

but for a bit of rice, or a handful of millet. There is no din of battle, no encouragement, no cheer of victory, but through the stillness of the long day and the sadness of the still night the gaunt form of famine wings itself o'er the land, and in its shadow, as it passes, are left the emaciated, starved bodies of those who, through days of hopelessness, died for nothing.

But what does it mean to us? Perhaps the next best thing to saving a spiritual life is to save a physical life. Here is an opportunity. Five dollars will do it: "If anybody, then, really wants to save a human life, here's a chance. There is no use in running round and sighing for an opportunity. If you fail to jump at the chance, the man, woman or child will infallibly be dead, a ghastly skeleton, with a shrunken skin clinging to the ribs and leg and arm bones. Five dollars—be it repeated—will be all the capital needed till once more the rain shall have descended and watered the earth and made it to bring forth bud that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater. Meanwhile the poor wretch himself cannot afford to wait. His power of standing starvation is limited. Tide him over till next year, and you will have saved your man, woman or child. Only think of it. Thenceforth you own him or her as property of your own private heart."

Bro. William McNeil, of Boston, called on his way to Sydney, C. B. Bro. McNeil has for some time past been supplying for different of our congregations about Boston. Bro. McNeil reports the work in Boston as prospering. Bro. McNeil has for some time past been preparing himself, both by study and practice, to become a regular pastor among us. We hope that in the near future he may be located with some congregation in need of an earnest worker and consecrated man.

"Who is John Calvin that he should be made to eclipse Jesus Christ?" asks Dr. Hillis, of Plymouth Church New York. When asked for his reason for condemning the confession of faith, this question was the first sentence of his answer. A very old question as far as the principle is concerned, and it is high time it was being asked again. I am sure we would do no violence to the meaning of the sacred text if we were to read 1 Cor. iii. v., "Who then is Paul and who is Apollos" that they should be made to eclipse Jesus Christ? That was without question the very thought Paul had in mind when he wrote to the Corinthians among whom there was envyings, and strife, and divisions. Who is John Calvin, indeed; or who is any man that he should be made to eclipse Jesus Christ? Or worse still, what is anything, method of work, form of church government, or ecclesiastical office that it should rob Jesus Christ of aught of his glory. And yet look about us and see the unscriptural names by which some of his followers are known. This condition to-day deserves no less condemnation than did the same condition among the Corinthians when they said among themselves, I am of Paul, and I am of Apollos. Such men as Dr. Hillis will do good and can only hasten the day when no man, nor anything, among the people of God, shall in any way be made to eclipse Jesus Christ. In the mean time it behooves the disciples of Christ to whom this question comes without condemnation and who for three quarters of a century have been asking like questions, to be steadfast, speaking the truth in love, and as a great body living out the union for which they plead.

It was said in these columns last week that H. T. Morrison, a native of Nova Scotia, would spend some time in Ontario and the Maritime Provinces this summer, and the churches in the provinces were recommended to arrange with him for protracted meetings during his visit. It was stated that he would make no stipulations for his service, but would be satisfied with anything that the hearts of the brethren might dictate in the matter of his support. His address is 1384 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill., where brethren from the provinces may write him. We trust that the full time of this earnest and capable minister of the Word will be taken by the provincial brethren during his visit among them.—*Ch. Standard, April 21.*

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

At a meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. on Monday evening, April 16th, the following officers were elected: President, Lemuel Dibbon; Vice-president, Annie Edmonds; Secretary, Ella Wannacott; Treasurer, Wm. Dormau.

Miss Emma Barker left on April 18th, for a year abroad in England and on the continent. She will spend the time in travel and study. We will miss Miss Barker not a little in our church work. She had charge of the Wide Awake Mission Band, and besides was very faithful in her attendance upon all the church services.

Bro. H. Stuart, who has been attending one of our business colleges for the past three months, left for his home, Lord's Cove, Deer Island, on Monday, April 9th. Bro. Stuart has been a constant attendant at our services and a great help in our singing.

Bro. Lyman Outhouse, of Tiverton, N. S., Kendrick Outhouse, Campobello, N. B., Sister Frank Richardson, Lord's Cove, and Bro. F. Ford, Lubec, Me., attended some of the meetings held by Bro. Romig at the North End.

Dr. Ray preached at Silver Falls Lord's day afternoon, April 8th.

Sister Hiram Wallace worshipped with us Lord's day morning, April 22nd.

Bro. John E. Edwards passed away on Friday morning April 13th, after a lingering illness. He was financial manager of THE CHRISTIAN ever since its first issue until a few years ago. He was also the efficient secretary of our Sunday-school for a number of years, and superintendent of the home department. Bro. Edwards was baptized by Bro. Hiram Wallace.

LETETE, N. B.

Bro. W. H. Harding was with us over one Lord's day and a few evenings preaching. There was one confession, and another after he left, also one who made the good confession at Back Bay. These three were baptized and united with the church here, and one reclaimed. Others are being interested and we are hopeful.

Our meetings are well attended, and there is a good interest. Hoping that the Lord will give strength to the faithful to do more and better work in the future than in the past. Our foreign mission collection amounted to \$5 00.

W. MURRAY.

LEONARDVILLE, DEER ISLAND.

Early in January I came here to take charge of the school. As the church was without a minister, the brethren concluded to engage me. Trusting in that "sufficiency of grace," I entered into an

engagement with them for six months. Since then I have been doing some hard work in order to do justice to both departments of my work.

Expecting some of our experienced preaching brethren to aid us, we began a meeting on March 11th; but none were able to come. So we did the next best thing—continued the work alone, and yet not alone, for God was with us. During the two and one-half weeks five confessed Christ and were baptized, while many others returned from their wanderings to begin again the "good fight." Though the interest was good, we were obliged to close, as teaching every day and preaching every night was bearing too heavily upon our health. The work here at present is encouraging. My engagement here closes in July, and, unless there should be some opening in the provinces, I shall probably go to Tennessee.

FOSTER G. CALDER.

WESTPORT, N. S.

We are still having pleasant and profitable meetings. Quite a number just now are on the sick list. This harp of human nature, with its thousand strings, is hard to keep in tune, especially in this changeable weather. The fishing season has come; the men are very busy. Our harbor is teeming with life and hope, decked with a fleet of white sails more beautiful than painting can express. May the Lord bless the fishermen and give them the fulfillment of their hopes.

Our church house and the parsonage are receiving a new coat of paint on the outside. The fences are beginning to show signs of improvement, harbingers of an annual meeting. The subject last Sunday evening was, "Am I my brother's keeper?" after which a collection was taken in behalf of those who are suffering the tortures of starvation in India. The amount received was fourteen dollars. We have just received an invitation, which has been our expectation, that the preacher is to have a donation, of which he will give an explanation in the next paper.

All these tokens of life and other things we could mention show that in these times of rush and greed for gain the hearts are not yet ossified, nor the fountain of love and gratitude yet dried up, nor the interest in better and holier things yet destroyed.

H. M.

TIVERTON, N. S.

Our meeting here, in respect to additions, was a splendid failure. Bro. Cooke was here four weeks and the writer three. There were such unfortunate counter influences that the matter of reformation seemed to be put entirely out of the minds of the people. But the meeting in other respects was not a failure. Some who were inactive and indifferent came back to the church and are making faithful workers, and the spirit of devotion and consecration has been deepened in the hearts of others. We have some as good and faithful brothers and sisters in the church as can be found anywhere, and their faith and works will be blessed as surely as the promises of the Lord are true.

The gospel has not lost its power. It is just as powerful to-day as ever it was. But the world has lost the gospel. Much is preached and practised that is not the gospel. We need not look for conversions and for Christian character on the part of the world until the power that converts is seen and felt. Making partisans is vastly different from making true and faithful followers of Christ. The Baptist friends are still keeping up their meetings, and we sincerely hope and pray that they may be successful in raising the moral condition of the place and leading precious souls into paths of truth and righteousness, and placing the stamp of manhood and womanhood upon their profession.

H. M.