

Bro. Crawford was on his way to Mahone Bay for medical treatment, and a card from him yesterday says he arrived there all right, had seen the doctor, and things were progressing favorably, and he expected to be with us again next Lord's day, and would be able to preach for us. His many friends will pray that his hopes will be speedily realized, and that years of service may be given him. Though so near his four score years his mind is as clear as in his younger days, and he preaches with the strength of former years.

Nearly fifty years ago Bro. Crawford preached here in Cornwallis. Then he was here over one Lord's day twenty-seven years ago. Very few of those who knew him when he first labored here are left to greet him now; but the few who yet live gladly came miles to hear the man whom they had never ceased to love. Many who had never seen Bro. Crawford, but had heard of him for years, were present to listen to the words of good cheer as they came from the fullness of his heart. To say that we all enjoyed this all-too-short visit from our much esteemed brother, does not half express it. But I did not intend to say so much when I sat down to write; Bro. Crawford needs nothing of this kind from me, but my excuse for writing so much is I know the brotherhood are deeply interested in him, and anxious just now that he should be restored to his usual health, and will read with interest my encouraging reports from him.

Our work here in Cornwallis goes steadily along. Our meetings are very well attended and seem interesting. The work here is hard, there is so much ground to cover; but we feel confident good is being done. Besides my regular preaching at my four different stations, I teach a large Bible class at Sheffield Mills each Lord's day I go there. The regular teacher always hands the class over to me when I am there. We also have a Bible class Lord's day mornings at our own meeting-house. Our Sunday-school is small, on account of the scattered condition of the children, but we are doing the best we can. E. C. FORD.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

The church in Westport has given the writer a unanimous call to remain another year.

An offering for the American Home Missionary Society was taken in each of these churches.

Mrs. Morris Peters, one of the charter members in the church of Christ in Westport, recently departed this life. Since she and Bro. B. H. Ruggles passed away there are only two survivors of the original thirteen, Sister Eliz Pugh, Westport, and Sister John Clifford, Tiverton. Sister Peters in the last few years has been identified with the Baptist church.

A district meeting of the Sons of Temperance was held in Tiverton, April 26th. The severe storm hindered a general attendance. Rev. Mr. Smith, M. E., of Sandy Cove, and Rev. Mr. Philips, M. E., of Digby, were present, and were the life of the meetings. The open meeting, at night, was held in the Christian church. The next night a meeting was held at Central Grove, in the Baptist church, in the centre of the island. J. W. B.

SUMMERVILLE, N. S.

Our work here still continues to move in the right direction. Bro. Murray and the writer exchanged pulpits the fourth Sunday of May. The brethren and friends around here have a very warm place in their hearts for him; they will ever remember what a father he has been to this church.

We are going to have a Children's Day exercise Sunday night, May 23th.

F. C. FORD.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

The committee has paid all liabilities and has some money on hand to start work again. We have been trying to place one of our brethren in the field, but our efforts so far have been fruitless. If any brother would take up this good work, we would be glad to hear from him. This grand work should not be dropped. Some of our brethren might at least canvass the locality in which they live. It looks as though the interest in distribution of our literature was diminishing. We hope, however, that this great means of spreading a knowledge of the truths we advocate will be revived during the summer.

Will all those who are indebted to the committee kindly pay our agents by the 15th of July so that we may be able to present a good report, from that standpoint, at least, at our annual meeting?

O. B. STOCKFORD,
Secretary-Treasurer.

WANTED—100 YOUNG PREACHERS.

I am glad to announce that, by the kindness of our Father in heaven, we shall be able to open Industrial Hall Sept. 24, 1898, when we shall be able to accommodate a large number of young preachers who wish to earn an education. We want young men from 17 years old and upward; men of purpose and consecration, who are willing to work and determined to persevere. We prefer young men from the outposts—the destitute fields—but will take them from any place. To any young man who will forward his matriculation fee (\$10) we will guarantee a place at the fall opening in which he can earn board, tuition, room and light, but cannot promise a place otherwise, as the number of applicants always exceed the room. We want it distinctly understood that no tobacco-using, unsettled boy need apply. We want clean young men, and will not have any other kind. Further, we want it understood that we will not take a young man into the Industrial Department who is unwilling to obligate himself, health permitting, to stay here four years. To any young man who will sell \$86 worth of my books I will give a year's schooling, including what is enumerated above. This is only \$10 more than cost of a year in the pay department.

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Died.

RUGGLES.—Benjamin Henry Ruggles died at Westport, April 17th, 1898, aged 86 years, 10 months, 8 days. He had been customs officer for thirty years, and at the time of his death was postmaster and magistrate. He was one of the original thirteen members who comprised the church in Westport when it was organized. He was faithful to the last. In spite of his old age he was the picture of health. His genial smile and his pleasant humor will not come to us here again, but with the sorrowing children and grandchildren we hope to meet him once more in the land of joy and bliss. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. C. E. Penco. J. W. B.

CARSON.—Fell asleep in Jesus, at Halifax, on March 27th, 1898, Sister Elizabeth Carson, a native of Nova Scotia, in the 92nd year of her age. She was baptized on the confession of her faith in Christ, on the 13th of August, 1871, by Bro. T. P. Knowles. She loved the Lord Jesus Christ, and passed away from earth trusting in the precious promises of the dear Saviour. It was my privilege to be with my dear aged mother during her last illness. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." HENRY CARSON.

BROWN.—Mr. Trueman Brown, an old respected citizen of Milton, departed this life April 20th, in his 87th year. He was a wonderfully healthy man all his life. He was confined to his bed only one day. On the second day of his sickness, in attempting to stand he fell and breathed his last. He leaves a large family of children and grandchildren to emulate the virtues of their departed parent; and to avoid repeating any mistakes he may have made. May they find in the disappointments and sorrows of life much consolation in the fact that they have the rock of refuge in which they can trust, and that the storms that may beat against their souls bear them not away but rather bring them nearer to home and heaven. H. MURRAY.

MINARD.—Bro. Allen Minard passed from his earthly labors to his heavenly rest April 20th. He received a paralytic stroke a few days before his death. He was sufficiently conscious, however, to recognize the silent pressure of the hand and the tender consoling word by a smile of appreciation. Bro. Minard was one of the charter members of the Milton church and one of its elders. He was always active and deeply interested in the welfare of the church and in the general interest of the cause of Christ in our provinces. His constant attendance at our provincial annual meetings brought him quite prominently before our brotherhood. His words and deeds will always live. His trust and reliance on his heavenly Father, his bright hope of a home within the pearly gates made his last days his best days. There were no doubts nor repining in his heart. His end was perfect peace. The last talk the writer had with him will never be forgotten. How insignificant did this world with all its paltry trappings look to him. His closing days of earth life well illustrated the fact that God never made man for this world, if he did, he made him, as another has said, "altogether too large," as man has longings and sympathies which this world can never satisfy. As we talked of the solemn realities of life and stood in the shadow of the more solemn realities of the life to come, we felt in some measure the weight of the problem of human destiny. Our brother was strong in the Lord and in the conflict with the unholy powers of darkness. "The light and truth and love of heaven," were his weapons of warfare. He had his share of life's ills, the dark as well as the light threads were in his web of life, but the angel of patience was with him to quiet his fears and troubles and to reconcile life's sorrows and tears. The precious gifts and promise of Christ became more precious to him with his advancing years. It was true in his case "that better is the end of life than the beginning." But more precious still was his hope that the best was yet to come. The day we laid his mortal remains in the city of the dead would have been his eighty-fifth birthday, just when the trees were about retaining their leaves and the fields their flowers, beautiful types of the resurrection, when all that seems lost will be restored to us again. There remains of his family a son in Frieno, California, who is an elder of the church of Christ in that town, a daughter who resides in Portland, Me., and a son here in Milton. It is pleasing and comforting to them and to all the friends to know that our departed brother is still a member of the same family of God only in a better compartment of the same great home and house of God, and whatever he is doing he cannot cease to think of us with a much deeper and purer interest. The bond that unites us in holy and sacred union to the redeemed family of God is indestructible. We hope and trust that the loss of our true and tried brother, who was a standard bearer in the church of Christ, may be made a blessing to our common cause in leading us who remain nearer to God and giving us better and larger views of the future life. H. MURRAY.

TIDD.—Annie Tidd died at Long Beach, N. S., April 17, aged 17 years. She was baptized by H. A. Devoe, several years ago. She died trusting in the Lord. J. W. B.

ROBERTSON.—At Montague, after an illness of about four months, brought on by influenza fever, Bro. John E. Robertson died on March 28th, 1898, aged 59 years. He leaves a wife, one daughter and two sons to mourn their loss. Bro. Robertson felt his need of Jesus Christ and accepted him. Upon a confession of his faith in the Son of God he was baptized. He had many friends in the community who showed their respect by attending his funeral, notwithstanding the almost impassable condition of the roads. May the God of all grace comfort those who mourn. R. W. STEVENSON.

FRENCH.—In Eastport, Me., March 26, 1898, Eliza Jane French departed this life, aged 15 years and 3 months, leaving father and mother, sisters and brothers to feel their loss. She was baptized into Christ a short time before her death, and has gone to live with him. Her remains were brought to Back Bay and laid to rest in the home where she spent her early days. The funeral service took place in the Back Bay meeting-house, where a large gathering met to show their sympathy with the sorrowing family. May the family and friends be as well prepared as she and meet her in the heavenly home. W. M.