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THE June Quarterly will be held with the church at Cornwallis, N. S.

OUR church news, this month, is very gratifying. This, we think, is the largest report of additions in the Provinces given in any one month:

Leonardville, . . . . .	7 added.
Lord's Cove, . . . . .	6 "
Halifax, . . . . .	11 "
St. John, . . . . .	29 "
Milton, . . . . .	32 "
Total, . . . . .	85

We ought to thank God and take courage.

BRO. HIRAM WALLACE, so long so well and favorably known in these provinces, and who still hopes to return from California and labor here, has recently held a very successful meeting in Geyserville, ten miles from his present home in Healdsburg, Cal. We give extracts from his letter of April 7th, which we are sure will interest many who read THE CHRISTIAN: "We had before the meeting an organization of between forty and fifty members. It was considered a hard field and the faithful few thought we could never succeed as a people there. The tide, however, turned greatly in our favor, forty-three have been baptized and nearly fifty additions have been made. For nearly three weeks it was hard and rather discouraging work. At length the people began to come. One Lord's day fifteen were baptized, the next twenty, and some each Sunday since. Thirty of the additions are men (which is very remarkable for California). Only a few are as young as sixteen, none under that and most all over twenty-one years. A good many are married people.

"It is wonderful to see such a young band of people who have left the ranks of sin, some having habits that would soon have proved their ruin, now so changed and determined on a better life. The whole country around, as well as the little town, has been stirred as never before, and all things considered it has been the most remarkable meeting I have seen for a long time. . . . I am very anxious that the good work so promising may be permanently prosperous. Pray for us that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified. I will do what I can to make the church strong enough to locate some man. The church is very desirous that we move there, but I wish to go east—if the time ever comes when we can do so."

It is too often the case that we remember what we ought to forget, and forget what we ought to remember. Many a man

Let all has sought to excuse his neglect of some duty by saying that he forgot it; but it is questionable, whether in many cases, the excuse will hold good. At any rate if it be a matter of privilege, the excuse will not buy back the opportunity. We are more apt to forget the duties we owe to others than we are their obligations to us. If we can bring what we may regard as a duty and put it on the side of a line which brings it into the realm of privilege, we are not in much danger of letting it get beyond our notice. We keep a steadfast eye upon anything which we think is going to bring blessings to us. Let us not think then that it is a simple duty to take up a collection for home missions in May. Let all bear it mind that there is as much privilege as duty about this matter; and if we do so, we will not forget to take up the collection called for. There are many pressing calls for a large offering. Fields are white, and laborers should be sent into them that the golden grain may be gathered. Then, too, there are so many expanses of rich territory into which the good seed ought to be sown. Men must be sent out—some with the seed basket, and some with the sickle; and, that they may go out, money must come in. And money won't come in till the mind has been crowded with facts relative to the needs of the work. Bro. Hardin has been furnishing these facts in great abundance. If these can only make a rapid transit from the brain to the pocket-book, they will do their work there, and thousands of dollars will find their way into the treasury for the evangelization of this continent. It is most anxiously hoped that all our churches in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick—and Prince Edward Island, too, for that matter—will hearken to the urgent appeal of Bro. Hardin for a liberal offering on the first Sunday in May. This is a God-given opportunity to show our belief in the brotherhood of man, to show that ours are not selfish hearts, to show that we really want to see the time come, when all shall know the Lord from the least to the greatest. We pray for this. But prayers without practice are dead, as an engine without steam is powerless. Let each disciple, then, remember this call, and give to the Lord as the Lord has given. If the collection cannot be taken up May 6th, let it be done on one of the remaining Lord's days in the month. If any church should fail to take part in this work, and there be a few individuals in the church who want to contribute, let them send their personal contributions. Let all money for this fund be sent to J. H. Hardin, Y. M. C. A. Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Our readers will be in a thanksgiving mood when they read of the great and good work that was done among our On! Right churches during the month that has passed. Since the first of the year we have been reporting the good news that many were deciding for Christ. January showed a gratifying increase in Keswick—seventeen having confessed the Saviour. In February, there were eight added to the church in Tiverton and

six in St. John, besides two each in Westport and Halifax, and one in Lord's Cove. In March, there was an increase of seventeen more reported for Westport, and six for St. John. But in no month have we been able to report such a wide interest in our churches as for the month of April. In St. John, twenty-three have united with the church, in Milton thirty-two, in Halifax eleven, in Lord's Cove six, and in Leonardville seven. What a grand work we are privileged to tell our readers about. There has been a great spiritual quickening in these Provinces. Showers of blessings have come. But if we desire them, greater and more frequent showers are ready to fall. What has been done is but a prelude to what may be if we "advance on our knees." The work is but begun. Scouting parties have been out. Is it not time to bring up the entire force and march in solid phalanx against the foe? In no other way can we defeat and destroy him. He will not retire till he is thoroughly beaten, and he will not yield until he is completely crushed. Speak to the children of God that they go forward. We have sent out men to spy out the land. They found some giant difficulties in the way; but they bring us word that the land is rich in milk and honey. They have brought back a large cluster of grapes in proof of the fertility of the soil. The land is indeed a good land. Let us go up and take it for we are able. Let every soldier arise and gird him for the fight. Let no retreat be sounded, and let no truce be made; but let there be a redoubling of effort that there may be still greater victories.

Those whose feet stand upon the heights of fame, did not reach them by eagles' flight, but by constant toiling. Those From Glory who become Christ-like; do not to Glory. attain to the beauty of His character in a moment. A man

does not lie down at night bearing the image of Satan, and in the morning arise in the image of Christ. He may retire a worldling, and arise with the determination that by God's grace he is going to become a reflector of Christ's glory; but the glory and the determination are two very distinct things, and may be separated by many years. It is by the constant imitation of Christ that we become Christ-like. By associating with Him we become like Him. By beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, we are changed into the same image, not all at once, but from glory unto glory even as by the Lord—the Spirit. To be Christians ought to be the highest aim of any child of Adam, if by Christians we mean those who are from day to day going on from strength to strength in God's service, and from grace to grace in his regard. Let it be known that it is not the one who is a Christian in appearance only, that is worthy of that Holy Name, but the one who is a Christian through and through—whose Christianity takes hold of every power of the mind and body, so that all that is done is done in the name of the Lord Jesus and to the glory of God. It is greatly to be desired that those who have died to the world in form may die to it in spirit, and having been raised again, may indeed walk in newness of life, having their eyes fixed upon Jesus and their treasures in Hea-