

We have received three dollars from a "Friend" in Fall River, Mass., for Foreign Missions. This same friend sent three dollars not long since for the same object.

Collection for the schemes of the Church from St. Matthew's Congregation, Pugwash. Pugwash \$19.25; Pugwash River \$19.44; Rockley and Eel Creek \$18.30; Victoria \$19.60; Oxford \$12.80; Total \$89.39.

It is the minority in congregations that keep up prayer-meetings, Sabbath-schools and other means of growth. It is the minority that does most of the giving for religious and benevolent purposes. It is the minority that does most of all the personal work for the church.

One important work that the Church has before her is the mission to the Freedmen of the South. Twenty years ago at the end of civil war there were but 4,000,000 of negroes in the South, now there are 7,000,000. Of these 5,950,000 are illiterate. There are among them over 2,000,000 of school age, of whom only 803,000 are in school.

The people of Rev. J. Herdman's congregation, Campbellton, presented him with an address and a purse of \$200 at a farewell Social a few days since. He goes to Calgary to labour in the Home Mission Field, carrying with him the cordial love of the congregation, the high esteem of his copresbyters and the church at large.

In one of Bulwer's novels the man of the world asks a minister, "You believe in the efficacy of a death-bed repentance, when a inner has sinned till the power of sinning be o?" "I believe," replied, the preacher, "that in health there is nothing so unsafe as trust in a death-bed repentance; I believe that on the death-bed it cannot be unsafe to repent."

JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, TO-DAY, AND FOREVER.

There's nought on earth to rest upon,
All things are changing here.
The smiles of joy we gaze upon,
The friends we count dearmost;
One friend alone is changeless
The one too oft' forgot,
Whose love has stood for ages past,
Our Jesus changeth not.

The sweetest flower on earth
That sheds its fragrance round
Ere evening comes has withered,
And lies upon the ground.
The dark and dreary desert
Has only one green spot
'Tis found in living pastures
With Him who changeth not.

And thus our bark moves onward,
O'er life's tempestuous sea,
While *death's* unerring hand,
Is stamped in all we see,
But *faith* has found a living one,
Where hope deceiveth not;
For life is hid with Jesus,
And Jesus changeth not.

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Said Justice Field of the Supreme Court of the United States: "Laws setting aside Sunday as a day of rest are upheld, not from any right of the government to legislate for the promotion religious observances, but from its right to protect all persons from the physical and moral debasement which comes from uninterrupted labor. Such laws have always been deemed beneficent and merciful, especially to the poor and dependent, to the laborers in our factories and workshops, and in the heated rooms of our cities; and their validity has been sustained by the highest courts of the States."