

have been near the kingdom for years, coming into the church, raising their voices in praise to Him who had spared them and saved them. At once they began earnestly to use their influence to save others, whom we hope to see coming into the fold of Christ. Bro. Allan's singing was a great help to the meeting. He became so popular that a meeting without his aid will not be complete. Again it has been proved that the home preacher can hold a successful meeting. We trust that our preaching brethren will take courage by this meeting and not wait for help, but work hard, and the Lord will give the increase. Also, to our churches we would say, stand by your preacher—hold up his hands—keep his salary paid up. Do not say or do anything to discourage him. Give him a cheering word—show that you are with him, heart and soul, for the salvation of others. Preachers and churches acting in this way, can have as grand a meeting as we have just held.

## LETETE, N. B.

Since Bro. Blenus left here, two more have taken their places in the church.

The Friday night prayer-meeting has had regular and good attendance.

The Lord's day service has been a source of great strength to us.

The Sunday-school has increased its numbers to fifty, who study the word of God and sing His praises. Bro. Blenus is trying to get us a preacher who will stay permanently.

We are praying for another visit from Bro. Blenus and are willing to help in every way.

W. R. WENTWORTH.

## LORD'S COVE, N. B.

Bro. Blenus is with us again, and the good work continues. Up to the 28th. we have had six confessions.

## HALIFAX, N. S.

A great many of our members have been sick here during the past month, but this glorious spring weather is setting them all right again.

We are sorry to lose from our number Brother Charles Carrington and his mother, who have been very faithful workers. They go to Bedford for the summer. We hope to have them with us for the annual. Sister Walker, one of our new members, starts on a three months' trip to England, her early home, this week.

Brother Morrison was a pleasant addition to our audience, April 21st; also Bro. George Wallace from Upper Rawdon.

W. F. SHAW.

## CORNWALLIS, N. S.

I had hoped to speak this month to my brethren, particularly to my brethren in Nova Scotia, concerning our Home Mission; but the serious sickness and death of my dear brother, A. G. Ford, has taken so much of my attention, that what I would say on this subject must be left for a later date. I am now in Milton, trying to comfort this afflicted family, and to attend the funeral of this one who was so dear to us all. Had my brother lived till May he would have been 51 years old, and is thus called home in the prime of life. But he has left to his friends the comforting legacy of an honorable Christian life, and to the world a Christianly trained family, than which I know of no richer blessing to leave for the comfort of our friends, and for the good of humanity.

My brother has been sick for a few years, but with a Christian courage that has almost surprised his friends; he was found at his work up to within a few hours of his death, and then passed away without a struggle, just as the Lord's day morning sun had risen to drive the darkness of the night away; so has the Sun of righteousness arisen to drive away those dark clouds that sometimes come over our pathway, by the light of which we can look beyond the dark grave, and toward, and even into that home where "God shall wipe away all tears, and where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Blessed assurance! What is there so comforting as this.

But I must not say more. My heart is full; for I loved this brother most dearly, and his death is a sad loss to us all. But to his dear wife and children whom he loved so tenderly, the loss cannot be expressed. Many of the readers knew Bro. "Ad," as he was called by his friends, and will offer a heartfelt prayer to kind heaven on behalf of the dear ones he has left to mourn the loss of a tender-hearted Christian husband and father, that the God of all grace may comfort and strengthen them in this the hour of sore trouble.

I received the circular sent out by Bro. Flaglor, and read it before my congregation last Lord's day, and at the same time made an appeal for a liberal collection the first Lord's day in May. What a grand thing it would be if every church in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick would take this collection. This circular of Bro. Flaglor's has already said some of the things I had it on my mind to say. But to this I want to urge the necessity of doing much more than we have been doing to aid our Home Mission work. Don't, brethren, fail us now, when the work is so promising.

One confession at Cornwallis this month. We are hopeful that others will be found in the path of duty.

E. C. FORD.

Milton, April 23, 1895.

## WESTPORT, N. S.

We have nothing of a discouraging nature to report. We have had some very happy seasons during the winter months, and still our meetings are encouraging. Our Sunday-school is in a prosperous condition under the proficient leadership of Bro. Thomas Hicks. We have introduced the late Standard S. S. Hymnal for the use of the school and find it just what is needed. Bro. E. C. Bowers left on the 12th for the seat of government, Ottawa, we shall miss him very much as he is an untiring worker in Sunday-school, and always ready to sustain the right. We had a very happy and interesting evening on the 20th of March. It was our annual donation. The evening was all that could be desired, and the good will and charitable disposition of the brethren and friends were clearly demonstrated by that which they left in our *pantry, purse and pans*. There were seventy-eight persons present besides the household and we enjoyed the evening immensely. We were so happy to have our well known and much esteemed Bro. Daniel McLean and his daughter Laura. We always greet them with joy for they always scatter the sunshine in the path of life. Bro. McLean and daughter are well known in these parts, and it is a valuable contribution to your acquaintance to know them. We enjoyed the evening very much and this is expressing it mildly. Miss Hattie Powell and Sister Laura McLean presided at the organ at intervals through the evening, and the entertainment was grand. After the evening had passed and all faces seemed to indicate that they were satisfied they went to their homes leaving many tokens of Christian esteem. We were also highly favored with the company of Mr. and Mrs. James Strickland. Bro. Strickland has been a great source of strength to us our meetings through the past year, he is a man of sterling quality and a whole soul Christian brother. They are a happy, genial couple, beloved and highly esteemed in the community. Our receipts in all were \$50 00 in cash and other useful articles. God bless the kind hearted friends.

H. E. COOKE.

## TIVERTON, N. S.

We are without a preacher at present. Bro. Devoc has again resigned, and this time would not take no for an answer, but insisted that we accept. While we feel sorry to let our brother go, we do not blame him for his decision.

Bro. Devoc has been our pastor for seven and a half years; during which long period we have worked together as pastor and people, with great harmony and much success.

We have proved our Bro. Devoc to be a self-sacrificing servant of the Master, and an indefatigable worker for his cause. As a preacher—"A workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." As a brother in Christ and friend to all, we have proved him to be true and faithful, and take pleasure in commanding him to all who love the Lord, and wish his every success that God can bestow, as he may labor in any field where called to spend the golden moments that may yet be allotted him here on the shores of time.

THOMAS OSSINGER, } Elders  
GEORGE COSSABOOM, }

## CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

It has been some time since the readers of THE CHRISTIAN have heard from the Charlottetown church. Our not having written does not say we do not exist. We admit we ought to make ourselves known more; indeed we will try to hereafter. But we have a busy little world over here, of our own, and the people and preacher are very busy, in trying to make it a shining world for Christ. In our little sphere we have gathered fourteen strangers, who are now enlisted in the Lord's service. We have gathered nearly twenty into the C. E. Society since January 1st. We are, also, all interested in missions, for we sent \$30.00 to A. McLean as March collection for foreign missions. Our Sunday-school sent \$7 00 to Bro. Stewart, for Miss Riach. We believe that by helping others we can the better help ourselves.

We think that when the brethren from far and near are gathered at the association on July 14th, they will find the spirituality of the church at high tide. Yes, the tide will overflow on that day, and the brethren will receive a hot welcome to the association. Pres. Zollars of Hiram College will fill us all with a new hope, and give us a higher aspiration.

Brethren, let us hope and pray that this present year may be one of the most fruitful years that the Christian churches on the Island have ever experienced. God is ready if we are willing to do. With the words of Paul, let us do, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth to those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*"—Phil 3: 13-14.

U. G. MULLER

## MONTAGUE, P. E. I.

TO THE CHRISTIAN,—I have some what against thee. In the last issue I read that "Bro. R. E. Stevenson is permanently located at Montague, P. E. Island." Now Bro. R. E. Stevenson is a very successful teacher in New Glasgow, and is not located in Montague. My initials are "R. W." and I am not permanently located here. No arrangements have been made for any time beyond the month of June. It is now nearly five months since I came to the Island. I am some what of an invalid at present but improving and hope ere long to be entirely recovered from my sickness and restored to my usual strength and activity. I have preached every Sunday since I came to Montague. We have been here since the first of February. The attendance at the regular services has been excellent, when the weather was at all favorable. Yesterday (April 7th) the house was filled. We had two confessions in the morning—a young man and a young woman who will be baptized next Lord's day evening. The church has put in a baptistry with all the modern appliances. We can now hold meetings any time of the year and especially during the winter, when people have more time to attend such services. I think many of our churches have lost opportunities to do good and extend the kingdom by not being thoroughly equipped for the work.

R. W. STEVENSON.