

through his sacrifice and indomitable perseverance that Brockton has its house of worship.

The undersigned delivered several addresses at the Provincial C. E. Convention at Bedeque. He was honored with the presidency for the ensuing year. Assisted Bro. Simpson in a short meeting at Southport immediately following Association. Several were baptized. Hope to assist soon in meetings at Summerside and Murray Harbor.

R. F. WHISTON.

#### RAT PORTAGE AND WINNIPEG.

I left the Sultana Mine the end of April. My last talk to the men was on "What must I do to be saved?" We did not have any confessions at our services, but I believe our labors were not in vain. Benj. Cook, Sr., formerly a Baptist, and his son, a good musician, continues the work.

I had the pleasure of meeting with the Rat Portage Church several times just before coming to Winnipeg. The brethren speak very highly of the preaching of Bro. M. P. Hayden, who delivered a series of evangelistic sermons there during April. He did good educational work, although there were no additions. I have received word lately that the work is prospering in Rat Portage and that there have been three additional recently.

Largely through the efforts of Bro. G. H. Miller, known to the St. John members, the disciples in Winnipeg have made a start. They meet once a fortnight. Soon we hope to meet every Lord's day. The members are deferring action in this matter until the return of Bro. Graham, American Consul, to city. When we meet regularly, I hope we will be able to find more disciples through advertisement. We now know of about seventeen. There are probably more in this city of 50,000. The disciples of this city and Canada have missed golden opportunities by neglecting the work here in the past. It is to be hoped that we will obtain, without further delay, a foothold in this the most prosperous city of Canada west of Ontario. It is imperative that the cause for which we are contending should be established here now. I do not expect to be here long but hope to do something in the work before I leave. We have an intelligent lot of members to start with. Bro. Miller, who is out of the city most of the time, is a most earnest worker. Bro. Hayden, whom I have met lately, says he will do what he can for us. As Bro. Hayden is an able preacher this means a great deal.

Since coming here I have been meeting with a body of people who take only the names Christian and disciple, are members simply of the Church of Christ and believe just as we do on first principles. They teach entire sanctification and faith-healing, however. These good people welcome me heartily and give me perfect freedom in speech. They discuss religious questions with a fairness that shows they possess the liberty which honest followers of Christ ever possess.

O. B. STOCKFORD.

#### PICTOU, N. S.

Your last issue was decidedly the best yet, according to Pictou judgment, it was so full of information and suggestion. We also enjoyed A. N. Simpson's letter in a former issue, advocating more independence in our Canadian work. We have been creeping along, holding on to the "American Board" long enough. It is time now for us to be weaned and walk alone.

Since the last CHRISTIAN came out, the writer has visited River John and made arrangements for weekly preaching every Thursday night. The people at River John are very generous hearted and seem anxious to have preaching, if it is practicable, and of course it is always in order to preach Christ "to those who are in River John also." Although I only asked them to pay my fare, they have already given me enough to pay several fares in advance. There have been no collections, but personal offerings from different people. In Pictou,

however, we are so "progressive" that we take collections every preaching service.

It is almost impossible to give an accurate description of the state of affairs in River John. There is, however, more material with which to organize than we had in the beginning here in Pictou. In addition, there is a comfortable church home free of debt, and an evident need in the village of the primitive faith and works.

Since the beginning of the month, we have had two confessions and one baptism. One young woman made the confession last night at our regular service, and will be immersed Wednesday night, nothing preventing.

We are glad to hear of the approaching dedication in St. John, and regret very much that we will have no representative on that occasion. May the Lord continue to bless the faithful labor of Bro. Appel.

#### Home Missions.

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## \$1,500 for Home Missions! 500 Souls for Christ!

The offering on the first Lord's day in August, for Home Missions, please bear in mind. Let us hear from every church in both provinces.

It was stated in the last CHRISTIAN that not one-sixth of the pledges made last year at the Annual meeting in St. John had been paid. Less than a month remains to have these pledges paid. Our books will close about the 20th so as to have the reports ready to be presented at the Annual meeting. We hope all those who made pledges will send them before that time. The Board was in debt last year and the year before; and my brethren, I beg of you, do not let it be in debt this year.

We have a good evangelist in the field. Give him a hearty support. He has just held a meeting in Halifax which began on the 17th of June and closed on the 11th July with four confessions.

After the meeting closed at Halifax he began a meeting with the Church at West Gore, N. S., which continued for nine days with four additions—young men. Owing to the busy season of the year it was deemed advisable not to continue the meeting.

Evangelist Martin preached the dedication sermon of the Douglas Avenue Christian Church, which was opened on Lord's day, 29th, and preached every evening the following week.

Any of our churches desiring Evangelist Martin to hold a meeting for them would do well to correspond with the Secretary of the Home Mission Board immediately, as his time is limited.

Good news comes from the Church at South Range. Bro. H. A. Devoe writes, "At one of our regular services, Lord's day, 29th, we had five confessions."

#### RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged.	....	\$428 10
River John,—A Helper,	....	2 00
Indian Island—Miss H. Chaffery,	....	50
Sandy Cove—Margaret Eldridge,	....	5 00
St. John—P. McIntyre, balance pledge,	....	3 00
" Coburg Street, Mission Band,	....	2 70
" J. C. B. Appel, pledge at annual,	....	50 00
Westport, N. S., Miss Isma D. Hicks.	....	2 10
Halifax, N. S., Evangelist Martin,	....	12 85
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Boston, Mass., G. D. Edwards,	....	1 00

West Gore, Evangelist Martin,	....	21 00
Westport, Mrs Chas. McDormand,	....	4 50
South Range, H. A. Devoe,	....	5 00

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W. A. BARNES, Secretary.

#### GLEANINGS FROM THE HOME MISSION NUMBER.

Since 1884 nearly \$10,000 have been raised and expended in these provinces for Home work.—W. H. Harding.

It is a wise husbandman who before he ports with his harvest retains enough of what he has gathered to sow his own fields.—R. Bentley Ray.

Let us attempt greater things in Home Missions, and God will do still greater things for us on earth, and at heaven's portal say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—H. A. Devoe.

We want to agitate this question of Home Missions, and educate the people to the great need of supporting the gospel in our home land. "Jerusalem first, then Judea, then the uttermost parts of the earth."—A. V. Simpson.

The work of Missions must be woven into our faith and practice, if not, our religion would be in vain, and useless as faith without charity—"as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal."—H. Murray.

We ought this very day to have a missionary at Sydney, C. B. Already three of our congregation have moved there and also a number from the States.—W. H. Allen.

If we will succeed in permanent evangelistic work in our provinces, it will not be by contributing a dollar and trotting around after it all the year to see what it is going to accomplish. We must "cast our bread upon the waters."—R. E. Stevens.

In our own Provinces a great work may be done, for the "fields are white with harvest" (John iv. 35) Shall we aid in the good work and "lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven."—Foster G. Calder.

—W. A. B.

The attention of the subscribers of THE CHRISTIAN is directed to the fact that the financial manager is in need of funds to meet the expense of publishing and mailing. It should also be remembered that after paying all expenses, the balance is divided between the three Provinces for Home Mission work. This call is most urgent, as we have an evangelist in the field now, who has already done a good work. A greater responsibility is laid upon our Home Mission Board which you can help them to carry by attending to this matter.

Bro. H. T. Morrison, who has been spending two and a-half months in evangelistic work in Ontario, is now having a well-earned rest in Truro, N. S. After spending two or three weeks there, he is desirous of holding meetings with any of our churches in the Maritime Provinces who would like to have him do so. Bro. Morrison makes no charge for his services, but will leave that matter with the churches to do as they think best. He needs no recommendation from us, and any of our churches securing him for a meeting will make no mistake. He is a native of P. E. Island.