

age that makes true life sublime, that to develop and cultivate the spirit of love for fellow humanity in the ideal life on earth. We admit that the age in which we live should not be our rule of life, but it should be our indicative, and as H. R. Howes says, "We must keep our fingers on the pulse of the age if we would play upon the hearts of the people."

May the Lord give us more wisdom to win the hearts of the people from the paths of sin to Him who is the "way the truth and the life." H. M.

HALIFAX, N. S.

Different departments of the work are fairly prosperous for March.

The C. W. B. M. raised about \$4.00 at their meeting Sunday night, March 3rd. This meeting was open to all, and consisted of most touching exercises in song and appropriate readings by the *little girls and young ladies*.

The ladies have organized an Aid Society, and with characteristic energy have gone to work to make something for the blessed Master with hand and needle.

The mission band is growing and more than thirty boys and girls are now at work in it. The wonder of it is there are nearly as many boys as girls!

Sister H. L. Wallace has surely solved the problem of a sensible Christian kindergarten, and so earnest are the little people that even March storms cannot keep them from their Saturday afternoon exercises. To see them follow the Life of Christ upon the blackboard would surprise you. Miss Ford will write more concerning the band.

Seventy-two, seventy-four, sixty-one is the record of Sunday-school attendance for the past three Sundays out of an entire registry of seventy-five names.

We are sorry to state that Bro. George D. Weaver was called home from Dalhousie College by the death of his dear mother. Bro. Weaver has endeared himself to the entire church here by his manly Christian bearing and his work as teacher in the Sunday-school, and has the sincere sympathy of every one of our number.

Mother! the name that fills the home

With fragrance, sweet as new born song,

Pure from the heart of love divine

As chorus from angelic throng;

Steal o'er the senses; with thy gentle wand

Pour incense o'er my soul:

Mould me, dear friend, with thy artistic hand

In one symmetric whole. W. F. S.

SUMMERVILLE, QUEENS CO., N. S.

Bro William Murray has closed his labors of six months here in Summerville. He held a short series of meetings during March, assisted by Bro H. Murray. The weather, part of the time, prevented many from attending the meetings. But when the weather and roads were favorable, the meetings were interesting and encouraging. There were seven baptisms, besides much good that cannot be reported. The church is in a position to do a work that will secure permanent success if the brethren will work together for the development of Christian life and the salvation of others. But no church will ever amount to much, or be of much use to the cause of God, unless it is seeking to save the lost.

Bro. William Murray goes to Kempt for a few weeks, and then to any place where he can be of service to the cause of Christ.

TIVERTON, N. S.

Bro. Cooke has helped us at this point in a meeting of two weeks duration. It was never our good fortune to attend better meetings. Bro. Cooke did the preaching with an earnestness that sent the message down to our hearts, and the brethren (including the sisters) made each social effort a power for good. The immediate result was three baptized, seven restored and one from the Free Baptists.

We hope to send in good reports from South Range and Gulliver's Cove in the near future.

H. A. DEVOR.

PICTOU, N. S.

At the request of Bro. D. Fullerton and the home mission board I am in this town trying to preach the gospel to as many as are disposed to come to hear. At quite a large expense and sacrifice Bro. Fullerton has built a fine hall right in the heart of the town, and is now very anxious to have the cause we plead established in the town of Pictou. In this building he has two very fine halls; the one on the first floor, which he has reserved for a place of worship, is seated with 240 chairs, brilliantly lighted with gas, and heated by a furnace, and makes a very comfortable place in which to worship. The hall on the second floor is one of the finest, if not the best hall in town, and is seated with about 400 chairs and has a capacity for a larger number. With such a building as this owned by our brethren here, and at the command of the cause of Christ it would seem that there was an opening here for the preaching of the gospel as presented by the Disciples, such as we have never had before in this town.

The experience of the last few weeks has satisfied me, at least, that with a faithful man stationed over the work here, the cause can be permanently established. It is true that he will not be greeted with large congregations for some little time. The prejudice in this town is too strong for this, and the great majority of the people are well satisfied with themselves, religiously. But notwithstanding this there is a grand work for the Disciples to do here. There are those so firmly established in what is known here as Baptist principles, meaning the baptism of believers only and that by immersion, that they cannot feel at home where infant baptism is taught, and where the sprinkling of a little water has taken the place of the baptism commanded by the Lord and practiced by his apostles. If such have no home where they can worship more in harmony with their sense of duty, they are very apt to grow cold, and lose their spiritual life altogether.

Besides these, there are the children growing up around us, who must either be taught the way of the Lord more perfectly, or they too will be gathered into the churches which are responsible for these unscriptural practices, or fall of church fellowship altogether. To assist Bro. Fullerton to accomplish the desire of his heart, and for which he is ready to sacrifice so much, the Home Mission Board have made an offer, which, with all the work they have on hand, is certainly very liberal. But even this in itself is not sufficient. Unless other aid can be secured, I do not see how it is going to be possible to maintain the work here. Even though as much can be obtained from other sources as our Board has promised, still the few who are here will have to sacrifice considerable to make the work a success. But this they are ready to do, and will do it gladly.

I have thought it wise to make this plain statement of the case concerning the work here in Pictou that the brotherhood may be encouraged to come up to the help of the Board, so that they can assist such a work as this more than is now in their power to do. Any one who knows what it costs to secure a good hall, in a town like this, all lighted and warmed, can form some idea of the sacrifice Bro. Fullerton is making. Nor is this all, he is ready to do considerable. I do not speak of this to sound his praise; he does not need anything of this kind. But I speak of it to awaken a greater interest on the part of others.

My mission here is to see what the prospect is for establishing the cause in this town, and my judgment is that it can be done if the aid necessary can be secured. E. C. FORD.

Pictou, N. S., March 26, 1895.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

The readers of the CHRISTIAN will begin to ask. What is the church at Summerside doing—we never hear from it. For a year and a half we have had no preacher, therefore we had very little progress to report. We meet regularly every Lord's day to break bread, our meetings are both profitable and interesting. We have also woken up to the fact that we ought to do something for foreign missions. So on the first Lord's day in March we took up a collection for that purpose, and sent it forward to Bro. McLean. It is a good investment, the King himself will pay good interest.

Our Y. P. S. C. E. that was organized last July, by Bro. Stewart of St. John, N. B., is doing very well. We meet regularly every Tuesday evening. Our meetings are lively and nearly all take part. We have begun taking up a collection once a month for foreign missions. Our social committee has been at work, and it resulted in a nice social, which was held at Bro. Tanton's. It was quite a success. Bro. and Sister Tanton know how to make the young folk feel at home.

Bro. and Sister Milligan celebrated their silver wedding on March 8th. They both look hale and hearty, for thirty years they been members of the church at Summerside. And through all those years they have been faithful to Christ. And now in their declining days they can look forward to that rest that remains for the people of God.

GEO. A. JEFFREY, Clerk.

Summerside, P. E. I., March, 1895.

NEW GLASGOW, P. E. I.

On the beautiful evening of the 18th of March, ninety-eight persons met at our house for a donation visit, bringing with them of the good things to supply the table enough and to spare. All seemed to be happy, and about midnight gradually left for their respective homes. About eleven o'clock the meeting was called to order and the following address was read by Bro. R. E. Stevenson:

To ELDER D. CRAWFORD:

Dearly Beloved Pastor.—We greet you to-night in the bonds of Christian fellowship and goodwill. You who have so long and faithfully ministered to us as becometh a true servant in the vineyard of our Lord and his Christ.

You have devoted your whole life (which, by the mercies of a kind Providence, has been a long one and productive of much good), to the noblest of all work—the proclamation of the Oracles of God and the betterment of our fellow mortals.

By your earnest preaching and teaching of the word and unblemished Christian character, you have led many here and elsewhere to embrace the Christ of the New Testament,—nay, you have by your bright example and wise teaching in the pulpit and in our homes, shown us the way of life more perfectly; and truly the words of Goldsmith are no exaggeration when applied to you, that you have "lured to brighter worlds and led the way." Therefore, in consideration of these and other things, we beg of you, dear brother, to accept of this purse and other gifts as a feeble token of our sincere appreciation of your kind care and unceasing endeavors towards our spiritual growth. In conclusion we unite our wishes and prayers that your useful life and that of Sister Crawford may long be spared in your labor of love for still further usefulness in the cause that lies nearest our hearts, so that you may hear that plaudit promised to the faithful, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" to receive a crown of life at the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

To which about the following reply was made.

Dear brethren, sisters and friends,

It is very pleasant indeed to meet at our home so many friends in whose present and eternal welfare we feel so deep an interest and to witness such tangible tokens of Christian affection. It is but two days since we had the least expectation of such a visit.

Considering the scarcity of money in the country, at the present time, it is no small surprise to be greeted with a purse containing over \$40 00 in cash and \$30.00 worth of suitable articles, many of which are of more value to us than money.

The feelings your countenance reveal we can readily understand, when we remember the words of our Lord Jesus how he said: It is more blessed to give than to receive. Our own feelings indicate yours. Your kind address I feel to be overdrawn, for although I have in weakness labored and prayed for the salvation of our fellow men, and a merciful Father has added a measure of success almost beyond my hopes, I feel that I should have been "in labors more abundant," and done much more for that dear Saviour who has done so much for us.

It is just forty years since I began laboring at New Glasgow. Many friends tried and true have passed away during this time, and I and my partner in life are among those who cannot expect to remain long behind, but we are anxious, if a kind Father so permit, to spend the close of life in the active service of the Master and "cease at once to work and live."