

The Christian Nations.

This is the title of an important work on missions, by Bishop J. M. Thoburn, D. D., the well-known missionary. It contains a series of missionary addresses delivered at Brynau university, and published by Hunt and Eaton. It is well adapted to students and students of missions, wherever it is read. In speaking of the Christian nations, the Bishop says:—

"There are ten hundred millions of human beings without Christ! The very thought of such a multitude of souls growing in darkness is overwhelming, and yet the mind fails to grasp the full import of the words. We cannot take in at a glance this vast multitude of Christian men and women; but we may possibly gain a clearer view of the almost endless throng by looking at them in detail. Let us, for instance, take up a position where all these millions can pass before us with military precision. Let them be formed in ranks, with thirty abreast, and let them march in rapid steps, so that thirty shall pass every second. I take out my watch, and note the ticking away of sixty seconds; eighteen hundred persons have passed. I stand at my post and watch the countless tread of the passing thousands. All the sun goes down, all midnight comes, till dawn and sunrise come again, and there is never a second's pause. Another day and another night go by, the day's lengthen into weeks, the weeks into months, and the months into years, but there is still no pause. Summer comes with its sunny days to find the long procession marching still. The flowers of summer give place to autumn's frost, and a little later the snow of winter is lying in the air; but morning, noon, and night we hear the awful tread of the passing multitude. Spring comes round again; a year has passed, and yet not for one moment has that procession ever paused. Will that awful footfall cease? Come on, we take a glance out to see how many yet remain, and find seventy-five million patiently waiting their turn! This is a faint attempt to grasp the meaning of our world, when we speak of ten hundred millions human beings."

The book has a chapter on missionary possibilities that should be read by every Christian.

Telegraphic and Fiction Quarterly Meeting.

The Quarterly Meeting of Colchester and Freetown Comrades was held at the New Anson church, Oct. 7. There were present, pastors Parker, Adams, Dimock, Layton and Spidell. The first session was devoted to prayer and an exposition on 1 Cor. 3, by pastor Adams. Brother Parker having arrived, and being chairman of the district, came forward and addressed the brethren and sisters of New Anson in a cheerful and encouraging manner. In the evening a large congregation assembled. First half hour was devoted to prayer, and then official fervent prayers were presented to the Father through Jesus Christ His Son. Pastor Spidell then preached from Isaiah 1:12. Tuesday morning came bright and clear. New Anson church was the scene of a stirring session, held on one of the peaks of the Cobequid Hills. At 9 o'clock the pastors assembled to talk over their work and make plans for the future. At 10 o'clock pastor Parker presided, and being chairman of the district, came forward and addressed the brethren and sisters of New Anson in a cheerful and encouraging manner. In the evening a large congregation assembled. First half hour was devoted to prayer, and then official fervent prayers were presented to the Father through Jesus Christ His Son. Pastor Spidell then preached from Isaiah 1:12. Tuesday morning came bright and clear. New Anson church was the scene of a stirring session, held on one of the peaks of the Cobequid Hills. At 9 o'clock the pastors assembled to talk over their work and make plans for the future. At 10 o'clock pastor Parker presided, and being chairman of the district, came forward and addressed the brethren and sisters of New Anson in a cheerful and encouraging manner. In the evening a large congregation assembled. First half hour was devoted to prayer, and then official fervent prayers were presented to the Father through Jesus Christ His Son. Pastor Spidell then preached from Isaiah 1:12.

Obituary.

The late Mrs. T. H. Porter, of Fredericton, N. B., was a daughter of the late Stephen Bataillon, of Sheffield, N. B., where she was born in 1838. In early life she gave her heart to Christ. In 1868 she gave her heart and hand in marriage to one of Christ's appointed servants, the late Rev. T. H. Porter, of the same place, for whom she proved a sympathetic helpmeet in labors, first in Sheffield, N. B., then in Sydney, C. B., and lastly in Fredericton, N. B., where in 1881 he laid down the toll of earth for the joys of heaven. Upon the decease of her husband Mrs. Porter was left with the care of a large family, most of whom were in tender years. During all the period of her widowhood, however, her sister, sustained by a lofty faith in God, bore bravely with a serene, cheerful, sunny spirit, and under the blessing of Providence had the joy of seeing her children, one by one, step into positions of trust and influence. Singularly fitted with the grace of meekness, she was a constant laborer in the cause of God, and of holy inspiration. To her children is their irreparable loss, deep and general sympathy is extended.

Next to her home, the removal of Mrs. Porter will be most keenly felt in the Fredericton church. "She loved much" and she was universally beloved. In the Sunday school, in the missionary society, in the sister's committee on church work, in visiting strangers and caring for the poor, and, in counseling and encouraging her pastor, she was abundant in labors, instant, in season and out of season. Mrs. Porter was also an active worker in the W. C. T. U., and by her co-laborers that noble society she was sincerely mourned. Of her it may be truly said—she served in her own generation the will of God and fell on sleep. Though our hearts are sore from the severing of ties that bound her to us, we are able to rejoice in the thought that to her meant gain, while for us is left the rich and inalienable legacy of her Christ-like life and influence.

J. D. F.

DEMONINATIONAL NEWS.

All money from Nova Scotia contributors for Demoninational Work, or any part of it, should be sent to the Rev. J. M. Thoburn, D. D., at the University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The Rev. J. M. Thoburn, D. D., is the author of the book "The Christian Nations," and is the only person to whom such contributions should be sent. The Rev. J. M. Thoburn, D. D., is the author of the book "The Christian Nations," and is the only person to whom such contributions should be sent.

SPRINGFIELD, ARKANSAS, CO., N. S.—We are thankful for every drop. It is about four months since we came to this field to labor for the Master. We are glad that we are able to give a good report of the land. The Lord is blessing our efforts. Six young converts have been added to the church through baptism and three by letters. The church is being renovated. Upwards of a thousand dollars is to be expended upon it. We expect to re-open it with a great sound of (gospel) trumpets on Nov. 11th. Oct. 14.

NEW GUNNARY, LUN. CO.—After more than five years of pleasant pastoral labor with this church I have felt it wise to make a change. Just before leaving the field to begin work with the New Glasgow church, the friends here came to the parsonage and gave us, besides many good wishes for future usefulness and happiness in our new church home, a substantial donation in the form of articles, for all of which we were very thankful. May the blessing of our Heavenly Father always be with this church, which ordained me to the Gospel ministry. G. P. RAYMOND.

WEST YARMOUTH, N. S.—The work is being pushed with much vigor here. Regular services only are being held; much interest has already been manifested. As a partial result six believers in Jesus Christ will go down into the baptismal waters to-morrow—one a convert from Romanism. As many more are on the way and will doubtless do so. The contentment indicated in a note or two hence. A strong committee are at work painting the exterior of our church edifice. The color is steel with white trimmings. The effect on the eye is very pleasing. The B. Y. F. U. are having great meetings. Believers will rely on an interest in your prayers. B. H. THOMAS.

BRIDPORT, N. S.—Since returning from vacation we have been hard at work trying to "catch up." We found everything all right, having left Bro. C. W. Lane at the helm during our absence. This young brother is quite a different man and has shown the good seed, which must be fruitful for God. He has returned to Acadia, followed by the prayers and practical sympathies of the church. During our vacation we had the privilege of dining, part of the time, under the ministry of Bro. Low, Wallace. Our young brother has a pleasing and forcible way of presenting the truth, and considering the condition in which he found the church, he has exercised a great deal of wisdom in selecting and emphasizing the truth. His mission for the summer was a success in every way and he cannot but feel encouraged with the results. We also rejoice with our young brother Newcomb, who has been so blessed of the Lord on the Kempt field. Bro. Newcomb is one of our own and his joy is ours. May the Lord bless these young men and raise up many more such as they. As to our own work and church we can say but little more than we are preparing for greater blessing. With a good staff of helpers, both old and young, we feel encouraged to attempt greater things for our Lord. We expect that, during our vacation, we have been able to do so again in the near future. Sabbath, 18th, we availed ourselves of an opportunity of going to Dalhousie West to visit the little church there. We found them standing firm. The score or more received into membership last spring are to be found in their places. There are some faithful men and women here. Bro. James Jackson takes the lead of the services at the Hill and Dee. Wm. McNeill at the Lake. The Master, we feel, will care for this little vineyard on the Mountain. Every two weeks some two or more of our helpers visit them and assist in Sabbath school and social services. We are assured that Christ has other sheep, here whom He will bring to some time can be found to do the work needed.

COUNTRY HARBOUR.—Perhaps some of us like to hear from this part of the Lord's vineyard on which I have had the privilege of laboring during my summer vacation. This field includes three churches, viz: Second St. Marys, Gosport, and Country Harbour. The Country Harbour church, which was organized some years ago, and is struggling along remarkably well. At present they have no house of worship. We held our preaching services in the Presbyterian house and our prayer meetings were held in the school house and dwelling houses. Two were added to the church by baptism. The ordinance was administered by Rev. A. Vincent, who on that morning forbore "contended for the faith once delivered unto the saints." Two more were received for baptism; but have not as yet been baptized. The church has some money in fund, and considerable signed for the purpose of building a house of worship. They intended to build this house this summer, but owing to the fact that they did not receive some support, which they say was promised to them. If they would build, and also on account of the depressing circumstances of affairs in general, they postponed the work until next spring. About an acre of land was donated to the church by E. R. Sweet. This land lies between the post road and a pond. Deacon L. Sweet told the surveyor to run the line to the pond, for said he, "we need a water privilege." At St. Marys and Gosport we had some good spiritual meetings, but none were added to the churches. When I left there they were at work painting their meeting house at Gosport. The people all over the field were very kind to me. I can say truly my lot was cast in pleasant places. They not only considered the laborer worthy of his hire, but they gave me many presents, the one most worthy of mention was an overcoat, a better cloth and far finer than the one I gave it. What a grand thing it would be for preachers and the whole world at large, if God's children would live near enough to Jesus to hear what He has to say unto us, and "Whatsoever he saith unto you do it." John 1:5. May the dear Lord bless these people abundantly and keep them "by His power through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." This is my humble prayer. ISAAC A. CORNBUTT.

ST. PETERS ROAD AND FAIRVIEW.—By request the Home Mission Board sent Rev. J. A. Marj, our energetic and faithful general missionary, to assist me in my larger field. We commenced special services the first of September, at St. Peters Road, my furthest away station being twenty-six miles from home. Here we have a small church of eighteen members. We labored for a fortnight. Every night large numbers came to hear the word and many were deeply interested in their souls' salvation. Two were enabled to take a stand on the Lord's side and to follow him in baptism. We trust that more were converted and that the truth found lodgment in other hearts and will bear fruit in days to come to the honor and glory of God. We then went to the Runcos Road, a station thirteen miles nearer home, where the Fairview church is located. About seventeen years ago Rev. D. G. McDonald, then pastor at Charlottetown, baptised the first one from this place to take a stand on the Lord's side. The church at that time seemed almost dead. This sister, Sarah McQuarrie, who is now lying on a sick bed in Charlottetown, is a source of comfort and strength to all who visit her, and who is constant in prayer for the position of the person in her sister's place. After being baptized in the city she went to her home to let her light shine. Soon after her brother and others were converted through the instrumentality of Bro. McDonald, and a church was formed. The church was much for the houses where it was received. There is still much to be accomplished. For the past four weeks we have been holding special services here and have enjoyed a refreshing season from the Lord. Many were attracted to the house of the Lord night after night to hear the Word. Backsliders have confessed their wanderings and come up with renewed earnestness to the work; lost souls have been brought to Christ in the service. The ordinance of baptism has been administered on the three last Sabbaths. Fifteen have put on Christ and been added to the church. Others will visit with us in the near future. Some who were brought to trust in Christ will unite with other churches. The interest in the truth is widening and deepening. To God be all the glory. The P. E. I. conference met with the Fairview church on Monday evening and Tuesday of last week, and a most interesting session was enjoyed. Fitting words were spoken by pastors Robinson, Price and Higgins concerning Acadia College, Home and Foreign Missions. This is the true spirit, first evangelists and then interest in the Lord's cause has been requested the H. M. Board to allow Bro. Marj to remain on the island for a few months longer. We expect him to assist us in Covenand next week. Brethren pray for us. J. C. BRUCE. Covenand, Oct. 16, '95.

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NOTICE.

The next session of the Digby County Quarterly meeting will be held with the Centralville Baptist church, October 30. The County B. Y. F. U. meeting on the 29th, at the same place. See notices in B. Y. F. U. column. Will all who are interested, or who ought to be interested in the work of the country, please put forth an effort to be present.

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