added to the fact that this is the hardest year in financial matters that this Island has seen in a generation, this evidence of growth in liberality is encouraging.

The Leonardville Church will make contributions to the same objects on Sunday, April 4th, and we look for a similar evidence of growth in the grace of giving.

The grim reaper, Death, has been busy at work in our community this winter. Besides those already reported in THE CHRISTIAN, the following have passed away at Leonardville: the Tewksbury sisters, Lena and Carrie, daughters of Bro. and Sister Edward Tewksbury. Both were grown to young womanhood. Both fell victims of consumption, the elder after a sickness of several years, the younger being sick about a year. Their death has left a deep shadow in the home and a heavy burden on the hearts of those who remain.

Lulu Conley, daughter of Bro. and Sister C. H. Conley. She died after a sickness of some five months. She was in the seventeenth year of her age. Her death has left blighted hopes and heavy hearts in the home. May the God of all comfort sustain the sorrowing ones.

Joseph Richardson, an old resident of

Leonardville, in the sixty-sixth year of his age. His death was sudden, after a very short illness. He leaves a widow and several grown sons and daughters. He became a disciple very early in the history of our work on this Island and lived a quiet worthy life.

Thus one by one they pass away. How true the apostolic admonition "For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away."

We are looking forward to the Annual meeting when we hope to meet and greet many of the friends. This should be our "best" meeting. Make your plans early to come. And make your plans to come early. For the meeting of the Ministers' Association is to commence on Wednesday and you will not want to miss the papers and addresses which will be given in that meeting. Let us plan and work for the best meeting in our history.

M. B. RYAN.

Lord's Cove, N. B.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

It will take a good deal more funds than we now have to start Bro. J. W. Gates in the field when he comes to the provinces next June or July—at least to place him in a position to do the best work. We have about given up the idea of placing any other brother in the field until after we have supplied Bro. Gates. Bro. Gates can only act for us during two of the summer months. He has promised to canvas free of all charges except travelling expenses, and as he has been a successful agent we think it is well to secure his services when we can. If enough funds are raised Bro. Gates' labor (D. V.) may be the means of placing the work on a self-sustaining basis. The brethren and sisters should not lose this chance

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