

Christian that does not grow better and stronger and wiser with the increase of years is dead. It is in Christ "we live and move and have our being." This means that He is eminent in all created things and active everywhere, and as Munger has said, "He is most present where there is the most life." Where Christ is there must therefore be a growth in life, the natural and inevitable result of the all-controlling power within, ever producing and unfolding himself in new life, according to the order of his own being. Growthless is therefore Christless. The church must be doing more than "holding on" or "holding the fort." The one talent servant thought he was filling his mission when he was "holding his own," keeping inviolate what his Master committed to him. But the honor that the Master bestowed upon him in the possession of the talent—a precious gift indeed—was his curse and his everlasting condemnation. Better a thousand times not to have had the talent than to have it and not improve it. We hear much about "having the truth." But Oh how sad and unfortunate it will be for many who claim they "have the truth." Better never know the truth than to have it and not take it and with it build up the cause of God in the salvation of precious souls and the purifying and happying of God's children. This cry that we must "have the truth" has done good service in the past, perhaps, but we think it has earned an honorable discharge. We ought now to understand that to have the truth is not the correct and scriptural idea, but to take the truth and with it grow into new life and greater power in the accomplishment of "whatsoever is good." We must have the truth, of course, before we can use it, but to have it without using it is the worst condition of man. He who uses the truth the best is the one who has it best. Here is the great cry and demand of the present day, not for new truth or a new gospel, but for a new and better use or demonstration of the old truth; a more healthy and vigorous presentation of the gospel of Christ in our Church life. We don't want to modernize the gospel but we do want to spiritualize and energize our modern church life.

I commenced to say that if we had the spirit of progress and activity manifested in religion that we see in the secular interest of this island, we would soon have grand success. The people here are second to none in intelligence and abilities, in kindness and hospitality. All that is needed is the use of the gifts that God has given them.

We are having interesting prayer-meetings Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Leonardville, and we hope to have a good prayer-meeting established at Lord's Cove on Wednesday evening.

One great need is a good man settled here permanently, to preach and teach on Lord's day and every day in the week from house to house. We have no place better able to support a preacher. A careful estimate reveals the fact that one cent a day from each family that attend church will support a preacher. They are willing to do this, and many are able and willing to do much more than this. But the question now that causes us much anxiety is, Where can we get the preacher who will come? The field is ripe but the laborers are few. We hope the day is not distant that we shall see the cause on this island safely established.

H. MURRAY.

ST. JOHN.

Our Sunday-school have added about two hundred volumes to their library.

We have just completed a new baptistry in our prayer-meeting room.

Brethren Howard and William Murray gave us a call at our prayer-meeting on their way to Deer Island. They speak hopefully of the work in Nova Scotia. We were glad to hear them. Come again.

The annual excursion of the Sunday-school will take place on the 15th inst. at Watters' Landing on the St. John river.

NOVA SCOTIA.

TIVERTON.

Since our last report in May, we have had one addition by confession and obedience. Meetings continue to be well attended at all our appointments. Bro. D. McLean and daughter worshipped with us last Lord's day, they expect to return to their home in Weston, Cornwallis, after making a short visit at Westport. We are looking for Bro G D Weaver to visit us the present week. He will probably preach for us next Sunday.

H. A. DEVOR.

GULLIVER'S COVE.

Interest is increasing and prospects brightening at Gulliver's Cove. We are hoping to see grand results there in the future.

H. A. DEVOR.

CORNWALLIS.

Some months have passed since my last report of our work here in Cornwallis. The principal reason for my silence in this particular is that there seemed to be very little that would be of interest to report. I might have filled a column or more each month chasing myself around from one appointment to another, but this is time spent unprofitably, and makes poor reading. I love to read the reports from the churches, particularly when there is something of interest to report. It is a pleasure too, to report progress; but when we have nothing but hard work and small results the pen runs much more slowly. So much for my apology. Is it a good one?

But the reader must not judge from this that we are at all discouraged as to the prospects of the work in these parts, for we are as confident of success as we are sure the work is the Lord's. We are now fully settled down to our summer's work, having five regular preaching stations, to fill which we have to preach three times each Lord's day and drive from twelve to twenty-two miles. Besides this we have an interesting Sunday-school, of which Bro. Rupert E. Stevens is superintendent. We also have a social meeting on Saturday evening of each week, which, at times, is very interesting.

We are all much pleased to have Bro. Stevens with us this summer, for his earnest and systematic labor adds much to the success of our work. We expect, in the near future, to see this good brother fully in the work of the ministry for which we think him so well fitted.

Our congregations at all our appointments are encouraging, and we confidently look for good results. In the meantime we shall not cease to work and pray, knowing that "in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Would it be out of place to ask just here, about those articles that were to appear each month in THE CHRISTIAN on our missionary work? Several of the brethren have spoken; where are the rest that have promised to do so? Have the meagre results of your appeals discouraged you, brethren? You should fill your part of the contract whether others do or not. By the frequent appeals to the Board for assistance, I am almost led to think that there is an impression abroad that there is plenty of money in the treasury. But so far from this being true, the fact is the Board can scarcely meet the obligations already taken on, and are unable to take hold of other fields which they would so much like to encourage.

That the brethren generally do not come up to the assistance of this work as we think they should is very evident. If we knew the real cause we might be better able to meet it. We know that in a few instances good brethren think they are opposed to this way of doing the work. To these brethren we can only say, Go and work in your own way, only work—and the Master will say, "Well done." But there are very many who are not opposed to the brethren appointing a few for a

committee, through whom they may concentrate their efforts. Why is it that so many of these are not found supporting this good work? To interest this class of brethren and to encourage them to come up to the work, it was decided to have appear in each number of THE CHRISTIAN during the year an article bearing on the mission work. Several good articles have appeared, which should have given better results. Is it cold indifference that causes this inactivity? I fear, after all, that this is the principal trouble. Come brethren, look this matter over, and see if you feel satisfied or justified in what you have (or have not) done to forward the Master's work in these provinces. There is certainly an "open door" before us, and unless we wake up and improve the present our opportunity will have passed and we shall not be guiltless. There are fields open for the preaching of the primitive gospel, and the Lord has given us quite a number of young men who are able and willing to preach. But they must be supported, else they will be compelled to do as so many have done before—go out into other fields where there is work to do and where they can receive the support they so much need. When I think of the many young preachers who have been compelled to leave these provinces for the want of support, who are now a power of good in other lands, my heart is stirred within me. Are we going to repeat this folly in the young men the Lord has again given us? From the depths of my soul I pray not. Think of your responsibilities, brethren, and come up to the work of the Lord and we shall have great cause for rejoicing.

E. C. FORD.

P. E. ISLAND.

MONTAGUE.

Two weeks ago I sent in my resignation of the pastorate of the Church of Christ in Montague, leaving open for some faithful earnest worker in the vineyard, one of the finest fields in connection with the Church of Christ in these provinces. Who will enter this field? I trust none but a man tried, faithful and true, will undertake the work here, as he would be a co-worker with a people as kind-hearted and generous as the sun shines on to-day; a people who, to the man at all deserving, will be all that could reasonably be desired.

My resignation has not yet been accepted by the church, but it will be accepted, so the field is clear and ready for another. I resign from considerations which are altogether personal, and therefore not of public interest.

Nearly five years of life have been spent in Montague and East Point, and not without regrets do I sever the sacred ties by which we have been bound together: in labor and hope, in anticipation and disappointment, in joy and sorrow. But they are not severed. They live and shall live in memory's sacred temple through all time, and out-living sun, moon and stars, shall co-exist throughout the endless cycles of eternity. Those whom we have learned to love because of their sterling worth can never be forgotten. "Tho' lost to sight, to memory dear they ever shall remain."

Our Annual Meeting is to be held with the church in Lot 48 on the second Lord's day in July, but as we expect our Secretary, Bro. Robt. Stewart of Lot 48, and Bro. Crawford, to make all arrangements about reduced rates of travel, announcements, etc., I will not mention it here. I trust we will have a good meeting. Several preachers are expected from abroad, who, it is supposed, will add greatly to the interest of the meeting. But the success of a meeting does not depend altogether on the preachers, but largely on the people who reside in and also who visit the place. Then let all who come, come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ, and all will be well.

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