

THE GOSPEL.

The gospel, as the apostle Paul says, is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth. If the gospel is the power, it is the only power. The question, How are we saved by the gospel? According to the Word of God we are saved by giving heed to the gospel, and our faith in Jesus as the Christ, and by obedience to its demands; after which we must allow ourselves to be governed according to its dictation, for Jesus said, "The words I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life. John v. 3. Then we are to have life through His word. Again, He said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." The Word, then, brings to us life, but we must hear it and believe it just as it fell from the Master's lips, become obedient to it as He has commanded, and He has promised to raise us up at the last day. Here, then, is the question, Do we not hear the gospel from every pulpit? This I answer, There is but one gospel of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. So if we can hear the gospel from the pulpits of over 300 different faiths, then there is not one Lord, there is not one faith, there is not one baptism. Nevertheless, the gospel is the power to make alive, the power to change and renew the mind, it is the power to make sensible of the truth, it operates upon the mind, and gives faith in the heart. The mind, enlightened by its power, conceives and the heart understands. Thus the seed is sown; and now that the seed is sown there must be a continual watering. If the farmer sows his seed and the heavens withhold its rain, of a truth the seed sown must perish, and consequently no harvest. In like manner, after our minds have been cultivated, and the seed sown in the heart, then comes the watering, in order that the harvest may be good and fruit brought forth. But to the question, How is the watering to be? I answer, first, by becoming obedient to the gospel demands. The Lord Jesus has commanded and we must obey. We may hear and believe the report of the gospel, but unless we are willing to obey the seed will never spring up, and if the seed does come forth, as soon as the sun has risen they will perish because the seed has no depth of earth.

By our obedience to the gospel the seed that is sown springs into everlasting life. But the watering does not terminate here; the seed lately sown must be constantly fostered by our constant invocation of our blessed Lord's favor and direction. Thus the apostle Paul tells us we rise to walk in newness of life, after that we have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man Christ. This we do when we bury the old body of sin in the typified baptismal grave, and rise with the new man. Thus we put on Christ, thus we become united with Him, and clothed with His righteousness; and now it becometh us to walk in newness of life, seeing we are created anew in Christ Jesus, born of the incorruptible seed, the word of God, passed from death unto life. Vitaly united with Him a member of His body. Thus it becometh us to look well to the watering of the seed, watching and praying lest the branches once grafted into the living vine become dry, and wither, and die, and in the pruning time will be cut off. But by constant invocation of His Divine aid, and by strict attention to the word of His Grace which is able to build us up, we may be able to keep in memory the things we have heard. Thus we will steadfastly grow in grace and in a further knowledge of our Redeemer until we arrive at fullness of men and women in Christ Jesus. If we live thus we have the assurance that when He shall appear we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is, for being planted together in the likeness of His death we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection. Glorious assurance! And thus we

prove the Gospel the power to make us alive unto God, the power that unlocks to us the door through which we enter into the sheepfold, there to go in and out and find pasture. The power that makes us heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; makes us kings and priests unto God, sons and daughters of the Lord God Almighty.

Thus it becometh us to give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip and be deprived of entering into His rest.

H. E. COOKE.

News of the Churches.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

SAINT JOHN.

We are glad to say that Bro. T. H. Capp, who was taken seriously ill of congestion of the lungs on Thursday, 7th ult., and has been confined to his room, is recovering; although it may be some weeks before he will be able to preach "the word."

The services on Lord's day have been conducted by the brethren, during Bro. Capp's illness. The attendance has been good, and the meetings interesting.

Three persons who were immersed a short time since, and who reside out of the city, received the right hand of fellowship last Lord's day, 17th ult.

The Sunday-school children contributed \$9.00 towards helping to pay for repairs now being done to the front of the meeting-house.

Bro. Neil MacLeod of Evansville, Ind., who was on a visit to his home on P. E. I, was at our Young People's meeting on Tuesday evening, (5th ult); and on his return preached for us on Lord's day (24th) at the morning and evening services.

Our Sunday-school picnic was held last Wednesday at Day's Landing, about 12 miles up the St. John river. The steamer "Clifton" conveyed the pic-nickers to the delightful grounds, which include a beautiful grove of oaks, provided with tables, swings, etc. The morning being cloudy, prevented quite a number from going, but the day was delightful, and we returned in the early twilight, reaching Indian town shortly after seven o'clock, well pleased with the day's enjoyment. W. A. B.

NOVA SCOTIA.

HANTS COUNTY.

I am still engaged preaching the gospel, averaging a little over once a day since my arrival here in Hants County, Nova Scotia. A more kind, hospitable, amiable, affectionate and generous people I have never met. I spent the winter lecturing and delineating character at the several colleges in the cities of Kingston and Belleville in Ontario, and in Richmond, St. Hyacinthe, and Lenoxville in the province of Quebec. I lectured on subjects to save the people from the thralldom of sin that they might grow beautifully old, and at last enjoy a home in Heaven. I proved conclusively that ninety per cent. of all the sickness that there is in this world and ninety per cent. of all the insanity people bring it upon themselves through the violation of the very laws of their being. Furthermore, I showed that the attack upon Christianity in regard to it producing insanity, was utterly without foundation. On the contrary, it ennobles, it elevates humanity far above the gross and grovelling multitude, allies them to angels, and brings them near to God.

Having become tired of the bustle and confusion of city life I concluded to spend the summer in the country. Through the urgent request of our very kind friend, Bro. Ford of Cornwallis, I decided to stop a few weeks with the brethren in Newport, and then continue my trip to Newfoundland. But I have become so strongly attached to the people

here in this county that I do not know when I shall leave.

Since the writing of my letter from West Gore, two more united with the church there before I closed the first series of meetings. Then I ventured to Highfield and continued our meetings there for a couple of weeks, during which time some eight or ten arose and confessed the Saviour. We intend to organize a church in this place. The prospects are quite cheering, and a number of congregations can be raised up in this county. This is truly a splendid field for missionary work.

The church at West Gore is large, and in a prosperous condition. The congregation on last Lord's day numbered about three hundred and fifty. This, I believe, is considered one of the best churches in the province of Nova Scotia. It is composed of a noble band of workers, and may God richly bless them forever.

The church in Scotch Village has received a good share of my labor here. It is, certainly, doing nobly, and is full of life, energy and zeal. Our congregations at this place have reached in the neighborhood of one hundred, and three have taken membership with this congregation. This church was very much in need of help, and had almost become discouraged. But of late they have rallied, and have been doing what they can to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom. Why, one brother alone threw \$8 00 in the church collection in three weeks' time. What our good brother Messervey said about giving to missionary work in the June number of THE CHRISTIAN does not apply to our brethren in this county. I am inclined to think that he was something like the Psalmist David, who in his hate said all men were liars. Brethren, let me exhort you to cultivate love, Christian forbearance and Christian courtesy. When we bow before the Lord in prayer may we be enabled to say, O God—

"The mercy I to others show,
That mercy show to me."

Would to God that we were all full of the spirit laboring for that rest that awaits us, and for that home that can never be broken up.

"How sweet, how heavenly is the sight,
When those that love the Lord,
In one another's peace delight,
And so fulfill the word."

Love is the golden chain that binds
The happy souls above;
And he's an heir of heaven that finds
His bosom glow with love.

W. K. BURR.

West Gore, Hants Co., N. S., }
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THE JUNE QUARTERLY.

According to appointment the June Quarterly was held with the church in Southville, over the first Lord's day in July. The first meeting was a fine social gathering of the church here, when we consider that a number of the brethren were out with their teams to bring in the visitors. We had one representative from Tiverton, and quite a number from South Range. There was one confession at the close of the first meeting—an Episcopal lady who had learned the way of the Lord more perfectly. She had never heard one of our preachers deliver a sermon, but had learned by private conversation with members of the church.

The audience on Lord's day morning was large for the place and a good discourse was given by one of the preaching brethren. At the close of this meeting the baptism was attended to. In the afternoon about fifty sat around the Lord's table and thus remembered their loving Saviour, and at the same time showed forth His death. The evening meeting was held at Riverdale, three miles away. Here we listened to an address by one of our preachers. On Monday afternoon and evening we had social meetings at Woodville. These meetings were very interesting and edifying. At the close of the evening meeting, our hearts were