

may be answered in its fullest and most primitive meaning. And with a word more on this point we close this article. There is room enough and need of a church in Boston, organized and conducted upon the New Testament model; but we do not believe the Lord has any particular use for another sectarian body. Our earnest prayer is that this undertaking may be to the glory of the Lord Jesus, and wholly given to His work; entirely free from that carnality which fails to acknowledge fellowship with any except upon a denominational basis. It will be exceedingly hard to be simply and only a Christian family, walk in all the ordinances of the Lord blameless, and constituting simply a part of the great Church of which Christ is the head; and it will be exceedingly easy to be as others are, with a dividing fence all about them, "venerating the traditions of the fathers," using a name more or less scriptural in a sectarian and exclusive way; talking of "we," "us" and "our," and beyond "our plea" and "our brotherhood of six hundred thousand," taking no direct cognizance of responsibility for Christian co-operation with all who belong to Christ. May God help all the brethren who have joined in this effort to stand toward each other and all the Lord's people about them, exactly as they will wish they had done when Jesus comes.—*N. E. Evangelist.*

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### LETTER FROM MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Oct 20, 1885.—A kindly note from one of the editors of THE CHRISTIAN reminds me that there is "a corner" reserved for me in its interesting and well-filled columns. My contribution, this time, will be of a somewhat rambling nature, but I hope not entirely without interest to the brethren "down by the sea." THE CHRISTIAN is a welcome monthly visitor to our home (would that its visits were *more frequent*), and if we, as well as the rest of its readers, only live up to its teachings, it will be well for us and them. And here let us remind your readers that not the *hearers* (or the *readers*) but the *doers*, will be justified in the sight of God. The columns of THE CHRISTIAN may be filled to repletion with the choicest thoughts of the best minds in the church, but this will avail little if the truths therein contained are not "taken to heart," and acted upon in every-day life. The religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ has, or should have, a bearing on our daily life, if we expect it to be the means of rendering our future bright and glorious. It is all very well to have a correct belief as regards doctrinal points, but if we would obtain the Crown of Life, we must *do* justly, *love* mercy, and *walk* humbly before our God. If we *do* these things, we shall have a place, I doubt not, in the "many mansions" the esteemed editor-in-chief wrote about in the October number. As he so truthfully observed, we cannot stay very long here where we are now; we must go *somewhere*; how important, then, that we should have Jesus for our friend, and that we should love and honor Him, so that when we go hence He may present us faultless before the throne of His Father's glory, with exceeding great joy. May *that* be our happy position.

This city has been and still is very much afflicted. Hundreds of lives have been sacrificed by the neglect to take proper precautions to ward off disease. Ignorance and prejudice have been allowed to stand in the way of the public health, until at length finding that we were in danger of being cut off from intercourse with the rest of the world, the authorities are bestirring themselves to endeavor to stamp out the dread disease before the cold weather sets in. New hospitals have been fitted up, greater efforts are made to isolate cases, and many employers of labor are insisting on the vaccination of their employees and their families under penalty of dismissal for refusal. In the midst of these necessary and sensible measures for staying the progress of the epidemic, other steps are being taken that show only too plainly that superstition has still a firm hold on

many of the inhabitants. There have been not only special services without number in the Catholic churches, but religious processions have also taken place to certain "shrines," where relief from the prevailing calamity was earnestly sought, in forgetfulness of the fact that "the Lord helps those who help themselves," and that if we would escape small pox we must make use of the means that science has placed within the reach of all, as well as attend to the simplest sanitary requirements. The passions of a portion of our population were worked up to such a pitch by the attempt to secure a more general observance of sanitary rules, that we had a taste of mob violence, and even yet the hospitals are guarded by an armed force, to prevent their being torn down,—a condition of things probably without a parallel in the history of civilization. Meanwhile trade languishes, and the thoughtful are not a little exercised as to what the end shall be. Biting want will, in all probability, be the portion of many during the coming winter; and years may elapse before this fair city regains her lost prestige. W. H. E.

## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

### NEW BRUNSWICK.

#### ST. JOHN ITEMS.

COBURG ST. CHURCH.—Lord's day services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Sunday-school at 2.15 P. M. Young People's Meeting, Tuesday evening at 8. General Prayer Meeting, Thursday evening at 8. Brethren visiting the city cordially welcomed. The Ladies' Sewing Society meets every Wednesday evening at 6.

Last Lord's Day we occupied our audience room again, after having it completely renovated. The ceiling has been sheathed and nicely ornamented. The walls have been very tastily frescoed. The platform has also been altered so as to make it more convenient. The room has undergone a complete change, making it very comfortable and attractive. Last Lord's Day Bro. Capp preached morning and evening to large audiences.

The Women's Missionary Society held their second meeting since the "Annual" last Thursday. We understand it was well attended and a financial success.

Sister Susie Ford, who has spent the greater part of the Summer and Fall in our City, leaves for home this week. During her stay with us she has been very attentive and helpful both in our Sunday-school and prayer-meetings.

Bro. Capp proposes holding a meeting for young men during the coming winter. As we have quite a number of young men in the church, such a meeting is desirable and will be both interesting and profitable.

During the last month Bro. Capp conducted the weekly Bible class, for the study of the International S. S. Lesson, held in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. This class represents teachers from the different Sunday-schools of the City.

Our S. S. teachers are much interested in the study of the S. S. Lessons. We meet for an hour after the S. S. service to study the lesson for the following Lord's day, and find it both profitable and interesting, and would recommend the teachers of our Sunday-schools to adopt this system.

Our Sewing Circle has again got in working order. The sisters interested in this work deserve great credit for the assistance they have given us in finishing our church building. Their last contribution was a check for one hundred dollars.

The little workers are still engaged in assisting the Missionary Society. The little folks are much interested in their work and deserve encouragement.

Bro. Wm. Murray passed through our City on returning from the "Annual." We regret that he was unable to stay over with us, but as we understand he will be in our province during the winter, we trust he will make us a visit. G.

WOMEN'S AID SOCIETY.—*Dear Sisters:* Having been asked for a few items, concerning our Aid Society, I comply, thinking they will be of interest to some; at least, of our absent sisters.

We have had two meetings since the Annual, reported in the last issue of THE CHRISTIAN. At our first we elected officers for the ensuing year, making a complete change in the whole staff. Sisters Owons, President; B. Wilson, Vice-President; Ethel Barnes, Treasurer; J. E. Barnes, Secretary.

The sisters assembled resolved to work on the same plan as that of last year for the Home Mission labor.

Our second gathering, with the new officers presiding (one exception), was quite a good one. Almost every sister present taking some part—that is beside presenting her offering. Our collections at both meetings were excellent, comparing favorably and beyond our former ones.

We received word from Tiverton—the Secretary Sister H. Ruggles, writing us—that the sisters there had formed an Aid Society. We wish them success, and hope that others will follow their good example. We are expecting to see much good from this year's efforts. And the object-lesson found in the International Series for this week, reminds us that if we would do much we "must shoot many arrows," use every resource at our hand. What think you of the women in the neighboring States raising in the past seventeen years \$1,270,000 for missionary work? It is certainly a good record to look back upon.

With these thoughts I remain,

Your Sister in Christian love,  
E. CHRISTIE.

#### TIVERTON NOTES.

On our way home from the Annual we remained a few days with the friends at Tiverton. While there Mrs. Ford called the sisters together to take into consideration the propriety of organizing a women's missionary society. The attendance at this meeting was good, and the interest manifested was very encouraging. After a full explanation of the object and necessity of the work, it was unanimously decided to organize such a society. The following sisters were appointed officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. John A. Smith; Vice-President, Mrs. Allen Outhouse; Secretary, Mrs. H. M. Ruggles; Treasurer, Mrs. James Outhouse.

It was decided to meet the first Wednesday evening of each month, the first regular meeting being appointed for the evening of the 7th inst. This meeting was a decided success. These sisters are working in the interest of our Home Mission work, and I am confident will have no cause to be ashamed of their report at the end of the year.

Another encouraging feature of the work at Tiverton is the Sunday-school. This school is doing good work, and is among the best conducted and most interesting known to me. There are some eight or nine classes, well supplied with papers, or S. S. lesson leaves. The superintendent, Bro. Thos. Ossinger, is indefatigable in his labor. The teachers are quite regular in attendance, and take a warm interest in their classes and lessons. This interest is seen in the promptness with which the school answers when the superintendent comes to question them on the lessons of the day.

Another feature of this school which I think worthy of notice, is that the greater number of the scholars stand before the school and repeat some portion of the Scriptures every Lord's day. The Sunday school is a very important field of labor, and every child of God should esteem it a privilege to be found working therein.

As we look at the work done in Tiverton we think we see good reasons to hope for brighter days in the near future. New life is manifest in every department of the work. Let those who have been faithful when the prospects looked dark, take hold of the work with renewed courage; and let those who are coming to feel the necessity of greater faithfulness take hold of the work with earnestness, and we will all be made to rejoice in the prosperity of the cause we love.

E. C. FORD.