

CHRIST THE GREAT TEACHER.

From everything our Saviour saw
 Lessons of wisdom He would draw;
 The clouds, the colors, in the sky;
 The gentle breeze that whispers by;
 The fields all white with waving corn;
 The lilies that the vale adorn;
 The reed that trembles in the wind;
 The tree where none its fruit can find;
 The sliding sand; the flinty rock
 That bears unmoved the tempest's shock;
 The thorns that on the earth abound;
 The tender grass that clothes the ground;
 The little birds that fly in air;
 The sheep that need the shepherd's care;
 The pearls that deep in ocean lie;
 The gold that charms the miser's eye—
 All from His lips some truth proclaim,
 Or learn to tell their Maker's name.

Yield up your own heart more completely to the Holy Spirit. Let Him take your heart and do there according to His own will. Open wide that heart door and admit Him more freely. Give Him the keeping of that door. Then will there be a revival within and going forth to live and work in that spirit your life and work will tell upon those around you. Where should a revival begin? To everyone who asks the question the answer must be "In your own heart"—"Thou art the man." In praying and working for a revival remember that it must begin at home. Break off your own besetting sins in thought, word, or deed.

A gentleman was once stopped in the streets of London by a stranger, who asked him: "Did you ever thank God for your reason?"

"I don't know that I ever did," the gentleman replied.

"Do it quickly then," said the stranger, "for I have lost mine."

Erratic as he had become, he had reason enough left to know that he had been ungrateful for the unspeakable blessings in the past.—*Sel.*

There is but one true real, and right life for rational beings; only one life worth living, and worth living in this world, or in any other life, past, present and to come; and that is the eternal life, which was before all worlds, and will be after all are passed away—and that is neither more nor less than a good life; a life of good feelings, good thoughts, good words and good deeds—the life of Christ and God.—*Charles Kingsley.*

The regular bi-monthly meeting of Pictou Presbytery was held at New Glasgow on the 6th inst.

Mr. McCurdy resigned the clerkship, the duties of which he has discharged for so long and so efficiently. Rev. G. S. Carson was appointed in his stead.

Augmentation is prospering. Many of the congregations have given in full what was asked. \$875 has been paid in.

Glenelg, E. R. and Caledonia asked for moderation in a call. Rev. H. McLean was appointed to moderate at a convenient time.

Committees were appointed, Conveners as follows: On Sabbath Schools, Rev. A. W. McLeod; on State of Religion, Rev. J. Turnbull; on Temperance, Rev. J. Forbes; on Statistics, Rev. J. R. Monroe; on Remits, Rev. E. A. McCurdy; on Book of Rules, Rev. A. McL. Sinclair; on Supply, Rev. A. Falconer.

It is announced that a General Assembly of Evangelical Missions is to be held in the City of Mexico from the 31st of January to 3rd of February, 1888. It will be composed of delegates from all the Protestant mission societies now working in the country. The first session will be taken up with an opening sermon and celebration of the Lord's supper, and following this two other sermons, and several papers, the subjects of which are named, and have been assigned.

In Germany there are about seven hundred Young Men's Christian Associations, with a membership of 40,000. They are called "Evangelical Young Men's Associations," and recently held their second National Assembly at Dessau. In Germany these associations stand in a closer connection with the churches than they do in America, but their general aim and work is about the same.

A cable despatch from Sydney, N. S. Wales, states that the French commandant of the New Hebrides has been ordered by his government to withdraw from these Islands in the present month. This will be so far good news for our mission there. When he really withdraws and our mission work is free from any unpleasant interference, it will be a time for joy and thankfulness.