

"The Foundations of our Faith," is pronounced a wonder among sermons. His extensive travels, wide experience as preacher, author, lecturer, have given him a fund of richest material on which to draw; and we were indeed fortunate in securing such a gifted speaker. We would like to speak at greater length of Bro. Sweeney and also Bro. McLean, whose work is so well and favorably known, but suffice it to say their presence did much to make the convention the splendid success that it was.

Over one hundred delegates and visitors were in attendance, among we were glad to see Bro. R. A. Burris, of Williamsville, N. Y.; Bro. G. O. Black, of Suspension Bridge, N. Y.; and Bro. E. C. Bowers, M. P., of Westport, N. S., who came from Ottawa to spend Lord's day with us. The convention did us great good here, and everyone that attended accorded it first place among the conventions of the Disciples of Christ in Ontario.

THE JUNE QUARTERLY.

The Disciples of Christ in Digby Co., N. S., met with the Church in Southville on the third Lord's day in June. Bro. Cooke, of Westport, called up the first of the week to make sure that all things were ready.

On Friday a good number from Westport and Tiverton arrived on the boat, and on Saturday, at 10.30, they, with us and a goodly number from South Range, came together with us to listen to Bro. Devoe, as he brought from the storehouse things new and old. He based his sermon on Rom. x. 6, 7, 8.

We left the meeting feeling that we need not look for a direct revelation from God now, as the word was in our mouths and hearts—the word of faith, which is preached—that is, the Gospel by which we are saved. At 7.30 we met again for social worship, after which Bro. Cooke spoke to a well filled house. Bro. Cooke and Devoe did all the preaching, and it was well done. On Lord's day morning and afternoon the house was taxed to its utmost to seat the people. In the evening the weather was unfavorable, still a good number gathered, and before preaching we enjoyed a feast in one of the best of social meetings. Most of our visitors were to have left us on Monday, but the rain came down in torrents and only a few got away. Bro. Cooke gave us a sermon in the evening on the Jailor of Philippi, which was much thought of by the audience.

Tuesday morning, the weather being fine, the friends from South Range left for their homes. The friends from the island remained with us till Thursday.

Although the good seed was sown, and well sown, and a good interest seemed to be manifested, we did not have any additions to our number. Nevertheless we were benefited and blessed in our gathering, and all appeared to be satisfied. Our love was drawn out toward each other and we parted, feeling it is good for us to be here.

J. A. GATES.

Woodville, June 24th.

SUMMERSIDE LETTER.

"Are you going to the Annual?" is the question of the day, and I think from appearances we are going to have a large attendance at our annual meeting at New Glasgow this year. We hope it may prove a pleasant and profitable meeting. I spent two very pleasant weeks at Tignish this month. We had some good meetings. One man in the prime of life obeyed the Saviour, and others were interested, but owing to my many engagements I could not stay any longer, but hope to return in a few weeks and continue the work. I have been holding some meetings in Summerside

this week and, so far, three have been baptized. We are still continuing the meetings and hope for others to come out on the Lord's side. Taking everything into consideration the prospects for work in these sections of the vineyard seem to be very good. I think that I told you in my last letter that I had to drive about sixty miles to get to Tignish, and that on the journey I had ample time for meditations. Let me give you the benefit of the last one.

It would be better for me to tell you the cause first, as you will then understand it better. The brethren at Tignish (and that means the sisters as well) have over paid me. Sometime we got articles written on the subject of "Paying the preacher" that seems as if some poor heavily encumbered preacher, disheartened with himself and everybody else, had taken up his pen and in the bitterness of his spirit poured out his contempt for the Christian Church in general and some of its members in particular. I wish all such preachers could have a Tignish to go to every four weeks. But now for the meditations as I drove over the "Western Road" on my way to Summerside.

How nice it would be if every church would take interest enough in the preaching of the gospel to pay their preachers what they promised to do, and what grand results there would be if every Christian man and woman would do all they could for missions.

How many there are who sign for five, ten or twenty dollars toward Christian work and never pay it. Of course some are to be excused if matters turn out so that they cannot pay, but I often think of the case of Ananias and his wife. Churches should not promise more than they can pay, and pay what they promise. A church cannot prosper that is robbing God.

Well, it is pleasant for me to think as I drive along that the brethren are thinking about my welfare, and helping me to preach the gospel. I wonder how Bro. — is getting along, and poor Bro. —. (These are brethren who have written to me lately telling me how very hardly they are being dealt with by the church, and how it is almost impossible for them to live. I hope my meditations may stir up these churches.) I do help a preacher to work harder when the brethren by their action manifest a desire to help him. Preachers are only human.

I wonder if there will be any missionary work done on the Island next year. A committee was appointed to do something in the line of mission work, but—well I have not seen their obituary yet. We want to see the churches built up on the Island, and new ones established. This takes money, and while we buy new carpets, and new wall paper, and new dresses, etc., we cannot pay for any new heralds of the cross. Well, I ought not to complain, they have over paid me. I wonder how much I can give to support Home Missions this year. My meditation stops here. I hope to continue at the annual meeting. W. A. HARDING.

Summerside, P. E. Island.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

One confession since last report.

Bro. Wm. Murray attended our prayer meeting on the 23rd ult. He went to Deer Island next day. He has promised to come and preach for us on one or more Lord's days during Bro. Stewart's absence.

Bro. Stevens, of Cornwallis, led the prayer meeting on the 9th. He went to Letete next day, where he will stay during his vacation, laboring with the churches at Back Bay and Letete.

The first Sunday in June Bro. Stewart was unable to preach. In the morning before the

Lord's Supper we had a social meeting. In the evening, although Bro. S. was ill and it was pouring rain, a large number attended. Bro. Boyne led the meeting, and spoke on the Sunday-school topic, "Lessons from the Fiery Furnace."

On Sunday evening, of the 12th, Bros. Boyne and Banks visited Silver Falls, and found the hall crowded. They had a long and very interesting meeting. They hope to visit there again, as there is a strong sentiment expressed in favor of the plea of the Disciples of Christ.

Tuesday, the 14th, was young people's prayer meeting night. The worst storm of rain, hail, thunder and lightning that St. John ever had was raging, yet sixteen came to the meeting, nine brothers and seven sisters. It is not necessary to comment on this to show the great hold these meetings have on the "Endeavorers."

We are sorry that Bro. and Sister R. Currie have to leave St. John; also Sister L. Gymont. They have been a great help to the church, and will be greatly missed. Boston will gain their valuable services. They have our earnest prayers and best wishes for happiness and prosperity. "God be with you till we meet again."

HALIFAX, N. S.

In a former number of THE CHRISTIAN we made mention of our labors here in this city. We were, at that time, unable to see anything very encouraging. But since then there has been developments, and cheering indications decidedly encouraging. The brethren here have secured a most eligible lot for a church house, the cost of which was seven hundred dollars. They have paid five hundred, and have raised three hundred more, with a number of subscribers yet to hear from. Besides this they have a few hundred dollars subscribed by friends outside of the city. This gives them enough subscribed already to warrant immediate preparations for the erection of a suitable house.

Here is certainly an open door for an advance movement in Halifax. All who are acquainted with the attitude of religious society in the city, know that it is quite impossible to build up the cause of Christ without a church edifice. The church here is keenly conscious that necessity is laid upon them, and in their deep anxiety for the prosperity of Zion are making a consecrated, conscientious effort. Their mistakes in the past will fortify them against the repetition of such mistakes, and should not therefore weaken the confidence of the brethren throughout the Provinces, but rather strengthen it in their behalf. The loan to Bro. Tyler from the building fund is to be returned. He assures us the amount will be paid over when the foundation is laid. We can assure the brethren who have so kindly donated toward a church edifice in Halifax, that not a dollar will be misappropriated, but all will be used for what it was given. Halifax is, as we all know, the metropolis of Nova Scotia, and is therefore a radiating centre of influence. This fact shows us that in assisting the cause here, we are benefiting the cause all over the Province. The proof of this can be seen in the history of St. John church. There is not a church in our Provinces that is not benefited more or less by that church. This is generally true of city churches. While it may cost more to sustain the cause in the cities, yet their radiating influence makes it a paying investment to help the city churches.

We are very desirous that our people in the Provinces may see the importance of this work in Halifax, and that their hearts may be made as large as their pockets. Our brethren here are making a desperate struggle for a church house. They have taken a longer step forward on this line than ever before, and they now very modestly but earnestly appeal to their Provincial brethren for help, that they may not be compelled to take a