

Our collection for Home Mission work was taken up last Lord's day. The amount raised fully sustains the credit of the school.

TIVERTON, N. S.

We have not recovered from the shock consequent upon the death of our dear Bro. and Elder Smith. He, with Bro. Ossinger, stood shoulder to shoulder as shepherds of this earthly fold for over thirty years. Now one is taken and the other left; one has "departed to be with Christ, which is far better." The other is left to battle with the storms of life for a short period longer. We pray that the God of all grace may strengthen him for every duty, and when he, too, shall have passed away, other strong men in the Lord may be found ready to fill the vacant place.

We have enjoyed another pleasant and profitable visit from Bro. Cooke during the month. He came up from Westport and gave us an excellent sermon one evening lately, showing the "path of life" leading to the presence of God and the happy consummation of the traveller's hopes. Text: Pa. xvi. 11.

The people living at East Ferry, Digby Co., have extended to us a call to preach for them in the future. We hope, with God's help and blessing, to do them all good and be able to point out the way of life so that numbers living there may be encouraged to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

We have been unable, up to date, to pay Southville a visit and so have nothing to report from that point at present. We plan to visit that section in company with Bro. Cooke at once and hold a meeting. We are prayerful that God may bless our efforts in persuading men living there to follow the Christ. H. A. DEVOE.

#### MISSIONARY REPORT.

We have closed five weeks' labor in Kings county, N. S. We commenced our labor in Sheffield's Mills, October 18th. Bro. Ford has filled an appointment here once a month for three or four years. We found the people in this community very kind, agreeable and intelligent. The dark nights, muddy roads and stormy weather, the first two weeks, was all we could expect, and much more than desired. We succeeded, however, in holding three evening meetings the first week and four the second week. Kind Providence favored us the third week with fine weather. The congregation increased and the interest increased. The prospects were fine for a profitable meeting, but right at this time unfortunate and unexpected circumstances, over which we had no control, prevented any further meetings. The charity that "thinketh no evil" forbids us making any unfavorable remarks relating to the circumstances that blocked our meeting. During this time we had preached on Lord's days at Church street, and the fourth Lord's day there were four confessions, one of whom was from Sheffield's Mills. The further success of the effort at the Mills, which cannot now be reported, but is yet to be seen, affords us much encouragement in our labors in that community.

From there we went to Cold Brook, five miles west of Kentville. Here we hold a meeting of one week, with one confession. Bro. Ford preaches here once a month, and, as at the Mills, is making the truth known by his faithful presentation of the gospel, which will be the power for good in those localities in the near future. The hall here in Cold Brook is owned by Bro. Isaac Jackson, who opens and heats and lights it every Sunday, and during the week when needed, for all denominations free of charge. I would mention, in this connection, the kindness of Mr. Harris at Sheffield's Mills, who opened his hall for us, making it warm and cheerful, without any expense to us,

receiving only the evening collections for his accommodations. Time will not permit us to say what is in our hearts relative to the kindness of the many friends, and the pleasant homes in which we lodged, and the expression of esteem, etc., etc. Suffice it to say, however, that we enjoyed our labors with and among the friends of Kings county very much indeed.

We preached twenty-nine times, made fifty-five visits, and traveled by carriage three hundred miles, and had five baptisms, as already mentioned, four of whom were promising young men, and one lady, who is highly respected.

Bro. Ford is hard at work in this county preaching in four different localities. To do this and to visit the brethren in these places requires at least ten miles travel by team every day, which he has been doing right along. It needs a man with an iron constitution to endure it. Bro. Ford seems to be the man for the work. With this kind of work the cause is sure to prosper. This kind of work will build up the cause in any county in our Provinces.

But the success of the preacher depends largely upon the Aarons and Hurs. The better the church stands by the preacher the greater will be his success. The strong pull is the all-together-pull. When the time comes, as come it will, that the church will, as one man, lay their hearts and hands to the work, we shall see the same degree of success in our Provinces as we now see in other countries.

I will not mention the solid comfort I enjoyed at the home of Bro. and Sister Ford, as it is well known by all who visit their home that to partake of their hospitality is a feast to body and soul.

H. MURRAY.

#### FROM THE UPPER PROVINCES.

Bro. J. R. Gaff has given up the work in Toronto and is at present laboring with the church at Hamilton, Ohio. Our best wishes go with Bro. Gaff. His work at Toronto is a standing testimonial to his worth. He will be succeeded by Bro. Connor, of Johnston, Pa. Here Bro. C. is our hand and with it our heart-felt wish that your work may be abundantly blessed of the Lord. Your field is large, but may your efforts be in the same proportion and also your success.

Bro. J. K. Hester has given up the work at Guelph, Ont. Bro. H. is a worthy young man, and any church desiring a faithful pastor would do well to correspond with him.

Our first year's work in Bowmanville closed the last of October. On the whole the work has prospered. Free from strife and known throughout the town for our sociability and good feeling, one toward another, we still hope to prosper. Our nett gain in numbers has been about fifty. Good audiences and good interest. All departments of church work in good working order, but aiming always at improvement. New house of worship a great help. Pride thereby not increased. Just as good now as when we were in the old house and decidedly more prosperous. We are planning for a great campaign in the near future. Trusting in the Lord we go forward. This is our watch-word for the coming year. E. B. BARNES.

#### HOME MISSION NOTES.

Some words have been changed in the following; and although it was spoken at another meeting, it can truthfully be said to refer to our annual meeting; for it was an immeasurable blessing. "I have heard such a splendid convention as this criticised because it cost money and time and many months' effort, and I must say that such criticism always seems to me to savor of the Judas spirit. This 'might have been sold for more than three hundred pence and have been given to the poor.'" Weigh

the fellowship of such a meeting in the balances — impossible! Reckon its influences in dollars and cents! Measure it with your foot-rule! You might as well try to compute the value of the sunlight, or the worth of the dew that distils from heaven, or the commercial value of the rain after a long drought. The good fellowship, the Christian fraternity, the blessed friendships of such a meeting as this can not be set over against a saw mill, or a farm, or a ship. And this fellowship, this sense of comradeship among the hosts of God, you need, O brother or sister mine, to take back with you to the church from which you have come, to enable you to do courageously the work of these coming days.

"Does such fellowship make any of you less loyal to the church? Will you go home from here dissatisfied, listless, and unwilling to do 'yo nexte thing'? I leave the answer with you, and I know what it will be. This Convention will never adjourn. This fellowship, which these days of holy communion will cement, shall flow back in refreshing rills of spiritual power to the churches in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island; and even to the United States the electric thrill of this fellowship will go; and where it goes it will carry strength and cheer."

At Updike's meeting in San Jose, Cal., one evening there was 65 additions. The last day there was 50 additions, making a total of 365.

D. Stewart of Blenheim, Ont., writes to the *Standard*, "George D. Weaver of N. S., class of 1891, College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., arrived to assist in the work the latter end of June. We began a meeting which resulted in 35 additions to the Church of Christ. Bro. Weaver is a very able defender of the cause of the Master. The above result is largely due to his earnestness and proficiency."

Meeting at St. Josephs, Mo., closed Oct. 26, with 97 additions.

Bro. Romig's last meeting in Kansas resulted in 120 additions. Grand work for one month.

The several State mission boards reported for the year ending Dec. 1st, 1890, as follows; persons employed 309; months of labor 1195; additions 15,964; churches organized 142; receipts \$147,000.00.

Elder McNichol writing from Letete says, "Bro. Gordinier has labored hard. He has got the church at Back Bay into working order and organized a Sunday school. He has done us much good here; we trust the good seed sown will not be lost. He is much loved and respected by the people, and we are sorry he could not remain longer. We return the mission board our most sincere thanks for the assistance they have rendered us." We pass these thanks along to those who have given to this fund. We thank the Lord that they have enabled us to do so much good. Brethren open your hearts and pockets for this mission work. We have so many calls for help we can spend \$2,000.00 a year in these provinces. Will you give it to us?

Bro. H. Murray's meetings in Cornwallis resulted in five additions. This is the first fruits of the Home Mission work in Kings Co.; we should rejoice with them that do rejoice. We have engaged Bro. H. A. DeVoe to labor for a short time at points in Digby Co. Brethren pray that the Lord will bless his meetings. We are about entering into an agreement with the United States Mission Board to support an evangelist between us for six months. We hope to have it settled soon and to have a good evangelist at work in this field by the first of January.

This is the time of year you will all begin to think "now who shall I give presents to, and how much will they cost?" When making up the list and amount be sure to put down a good sum for the Home Mission Fund. You will be giving to