

EXPENDITURES.

For Home missions	\$ 38 03
" Folding doors in connection with Ch.,	76 25	
" Sunday-school papers,....	40 92	
" Other expenses,	6 41	
		<hr/> \$161 61
Balance on hand,	\$ 9 24

J. E. EDWARDS
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LORD'S COVE, DEER ISLAND.

Our congregations here are gradually increasing, and the church is moving on nobly in Christian work, not a week passing away without having some additions. Elder James Ward, and others, consider the prospects never brighter than at the present time. Christmas with us was a day long to be remembered. All nature seemed to wear a charm of un fading loveliness. In the afternoon, at 2 o'clock, we had a large gathering at the banks of the Cove, to attend to the ordinance of baptism. The scene was rendered, if anything, still more impressive by the glowing sunshine, the clouds tinted with gold and azure, and the rainbow encompassing the landscape. What a happy hour! what rapture filled our inmost soul, as we sang, "Shall we gather at the river, where bright angels' feet have trod." Never can I forget the scene, clothed in the grandeur of the wondrous tides, painted in the gorgeous colors of the bow in the clouds. O how these glittering tints bring down the hope of a higher life into our hearts, and fill them with joy and peace, while through the veil of the clouded sky shines a glow of the land elysian. How my very soul rejoiced, and silently I uttered:

First, the dark, and after, the bright;
First the thick cloud and then the rainbow's arch;
First the dark grave, then resurrection—light.

At three o'clock we met at the church, a large number took part in the services. At the close, an appeal was made to the unconverted, and one young man responded to the invitation, and confessed the Saviour. What ecstatic joy filled every breast; 'twas better felt than told; seldom do we get nearer heaven than we were this afternoon. In the evening, the seating capacity of the church was nearly all occupied. Christ, the Savior of the world, was our theme.

Our thoughts went back to Palestine, when Christ the Lord was born,
When over quiet Bethlehem 'woke the first Christmas morn.

Jan. 13th—three were to-day received into the fellowship of the church, two by confession and baptism, and one by relation. Since then, two others,—men who have reached about sixty years, have confessed the Saviour and been buried with the Lord in baptism. We are expecting many more to follow. The last two conversions were among the most remarkable of any that I have ever witnessed. Some day I may refer to them in "leaves from my note-book."

CHOCOLATE COVE.

I am now engaged in a series of meetings here, on this part of the Island Bro. Silvenus Henoy, who resides here, considers the prospects good for a glorious work. Our field is continually enlarging, extending now from one end of the Island to the other. Both the Methodist and Baptist churches have been extended to us, and we are laboring for peace, unity, prosperity and happiness.

STEWART TOWN.

We had a meeting here at a private house on the 15th inst., after which we went down into the water and attended the ordinance of baptism. Our brethren here are engaged in the building

of a house for public worship. They have chosen their trustees, secured the land on which to build, and a quantity of lumber has been delivered for said purpose. This is to be the Mount Zion church. Beautiful for situation, may it be the pride of the whole island. Being the third Christian church in this parish, may she with her sister churches move grandly on in the great work of extending the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour. So mote it be.

W. K. BURR.

NOVA SCOTIA.

SHUBENACAD'E.

While away this fall, our hearts will be gladdened from time to time by letters from home, reporting the work that was going on for Christ and the salvation of souls. Oh! how we longed to be there and participate in the joys of the brotherhood, but was unable to do so.

Then came the sad news of the death of one of our young sisters—Maggio Ainsley,—dead and buried! Could it be so? Yes, although but few of the members of the church at this place are young, yet we were called to part with one of them. And oh! how thin our rank of young Christians seemed to be; what a gap, and what sorrowful hearts moor around the Lord's table.

Scarce were our eyes dry when news of Sister Sadio Wallace's death came, bringing sorrow to the hearts of all who know her. And to-day comes the news of the sudden death of Howard Bennett. Young—only twenty—enjoying good health till within a few days of his death. He was with the writer, and was his constant companion for the last three and a half months, and to know him was to love him. Always cheerful, a smile, and a universal favorite of every one, and such will his memory remain to all who knew him.

To-day, as we looked on his cold form, and thought what we had lost in losing him, we could but exclaim, how can his family do without him. The eldest at home, stay and comfort of his widow mother, who is at present very ill. She, together with the rest of the family, have our sincere sympathy, and may all our bereaved friends find in Christ, that consolation which He alone can give.

The church here has been greatly encouraged by the labors of Bro. Harding, an interest has been awakened in the hearts of the careless. The unsatisfied, are more unsatisfied than ever. The good seed has been sown, we trust, in some good ground, which will eventually bring forth fruit. Altogether, considering the additions to the church, and the evident interest on every hand, we hope greater things for the cause and the Master in the future. The cause is good, the field is good, and the harvest depends greatly upon that one word—work. Yes, Christian friends, work seemed to be Christ's motto, let it be ours.

Yours in Christ,
A. L. WALLACE.

TIVERTON.

Our Lord's day and Thursday evening meetings are well attended, and there seems to be a good feeling and interest in the cause of the Master generally, and yet, up to date, we have no additions to report.

We have had the pleasure of two short visits from Bro. Cook. Although his visits were short, we found them both pleasant and profitable, and will gladly welcome him among us at any future time he may see his way clear to come. The brethren here have been in the habit of closing the Sunday-school for about three months during the winter season, but this winter have decided to run it right through the entire year. To this end, we are now

getting up a Sunday-school concert, to come off on the first Tuesday evening in February.

In our last report, we had the pleasure of reporting to the world, (or to that portion of it where THE CHRISTIAN is read) of the kindness of our brethren and friends in making us a generous donation and surprise party, and yet there were other pleasures and surprises in store for us, that we then knew not of. On Christmas eve, the young people made a surprise party, during which they presented my wife with a beautiful quilt, and several other useful presents, and to me they gave a fine gold watch chain, accompanied by the following address:

TIVERTON, Dec. 24th, 1888.

To MR. & MRS. DEVOE,

Will you please accept this quilt as a small token of our kind feelings toward you, and trust you will not think us presuming on so short an acquaintance.

And to Brother DeVoe, whom we have longer known, we present the chain. We feel that we have been benefited by the many words of instruction from you, and hope that you may still remain among us to enjoy many happy returns of this joyous season. With the best wishes of all,

We remain your true friends,
(Signed with over sixty signatures.)

Bro. and Sister Ford are still with the brethren at Westport. We are looking for them to pay us the remainder of their visit here some time during the present week.

Tiverton, N. S. January 22nd, 1889.

H. A. DEVOE.

P. E. ISLAND.

On the 17th day of December, when returning from North Lake, East Point, where we had been called by telephone, to visit a young friend who was very ill, but, who is now, we are thankful to say, recovering health; called at the home of our friend and brother, Elder John Macdonald. After some pleasant conversation, Bro. M. disappeared from the family circle, soon returning however, with a mysterious looking parcel in his hand and a more mysterious smile on his usually pleasant countenance.

Taking a position in front of the writer, Bro. M. in a very pleasant, witty and flattering speech, proceeded to make us acquainted with the nature of the contents of the parcel, which was a large sum of money, from the members of the Church of Christ, at East Point, as a tangible expression of their good will to us, as we enter on the labors of our fourth year with them, in connection with the church at Montague.

The whole matter was carried forward so quietly and secretly, up to this point, that we were taken wholly by surprise, and therefore unable to express our feelings, or our appreciation of the kindness of heart which prompted the generous gift, so near the festal season.

Many other gifts, beautiful, substantial and useful have found their way to us from individual members of the East Point church, who, with the members of the church at Montague, during our three year's residence, have heaped upon us many benefits, far beyond their obligations. May holiness of life accompany their kindness of heart, and may the fruits of righteousness ever abound.

O. B. EMERY.

Montague, Jan. 10th, 1889.

HALIFAX CHURCH FUND.

Bro. D. Fullerton, Pictou,	\$5 00
Bro. B. B. Tyler, New York,	95 00
Sister S. P. Blaisdell, Worcester, Mass.,	..	10 00
C. W. B. M. Auxiliary,	"	5 00

Total, \$115 00
W. J. MESSURVEY,
Treasurer.