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ITEMS AND NEWS.

Our subscribers who are in arrears will confer a great favor by sending amounts this month.

Bro. E. C. Ford writes that he will spend a month or two evangelizing during the fall.

Bro. S. W. Leonard has entered Lexington Bible College to prepare himself to preach the gospel.

The news from the churches is more than encouraging. The New Brunswick churches are waking up.

For the very full and excellent report of our annual meeting we are indebted to Bro. Howard Murray.

Bro. William Murray is laboring with the Letete and Back Bay churches. He reports a good interest at both places.

E. B. Barnes has resigned the pastorate of the church at Bowmanville, Ontario, and has resumed studies in Lexington University, Ky.

The brethren in Hants County have done a wise thing in engaging Bro. Harding to preach for them. We may expect some good news from Hants County this year.

We wish to draw attention to the articles in the other columns of this page from the pen of Bro. Stewart. The articles are timely. What we need now is a "movement all along the line." Let us work and pray for it, and with God's help we will succeed.

About twenty-five members of the Coburg street church, St. John, who live at Silver Falls (about three miles from the city) have decided to organize and build a meeting house. At a meeting held on Wednesday evening, the 27th ult., a building committee was appointed with power to commence the work at once. Sister Lamont, who is teaching at this place, was chosen secretary, and is doing her utmost to assist these worthy brethren. Mr. Edward Shollington, who was present at the meeting and who was appointed on the building committee, kindly donated a lot of land. These brethren and sisters are an earnest band of workers and deserve the assistance of our brethren everywhere. Bro. Stewart and several of the St. John brethren were present at the meeting. Any of our brethren who can assist these good brethren can send to E. W. Stewart, Box 56, St. John, who will acknowledge receipt in THE CHRISTIAN.

Much has been said, good and bad, about the Disciples of Christ, but no one acquainted with the one grand idea that fills their minds

Our Plea. and has been the spring of their success in the United States can

call in question the uniqueness and importance of the work they have in hand and the consummation they desire to reach. Some may say, owing to lack of study or penetration that their plan is not feasible. Others may adduce different objections. But none can deny that it was the Disciples who sounded the call to the scattering hosts of God's children—"Back to Jerusalem." They it was who made the religious denominations, unwilling though they were, to recognize the sinfulness of the divided condition of Christendom. They it was who made the cry for Christian union popular—so popular that in every representative religious gathering the sentiment is received with approbation. And they it is who are leading the world to the one platform upon which alone union can be secured. They have not only pointed to the end to be attained, they have shown how to reach it, and they are treading along that way. Other bases of union have been presented, but some are aiming at appearance and not at vital union; the remainder are impracticable, or unscriptural. We alone stand untrammelled by creeds, confessions and dogmas forged in human minds. We alone appeal to the Bible for a warrant for everything we demand of a person who is desirous of becoming a Christian, and we alone place the Bible in his hand as his only rule of faith and practice. We call the world to Christ, not creeds, and creeds are crumbling as Christ is being exalted. He must be the centre around which all must rally. His name must be the one they will wear, for under no other can they combine. The simple conditions which He laid down, and upon compliance with which admission into His kingdom would be granted, must be the only ones demanded. Here we stand, not boastfully, but proudly. We call the world back to the old paths, we see the scouts that tell us they are coming, and we rejoice for the sake of Christ that all may yet be one in Him. Then the golden age shall have dawned and one church shall go out against the combined powers of sin, and Satan shall be defeated.

But what is the advantage of having such a plea if the world hears nothing about it? Are we to rejoice over the priceless jewel we

Our Field. possess and never let a ray be flashed upon others who could

appreciate it as well as ourselves? This cry for union is yet to sound round the world, and with it will go this scriptural plan. But when? While the field is the world, "our field," as here used, means the Maritime Provinces. With what effect has the simple gospel of Christ been preached here? In seventy or eighty years we would naturally expect that the little leaven of the early days would have spread till the whole mass would be influenced. Instead of this what do we find? With sorrow we confess that our influence has not been great, neither has our growth been large or rapid. It is as well to face the truth. In Nova Scotia we have fourteen churches. With the exception of the one in Halifax, not one of them is in a town of any considerable size. Some of them are small country

churches with small prospects of expansion. The towns have been neglected. Yarmouth, Pictou, Amherst, Truro and such places have been passed by. In each of these towns we should have a flourishing church. Many of the most populous districts in the counties are in almost total ignorance of the plea we are making. Into some of them our preachers have never gone, except it be to pass through. There is a field here for the most earnest evangelistic work; for calling men to Christ, not creeds. In New Brunswick the inlook is still worse; but the outlook, as in Nova Scotia, is encouraging. There are only five churches, and four of these are in one county. Two of them are comparatively large, the other two are small. Excepting the church in St. John, we have none in a town. In Fredericton we are not represented. The same is true of Moncton, Sussex, St. Stephen, St. Andrews, Woodstock and the towns on the North Shore. There are many country districts where we should be at work. Some are waiting for us to go in and possess the land. In Prince Edward Island we have eight churches; but, strange to say, there is none in Souris; there is none in the southern part of Kings County. In a dozen places where we ought to have strong churches, we are only slightly known. How is it that we have not done more to get our position before the thoughtful men and women of these provinces? Have we lost faith in our mission? Have we found out that the plan to bring God's children together is unscriptural, or that our hope is vain? Have we been altogether idle? We say no to each of these questions.

Our duty is to make our plea known in our field. This is our first work along missionary lines.

Other missionary work demands our attention and must receive its due share; but our first work is

Our Duty. here, and if this field is neglected there will be very few at home to advance the cause of Christ in other lands. What we are able to do there will depend upon what we accomplish here. The work abroad must largely be done by others. The success of the home work depends, humanly speaking, almost entirely upon us. If we fail in our duty at this point, the failure is complete. But we do not seek failure, we desire success. How are we to reach it? How are we to put a banner with no name on it but Christ's in such places as have been mentioned? Certainly not by following the plan upon which in the past we have proceeded. That has been tried and found wanting. Why it failed we need not stop to inquire. But fail it did, for the churches have not been planted. We must concentrate our energies; we must give definiteness to our purposes; and thus working together with one end in view we need fear no failure, but we can go and take town after town and district after district. Let the churches combine for the onset, let them move harmoniously. In union they will find their strength, and to thus plan for concerted work is the duty of the hour. The co-operative work in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, as carried on by the churches through their agents, the Mission Board, has in the last few years given evidence of what the churches are able to do if they but decide to give full moral and financial support to this work of the Lord. Then an evangelist could be employed to go from place to place, as Paul did in his day, establishing churches of Christ,

and he would receive his support as Paul did from the churches already established, and as Paul received his gifts through messengers appointed by the churches, *e. g.*, Epaphroditus and others, so the evangelist would be enabled to carry on his work in consequence of the contributions sent to him by the churches through the brethren whom they have selected for this purpose. It is to be hoped that all our churches will earnestly take hold of this work, that they will promptly and regularly send ample contributions to the mission fund, that with their money they will send their prayers and words of encouragement. Then they will be able to have an evangelist preaching the same gospel as Paul preaches as he goes from place to place. They will have the satisfaction of seeing the work in which they are all interested being prosecuted with vigor, and churches of Christ will spring up on every hand. As the churches increase the contributions will grow, and soon, instead of having our Paul working alone, we will have our Peters and Johns sharing the honors and the toils of preaching the gospel in the destitute places. Bro. Northcutt, with the energetic spirit of Paul and the loving heart of John, has shown us what can be done here. We have also seen our duty. Will we combine to support such a man as he—one who is faithful to God, honest with souls and true to himself?

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

Bro. Northcutt continued his meeting until Aug. 30th. Next day he went to the Annual Meeting. Bro. Stewart kept up the preaching during two week and two more came forward for baptism. On September 5th, Bro. Northcutt returned from Lord's Cove and preached his closing sermon on "He being dead yet speaketh," showing that our words, actions and influence continue forever. We all felt the truth of his remarks. We know his work has had a telling effect on the cause here, and although he is away much good fruit will be harvested from the seed sown by him.

Bro. Emory preached for us on the morning of September 10th. His remarks on the past and present state of the church were heartfelt and encouraging. At the close of the sermon three received the right hand of fellowship. On the 17th three more were added, making thirty-two in all since the meeting began. At our young people's meeting on the 26th two more made the good confession.

Sister Carrie Payson is visiting her relatives here. Bro. Conley and Sister L. Lambert of Deer Island were with us on Sunday, the 24th.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle have put a new carpet in the church which makes it better looking and more comfortable.

Sister Lamont has organized a large class at Silver Falls, who will study the "Life of Christ" under Prof. Harper of the Chicago University. The "Inductive Method" is very popular, over 20,000 are taking this course.

Our aged Bro. Lowe was buried on the 15th. He was one of our oldest members and until his health failed was always in his place at the Lord's table. Bro. and Sister C. H. Leonard's infant boy was laid away on the 17th. The families have our heartfelt sympathy in their hour of trial. May the Lord comfort and console them.

LORD'S COVE, N. B.

Our convention has come and gone, but not so with its effects. We had a grand meeting. There were present ten preachers, about fifty delegates, and probably not less than three hundred and fifty visiting brethren and friends.

The steamboat "Lubec" came down on Lord's day with about two hundred and fifty passengers

from Lubec and Eastport; and our house, although a large one, would not nearly accommodate the crowd that assembled Sunday afternoon and evening.

On account of there being no boat to St. John on Monday, the delegates remained over until Tuesday morning, when they were conveyed by a special boat to Eastport to connect with the boat for St. John.

Bro. Northcutt spoke for us Monday afternoon and evening. At the close of the evening service eight penitent believers confessed their faith in Christ and we immersed six of them the following evening—the other two going, one to Worcester and one to St. John for baptism. We were exceedingly sorry Bro. Northcutt could not remain longer with us, owing to previous engagements. On Monday evening Bro. Stewart of St. John came down to go back with the delegates, but we prevailed upon him to remain a few days and assist us; and at our Tuesday evening meeting four more made the good confession—one of them being an old man of sixty-seven years.

Four of those recently baptized are fathers who are probably above fifty years of age. These were immersed on Wednesday evening, and our meeting continued until Friday, when Bro. Stewart was obliged to leave us.

At our regular Lord's day evening meeting on September 10th, an intelligent young man responded to his Saviour's invitation, and on Monday afternoon as we led him up from the baptismal waters and extended the invitation to others to follow his noble example, his father came tremblingly but bravely forward and confessed his faith in a risen Redeemer, and was buried with his Lord in Christian baptism the same hour of the day. At our Wednesday evening prayer-meeting, September 13th, two more decided to consecrate their young lives to the Master's service, and on Thursday we buried them in the likeness of Christ's death that they might rise in the likeness of his glorious resurrection to walk in the new life.

Since my arrival here, June 1st, eighteen have confessed their faith in Christ, and I have immersed sixteen of this number, and we trust the end is not yet.

A deep interest is manifest now in all departments of Christian work.

The attendance at Sunday-school is about seventy; and many of the brethren tell me that prayer-meetings here were never more generally participated in than at present.

Sisters Lillie Lambert and Nellie Cook, with the aid of some other of our young lady members, have organized a Mission Band for the children. They have twenty-eight members to date and expect their membership to be greatly increased. The sisters have also an Auxiliary numbering thirty-one members which meets monthly, while the Band has its meetings fortnightly.

I spent Thursday evening of this week in the Leonardville prayer-meeting. There seems to be a good interest there now, though they are at present without a preacher. Their meeting-house has been undergoing some much needed repairs.

Bro. S. W. Leonard preached for us the last Lord's day in August to a large and appreciative audience. He has gone to Kentucky to spend a while in the College of the Bible. His brother Herbert goes to McGill University to pursue a medical course, I believe.

The result of the efforts of our Mission Board to secure a competent evangelist even for a short time must have been very gratifying to all true friends of the cause of Christ. Not only were forty precious souls led to surrender themselves to Christ under his powerful and beautiful presentation of God's truth, but we believe that much valuable seed was sown from which an abundant harvest may yet be reaped.

I expect to attend the Worcester Convention next month, which will be a rare treat for me, as I have not met with my New England brethren at an annual gathering for more than ten years.

R. E. STEVENS.

HALIFAX, N. S.

We had a short visit from Bro. H. T. Morrison of Iowa, who spoke for us two Lord's days. Our brother is a very able preacher of the Word. His discourses were fine and calculated to do good to all who heard them; those who sit under his teaching ought to become strong and well able to handle the Sword of the Spirit which is the word of God, for he understands how rightly to divide the Word of Truth.

We also had a call from Bro. W. H. Harding on Wednesday evening (at our prayer-meeting); he spoke unto us a few words of encouragement. One young lady came forward at the close and made the good confession and was baptized by Bro. H. T. Morrison on Lord's day evening. We are glad to have these brethren call on us in passing through our city.

We also had a visit from Bro. F. D. Boyd (colored missionary) who preached four discourses for us. He is a man of fine education, being thoroughly versed in the Scriptures and qualified to do a good work, not only among his own people but unto all who will hear him. He is a man of great knowledge and familiar with several languages.

HENRY CAUSON.

CORNWALLIS, N. S.

Several of my correspondents, as well as the manager of THE CHRISTIAN, have hinted to me in very plain words that my pen has been too long silent. In looking back over the columns of THE CHRISTIAN for the last few months I am almost persuaded to admit that somebody has neglected duty. But now that the weather is getting cool and the evenings longer, let us shake hands for a renewal of old acquaintance.

The coming CHRISTIAN will be so full of our grand annual that I need but write a few lines this month. Indeed I am so full of annual myself and so delighted with the results that it is hard for me to write or talk of anything else. Look at this meeting from whichever standpoint we may and the conclusion is that it was a grand meeting. The immediate influence upon the cause on Deer Island could not well be over-estimated. My soul is rejoicing over the success of the work in Lord's Cove. While much necessary preparatory work had been done, this grand meeting did much to help on to the glorious results which have gladdened all our hearts. Nor will Deer Island enjoy this blessing alone, for we are all the better for having been in such company and under such influences. We are returning to our homes stronger in faith and with greater courage to work than ever before. To my mind the inspiration we have all received will give the work in which we are engaged an impetus which will be felt by all the churches represented for time to come.

The very successful work of our evangelist, Bro. H. A. Northcutt, done under the direction of our home missions, and the very business-like management of the brethren who conduct this mission, cannot fail to inspire confidence both in the men who are managing this work and in the work itself as well. Right here I want to say to every reader of THE CHRISTIAN, let this be the most successful year's work we have yet seen. Let every church see to it that a collection is taken up for the support of our home mission at least once a month, and that we all take the May collection in aid of the general mission in America. By so doing we shall see a grander work done in these provinces than we have ever dared to hope.

Now, too, that the brethren are going to assist Halifax to keep a preacher there regularly, to the

amount of at least \$300, it becomes necessary for us all to do much more than we have, that besides this very important mission the other churches which are in so much need of help can be assisted to hold forth that gospel which we all profess to love.

But my letter hails from Cornwallis, and I have taken perhaps more space than I should to speak of our annual and the interest of the work in general. But being anxious, very anxious, that we shall all do something to forward this great work, is my apology for writing as I have.

Our work here in Cornwallis is moving along smoothly. Our meetings, particularly since the annual, are very well attended, and there is no abatement in interest. But we have lost so many by death and emigration that it makes the work somewhat discouraging.

Since coming here six years ago last May there have been added to this church upwards of forty by baptism, and in the same time we have lost by deaths and removals to other fields upwards of thirty of our members, and some of these were among our most useful workers. But we are glad to know that at least the greater part of these are making themselves useful where they are. The young people we have left are workers and enthusiastic.

This year we hope to do better work both for our local church and for the work in our provinces and abroad.

E. C. FORD.

Port Williams, Sept. 19, '93.

Correspondence.

SUMMERSIDE LETTER.

This is likely the last letter you will have from me under the above heading for some time. For three years I have been working for the Master on P. E. Island, confining my labors chiefly to Summerside, Tignish and Tryon. There have been eighty additions to the different churches as the immediate result of my work. I am not leaving this field because there is nothing to do, nor yet is it because I am not paid for my labor. There is a grand field here for an energetic man and the churches will support him well,—at least I know they have been very good to me. But I see an opening to enter a field where I think I can accomplish more for the Master. I hope soon to hear of some good man taking up the work here. I did not think that three years were long enough to cement such friendship together as I find exists when I come to say "good-bye" to those who have been my co-workers for that length of time. Yet I find it difficult to wear a smiling countenance and manifest a careless manner as I say "good-bye" to some who have been especially interested in our welfare. But duty impels me on, and so we obey its imperative command.

I spent Lord's day, August 27, with the church at Rivor John. I found a few faithful ones here still holding the fort. They have very little preaching, and their meetings are very small. It does seem too bad to see the oldest church in Nova Scotia dying. I believe there will be something done in Pictou yet! Perhaps when we get Halifax self-sustaining we will do something for this County.

I spent a day among the brethren at Shubenacadie and enjoyed it very much.

I spent a short time at Nine Mile River, where a new meeting-house is in course of erection. The few brethren here deserve great credit for their push and perseverance. When we get the idea that we are going to make a sacrifice for the good of others, then something is going to be done. How many churches meet in a shabby building without any effort to make it cosy or attractive;

and they have no money to paint or fix up the Lord's house, but they can paint and paper and carpet their own houses every year and never complain about the hard times. But I must go on.

Friday, September 1, found me in West Gore. I had not been here for over three years, and of course I found some changes. I found a hearty welcome everywhere and I received so many warm hand-shakes that I believe that all were glad to see me. But there was one hand that was ever ready to grasp the hand of the Christian that I did not feel. Bro. John B. Wallace is gone to his reward, and as I stood by his grave I thought of the many hours spent in his company. How unselfish he was! Yes, I missed the warm grasp of his hand, but I breathe a silent prayer as I write these lines that I may meet him again where partings are no more. Sister Wallace is lonely, but the comfort of a Divine promise causes her to look forward to happier times in the future than have ever been enjoyed below.

Sunday, September 3rd, was the great day of the Annual at Lord's Cove, and from what I learn they did have a grand time at that meeting. I am glad of it, and I would have liked to have been there, but as I could not be in two places at once I tried to make that day as much like an Annual as I could and the brethren at Rawdon and Newport and West Gore helped me all they could. We had two grand meetings at West Gore and one at Upper Rawdon that day. The weather was beautiful, the attendance grand, and the preaching—but I guess I had better not say what that was like. On Monday I went to Newport in company with Bro. Anthony. Tuesday night I preached in Newport and met a great many of my old friends. I have a high regard for these brethren, as they bore very patiently with my first efforts to preach. If ever I get so that I can preach extra well I want to preach here awhile to make up for what I didn't do.

From Newport I went to Halifax and spoke to the brethren on Wednesday evening. One young lady made the good confession at the close of this meeting. I am pleased with the prospects in Halifax, and hope that they will secure a good preacher and succeed in building up a good strong church. Speaking of Halifax reminds me of a question that came to my mind some time ago. A great many of our preachers are pleading for help for Halifax. Well, example is better than precept. Why not preach a few Sundays for nothing, and let that money go into the building fund.

My letter is long enough, but if I am spared I am going to have some more to say next month on missionary work.

W. H. HARDING.

JOHN A. HOUSTON.

John A. Houston died peacefully on the 22nd ult., at his home in Portland. He had been ill for a long time, but bore his severe sufferings with great patience, and with us all, hoped against hope that he would recover. But the Lord willed otherwise, and took His servant to Himself.

Bro. Houston was born in Milton, Nova Scotia, in 1824. He left home in early manhood and spent some time in the Maine woods as a lumberman. He afterwards went to Haverhill, Mass., and learned hatting, which trade he followed till 1869, when he was burned out, and being without insurance, lost all his property. With the faith and energy which always characterized him, he began once more to build up a business; first in the shoe trade, and then in his old one of hatting. In 1875, in partnership with Mr. P. Ayer, he removed to Portland and established there an extensive business, which last November was incorporated as the firm of Ayer, Houston & Co.

In 1854, he was married to Harriet A. Emerson, who proved a truly devoted companion, in full

sympathy with him on all the great questions of life, and who now survives him to feel the unutterable sorrow of loneliness and widowhood. By this marriage there were seven children, four sons and three daughters. Of these children, only three sons are now living, all disciples of Christ, and the two older ones quite prominent in work for the Master.

Bro. John A. Houston, himself, was a disciple indeed. He knew the truth, and the truth had made him free. He had early been taught to regard the Bible as the Word of God, and the gospel as the power of God unto salvation. But he made no public profession of religion till the summer of 1861. Then, on the 13th July, he and his wife seeing their duty clearly, were baptized at Worcester, Mass., by P. Blaisdell. After his return home to Haverhill, he began to break bread on the first day of the week in his own house, along with seven others who met with him for this purpose. They continued to do this for eight years, showing the Lord's death, and walking in other respects according to the apostolic rule. And from this rule our dear brother never swerved, but firmly resisted all the temptations incident to his prominent position, to compromise with the world for the sake of temporary success.

Bro. Houston believed the gospel with all his heart and sought to practice daily what he believed. In his family, in society, and in his business, the doctrine of Christ was always in his thought and conduct. When he found himself where not many were inclined to walk in the truth, he did not wait till a "church was organized," but broke bread with the few believers whom he could persuade to meet with him the first day of the week; and every morning and evening he maintained worship in his household, and sought to bring up his children aright; for with him the truth was not merely a theme for discussion or conversion, but the great rule of life. So when he located in Portland he did as he had done in Haverhill, and met with four disciples in his own house to show the Lord's death according to the commandment. This was the beginning of the Church of Christ in that city. Three years ago, the members built a meeting house on Congress Street, chiefly through Bro. Houston's liberality; and in his will he made provision for paying the debt still on the building. As long as he was able to go out he was always in his place on the first day of the week, and prompt in prayer and song, teaching and exhortation. He declined to be overseer, and cared not to exercise authority, but was always ready for any good work. And what he did was without ostentation, in accordance with the Saviour's precept in Matt. vi. 1-4. In all things he was decidedly a disciple of Christ.

But he has finished his course and now rests from his labors, awaiting the day of the Lord's coming and glory. The sympathies of friends and acquaintances are with his bereaved family, and are precious as far as they serve to lessen the weight of sorrow. But our deceased brother needs no earthly consolation. The Lord Himself has provided for him.—L. F. Bittle in Canadian Evangelist.

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EDITORIAL.

A JOYFUL MEETING.

Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord.
John xx. 20.

The Christian should be always able, with meekness and fear, to give a reason of his hope and a reason of his religious acts. The Seventh-day Adventists censure us "or meeting to worship on the first and not on the seventh day of the week. They say that Constantine and the Pope first changed the day of worship from the seventh to the first day, and that we have no higher authority for the change.

There is no account in the New Testament of Jesus or His disciples meeting for worship on the first day of the week *before His death*, but His custom was to meet on the seventh. (See Lu¹ iv. 16; Mark vi. 2). There is no account of Jesus or His disciples meeting on the seventh day of the week *after He rose from the dead*, but always on the first day of the week. (See John xx. 19, 26; Acts ii. 1 and xx. 7, etc., etc.) Jesus' death and resurrection made a wonderful change in religious matters and among them in the weekly worship. Old things had passed away and all things had become new. So it was Jesus and His disciples who first changed the worship from the seventh to the first day of the week and who kept it changed. The first day was first observed by Christ and His Disciples the very day He rose from the dead and brought life and immortality to light hundreds of years before Constantine and the Pope, and hence the absurdity of charging the latter with the change.

There is nothing in the seventh day of the week pointing to Jesus' death and His resurrection, but everything in the first day, as well as the example of the Lord and His inspired apostles. Those, therefore, who in the face of all this ignore the first day and contend for the seventh, declare by their actions, "We are Moses' disciples; we know that God spoke unto Moses," etc., etc. We will be guided by what God said to the fathers in times past by THE PROPHETS, but will not be guided by what He has in THESE LAST DAYS SPOKEN TO US BY HIS SON, whom He hath appointed heir of all things. (Heb. i. 1, 2). It is an old and a fatal mistake to belittle Christ on the plea of exalting Moses.

It was right for the disciples to meet on the first day of the week, for Jesus met with them and confirmed His previous promise, "Wherever two or three of you shall meet together in My name, there I am in the midst." In His name means by His authority, and whether He had told them before His death to meet on that day (which is highly probable) or not, He approved of it by meeting with them.

It proved to the disciples a joyful day and a glad meeting. Till then sorrow had filled their hearts. Every step in their experience since Jesus had broken to them the sad secret of His death seemed to bring them nearer its awful realization. Their shameful desertion of Him when falling into the hands of His enemies still intensified the bitterness of their grief. They had broken every pledge of fidelity to Him and all forsaken Him and fled. Now they could not get near Him. His enemies had Him, and they could only behold afar off how they treated Him. What would the disciples not have given for one hour of His private company to hear His sweet voice, confess their cowardice and implore His pardon, but they could not get near Him. Afar off they saw Him scourged, crowned with thorns, clothed in purple and mocked as Caesar's rival. They saw Him nailed to the cross between two thieves and heard His earnest prayer and apologies for His mocking murderers,

and they saw Him bow His head and die. To them all seemed to be over now, their hopes all fled. Who can describe or imagine their sorrow? But the ten were together and doors closed against the Jews who might assault them. Jesus stands in their midst saying, "Peace be unto you."

1st. The sight of Jesus was so unexpected. No testimony of others would be believed on that matter. Now they saw Him, the very same Jesus who was crucified. Here He was the conqueror of death. Enemies challenged Him to come down from the cross and shun such a death. Friends hoped he would do so. But He did not come down. He met death in its worst form and armed with all its power and conquered death, and He is here with His brethren, not ashamed of them. They were glad that He did so much more than to come down from the cross and escape from the last enemy.

2nd. His salutation made them glad. Not a word of upbraiding. He knew and pitied their weakness and had come to fulfil His rich promise, "My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you." Christ's peace is like no other. Sin is the cause of strife and war. Christ having made peace by the blood of His cross now meets his disciples to make it theirs, so that the peace of God might reign in their hearts, yes, that it might reign in their hearts by Christ, not only dwell in their hearts, but so dwell as to utilize and control every trouble and every emotion for their best interests and the glory of Christ. His death for our sins delivers his people from sin and all that sin can do.

3rd. The joy which Jesus gives is altogether different from what the world gives, it is *permanent*. He says: "Your joy no man taketh from you." Among earth's greatest joys is that of the married pair. It is innocent and for the present continuous, but it is marred by the thought of death and separation. Not so with Jesus' peace and joy. His bride has no alloy ahead. The union increases and grows until it reaches the joy unspeakable and full of glory. This made the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. No man could take from them their peace and joy. Persecution and tribulation only increased it; hence, when threatened and beaten for preaching the gospel, they departed, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for the name of Jesus.

4th. But the sight of Jesus was a pledge of their own resurrection. He became the first fruits of them that slept. "He is the wave offering of a certain harvest." When they saw their resurrected brother and heard his sweet assuring words of peace in glad anticipation, they would sing even on this side of the grave redemption's triumphant song. "Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

How all Christians should prize the Lord's day and the exalted privilege of meeting to remember His death and resurrection. Where would we sooner be than surrounding the Lord's table on the Lord's day when He comes to be glorified in His saints and admired in all them that believe? Then all His disciples will be glad to see the Lord.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THURSDAY.

August 31st—a beautiful day and a delightful time on the steamer "State of Maine," from St. John to Eastport. We landed at Eastport about twelve o'clock. At two o'clock we were aboard the little steamer for Lord's Cove, Deer Island. Bro. Stevens was on hand with pencil and paper, locating us for the annual. About fifty aboard he had to locate, and he was skilful enough to give every one of us splendid homes. Three o'clock we reached our destination—Lord's Cove, or the Cove

of the Lord's—among whom was James A. Lord, now settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, one of the most successful and efficient preachers in the United States. At four o'clock we attended our first meeting. First a song, then a few remarks by Sister Darst, of Boston, then a few short, earnest prayers and a scripture reading by Sister Flaglor. Then followed a grand talk by Sister Darst—on the work of missions. How inspiring it is to listen to one on the magnitude of this work who has the truth written in their soul! The lamp of light in our hand is good, but the day-star that shineth in our hearts is better.

At 7.30 the Annual Meeting of 1893 began, Bro. James E. Barnes in the chair. He gave us some very appropriate remarks relative to the blessings of Christian association. Bro. Stevens followed with a speech of welcome, bidding us all a hearty welcome to their homes and hearts. Bro. Ford replied by intensifying the worth of Christian fellowship that is such a blessed foretaste to our home above. Sister Gates offered a few words from a heart filled with devotion and love to God—a love made more sacred and dearer by the sad events of the past year. Bro. Emory spoke very tenderly and earnestly of the fellowship of the saints, and the changes, some that are bright and some that are dark, that are occurring from year to year. Bro. Cooke called our attention to some of the rich blessings God had granted to us during the year.

At eight o'clock Bro. Ford and Bro. Northcutt took the meeting. After the song, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," Bro. Ford read Matthew, seventeenth chapter, and offered prayer. Bro. Northcutt then discoursed to us from Matt. vii. 24, taking for his subject "On the Rock," or "Can God Save the Little Cabin." Although space will not allow even a synopsis of the discourse, we will be permitted to note a few of the thoughts presented. "There is but one way to heaven, but many ways to destruction. The way that one is saved is the way that every one must be saved." "We must build on the rock, and that means we must do what Christ commands, just because He has commanded it. The way our fathers did may or may not be right, but this should not be the reason for our action. We should do as Christ has said, because He said it. Too many are going the way their fathers and teachers went because of their faith and love in them, and not because of the sayings of Christ. . . . God does not ask us to do great things, but He does ask us to build on Christ by doing what He commands us. . . . We may not all be able to build houses equally as good, but we can all so build on the Rock that our house will stand. Our talents, our privileges and our environments may be different. The little cabin home may not have the ability or privilege to build the home that others may build, yet they can build as safely and as surely. We cannot, therefore, judge others, as we know not their circumstances. Could we know their conditions, we would have mercy and not be so harsh in our judgments. We must therefore learn to pity and not to blame. . . . The building must be done here. When the storms come we will have no time to build. . . . It is Christ that makes our building or character worthy. It is Christ in our baptism and Christ in our prayers and Christ in our life that make them effectual. Let Christ be in all our labors and in all our giving. Let Him be our all in all."

The discourse went home to all our hearts to remain there. We can never forget the earnest, tender, burning words of that discourse.

FRIDAY.

Prayer-meeting at nine o'clock, led by Bro. Emory. This was one of the most earnest meetings we ever enjoyed. Bros. Cooke, Ford, Devos, Leonard, Rowison, Dawson, Barnes, Sisters

Myrtle Freeman, Carrie Payson, Hattie Morrison, Susie Ford and Sister Flaglor and others were active in this meeting. It was soul reviving to see the spirit of devotion and consecration to the cause of Christ.

At ten o'clock the business meeting commenced with nearly a hundred persons present. Bro. Ford was selected chairman, with some remonstrance on his part, but with the unanimous consent of the meeting. Bro. Barnes, the secretary, then read the minutes of our last Annual Meeting, after which the reports of the churches were read. Eighteen churches reported, showing an increase of 120 additions during the year—quite an improvement on last year. Bro. Flaglor read the report of the Mission Board. As this report will be published in THE CHRISTIAN, we withhold our favorable and encouraging impressions. The report of THE CHRISTIAN was then read and the report of the Educational Fund. These will also appear in THE CHRISTIAN and will speak for themselves, and will make us all glad to know what a splendid work THE CHRISTIAN is doing among us. Our same Mission Board was re-appointed for another year. We were all so well satisfied with their work that none seemed willing to part with them. We were confident that none could be found who would do a better work or make fewer mistakes. The Educational Board was retained and advised to collect the money already donated for educational purposes.

The quarterlies were appointed as follows: In December at Summerville; in March at St. John, of course; in June at Port Williams. H. A. Devoe and H. Murray were appointed as a committee to locate the next Annual Meeting. A committee on resolutions was then appointed, which closed our ten o'clock meeting.

At 1.30 the committee met to formulate the resolutions. At two o'clock the meeting opened with prayer. A resolution was then read: "That all our churches in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick should take a collection at some appointed time in the year for the American Home Mission Board." This unites us to our American brethren and secures help more or less from them. The help already received from Bro. Northcutt, whose labors among us have been so very successful and satisfactory, have more than met our expectations. This union with our American brethren has been long hoped for and now we heartily rejoice in its consummation. After remarks from Bro. Northcutt and others respecting this union, the resolution passed by a unanimous standing vote. A resolution of respect was then passed for our Mission Board and for our chairman and secretary of the Annual Meeting. Then followed a resolution on obituaries. This resolution will also be published. We therefore reserve further remarks, more than to say that the absence of some who always attended our annuals and who were deeply interested in the cause of Christ was a very sad feature of our meeting.

The consideration of our Halifax mission was the next in order. Bro. Northcutt, Bro. Rowlison, Bro. Ford and Bro. H. Murray offered some remarks relative to the importance of this Mission and the need of a special effort to sustain the cause in that city. To neglect that field now would be not only a loss to what has already been accomplished there, but the loss of all hope of doing anything again in the future. A resolution was then passed to sustain the cause there, and provisions were made for sustaining a preacher there all the time.

After this meeting Sister Darat met the sisters in the old meeting-house. What she said remains for the sisters to tell; it is safe, however, to guess that she said many good things, and by what followed we guess she induced the sisters or organized for mission work.

At seven o'clock we had another grand prayer-

meeting, led by Bro. Cooke. Every moment was improved. At eight o'clock Bro. H. Murray made a few remarks on "Our Field," after which Bro. Northcutt gave us a discourse on "Our Plea" to a crowded house and deeply interested listeners. It was a splendid, dignified, brilliant presentation of the grand plea of the Disciples of Christ. It bears the palm of anything we have ever heard on that subject. It touched and moved the hearts of all lovers of God, and fastened on our very souls a determination that we would be more faithful in making known the gospel of our salvation. He spoke of the various movements that are now running in line with the great plea for Christian union that we have been agitating for three-quarters of a century, and that those who are not in sympathy with those forward movements of the present time are out of sympathy with the plea we are presenting to the world.

SATURDAY.

Prayer-meeting at ten o'clock. Every moment improved. "Something for Christ" was the prominent thought before the meeting. That to live for Christ was to live for others, and that those who were not seeking to save others could not be saved themselves. "To build a house for a dog was better than to dream of building a palace." etc., etc.

At eleven o'clock Bro. Devoe gave us an earnest talk on the parable of the "Great Feast," after which we repaired to the feast of the body.

At two o'clock the Woman's Foreign Mission Society met. Sister Carrie Payson was chosen president and Sister Flaglor, secretary. The rain prevented many from attending this meeting, nevertheless there were eighty-five present. Reports were read from seven auxiliaries. Sister Hattie Morrison, nee Clark, read a very interesting paper on the work of the children. This is the coming work and it is coming fast—the education of the young heads and hearts in the work of missions. Minnie Titus, Myrtle Freeman, Carrie Payson, Sister Carson and Sister Gates and others took an lively active interest in the meeting. Sister Susie Ford read a paper on the "Imperative Necessity of Foreign Missions." Sister Flaglor read a letter from Sister Rioch, of Japan. Sister Payson was elected president for the ensuing year; Sister Bertie Wallace, Sister Myrtle Freeman, of Milton, Sister Emma Christie, of St. John, and Sister Lena Leonard, of Leonardville, vice-presidents; Sister S. B. Ford, Port Williams, treasurer, and Sister Flaglor, of St. John, secretary. This meeting was a decided improvement on all former meetings. To see these young women of our churches taking such a deep interest and such an intelligent, comprehensive grasp of mission work is one of the most encouraging features of the cause of Christ and warrants the brightest hope of future success. What may we not expect, now that the young people of our churches are consecrating their lives to the service of God and are entering into the work with such commendable vigor and delight?

Bro. Northcutt gave a short address to the society, then a collection for foreign missions, and to our joy \$25.00 were taken.

At seven o'clock Bro. Devoe led another good prayer service. At eight o'clock we had a missionary meeting. Bro. Ford led this meeting. Bro. Flaglor gave us a statement of the mission work during the last three years—over eighteen hundred dollars raised and over one hundred additions. Bro. Cooke was the next speaker, then Bro. Emery, then a song, after which Bro. Rowlison made mention of the good work we were doing in furnishing so many Disciples for the United States. Bro. Stevens offered some remarks on systematic giving. Bro. William Murray sacrificed his speech to give others an opportunity to speak. Bro. Sylvester Leonard was not called out, the chairman not

knowing he was in the house. Bros. Devoe and H. Murray offered a few remarks. Bro. Northcutt followed with a soul inspiring talk and an appeal for a collection for home missions, and to our surprise \$60.00 was raised. This is the highest mark ever reached.

SUNDAY.

A beautiful morning. The sun never shone brighter, the air was never more bracing. All the elements seemed to conspire to make the day one of peace and joy. At 7.30 a large number met for prayer. Bro. William Murray opened the meeting. One good brother remarked "that this meeting took the lead." It was a soul-reviving feast and a foretaste of the heavenly feast.

At 10.30 Bro. Rowlison preached a most excellent sermon from the text "The world by wisdom know not God." We wish this sermon could be published. It is impossible to give within the limits of this report any just idea of the merits of this sermon. Suffice it to say, that all were highly pleased with the discourse and the man. The house was filled again at two o'clock, and not near all the people seated. Sister Hattie Morrison gave a "chalk talk" to the children. It was not only instructive to the children, but very instructive to us all. Bro. Northcutt then gave the children a talk and closed his talk with the following:

"Do all the good you can
To all the people you can,
In all the ways you can,
As long as ever you can."

At three o'clock the crowd became immense. The steamer from Lubec brought about 250, among whom were Bro. and Sister Minnick, and many other brothers and sisters from Lubec and Eastport; this gave a new impetus to the meeting. At three o'clock Bro. Northcutt addressed the people on the subject of the "Work of the Holy Spirit." He showed that the two theories—the word alone and the Spirit alone—were not only false but dangerous. He then very plainly and forcibly presented the truth, i. e., the word and the Spirit—the one made effectual by the other. After this discourse Bros. Barnes and Emery officiated at the Lord's table. Here we ate the bread of God and drank the royal wine of heaven. Here our souls and minds were carried back to the cross and forward to that glorious day when we shall see Him whom we love. After this meeting there was a dash and then a vanish. A few moments only and the friends who had come from Lubec and from all parts of the Island were provided with homes.

At eight o'clock Bro. Northcutt delivered another able and delightful discourse on the "Seed of the Kingdom." The sexton informed us that after all the seating and standing room were occupied in the house that hundreds were yet outside.

MONDAY.

Another perfect day. The morning, until dinner-time, was spent in walking and talking and viewing the hills and valleys of the Island. Sister Bertie Wallace met the children at nine o'clock and delighted them with a talk on how they could make themselves useful in the Sunday-school and in the mission work.

At three o'clock Bro. Northcutt preached again. At seven o'clock we had another praise and prayer-meeting. Here we received a new inspiration in the person of Bro. Stewart, who came in at the eleventh hour and got his penny. He gave us a good talk, and then Bro. Northcutt gave us a discourse on the "Fall of the Mighty and the Exalting of the Humble." It was a powerful and yet tender and heart-searching discourse. When the appeal was made to the unconverted our hearts were made glad in seeing eight precious souls respond to the invitation of the Gospel, five of whom

every heart will feel a thrill of sadness as they recall her life and work among us. This Society has lost in her a friend and supporter. May her holy example and faithful life stimulate us all to more activity in the cause so dear to her—the cause of our blessed Master.

Again we wish to thank the editor of THE CHRISTIAN for the assistance so kindly rendered. We feel that it has done very much in awakening and keeping alive the interest in our work.

The Secretary sent to the P. E. Island annual meeting a letter of greeting and of thanks for the assistance received from them. Also sent to O. C. W. B. M. a report of work done and moneys collected during the year.

We would here like to make an appeal to those who are not assisting, that they come up to the help of the Lord in this work. Your assistance is needed. The young sister who has offered to go as our missionary to India cannot be sent for want of money. Shall we not increase our offerings in the coming year so that we may have a part in the redemption of India as well as Japan?

When we think of the precious souls already won to Christ by the efforts of our dear Sister Riach, it must be a great source of joy to all to know that we have a part in the work she is doing; that through her we can lead souls to the Saviour even in far-off Japan. May we, dear sisters, be more and more filled with the spirit of the Master, that we may be better fitted for the great work he has given into our hands. May we realize as never before how high and holy is our calling—that of being laborers together with God—and may we each labor faithfully while the day lasts.

Home Mission Notes.

The prospects are that we are going to have a successful year's work done. A good annual meeting sends us home with our hearts burning within us as we talked over the Master's work in these provinces. Our hopes are brighter, our desires are stronger; let us now do more than we have ever done. We are trying to get an evangelist at once so that no time may be lost. We thank the brethren for electing us, and again pledge ourselves to do our very best in the interest of all concerned. We ask all to help us.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$692 60
Halifax—	
Per E. C. Rowilson,	10 00
Milton—	
Per Miss Freeman,	2 65
Sunday-school,	14 05
Total for year ending August 31, '93,	\$719 30

RECEIPTS—1893-4.

Cornwallis—	
Per Miss S. B. Ford,	\$ 3 50
Lord's Cove—	
J. Hooper,	50
Annual Meeting,	61 25
Per R. E. Stevens,	6 00
Tiverton—	
Per H. A. Devoo,	3 00
St. John—	
Y. P. Mission Band,	3 85
Milton—	
Per Miss A. A. Collie,	2 75
	\$80 85

J. S. FLAGLOR,
Secretary.

Post Office, St. John.

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

Dear Sisters,—Our annual meeting, with its happy associations, has come and gone once more. How truly "blessed is the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." We were made to realize this as, after the few days spent with our brethren and sisters, many of whom we had never met before, we felt at parting that we were separating from those who were more than friends.

We are glad to report that a deep interest in foreign missions was manifested from the first, the brethren, and especially Bro. Stevens, doing everything possible to assist us in carrying out our plans.

Sister Darst had come at the request of the C. W. B. M., and her address on the afternoon of our arrival was full of information regarding the origin and development of foreign missionary work. On the following afternoon our hearts were touched and our responsibility brought home to us in a peculiarly forcible manner as she talked to us of the sufferings and degradations of our sisters in heathen lands; and of the only antidote for these ills—the gospel of the Lord Jesus. How we felt, then, that no sacrifice would be too great to undergo that these might hear and live. May these thoughts stay with us through the coming year and may they bear fruit in consecrated effort.

Later in the afternoon Sister Darst gave a talk to the children, illustrating on the black-board. The little ones were delighted, and we believe that in many little hearts an interest was awakened that will continue to increase with the increasing years.

Our missionary meeting, which was held on Saturday afternoon, proved to be a very enjoyable one.

The reports from auxiliaries and bands were encouraging. The paper read by Miss Susie Ford, on foreign missions, and the one read by Mrs. D. Morrison, on children's work, were excellent. The time having arrived when a superintendent for this department was necessary, Mrs. Morrison was chosen to that position. Also it was decided to adopt a little girl in Japan, to be supported by the children of the Maritime Provinces; and we trust that every child will feel anxious to have a part in giving to this homeless little one a home and a Christian training, so that she can become a Christian helper. Surely a nobler work could not be undertaken by our children. Sister Riach will select the one whom she believes can be best trained for this work and have her in her home and under her care.

Sister Riach's letter, written to the sisters in convention, came as a loving message to all our hearts—calling us to more earnest, consecrated work for our Master. It was much enjoyed by all.

Bro. Northcutt's address, on "Woman and her Work for Christ," was a very pleasing feature of our meeting. Among the many encouraging and helpful things said by him was this: After speaking of Mary and the sympathy manifested by her in thus anointing Jesus, he said, "If our hearts are touched with sympathy for the souls of the perishing ones, they will find expression in deeds; they will find ways in which to help them. Mary honored Christ with her most costly possession. Are we thus honoring Him? Can it be truly said of us, 'She hath done what she could?'"

At the close of this meeting the sisters of Lord's Cove met and organized a society, the largest one we believe that has been organized in our churches, having now over thirty members. The sisters there have entered into this work so enthusiastically and gladly that we can hope much from them, and the example will, we are sure, be a stimulus to others.

On Monday morning the children again met and listened very eagerly to a talk from Sister Gatos, Sister Wallace, Sister Flaglor, and others. They were told of the decision to adopt the little girl; and when asked who wanted to help, about forty little hands were raised.

A mission band has since been organized, which will be reported.

Dear sisters, we have now an added responsibility by adopting the little child in Japan, which will call for increased effort on our part. May we, as we begin another year, begin it with a determination that during this year we will do more and better work for Christ. MRS. J. S. FLAGLOR, Secretary.

HALIFAX BUILDING FUND.

Previously acknowledged,	\$1,473 86
Wm. Gates, per J. S. Flaglor,	1 00
A Friend, Maitland, N. S.,	2 00
do. Lord's Cove,	5 00
do. do.	1 00
Mrs. Trecartin, Lord's Cove,	1 00
Sister Maria Gates, per Sister Wisdom,	1 00
	\$1,484 86

HENRY CARSON,

Halifax, N. S.

Treasurer.

Married.

DENTER-DICK.—In St. John, September 14, 1893, by Henry W. Stewart, Capt. Henry H. Dexter, of Cheverie, Hants Co., N. S., to Nellie B., eldest daughter of Capt. S. W. Dick, of St. John.

Died.

CROCKER.—Died, at Weston, Kings County, N. S., September 6th, 1893, Maria Crocker, relict of the late Adonijah Crocker, aged 85 years. Perhaps there are but few, if any, better known among the Disciples in this county, than our departed Sister Crocker. For nearly three score years she has been a faithful member of the Church of Christ, and an earnest defender of "the faith once for all delivered to the saints." She was never so happy as when either listening to the truth, or,—which she was well able to do,—when she was teaching it to others. Our sister was among the first to accept the primitive Gospel, as preached by the Disciples, and was baptized by Benj. Howard, who first presented our plea to the people of Kings County. This must have been nearly sixty years ago, and ever since then Sister Crocker has faithfully maintained the principles of the gospel as taught by the Word of God. This Word was her delight, and she made it her continual study, and was always ready to give to him that asked, a reason for the hope she had. Her home, too, was almost like a public house. The stranger always found a welcome there, and when she could enjoy the society of her brethren she was exceedingly happy. The writer of these lines has enjoyed the hospitality of her home many times, and for the want of a meeting house in which to preach, her home has been opened, and the people invited to hear the gospel. But this good sister has been called up higher, after a long and useful life. She leaves sons and daughters who mourn not as those who have no hope. "Precious in the sight of God is the death of his saints." It must be sweet thus, after a long life, filled with toil and sorrow, to lie down and die in the sure hope of a glorious immortality.—E. C. FORD.

WYAND.—On the 10th of September, at Cavandish Road, P. E. I., in her 25th year, Sister Maggie Wyand, after a sickness of more than a year's continuance which she bore with a cheerful resignation to divine will which astonished all who witnessed it. When quite young our sister gave her heart to the Saviour. Her life was pure and her death peaceful and happy. She waited patiently and anxiously to go home to be with Jesus. She was a member of the Church of Christ at Now Glasgow.—D. C.

SMALL.—At East Ferry, Digby County, N. S., September 19th, Suddenly, Mr. Henry B. Small, in the 67th year of his age. Bro. Small was baptized by Bro. Ford in 1880. He has been an invalid for the past eleven years, and now we trust has gone to be with Christ, which is far better. A widow and three sons are left behind to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father. H. A. D.

CAMPBELL.—Immediately on our return from New Brunswick, and in the absence of Bro. G. D. Weaver from Montague, we were called there to attend the funeral of "an old disciple," Mrs. Jane Campbell, relict of the late John Campbell, Esq., of Montague Bridge. Sister Campbell died at the home of John Beaton, (whose Christian wife is a grand daughter of the deceased) September 14, 1893, at the ripe age of 87 years. Very early in life she had become an obedient believer in the world's Redeemer, and, amid all the changing and trying scenes through which she passed in the life-long pilgrimage, she was ever true, faithful and cheerful, and while often extending a helping hand to a fellow traveller in life's pathway, she never forgot that "glory, honor and immortality" await those only, "who continue patiently in well-doing." So, her life was a blessing to those with whom she came in contact, the closing hours were marked by firm confidence and brilliant hope. She sleeps in Jesus. "Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep, from which none ever wako to weep." Seven of her fourteen children survive her. We have the pleasure of the acquaintance of some of them, and pray that they all may follow the mother, who, "through faith and patience inherits the promises."—O. B. E.

LEONARD.—Sadness has entered another home in St. John. On September 15, Roy, youngest son of Bro. C. H. Leonard and Sister George Leonard, passed away to the better land, aged nine months and eight days. It was hard for them to let him go, he was so bright, affectionate and promising; but He whose ways we cannot always trace, but who we know does all things well, took him away from the sorrows of earth to the joys of heaven. And in the home of the redeemed he waits the coming of those he loved and whose hearts went out in parental love to him; and he has formed a golden chain which draws heaven nearer to them. "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."—H. W. S.

LOWE.—A well known figure among the Disciples of Christ for half a century has been removed. In the gathering darkness of the evening of September 12, Bro. Benjamin Lowe passed away to the City of Light. For eighty-three years he was permitted to enjoy the sunshine of life or called to pass through its clouds. Born in Portsmouth, N. H., he came to this city in early manhood; and for fifty-five years he has resided here. During many of these years he was a deacon in the Duke Street Church. As a man he was kind, sympathetic, honest and undemonstrative. He quietly went about the duties of life serving his God and his fellowmen. He desired no enemies and made none. His name is honored by those who knew him best. In the family circle there is a great gap. Behind him he leaves his aged widow, with whom not long since he celebrated his golden wedding. One son and four daughters also survive him. They can all look back upon his well spent life and pray, "May my last days be like his." When able to be in his place in the Lord's house, you could always expect to find him there. He delighted to be with God's people and unite with them in praising their Father in heaven. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Lord, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."—H. W. S.

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