

more workers, but let each one of us do the best we can to raise the \$1500 and win the 500 souls. I for one will not be behind, as I hope to show before the Mayflowers are in blossom.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year,  
I am, as ever,  
Yours in the Master's work,  
W. H. HARDING.

SOUTH LUBEC, ME.

As most of you know, I have been what is called an itinerant preacher for the last six months, and that in a land where our churches are so "eager" for preachers. But for once the churches in the Maritime Provinces were all cared for, so that it was necessary for me to look to the "land of the free and the home of the brave" for a field to work in. I am glad to know that the old cry for more preachers in the provinces is a thing of the past, and that all our churches are now so well looked after.

The writer spent nearly three months on Prince Edward Island, and was at East Point for nine weeks. I enjoyed my stay with the kind friends there very much.

It was my privilege to spend a week at the home of Bro. and Sister Crawford. Only those who have been at their home will know what that means. While there I met my classmate, A. N. Simpson, and from all appearances he is doing well in more ways than one.

I filled Bro. Minnick's appointments for him in Lubec, Dec. 10th, who at the time was in Lexington with Bro. George Edgecombe. A gloom was cast over Lubec by the death of this promising young man.

Am just getting settled in my new fields, North Lubec and South Lubec, and I trust that God's blessing will attend my work here.  
F. C. FORD.

Dec. 20, 1899.

RAINY RIVER DISTRICT, ONT.

Since my last report the Ontario and American Mission Boards have greatly aided the work in Rat Portage in a financial way. The prospect of having a minister steadily in this town is good.

Joseph Kesvil, one of our Colony brethren, was employed last August to take up the work in Rat Portage. He is a young man, a good speaker and a judicious earnest worker. The audiences are slowly increasing in numbers. While there is some difficult work ahead, yet the prospects are bright.

We have quite a strong church at the Colony. It has about thirty members, a Lord's day school and a mission in the neighboring township of Carpenter. With the intelligent and zealous workers they possess we may look for good evangelistic work in that portion of the district.

O. B. STOCKFORD.

When you send your renewal subscription this month, send the name of a new subscriber with it.

ILLINOIS-CANADIAN NOTES.

Bro. George D. Weaver is giving great satisfaction in his work at Putnam, Illinois. One of the best church-workers there writes of him. "He preaches better every Sunday. He is a great student and it tells in his preaching. The people are in for hiring him again and are at the main point now. Every body loves him, and it would be a great calamity for this church to lose him now. The work is building up grandly, and the spirituality is increasing fast. A large number would unite with the church if we were to hold a meeting soon." This speaks well for a wealthy church, to grow in spirituality. Putnam has a number of men who possess from \$25,000 to \$100,000 worth of property each. Spirituality will mean the consecration of a good portion of this treasure to the Lord's work. We congratulate Bro. Weaver in his successful work and the happy prospect. The Walnut congregation was glad to have Bro. Weaver and his excellent wife with them in the regular Lord's day service, November 12.

Bro. E. B. Barnes, of Normal, Illinois, has just closed a successful meeting with more than twenty added to the church. He is counted one of the most successful young pastors of Illinois.

Bro. Baker, of Colfax, has captured the hearts of his people and of the preaching fraternity by his spiritual work.

Bro. M. B. Ryan has been styled "the Eagle in his Erie," and the brethren in Pennsylvania seem to recognize his foresight and wisely directed labors in bringing the cause in that state so rapidly to the front.

All the Canadians seem to be making an enviable record, it will thus be seen, except me. Even Bro. Lord is adding to his marvellous record by buttoning 50,000 of the brethren to the Standard at one dollar each; and Bro. McLean is calling for \$200,000 as confidently and vigorously as if the call for \$150,000 had not impaired his voice in the least. These Canadians beat all! S.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE MAIN ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The exterior of the building is nearly completed and the interior work is advancing rapidly. This means constant and larger calls upon the treasurer. At the present time there is about \$25.00 remaining in the building fund while the present liability (for material and lumber already in the building) amount to something over \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars.) We make this statement in order that the friends of the work may understand that aid is needed now. That liberal aid is needed now. That liberal aid from all is needed now.

If this amount is received promptly the work can be pushed ahead and by May 1st he rented premises will be vacated and this congregation housed, which is certainly most necessary.

This is a testing and a proving time for the members of the Maritime churches of Christ. Will they manifest the devotion and self-sacrifice of the Primitive Church? This mission is the child and care of the maritime churches. Will they now show that they recognize the God-given privilege and responsibility and do what is necessary to insure the housing of the congregation?

It is false to say that our local congregation needs all our financial ability. There is not a church in the provinces that is receiving from its members anything like what they are capable of giving. The time has come for larger and worthier gifts to the Lord's work at home, in the provinces, and in the uttermost parts of the earth.

We copy the following from the pen of Bro. I. J. Spencer, Lexington, Ky.:

"Owe no man....." Each (member) should feel that the honor, usefulness and responsibility of the church before the world depends on him, and that each member must give an account unto Christ for what he has done or has not done toward making the church honorable and righteous in its business management before the world. Each member should feel jealous for the reputation of the church in the estimation of the business men of the community. We owe it to Christ, the Head of the church; to other members who do their duty faithfully; to our own needy souls, and to lost and stumbling ones around us, to give regularly, liberally, gratefully and with earnest prayer into the Lord's treasury.

GEMS OF THOUGHTS.

"Another year of service,  
Of witness for Thy love;  
Another year of training  
For holier work above."  
—F. R. Haverly

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"That life is all victorious which looks around,  
not behind.  
Human life is high and glorious if it mark the  
steadfast mind,  
In God's sight that life is greatest which is highest  
of its kind.

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"Just scattering seeds of kindness,  
Just living like Christ down here;  
This, this be our high endeavor  
Whilst journeying home this year."  
—O Murray.

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"Kindly deeds unseen, unknown,  
Dropped in darkness, trampled down,  
Lost are they? Not one, not one!  
Each shall shine in some one's crown."

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"My years crowd sail and pass away  
Before me to eternity,  
O them, them freighted, Lord, away,  
With acts of faith and love to Thee!"

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"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,  
As the swift seasons roll!  
Leave thy low-vaulted past!  
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,  
Shut thee from heaven, with a dome more vast,  
Till thou at length art free,  
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting  
sea."