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NOTES AND NEWS.

Miss Rioch has been making a tour among the churches of Ontario in the interest of Foreign Missions.

What are our readers doing to extend the circulation of THE CHRISTIAN? A little effort on their part would largely increase its circulation.

We occasionally read of churches loaning their preachers to some weak church for a few weeks' meeting. The example is worthy of imitation.

Have you renewed your subscription to THE CHRISTIAN? Look at the date on the yellow slip on your paper. It should be changed at once, if it is not as late as April, 1899.

The first congress of the Christian churches is to be held in St. Louis, April 25-27. It is for the discussion of live issues. Prominent names and interesting subjects appear on the programme.

Are the officers of our annual convention, to whom the matter was left, doing anything in the way of securing a place for our next convention? The place of meeting should be definitely announced in the next CHRISTIAN.

An evangelist went to Green Bay, Wis., where there are a few disciples. He hoped to organize a church. He began his meeting by preaching a sermon on Foreign Missions and taking up a collection. The meeting is still going on.

Some of our churches failed to make an offering for Foreign Missions in March, but it is not too late for them to have fellowship in this great work. Brethren and sisters who live far from any congregation can send their contributions direct to F. M. Rains, Box 750, Cincinnati, Ohio.

We regret a mistake that appeared on this page last month. In speaking of the new church in Boston the wrong location was given. It is situated at 18 St. James street, Roxbury. Rub the other address off your

mind and stamp this one there. When in Boston on the Lord's Day go to 18 St. James street, Roxbury. The church has a new pastor, J. H. Mohrter, who comes to them highly recommended.

Clarke Braden, who is well known in these provinces, has been secured for the presidency of Alma College, Ill. We do not expect that, even with this work on his hands, he will discontinue his sledge hammer blows against Mormonism and infidelity.

It has been noticed that this year many ministers are holding their own meetings instead of sending away for evangelists. It seems to be becoming common, too, for ministers to exchange meetings. The plan works well. It should be worked more.

The churches in Sangamon Co., Ill., have agreed to support Miss Kate V. Johnson, Tokio, Japan, as their missionary in the foreign field. How long will it be till one of our provincial counties will be able to undertake such a task? Not till we push our Home Mission work with new vigor.

H. A. Northcutt's meeting in Chicago closed with 104 additions. He began a meeting in Savannah, Ga., March 5th, and he is to spend this month in St. Louis, where he must be a great favorite, judging by the number of meetings he has held there.

It is published that Robert Breckenridge Halligan, of Chicago, has expressed an intention of giving \$500,000 to Kentucky University, provided the institution would perpetuate his name. We have not yet heard the decision of the college authorities; but, if the man made his money honorably, we hope his intention will be carried out.

A four-weeks' meeting, held at Martinsville, Ind., resulted in eighty additions—sixty-four baptisms. C. H. DeVoe of Spencer, Ind., did most of the preaching. During March he held a meeting with his home church. We are always glad to chronicle the success of our provincial boys.

The *Christian Standard*, while not neglecting other important matters, is wisely giving its readers some strong, clear, convincing articles on First Principles. As long as children are born, and young people are growing up, such articles will be necessary.

The beautiful flowers that appear when nature is loosed from the embrace of winter may suggest to us a resurrection and life eternal; but the Christian does not depend upon any such intimations. He knows Him who is the resurrection and the life, and who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light.

The Bethany Church, Evansville, Ind., had thirty-three members when Charles R. Scovill went there a few weeks ago to hold a meeting. It now has 267. Of these, fifty-seven came the last day of the meeting. No sensational methods were used, but still the meetings became the topic of conversation

on the streets, and in the stores and homes. To accommodate the throngs who came, a large hall in the central part of the city had to be secured, and, although it seated 2,000, it was crowded night after night.

In countries where the winter is not severe, dry and withered leaves often remain on the trees till spring; but they are pushed off by the buds of the new leaves that then begin to open out. Spring has put vigor into the trees. New life in a Christian will silently throw out of his character many things that detract from its beauty.

A lady, who had been "sprinkled" in her infancy, went to her pastor and asked him to immerse her. He refused, on the ground that if he complied he would have to immerse half his congregation. She then went to T. A. Rockwell, Humbolt, Kansas, who gladly baptized her.

The series of historical articles on the Reformation of the Nineteenth Century, which is running through *The Christian Evangelist*, and is to continue throughout the year, is so far proving interesting and valuable, and we believe the high standard which the first writer in the series—Prof. Chas. L. Loos—is setting, will be maintained by the writers who are to follow him.

Among the Disciples of Christ there is—and not without good reason—a growing dissatisfaction with the International Sunday School Lessons. Various improvements and substitutes are being suggested, and it is hoped that some system will be arranged that will be much freer from objection than the present one.

Encouraging reports come from the March collection for Foreign Missions. Many churches have given much more than they were asked for. The Fourth street church, Louisville, Ky., and the Central church, St. Louis, Mo., each gives between \$500 and \$600. Many churches give \$300 each, or more.

C. P. Williamson, Atlanta, Ga., is a very successful soul winner. He was having baptisms every Sunday evening. Many members of pedo-Baptist churches were attending. Some of the preachers, meeting him on the street, said, pleasantly, "When are you going to be through having baptisms at your church, a lot of our people go every Sunday evening?" "Oh!" said Bro. Williamson, "put baptisms in your churches and begin baptizing the people and then the runaways will stay home."

On the evenings of March 6, 7, 9 and 10, Isaac Selby, an earnest disciple of Christ, but once an unbeliever, and Charles Watts, a prominent English secularist, joined in debate in Cincinnati, the city where the famous Campbell-Owen debate was held many years ago. Selby affirmed: "It is reasonable to believe in a God who is the creator and moral governor of the universe;" and "Man has a soul designed for immortality." Watts affirmed: "Christianity is

not of Divine origin, neither is it designed to meet the needs of mankind;" and "Secularism is sufficient to satisfy the needs of mankind."

A Kansas church reports having given \$20 for Foreign Missions on March 5th. It also gave its minister, a short time before, a gold, diamond-set locket, with name engraved. As it can be of very little use to him, we think the church would have shown more wisdom if they had taken what it cost and added it to their missionary offering. We do not envy the preacher who wears diamonds; we pity him, and hope he will gain wisdom.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

Bro. Robert Whiston, of Worcester, Mass., is holding a series of evangelistic services with this church. These meetings began on Sunday, March 5th, and will continue until Sunday, April 2nd.

The Lord has abundantly blessed us in the work of winning souls. Nineteen have already confessed the name of Christ, and, judging by the interest shown, others are almost persuaded.

Bro. Whiston is heart and soul in the work. He is one who not only preaches the gospel, but lives it. His preaching is earnest and powerful, and while his sermons are helpful to the unconverted, they seem to bring the Christian into closer touch with the Master, and cause him to realize, as never before, the grandeur of serving Christ.

Bro. Appel leads the singing in these meetings, and he and Bro. Whiston sing solos at the services. A short devotional meeting is held after the preaching.

On Friday afternoon (24th) Bro. Whiston gave an illustrated lecture to the children, and, notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, a large number was present. The lecture was very instructive, as well as enjoyable.

Bro. Rupert Stevens and wife, of Back Bay, N. B., were present at some of the meetings. Sister Stevens sang a solo at one of the evening services.

Bro. Whiston was formerly a Baptist, and united with the Christian church at Worcester, Mass., about six months ago. His brother had united with the same church, and he called on Bro. Nichols, the pastor, to see how he was getting along in his Christian life. As he was leaving he was handed a tract, "Our Position," by Bro. I. Errett. He read it, and it settled all the difficulties that perplexed him in the past. Having had some further conversation with Bro. Nichols, he took his stand on the Bible, and the Bible alone, having no other name but Christian, and preaches the pure gospel of the grace of God.

Bro. Winslow Richardson, of Deer Island, was present at our special meetings, as was also Sister E. C. Bowers, of Westport, N. S.

Bro. H. Murray preached for the church at Silver Falls on Lord's day afternoon, March 26th.

The offering for foreign missions on Lord's day, March 1st, amounted to \$18.00. W. A. B.

MAIN STREET.

Special Sunday afternoon services have been held during March by Evangelist Whiston. By liberal advertising the hall was crowded the first service, and the interest has been more than sustained. Notwithstanding most unfavorable weather the attendance has been from 400 to 600, or more. On one occasion numbers were unable to gain admittance. No confessions at these services

gladdened the evangelist, but the good effect is seen in the increased interest manifested by many of the members and regular attendants. No doubt these services will also do good in preparing for the week of services to be held the beginning of April.

Two ladies and one girl have made the good confession, and have been baptized this month.

Bro. Arthur Armstrong has been very sick, and is still quite weak, but hopes that by spending the summer in the country he will regain his strength. His assistance at the services has been greatly missed.

The building of a house of worship is claiming much attention and interest, and the success that has already attended the efforts put forth is most encouraging. It is hoped that April may be a phenomenal month in returns from outside the city of St. John.

The Ladies' Aid Society purpose holding a sale of work in aid of the furnishing fund the first week in June. Any friends desiring to share in this effort can send articles for sale to Mrs. Wm. Armstrong, 44 Kennedy street; Mrs. J. W. Barnes, 85 Hazen street, or to Miss Nina Whelpley, 64 Portland street. A.

WOODVILLE, N. S.

Mr. O. M. Sanford, the provincial field secretary for Sunday-school work, was with us on the evening of the 14th. He gave a stirring address along these lines: (1) The object; (2) The needs; (3) The benefits. Addresses were also given by Mr. Peter Wagner, superintendent; Mr. Stephen Steele, Mr. Frank Sabean, county secretary, and Elder H. E. Cooke. Mr. Sanford's business in this county, at this special time, is to organize district conventions. Our Sunday-school is progressing splendidly. We use the International Lessons, issued by the Christian Publishing Co. Our church work in general is very encouraging; prayer meetings and general church services are well attended. We will soon send you notes under the head of the new name of our village, "Danvers." Our mission work is also gaining; our collections are not large, but we hope for greater results. We are very much pleased with the tenor of the March number of THE CHRISTIAN; also that the North End mission, St. John, is being pushed towards success. Pray earnestly and work honestly, and keep close company with the great helper, "God," and the house for his glory will be built.

ORA W. COOKE.

SUMMERVILLE, N. S.

Our work here is progressing about as well as could be expected, considering the stormy weather. There has only been one real fine Sunday since I returned from my trip.

Last Sunday we took our foreign missionary collection, and, although the day was not fine, we received seven dollars.

We are sorry to lose some of our men folks for a few months. One of our elders, Bro. Michael Davis, has left us for a while. Bro. and Sister Davis have met with a sad loss lately; Stephen, their oldest boy, after a short illness, was called away to rest. They have the deepest sympathy of all who knew them in this their sad bereavement.

F. C. FORD.

HALIFAX, N. S.

Since my last report we have been made to rejoice in seeing three others consecrating their lives to Christ in obedience to his divine commands. So far we have had nine additions—all by baptism. And what has made it still more encouraging, all these have come at our regular

meetings, one at a time, in nine different meetings. We baptized three different times, expecting to be baptized two each time; but at each of those baptisms one came forward, and "was baptized the same hour of the night." Truly we have great reason to thank God and take courage.

Considering the stormy Sundays, of which we have had so many, and the continued sickness among the brethren, our meetings are well attended and deeply interesting. There is a renewed interest in our social meetings, as there is also in every department of the work of the church. We confidently look for a continued progress.

Before this will have been read two more of our members will have left us—Sister F. Stevens and her daughter Winnie, leave April 1st for Montreal, where Bro. Stevens has been since last fall. We shall miss those good sisters very much. They will be true wherever they are.

E. C. FORD.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

Foreign Mission offerings were taken in each of these churches during March.

At the meeting of the Y. P. M. S. in Westport some interesting thoughts were obtained from Bro. W. F. Ossinger and son, who have returned from a voyage to Shanghai, China. They had the privilege of meeting with our missionary in Shanghai, Bro. W. P. Bentley.

The members and friends of the church in Westport remembered their pastor and his wife very pleasantly March 16th. They came to the parsonage laden with baskets, boxes, etc., and spent an enjoyable time together. After singing "God be with you till we meet again," they dispersed, leaving behind them substantial tokens of love and respect. The pastor and family found themselves forty-four dollars richer than they were before their friends came.

J. W. B.

CROSS ROADS, LOT 48, P. E. I.

Our missionary collection was taken yesterday. The meeting was fairly well attended; there were some vacant seats. After the sermon we took up the offering, and was gratified to see so many giving, not dimes, but dollars. When we counted up we had about \$14 for foreign missions. This, together with what was given before, makes about \$18 90. At night we had no meeting on account of the rain. The meetings since last report have been very encouraging. Our cottage prayer-meetings are growing in interest and attendance. The questions, readings, and discussion of topics are interesting and helpful to all. The Lord is blessing our efforts.

A. N. S.

EAST POINT, P. E. I.

The March offering has been taken, and although no telegram was sent to announce the amount taken at East Point church, yet we are proud to say that we have gone beyond our apportionment. This church understands the full import of the Divine commission, and realizes that "missions are as binding upon the Christian as baptism upon the sinner, or the Lord's supper upon the saint." This church understands the latter part of the commission to mean, "Lo, I am with you always, as you go,"—as being the proper interpretation. If we fail to fulfil the conditions, the Lord will fail to grant us his promise.

During Miss Riach's visit to this church she was deeply impressed with the interest manifested along missionary lines, and notwithstanding the very stormy day, more money was collected than at any other meeting she had on the Island. The first Sunday in March we collected about \$30.00, and previous to that \$8.30, so that for foreign missions the amount will be \$38.30.

"We shall do more at home by doing something abroad."

A. N. S.

THE CHRISTIAN SUPPLEMENT.

In Aid of Building Fund of MAIN STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

ST. JOHN, N. B., APRIL, 1899.

A Few Reasons

From last Month's Symposium,

"Why Build a House of Worship at North End, St. John, N. B."

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It is a good field.
It is God's work.
It will inspire confidence.
Present is a humiliating position.
As a monument to James E. Barnes.
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Help a devoted and faithful band of workers.
It is the greatest present need.
Help here will assist all other Maritime Province mission points.
To inspire confidence in the people of neighbourhood regarding permanency of work.
Important to have prosperous churches in our principal cities;
St. John is the metropolis of New Brunswick.
Help a liberal and self-sacrificing people.
To overcome uncertainty of meetings resulting from hired premises.
Associations are important—irreligious atmosphere of a public hall.
Incongruity of placing Word of God on rented pulpit.
It will be another centre for gospel teaching.
Shows that we have great principles inciting to service.
To hasten the day when the mission will be self supporting.
To save the reputation for faithfulness and earnestness of the people known as Disciples of Christ.

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The Time Has Come

For something more than sympathy and good wishes. These have been given and given abundantly. The manifest interest in the North End work as shown by last month's "CHRISTIAN" promises well for the future and is most encouraging, but—these will not pay carpenters' nor builders' wages; neither will they purchase lumber, lime, paint and other necessary material for the Church building.

The faith shown in this mission has been a stimulus to the workers but the time has come when *works* must also make their appearance. "What doth it profit, my brethren, if a man say he hath faith but have not works? can that faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and in lack of daily food, and one of you say unto them: go in peace, be ye warmed and filled; and yet ye give them not the things needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it have not works, is dead in itself." (James ii. 14-17)

The messages from our preachers and mission workers in last month's paper give promise of generous help. Shall these promises be fulfilled? Is the sunshine of a Christ-like love for the spread of the gospel to shine upon this good will and interest so that it may bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of God? or is the frost of procrastination or indifference to chill, freeze and kill all these bright and generous signs of prosperity?

In every church there are many men and women who would gladly help the Building Fund of the Main Street Christian Church if the matter were placed before them and an opportunity to contribute given. In order that the "CHRISTIAN SUPPLEMENT" sentiment may be utilized, no time should be lost. Someone, or more than one, in every congregation should act, and that promptly. If you are really in earnest in the desire to securely plant this another centre of gospel light, you should *work*, should work *hard*, should work *hard now*. Will you not do it?

"Every day is a little life, and our whole life but a day repeated. Those who dare lose a day are dangerously prodigal."

CHRISTIAN SUPPLEMENT

A few advertisements are desired, rates on application.

All communications, contributions, etc., in connection with the Building Fund and the Supplement should be sent to

J. C. B. APPEL, St. John, N. B.

THE first number of the Supplement seems to have struck sympathetic chords. Words of appreciation and congratulation have been received from several directions. Still the harmony is not perfect, an accompaniment is needed—contributions to the Building Fund!

With these additions there would be music that will gladden our Saviour, expressions of love for him and of devotion to his service, together with gifts into his treasury.

THE suggestion that this special effort might help to increase THE CHRISTIAN subscription

HOW CAN I HELP?

Being a Scripture loving people, we believe that "faith without works is dead, being alone." Many Christians would manifest their faith by their works if they had plans laid before them for definite work. It is possible that some such will read this Supplement, hence this column.

Read this carefully and then act in the name of Jesus Christ.

Help may be rendered this band of disciples at North End, St. John, in many ways, among which are:

1. Having prayerfully read "A Few reasons from Last Month's Symposium," cut off the contribution form on the last page and fill in as you believe our Saviour would have you. Not satisfied to simply contribute something,

of all. Why not make a special effort to accomplish this by bringing its needs before the congregation and taking a special collection? Contribution cards (as below) supplied on application.

4. We do not forget the enthusiastic helpers found in the Y. P. S. C. E. and in the Sunday-schools. We want several hundred of these enlisted in our "Helpers League." Collecting or Coin cards will be sent to any C. E. president who will secure helpers in his society, or to any Sunday-school superintendent or teacher who will interest his scholars in this mission work. "Collecting cards" are prepared for ten names, each one to contribute 10 cents a month for five months. "Coin cards" are cards with holes the size of 10 and 25 cent pieces in which to insert the coin.

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Cut out, fill and send to J. CHAS. B. APPEL, Saint John, N. B.

list has also called forth responses. Among these there is one from a sister who writes that she hopes that great success may attend this attempt. There are doubtless many others of the same mind. But how much is your "hope" worth? Is it strong enough to talk to some fellow church members about the helpful and interesting articles? Is it strong enough to obtain one additional 50 cent subscription this month? If it is the editors will value your "hope" but if not —!

SPECIAL attention should be given to the advertisements in this supplement. Each is thoroughly reliable and from an exclusively business point of view, is worthy of our subscribers' patronage. Add to this the fact of help rendered in bearing the expense of this special effort for one of our mission points, and we are confident that some of our readers will gladly show a just appreciation by doing business with these firms.

but doing your utmost, seeing it is for him who sacrificed heaven and life for you.

2. Having done this write for a collecting book that your help, sympathy and earnestness may be still more apparent. We have two kinds of collecting books. 1st. A book for subscriptions of any amount, and 2nd, "The Helping Hand" book for 25 cent contributions. Either or both will be sent on application.

3. The churches which contribute to the funds of the Home Mission Board have a special interest in this mission, which has been helped and sustained by their liberality. To see it a self-supporting church, to have it stand loyally with sister churches in opening and developing other mission points, is the desire

5. Give heed to our advertisers. If possible do business with them. They have manifested their good will to the work in which we are so much interested, let our friends therefore show a just appreciation by dealing with them. Don't fail to tell them you saw their advertisement in the CHRISTIAN SUPPLEMENT.

6. "Prayer moves the arm that moves the world." Then let all who receive this SUPPLEMENT unite in earnest prayer to our Father in Heaven to continue to bless the efforts put forth to firmly plant the cause of Apostolic Christianity in this section.

There are but a few ways in which faith and works may be united. Which shall receive your assistance? If there is some other way you think more likely to be successful, use it, or send the suggestion to the Supplement. But get to work, brethren, and at once.

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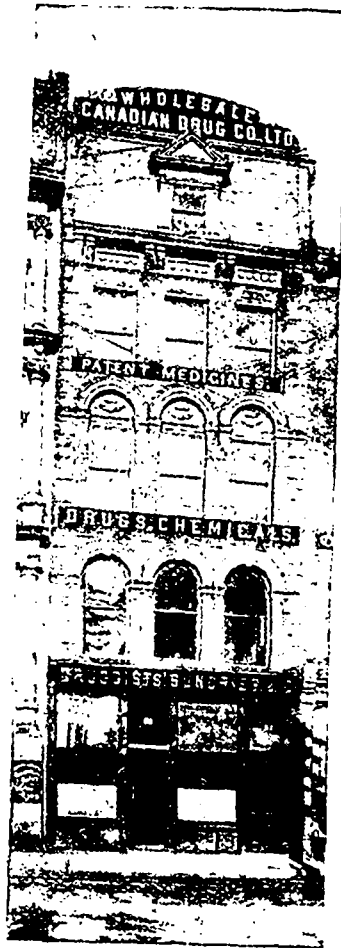
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FOLLOW ME.

By W. ALEX. McCAFFREY, PASTOR MILTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

In the world are but two voices,
In the heart are but two choices;
Voices, choices, ever crying
To the living and the dying:
"Follow me! Follow me!"

One the voice of Jesus pleading,
Prompting, praying, interceding,
Pleading ever, weary never,
To redeem us calling ever:
"Follow me! Follow me!"

One the voice of Satan, charming,
Winning, horrid, luring, warming;
Promising, fulfilling never,
To deceive us calling ever:
"Follow me! Follow me!"

Jesus calls to realms supernal,
Joy and happiness eternal;
Where the morning shineth ever,
And the darkness cometh never:
"Follow me! Follow me!"

Satan calls to realms infernal,
Grief, tears, sorrow, death eternal;
Where the blackness hangeth ever;
And the dawn appeareth never:
"Follow me! Follow me!"

Daily do we hear these voices;
Daily must we make our choices;
What your choice—the time is speeding—
Which voice, brother, are you heeding:
"Follow me! Follow me!"

Home Missions.

[Address all communications and remittances to W. A. Barnes, Secretary, 228 St. James Street, St. John, N. B.]

Let the churches remember the May Offering for Home Missions. The American Christian Missionary Society expect this to be the largest offering ever yet made. They have helped our mission points in the past and are still doing so. We get back more in this way than we give. Bro. E. C. Ford has an excellent article in another column on the "May Offering," to which we invite your careful attention.

Not only are persons confessing the name of Christ in the special meetings that are being held by Evangelist Whiston with the Coburg street Church, but at the regular services in the Church at the North End, three persons have also confessed the name of Christ.

We are pleased to report some of the pledges from the Churches at Back Bay, Letete and Mascarene. Bro. Stevens gives us a very favorable report of the Churches with which he is laboring.

The good work in Halifax still continues. Bro. Ford reports three more additions at the regular services.

Evangelist Robert F. Whiston will hold a week's meeting with the Main St. Church, beginning April 3rd. He has been preaching there to large congregations on Lord's day afternoons. He will also hold a meeting with the brethren at Pictou, N. S., beginning Lord's day, April 16th, (D. V.)

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$427 64
Y. P. M. S., Westport, N. S.,	3 00
Mission Band, Coburg street,	3 20
Mrs. John Clifford, pledge at annual,	1 00
Southville Ladies' Missionary Society, per Ora W. Cooke,	1 05
Per (Gertie Dick, Mascarene, pledges,	4 35
Per Lillie Hooper, Back Bay, "	3 35
Per R. E. Stevens, LeTete, "	2 02
Ellis Ford, Kingston, N. S.,	1 50
Y. P. M. S., Tiverton, N. S.,	50
Main Street Sunday-school,	3 20

\$451 41

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Mrs. Silas Rayner, Tignish, per D. Crawford,	\$1 00
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W. A. BARNES, Secretary.

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

Expect great things from God.
Attempt great things for God.

RECEIPTS.

Previously reported,	\$208 60
Westport—	
Y. P. M. S.,	3 00
Milton—	
Ladies' Auxiliary,	9 00
Southville—	
Ladies Auxiliary,	1 05
Leonardville—	
Ladies' Auxiliary,	10 00
Tiverton—	
Ladies' Auxiliary,	4 00
St. John—	
Ladies' Auxiliary,	1 70
Sunday-school,	1 85
Interest,	45

\$239 60

SUSIE FORD STEVENS, Treasurer.

Children's Work.

Address all communications to Mrs. D. A. Morrison, 291 Germain Street, St. John, N. B.]

DEAR GIRLS AND BOYS,—

Last month I wrote to all our Band leaders, telling you I would soon send you copies of a concert exercise for Easter. I have not received the copies yet, but will send them as soon as possible. It may be necessary for me to substitute some other form of concert exercise instead of the one for Easter, as the Easter-tide will be well past before a concert could be prepared for now. I trust, though, that all our Bands will undertake to prepare the exercise, even though it must be given much later than at first intended. On the whole, it may be better to have it later, as the roads in the country at Easter time are well-nigh impassable.

AN EASTER RECITATION.

"FORGET-ME-NOT."

When to the flowers so beautiful
The Father gave a name,
Back came one little blue-eyed one,
All tremblingly it came.

And standing at the Father's feet,
And gazing in His face,
It said, with meek and timid mien,
And yet with a quiet grace:

"Dear God, the name Thou gavest me,
Alas! I have forgot."
The Father kindly looked on her,
And said: "Forget-me-not."

The Easter-tide is almost upon us, and this is the teacher's grandest opportunity for deepening the thought of new life. Nature lends a helping hand, at this season, in making clear this wakening to a new life. The child loves nature — everything in nature is beautiful to the child. The thoughtful teacher can make use of many symbols to teach the great lesson of the resurrection. Teach the children how mother nature cares for all her children through their long winter for their awakening to new life. Let the children examine buds from the trees and find the baby leaves asleep within them. Have some lily bulbs examined, having the children note the brown covering, and lifeless look, and then compare with the beautiful flower which comes from that bulb. The cocoon and the butterfly may be used to teach the wonderful truth of the resurrection.

A pretty Easter story was given in the *International Evangel* some two years ago, and was in substance the following:

TWO CATERPILLARS.

Bunch and Beth were two caterpillars which had lived on one tree all summer long. They were brother and sister. When the autumn days and the north wind began to blow cold, Beth said, "I am getting very drowsy; we have lived on this tree a long time; I wish we might change our life." "Oh, no," said Bunch; "I am quite contented here; we know nothing of the other trees; why, this is a great, beautiful tree, and the leaves are so good I want to stay here forever and ever." So they ate on, both keeping very near. Bunch finally grows weary and says, "Well, I must prepare for my long sleep." So she began spinning, and as Bunch watched her spin, he, too, became drowsy, and said, "I must prepare myself for my long sleep." "Come, make your home near me, so that we may rest together, for we have loved each other so much." As Beth had nearly completed her spinning, and just ere she fell asleep, she called good-by to her brother, and soon they were both fast asleep. The leaves fell from the trees, the frosts and snow of winter came, and still they slept on. The spring winds came, the sunbeams fell upon the sleepers, and the birds sang in the branches of the old tree. There seems to be a movement in one of the dark cradles, and soon something is seen on the outside; its wings are drying and it is decked in beautiful colorings. Another one is seen on the other cradle, and as they sit looking one at the other, Beth says, "How strange you look, yet how beautiful!" And Bunch replies: "Yes, strange, and yet the same; let us fly away;" and so they leave, and at some distance turn to look at the old tree, which seems now so insignificant since they know a larger world, and as they sped on we hear Beth say: "How beautiful! Surely this is the resurrection morn."

Your loving friend,

MRS. D. A. MORRISON,
Supt Children's Work.

RECEIPTS.

Previously reported,	\$22 74
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Missionary Band,	1 10

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ST. JOHN, N. B., - APRIL, 1899.

EDITORIAL.

GLORYING IN WEAKNESS.

Therefore I take pleasures in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake, for when I am weak then am I strong. II Cor. xii, 10.

Because Paul found in Christ all that his soul could desire he determined to glory only in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. But the enemies of the cross had so stirred up some of the brethren against the apostle that he found it necessary that the gospel would not be hindered to rise in defence of his conduct and even of his apostleship. In doing this he was accused of self-glory, all of which must be exceedingly trying to one so self-sacrificing and so much enthused with the grandeur of the Son of God. He therefore assured his Corinthian brethren who had compelled him to speak of himself, that he would not glory in anything he had or in which he was superior to others, but rather in his weakness, his reproaches for Christ, because when he was weak then he was strong—when human strength gave way, divine strength was supplied, and when we consider how far the latter is above the former, we have the reason why Paul gloried in his own weakness—*it was that the power of God might rest on him.* A careful observer can often see where God's strength is most conspicuous in the weakness of his children, and to keep this fact ever before their eyes, would save from many a gloomy worry and would stimulate to much noble and successful labor in the Master's cause.

We beg to mention one case. Not many years ago the writer spent a few weeks with a small number of disciples in the City of St. John, N. B. They had no preacher and no house of worship, but met in a hired hall. It was rather startling to hear a brother quietly remark one day, "We think of building a meeting house." Though such a house was needed and quite natural for the people to say so, it was strange to think of a handful without help even to hint of building a house in a city. Who would buy a lot? or who build the house? Another visit was made a few years after. The lot was bought and a good house built on it with basement plainly but comfortably finished, and the church meeting in it till it had time and money to finish the main room.

When we visited them "a little further on," they had a beloved minister and his family kindly cared for and adding to their number those that were being saved. The main apartment, handsomely finished, was opened for worship at this time, and the church has been prospering until it has become our largest and most influential in the maritime provinces. Its members, for years, taught a Sunday-school in the north end of the city, where a new church has been organ-

ized which this year expects to own and own a new church building.

Thus has the Lord remembered the little church in St. John in its weakness, and given another demonstration of the fact that success "is not of power nor of might, but of my spirit saith the Lord."

Our prayer is that the church may always feel how much they need divine aid, and may in prayer and hope and faith and love, work till Jesus comes.

Here is an excellent opportunity for the friends of Jesus, in other parts, to assist the new church and be able to say individually, "I took part in building the new meeting house in Main street."

Original Contributions.

"THE TENTH LEGION."

CARRIE F. PAYSON.

I have felt for some time that I would like to speak to the young readers of THE CHRISTIAN concerning the "Forward Movement" which is being so enthusiastically pushed by a host of Endeavorers. I refer to "The Quiet Hour," "The Tenth Legion" and "The Bible Reader's Band." The first, communion with God, and the third, daily Bible reading, are absolutely necessary to growth in the Christian life. But it is the second, "The Tenth Legion," to which I would call your attention. We all know that "The Tenth Legion of Christian Endeavor" is an enrolment of all Christians that make it a practice, in return for God's goodness to them, to give to his work one-tenth of their income. This may not be really necessary to growth, but I believe it is impossible to attain to the highest spiritual development, unless we are willing to give as the Lord prospers us.

In this day, when methods of various kinds are resorted to by God's children for the purpose of raising money to carry on this work, we are compelled to ask ourselves, Is there not a more excellent way? We find that under the Jewish law, where proportionate giving was rigorously observed, there was an abundance for the building of the tabernacle, temple, etc. We read that "Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing." Why is it that the secretaries of our mission boards never have the pleasure of saying, The people bring too much for the service of the work!

But some will say, "We are not under the law, so this system is not obligatory upon us."—*Not under the law but under grace.* We must admit that our obligations are increased thereby. Surely God's redeemed children, saved by grace, should consider it a joyful privilege to put aside at least one-tenth of their income. Oh! that we could fully realize the honor of being sons and

daughters of the Lord Almighty. Let us not talk of giving until we have learned what it cost the Father to give up his Son to purchase our salvation, and then I think we will be more than anxious to make the right disposal of our time, influence and money. Already more than thirteen thousand Endeavorers have enrolled as systematic and proportionate givers. I wonder why this subject cannot be considered at our next annual meeting. I know that many of us can give but small amounts, but God only expects us to give according to our ability. We hesitate before giving a bit of our own experience to others. We feel that it is something almost sacred. But for the encouragement of my young friends, I want to say that this plan has been very helpful to me. I have received a blessing from putting aside a portion of every dollar with the prayer, that he who blessed the loaves and fishes and made them sufficient for the multitude, may take even my small offerings and with them accomplish wondrous things. Try it, dear friends, and your interest in the Master's work will increase. May God help us to be faithful in all things, and at last perfect that which is lacking in us.

THE MAY OFFERING.

E. C. FORD.

Now that the churches have made their annual offering for Foreign Missions, our next duty is to prepare for the great offering to be made for the Home Missions to be taken the first Lord day in May. If the churches have done well for foreign missions, this should but encourage us to do as well, if not even better for the home work, since all our missionary interests depend upon the success of the work in our home fields, the base of all our missionary operations. World-wide missions will prosper just in proportion to the growth of the cause at home; hence build up the home churches and all our missions will be benefited. Just now there is an urgent demand for a greatly increased offering for our home missions, and especially that all our churches in the maritime provinces should take a deeper interest in the work of the American Christian Missionary Society than ever before. If we but study our own interest, we will do all we can to strengthen the hands of these brethren in their efforts to establish the cause we plead in every city and town on this continent.

It is encouraging to know that in the kingdom of God this society knows nothing of national boundaries, but is as ready to preach the gospel north as south, east as west. Of this we have had abundant proof, since for years the cause of Christ in these maritime provinces has been greatly helped by the American Christian Missionary Society. If but to express our gratitude for the timely aid so freely given, it would be well for us to make a strong effort to swell the May Offering; but there are stronger reasons even than this, why all our churches

should make a liberal offering in this coming collection.

The interest of the cause we plead in these maritime provinces, demands it of us. If the work in several of our mission points is to be sustained, and put on a self-sustaining basis, this same society that has helped us during all these years must be encouraged to continue to do so. It would be ruinous now for us to be left without their assistance. And can we confidently go to these brethren and ask for aid, unless we first show by our own liberality that we appreciate what they have already done? The strongest plea we can now make for continued assistance, is to show that we are deeply interested in our home fields, and are ready to make some sacrifice, if need be, to maintain the cause we profess to love, in these parts of God's vineyard.

But there is still yet another reason why we should take an increased interest in this offering. The eyes of these brethren who are conducting the interest of the home missions are looking towards these maritime provinces, and inquiring as to the prospect for mission work in these fields. While we know the fields are inviting, and many open doors are before us, we know that because of our financial weakness we are not able to enter into those fields and win them for Christ. How helpful it will be if we can encourage these strong brethren, backed by a mighty brotherhood, to come to our aid, and send us faithful and successful evangelists to plant the cause we plead, and for which Christ died, in the many towns and villages in these provinces. I have but little doubt that if our churches take hold of this work in earnest, and send up a liberal offering this Jubilee year, the American Christian Missionary Society will not only be encouraged to continue their assistance in much needed fields, but will also strengthen our hands in evangelizing these provinces. Much more might be said along these lines, but my paper is already too long. I am exceedingly anxious that every church in these maritime provinces should make an offering to this home mission this jubilee year; so much of our future success, it seems to me, depends on us doing so.

There are a good many brethren so situated that they cannot meet with the churches, who are deeply interested in our missionary work. If any of these will enclose their personal offering to Benj. L. Smith, Y. M. C. A. Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, or if more convenient, to my address, Willow Park, Halifax, N. S., I shall be pleased to forward the same to Bro. Smith. The Lord loveth the liberal giver.

Willow Park, N. S., March 24, 1899.

There is no neutral side to life. You must be well-doing or ill-doing. Your influence must count on the side of right or else for wrong. So beware of that weariness in your work of right that will lead you to forsake your high ideals and aims. You may say it is only for a time, but when you take the step away from God it may be for all time; it is a snare of the tempter; do not yield to it.

THE MAY OFFERING.

H. MURRAY.

We are very anxious that all our churches in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick remember the May offering. The American Home Mission Board asks only the one offering from each church during the year. We are receiving from them for the work in these provinces much more than our offerings to them. We should show that we have a special interest in this work, as it is only to those who help themselves who are entitled to help. The greater an interest in the work the greater will be their interest in us. We want some of the blessings of the jubilee year. Our provincial field is ripe for the harvest. We greatly need workers. So many of our preachers go to the States that, unless we can get the co-operation of our American brethren, we cannot possibly hope for any great degree of success. If we will show our interest by every church sending the American Board a good offering next May, and thus show our appreciation of what they are doing for us, and that we mean business, they will no doubt continue, and even increase, their interest in the work in these provinces. We have a reason for believing that much greater success will be seen in our provinces in the near future. Let us do what we can. We can all do something, and what we can do we ought to do, and, by the grace of God, we will do.

Correspondence.

DEER ISLAND LETTER.

In a multitude of counsellors there is wisdom, and a united effort will do much in whatever direction aimed. By reading the "Supplement" to the CHRISTIAN last month I notice that nearly all our preachers were represented in the symposium on "Why build a church on Main street, St. John." All the writers agreed that it was a good work; that it ought to be done; that it was needed; and all that was said was very favorable. Now this is encouraging. The preachers represent, or should represent, the feeling of the people, and if the preachers and people mean what they say, the house on Main street is built and paid for.

Although this is the 20th of March the ground is covered with a good depth of the beautiful snow, and more to come. This has been one of the old-fashioned winters. There has been a good deal of sickness and deaths on this island this winter. On Feb. 19th Bro. William Connolly, sr., of Leonardville, departed this life in the 90th year of his life. He leaves an aged widow, a number of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, to mourn his loss. A large number of friends and relatives followed the remains to the grave. A week later another of our oldest citizens was called away, Bro. James Tewksbury, in the 89th year of his life; he had been an invalid for over two years; his

aged companion survives him, and with the many relatives and friends have the consolations of the gospel to comfort them.

While the old are passing away at the call of death, the young are not exempt; little Marjory, only 6 years old, daughter of Lincoln and Hattie Richardson, has been taken away from earth to a more congenial clime. Only a short time sick, never very strong, she seemed to fade like a flower, preparing to bloom stronger and fairer in another season. Her father has preceded her to the other side. The widowed mother has the sincere sympathy of the whole community.

Notwithstanding so much sickness and death our church work has made an advance. Our social meetings are good and a large attendance at the preaching services. Last Sunday evening (12th) I preached an anniversary sermon, and at the close of the preaching held a short social service in which seventy-seven took part. Our Sunday-schools are doing well. At Lord's Cove we have added a new library of 170 volumes.

In Leonardville the brethren, and sisters too, have started a Saturday evening meeting for members only. This is to be a consecration meeting, in which preparation is made for future usefulness. "More and better work for God" is the motto this year.

One restored at Lord's Cove since I last wrote. One young man who came out in our meetings at Lord's Cove, was immersed, and united with the church in Leonardville.

W. H. HARDING.

Lord's Cove, N. B.

Selected.

THE CRIMES OF THE TONGUE.

The second most deadly instrument of destruction is the dynamite gun; the first is the human tongue. The gun merely kills bodies; the tongue kills reputations and, oftentimes, ruins characters. Each gun works alone; each loaded tongue has a hundred accomplices. The havoc of the gun is visible at once. The full evil of the tongue lives through all the years; even the eyes of Omniscience might grow tired in tracing it to its finality.

The crimes of the tongue are words of unkindness, of anger, of malice, of envy, of bitterness, of harsh criticism, gossip, lying and scandal. Theft and murder are awful crimes, yet in any single year the aggregate sorrow, pain and suffering they cause in a nation is microscopic when compared with the sorrows that come from the crimes of the tongue. Place in one of the scale-pans of justice the evils resulting from the acts of criminals, and in the other the grief and tears and suffering resulting from the crimes of respectability, and you will start back in amazement as you see the scale you thought the heavier shoot high in air.

At the hands of thief or murderer few of us in life suffer, even indirectly. But from the careless tongue of friend, the cruel tongue

of enemy, who is free? No human being can live a life so true, so fair, so pure as to be beyond the reach of malice, or immune from the poisonous emanations of envy. The insidious attacks against one's reputation, the louthsome innuendoes, slurs, half-lies by which jealous mediocrity seeks to ruin its superiors, are like those insect parasites that killed the heart and life of a mighty oak. So cowardly is the method, so stealthy the shooting of the poisoned thorns, so insignificant the separate acts in their seeming, that one is not on guard against them. It is easier to dodge an elephant than a microbe.

In London they have just formed an Anti-Scandal League. The members promise to combat in every way in their power "the prevalent custom of talking scandal, the terrible and unending consequences of which are not generally estimated."

Scandal is one of the crimes of the tongue, but it is only one. Every individual who breathes a word of scandal is an active stockholder in a society for the spread of moral contagion. He is instantly punished by nature by having his mental eyes dimmed to sweetness and purity, and his mind deadened to the sunlight and glow of charity. There is developed a wondrous, ingenious perversion of mental vision by which every act of others is explained and interpreted from the lowest possible motives. They become like certain carrion flies, that pass lightly over acres of rose gardens to feast on a piece of putrid meat. They have developed a keen scent for the foul matter upon which they feed.

There are pillows wet by sobs; there are noble hearts broken in the silence whence comes no cry of protest; there are gentle, sensitive natures seared and warped; there are old-time friends separated and walking their lonely ways with hope dead and memory but a pang: there are cruel misunderstandings that make all life look dark—these are but a few of the sorrows that come from the crimes of the tongue.

A man or woman may lead a life of honesty and purity, battling bravely for what they hold dearest, so firm and sure of the rightness of their life that they never think for an instant of the diabolic ingenuity that makes evil and evil report where naught but good really exists. A few words lightly spoken by the tongue of slander, a significant expression of the eyes, a cruel shrug of the shoulders, with a pursing of the lips—and then friendly hands grow cold, the accustomed smile is displaced by a sneer, and one stands alone and aloof with a dazed feeling of wonder at the vague, intangible something that has caused it all.

For this craze for scandal sensational newspapers of to-day are largely responsible. Each newspaper is not one tongue, but a thousand or a million tongues, telling the same foul story to as many pairs of listening ears. The vultures of sensationalism scent the carcass of immorality afar off. From the uttermost parts of the earth they collect the sin, disgrace and folly of humanity, and

show them bare to the world. They do not even require facts, for morbid memories and fertile imaginations make even the worst of the world's happenings seem "ame when compared with their monstrosities of invention. These stories, and the discussions they excite, develop in readers a cheap, shrewd power of distortion of the acts of all around them.

If a rich man gives a donation to some charity, they say, "He is doing it to get his name talked about—to help his business." If he gives it anonymously, they say, "Oh, its some millionaire who is clever enough to know that refraining from giving his name will pique curiosity, he will see that the public is informed later." If he does not give to charity, they say: "Oh, he's stingy with his money, of course, like the rest of the millionaires." To the vile tongue of gossip and slander virtue is ever deemed but a mask, noble ideals but a pretense, generosity a bribe.

The man who stands above his fellows must expect to be the target for the envious arrows of their inferiority. It is part of the price he must pay for his advance. One of the most detestable characters in all literature is Iago. Envious of the promotion of Cassio above his head, he hated Othello. His was one of those low natures that become absorbed in sustaining his dignity, just as Spain to-day talks of "preserving her honor"—forgetting it has so long been dead that even embalming could not preserve it. Day by day Iago dropped his poison; day by day did subtle resentment and studied vengeance distil the poison of distrust and suspicion into more powerfully insidious doses. With a mind wonderfully concentrated by the blackness of his purpose, he wove a network of circumstantial evidence around the pure-hearted Desdemona, and then murdered her vicariously, by the hand of Othello. Her very simplicity, confidence, innocence and artlessness made Desdemona the easier mark for Iago.

Iago still lives in the hearts of thousands, who have all his despicable meanness without his cleverness. The constant dropping of their lying words of malice and envy have in too many instances at last worn away the noble reputation of their superiors.

To sustain ourselves in our own hasty judgments we sometimes say, as we listen, and accept without investigation, the words of these modern Iagos: "Well, where there is so much smoke, there must be some fire." Yes, but the fire may be only the fire of malice, the incendiary firing of the reputation of another by the lighted torch of envy, thrown into the innocent facts of a life of superiority.—*Saturday Evening Post.*

Before we can work for God effectually, we must wait for him patiently. As the apostles did so must we. They tarried for his presence, his peace, his power—then they preached. We shall conquer if we go in the irresistible power of the love of God shed abroad in the hearts of those who have obeyed him. The previous waiting will give quality to the subsequent working. Let our working hours be interspersed by frequent waiting hours. Stillness gives strength. The unseen world must be made real to us by the development of the spiritual sense in waiting, if, by working, we are to conquer the men who favor no other god than that of the world which is revealed to them by the natural sense.—*Exchange.*

WINNING SOULS.

Among the many blessed and profitable lessons to be derived from the conversation of Jesus with the woman at the well is the lesson of soul-winning.

1. From the example of Christ we learn the lesson of *wayside work*. "He must needs go through Samaria." On this journey, apparently by accident, the Master found work to do. Resting by the wayside, too, can find opportunity often of doing good. Such work, however, requires the greatest possible tact.

2. We see the value, in this conversation, of *individual work*—that is of work for one soul. We are usually after the multitudes, but this conversation speaks louder than words of the value of dealing singly with people. A heap of empty bottles are before you; they are not filled by turning the hose upon them as they lie together in the heap. You must take them up, one by one, and fill them. Christian work in regard to converting men is done that way, too. Not all can speak to a thousand, but most workers can deal with one. And "a pistol at a man's breast scares him worse than a cannon five miles away."

3. We learn the power of *skilful work*. With what wonderful tact the Saviour approached this sinner. He gave her something to do. A word to the wise is sufficient. He removed her prejudice. He removed obstacles. He talked to her when the disciples were not present. He led her to conviction. He dealt with her kindly. He aroused her interest. He won her by telling her of things higher and holier. Oh, for more wisdom in winning souls.

4. We can learn the lesson of *practical work*. The woman was constantly endeavoring to turn aside to questions of controversy and opinion. Christ kept in view her repentance. Wise evangelists have no time in a meeting for untaught things. Do not, fellow-workers, be switched off on any side-track. Let Christian science and spiritualism, etc., alone. A man ought to be filled with a burning desire to hide behind the cross, so that he can preach Christ's gospel so sweetly that men will be led to repentance and gloriously saved.

5. We have a hint here that a *changed life* is the best argument in favor of Christianity. Christianity attested by its fruits is unanswerable. A shrewd preacher was right when he said, "that the living Christian is the world's Bible." There are very many outside the church that never read or look at any other. The Master's own challenge is, "by their fruits ye shall know them." To be sure this was first said of religious teachers, but it is a general principle, and can be applied in a general way. People once disputed what Robert Fulton affirmed in regard to propelling vessels by steam, but nobody doubts now that a Cunarder can cross the Atlantic Ocean between Sundays. Men once laughed at Morse and Field as sanguine visionaries; no man laughs now at the sub-ocean cable. Lame men healed and abandoned women saved is the unanswerable argument for Christianity. True science judges causes by results. Common folk are moved by plain, practical arguments. No unbeliever can refute a cheerful, courageous, and consistent Christian life. No lie is of the truth. To-day the world's sorest need is not miracles but warm-hearted Christ-like men and women. "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testifies, he told me all things that ever I did."—*James Small, in Christian Standard.*

LIFE'S LITTLE DAYS.

One secret of a sweet and happy Christian life is learning to live by the day. It is the long stretches that tire us. We cannot carry the load until we are three score and ten. We cannot fight this battle continually for half a century. But really there are no long stretches. Life does not come to us all at one time; it comes only a day at a time. Even to-morrow is never ours until it becomes to-day, and we have nothing whatever to do with it but to pass down to it a fair and good inheritance in to-day's work well done and to-day's life well lived.

It is a blessed secret this, of living by the day. Anyone can carry his burden, however heavy, till nightfall. Anyone can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, purely, till the sun goes down. And this is all that life ever really means to us—just one little day. "Do to-day's duty; fight to-day's temptation, and do not weaken and distract yourself by looking forward to things you cannot see, and could not understand if you saw them." God gives us nights to shut down the curtain of darkness on our little days. We cannot see beyond. Short horizons make life easier, and give us one of the brave, true, holy living. Take this view of life and its affairs, dear Endeavorers, and it will help you to live. —*Young Folks.*

FAULT FINDING.

That is a very good story Aesop tells of the fault-finding man who carried a bag behind and one in front of him. The one was for his own faults and the other for those of his neighbors. You see, he could have them right before his eyes to turn over and incessantly talk about. Of course he did not see his.

Watch yourself and see how true this picture is to our perverted nature. If we have any faults or have made any mistakes, we cast them behind us and blind ourselves to them, or either belittle them in our own eyes or blame others for them.

Not so with the faults of others. We easily detect them, think about them to ourselves, talk about them to others, and criticise unsparingly if there happens to lurk a little pique, resentment or envy. We turn them over and over in glee, as a miser does his hoard. Thus we measure and are measured, for we become our own judges, in that we do the same things they do, but try to cover them up.

Let a man keep close watch of himself and he becomes less inclined to criticise. This he is very unwilling to do. And it is so hard to confess short-comings to oneself. But if he reasons a little, he will find he must yield to others what he asks for himself. He wants to be well thought of. He expects others to see his good qualities and overlook the bad; so he must allow the same. He must let love come in. "Do unto others as he wishes to be done by," and thus "love his neighbor as himself." —*James R. Kern in Leader.*

BIBLE STUDY.

As the Bible is to be our text-book for life, it is well to study it constantly. There should be as much variety in the study as possible, for a change of method gives us the truth in a different light. It is well to take a comprehensive view occasionally by reading complete books. Then the topical method is a fascinating study. Take one subject, as love, faith, temperance, blessing, joy, or any other, and see what the different

authors of the Bible have to say about it. Pick out your favorite chapters and mark them, and when you are very tired and discouraged read them for the comfort they give. The psalms are perhaps the best reading for a devotional hour, and the old prophets cannot be excelled if we are looking for lofty thought and expression. But however we may read the Bible, we are constantly finding new things and new meaning to the old things, for it is a book of the heart, and we translate it through the experience of our own inner life.—*Messenger.*

It is very common for private Christians to bemoan their want of influence, and to wish that their field of operations was larger. But it will, perhaps, appear at the last day that we have all had more influence than we can give a good account of; and that our evil has been, not the having too small a field, but the having failed to cultivate that which we had. It was the servant who was intrusted with one talent who hid his lord's money.

There is a tendency in us all to think we should do better somewhere else. Horace chastises this temper in his first satire. The old soldier, he says, looks with envy on the merchant. The sea-beaten merchant would rather be a soldier. The farmer admires the lot of the lawyer; the lawyer longs for a farm. I would that we who labor in connection with Sunday-schools could only be contented with the place assigned to us, and faithfully discharge our duty.

There are many advantages in having a small field, and one is, that it can be more thoroughly tilled. It is an observation of agriculturists that men grow poor upon large farms, and rich upon small ones. The reason is obvious—a small farm can be well worked. If all of this class, and of successive classes, shall grow up to be intelligent, instructed, active teachers of others, who in like manner shall instruct new generations of scholars, and all through your means, will you look back from heaven and consider your field as too small?

Cheer your mind by such anticipations aim high, and you will effect the more; and remember the scriptural principle, that God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that we, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.—*Millennial Harbinger.*

HOME MISSIONS TO THE FRONT.

OUR JUBILEE OFFERING.

The American Christian Missionary celebrates, this year, its Jubilee. This mother missionary society was organized in 1849 at Cincinnati, Ohio. Alexander Campbell was its first President.

Our Jubilee Convention will be held in Cincinnati in October next, when it is expected that ten thousand disciples will meet and plan and pray for the advancement of the kingdom of our dear Lord.

The American Society boasts of a fine record; she has organized more than 2,100 churches in this great land. Her missionaries have baptized more than 87,000 penitent believers. She has been a cherishing mother to all enterprises among us, both

state and national. This mother of missionary work is asking the churches to give 100,000 for home missions in this her Jubilee year. This we ought to do.

In view of the splendid record of the society for economy, for rich returns, for money spent and for the magnificent opportunities that are before us in America, we should help the Home Society reach this result. We urge and plead for home missions to the front in this Jubilee year.

Remember the offering for our Jubilee year is the offering for home missions to be taken the first Lord's day in May. Let every lover of our Lord do his full duty.

The foreign offering is now out of the way; let the live pastor begin early preparations; preach on the great theme of America for Christ; show the people how our great plea for New Testament Christianity wins such great victories in the ripe field of our own continent and let us send in the greatest offering we have ever taken for Missions.

HOW CAN YOU HELP HOME MISSIONS IN THIS JUBILEE YEAR?

1st. By becoming a Life Director or by the payment of \$100.00.

2nd. By becoming a Life Member by the payment of \$50.00.

3rd. By giving such sums as you can on the annuity plan, we paying interest on the amount during your life-time.

4th. By making a bequest to the American Christian Missionary Society to preach the gospel.

Our Home Board agrees to support a Home Missionary with the interest of \$5,000 given to our permanent fund.

Five hundred dollars (\$500) will plant a new church and insure its permanency.

Three hundred dollars (300) outside help, will keep a Home Missionary at work a whole year.

Our Home Board reported last year:—71 missionaries at work the whole or part of the time; aggregate amount of missionary work done last year, 54 years and 3 months; helped 377 places; organized 58 churches; baptized 3,886 persons; had 2,361 accessions otherwise; total additions last year, 6,247; have planned and assisted in building 28 houses of worship. "By their fruits shall ye know them."

We ask our friends everywhere to give Home Missions a helping hand in this our Jubilee year.

Why:—1st. To correct our previous neglect of this, the Mother Missionary Society. Home Missions and Foreign Missions are two wings of the bird, and should be made and kept equal.

2nd. America is the basis of supplies for all our aggressive work; all our advance work succeeds or fails directly in proportion as Home Missions is kept aggressive and successful.

3rd. America is the ripest Mission field in the world for our plea—for New Testament Christianity.

4th. Our Board is helping thirty State Boards in their missionary work, and will extend its help to others as rapidly as its increasing income will permit.

5th. By helping the Home Board we help the work of city evangelization, the greatest mission field in the world. We are helping in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Buffalo, New Orleans, Chicago and Halifax, N. S.; we are anxious to help in New York, Cleveland, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Louisville, San Francisco and twenty other of our large cities—help us help the cities.

The Missionary Baptist Church, North, celebrated its Jubilee in 1892. The denomination numbered 2,399,101 members. The Board asked for \$500,000 for Home Missions in the Jubilee year—the churches gave \$503,000. We number to-day a million members, and are asking \$100,000 for Home Missions. **BRETHREN, HELP US TO REACH IT THIS YEAR!**

C wondrous land, thine onward march sublime,
Has far outstripped the prophet's dreaming.
The miracle of all historic time,
Thy name and fame on all the world are beaming.

BENJ. L. SMITH, *Cor. Sec.*

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WHAT THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY ASKS.

1. That our claims to the first place among benevolences of the brotherhood be carefully considered. All our advance work succeeds in direct proportion as Home Mission work is made aggressive and successful.

2. We ask help this year to reach the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for our Jubilee year; to do this our offering must be doubled. But this is our Jubilee year, and it is the time to push Home Missions to the front.

3. We ask our brethren to hear the call of one hundred Macedonias, where fainting Disciples are needing organization and care, where a little help now will bridge the chasm between failure and success.

4. We ask the support of our brethren in the recent enlargement of the work. The acting board has voted to unite with thirty-two States and Territories in supporting mission work within their boundaries. We ask the churches to support us in this enlargement.

5. The Indianapolis convention united the collections for Home Missions and Negro Evangelization into one. The Negro work to receive twenty per cent. of the offering, and the home work eighty per cent. We ask our brethren to begin now to plan for the May offering, and see that this work is brought to its rightful place—the front of benevolent work.

6. We ask the attention of the brethren to city evangelization. The splendid results obtained in Chicago justify us in planning that this work be extended to other cities at once. As we hope to be strong in the centres of influence, we ask that this work be made prominent in our plans.

7. We ask that a hearty reception and support be given the Children's rally day for America. We provide a concert exercise free of charge. Our Board sends twenty per cent. of the receipts to the Board of Church Extension, and forty per cent. to the State Board of Missions of the State from whence it comes—thus helping all-around missions. Give the boys and girls an opportunity.

8. We ask the Christian Endeavor Societies, in connection with their "good citizenship" work, to remember Forefathers' Day; to give sympathetic attention to the work of home missions. America needs Christ for the solution of her problems, as Christ needs America for the conquest of the world. Let us help Christ to win America.

9. We have sent a missionary to Puerto Rico. He will soon need reinforcements,—we ask help to extend this work. We want to follow the flag with the simple gospel of the New Testament.

10. We ask our brethren to remember this work in their wills. The interest on five thousand dollars will keep a man preaching the gospel in home mission fields all the time after you are gone.

BENJ. L. SMITH, } *Cor.-Secs.*
C. C. SMITH

Home Missions to the front, is but another version of "Go preach the gospel," the parting message of Jesus to his disciples.

"You shall be witnesses in Judea, Samaria, the uttermost parts of the earth." America, America, the home of the effort to restore the primitive gospel in practice and power must first exert her force upon her home material. Then she may with propriety reach out to the regions beyond. America, as was once the land of Palestine, is the key to the world's redemption.

O Lord, forbid that thy disciples in America should become indifferent, like those of Palestine, and lose their right to hold the key. Rally, brethren, rally. \$100,000 and 100,000 converts in 1899 is but the minimum of what we are abundantly able to do.

Count on me for all that I am able to do.
A. J. CARRICK.

Kahoka, Mo.

Married.

LORD-WARD.—At the parsonage, Lord's Cove, N. B., by W. H. Harding, William M. Lord and Maggie M. Ward, both of Lambert's Cove, Deer Island, N. B.

PUBLICOVER-CLANCY.—At Beech Hill, N. S., February 28th, 1899, Sadie E. Clancy, daughter of Daniel Clancy, to Stange Publicover, of Liverpool, N. S., F. C. Ford officiating.

Died.

DAVIS.—At Summerville, N. S., on March 2nd, 1899, Stephen, oldest son of Brother and Sister Michael Davis, of cerebral meningitis, aged 15 years and 5 months. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.
F. C. FORD.

BOYER.—Died, at the home of his parents in San Francisco, Feb. 20th, 1899, Bro. Albert Boyer, aged 22 years and 8 months. The deceased was born on Prince Edward Island, Canada, and came to California some fourteen years ago with his family. The funeral services were conducted at the family residence, with a concluding service at the I. O. O. F. Crematory, by A. R. Hathaway, of Berkeley. A quartette from the West Side church furnished the music. The deceased was an earnest Christian and has gone to his rest. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord," for they shall be satisfied as they awaken in his likeness.—*Pacific Christian.*

PURVIS.—Mrs. Amy C. Purvis, of Nauwigeauk, N. B., departed this life March 2nd, at the age of 95 years. Her husband, Thomas Purvis, died twelve years ago. Sister Purvis was a daughter of Major Buloffson, one of the Loyalists. Her health was good until within a few days of her death and then she had only a slight cold. She died sitting in her arm-chair. A week before her death she read aloud to her grand-daughter, without glasses. She was very bright and active and retained all of her faculties until the end. She was a member of the Christian Church over forty years. She leaves four sons and one daughter: Ruloff and John Purvis, of Washington, Missouri, George Purvis of Iowa, Mrs. Agnes Lockwood, of Port Williams, N. S., and Robert Purvis, of Nauwigeauk, with whom she always lived. She also leaves sixteen grand children and seven great grand-children. "God gives his beloved sleep," and what a blessed, peaceful sleep, "from which none wakes to weep." When the morning of eternity shall dawn, and the touch of Divine power awake to immortality, then shall we meet again and join in the triumphant song. "O death where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory."

MURRAY.—In this city, March 1st, 1899, after a short and severe illness, the beloved wife of Bro. C. A. Murray, in the 40th year of her age. Sister Murray professed faith in her Saviour at the special meetings held in February, 1898, and was baptized by Bro. Stewart. She was of a kindly disposition, a faithful wife, and endeavored to adorn her Christian profession. She leaves one son and a kind and affectionate husband to mourn their loss.

There shall friends no more part,
Nor shall farewells be spoken;
There'll be balm for the heart,
That with anguish was broken.
From affliction set free,
And from God ne'er to sever;
We his glory shall see
And enjoy him forever.

W. A. B.

BARKER.—On Lord's day, March 19th, after a lingering illness of consumption, Sister Rachel Barker, beloved wife of H. W. Barker, in the 27th year of her age. Her last hours were peaceful, and she faced the dark valley without fear. Her faith was strong when she fell asleep in Jesus. The funeral services were in charge of Pastor Murray, assisted by Ministers Appel, Stevens, and Evangelist Whiston. Mr. Whiston told of her last hours and triumphant faith. She leaves a husband and one child, who have the sympathy of the Church.

Some day, some time our eyes shall see
The faces kept in memory;
Some day their hands shall clasp our hand,
Just over in the morning land.

W. A. B.

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