

Correspondence.

DEER ISLAND LETTER.

Never in the history of Deer Island has it looked as blue as now for the sardine fisherman. This year the fishing is a complete failure. Everybody feels it, even the preacher, and the summer will soon be gone and the cold winter will come, and then—Ah! that may be a hard question for some to answer. But we must not meet trouble half way.

I had a very pleasant trip to Ontario, and the church at Hillsburg and Erin gave me a hearty call to the work in these places, but I did not accept, as I have more work to do elsewhere. The brethren of Ontario are kind and hospitable, and being of Scotch ancestry are solid and not easily carried away. The country and people remind me very much of P. E. Island and its people. I shall hope to see Ontario again. I enjoyed a splendid visit to Niagara Falls. I wish you could have been with me. Prospect Park is a splendid place of a hot day, and you can feel the mist as it floats in clouds from the falls. When I first saw the great cataract I felt disappointed, but as I saw more of this great wonder I realized more fully its splendor. The best view is from the Cave of the Winds; you are then right under the falls and the view is grand. There seems to be a crowd coming and going all the time; all kinds, from all parts. At 10 o'clock at night we are all aboard for Buffalo, thence to Albany, Springfield, Worcester, where I remain off to see some provincial friends—Bro. Rufus Harvey and wife, Sisters Tillie and Hattie Stevens. I make a short call on Sister Hale; I attend a meeting in a tent conducted by Bro. Nicolls; I stay all night with Bro. and Sister A. P. Wells, and then to Boston. By kind invitation of Bro. Mohorter I preach in the morning in the St. James street church; here I meet a number of old friends. In the afternoon I go to the Common, where there are a number of open air services being conducted. I am going to tell you some other time about the different subjects I heard discussed. I would like to tell you now about the good address Bro. Mohorter gave, but I cannot. I am in hopes that Bro. Mohorter will accompany me in a flying trip through your part of the country, and then you can see him for yourself, and perhaps hear him. I left Boston in order to be in time for the meeting in Back Bay. Next week I go to the Annual, at Westport.

During the month of July Bros. Miller and Calder preached very acceptably in this county. Dr. Ray, of St. John, also preached several times with profit.

May we have a good Annual Meeting.

W. H. HARDING

Lord's Cove, N. B.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

Rev. C. T. Phillips, pastor of the Free Baptist Church, occupied the pulpit on Lord's day morning, August 26th.

Sister Graybiel, returned missionary from India, spoke of her work in that land on Lord's day evening, September 9th, to a good congregation.

Bro. Robert F. Whiston, who was returning from a vacation in Massachusetts, passed through our city last month. He reports favorably of the work on the Island, and their new house of worship at Charlottetown will be dedicated some time during this present month.

Dr. R. Bentley Ray preached at Keswick, N. B., on two evenings of last month, and also at Nauwigewauk on the evening of the 11th inst.

Bro. J. E. Reil, pastor of the Christian Church at Brockton, preached on Thursday evening, September 6th.

Bro. James Prince, of Bridgewater, worshipped with us Lord's day, September 9th.

BACK BAY.

Sunday, August 19th, was a big day here; brethren from Lubec and Deer Island, as well as from the different points on the main land, came together and had a general good time. The brethren here have repaired and painted the church building and in other ways have shown their interest in the Lord's work, and now when these brethren came they were ready to give them a hearty welcome. We were disappointed in that Bro. J. A. Lord was not with us, but we had fine weather and the large crowd seemed to enjoy itself. Nearly one thousand people were present and we expect to have one of these meetings another year. Bro. G. A. Eldridge, a Free Baptist preacher from Beaver Harbor, was with us during the day, and we were glad to see and hear him. Efforts are being made to unite the three churches of Mascarene, Letete and Back Bay in the support of the one preacher. If this is done you can expect to hear good news from these parts.

W. H. H.

MILTON, N. S.

Since last report this congregation has had the pleasure of hearing the following ministers: Bro. Wm. Gates, from Lexington; Bro. Wm. Murray, of Letete; Rev. Charles Freeman (Baptist), of Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. Mr. Freeman (Congregationalist), of Litchfield, Mass., and the Rev. Prof. Day, of New York city. The latter occupied the pulpit both morning and evening on the Lord's day of the annual.

WM. STIFF.

NEW GLASGOW, P. E. I.

Bro. A. N. Simpson is now engaged for all his time to preach at New Glasgow and vicinity. This is very gratifying to his friends here where his labors in the past have been owned and blest of God and in the midst of a community so large as to require all the time of a preacher. But it comes hard on the church at Lot 48, where he has been preaching half his time for the last two years and where he has greatly endeared himself to the church and largely gained the esteem of the community generally.

At his wedding, by request of Bro. Alexander Stewart one of the officers of the church at 48, Bro. G. A. Reil, read a most kind and complimentary address from the church and presented Bro. Simpson with a well filled purse expressive of their esteem and desire for his continued success in the Master's cause as well as their regret in parting from him.

Home Missions.

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You will notice that we start the new Church year with a much more favorable balance than a year ago.

We feel very much encouraged, and it has been decided to give the usual grants for the present year. In the experience of all of us, it is very hard to keep a credit balance from growing steadily and un-beautifully less, but we trust that all who take an interest in Home Missions will keep on eye on this balance, and whenever they see it growing weaker, will send a tonic to the Secretary-Treasurer to be administered for its relief.

A new interest in Home Missions seems to have been awakened at the Annual, and we trust that all who were there and got this new interest, will keep it warm by trying to spread it in their several churches.

We have a fair start, and can and will make this year a Banner year in Home missions.

Below is given a report of receipts and expenditure from the close of the last official year to date, and a similar report will be given in THE CHRISTIAN each month.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance from last year,	\$58 00
Collections at Annual,	64 91
Pledges paid,	35 80
To wit:—J. Barry Allan, \$10; D. McLenn, \$5; Dr. Ray, \$5; Geo. Bowers, \$5; Josiah Wallace, \$5; P. B. Lent, \$1; E. A. Smith, \$1.80; Errett Wallace, \$1; S. Nelson, \$2.	
Back Bay, per W. H. Harding,	15 00
Lord's Cove, do. do.	6 00
D. F. Lambert, do. do.	5 00
Miss Emma Christie,	5 00
J. W. Bolton, Pennsylvania,	5 00
Mrs. Wisdom, per E. C. Ford,	1 00
Gulliver's Cove, August collection,	1 95
Coburg Street Mission Band.	2 86
	\$200 52

EXPENDITURE.

By payment to Evangelist Martin,	\$21 75
Expenses on Tent, to E. C. Ford, ..	2 00
" " " " E. C. Bowers, ..	1 60
Payment to J. C. B. Appel, for Aug., ..	12 50
	37 85

Balance on hand,

\$162 67

(Signed) L. A. MILES, Sec'y.-Treasurer.

Married.

APPEL-DAVINPORT.—At Lexington, Kentucky, on the 9th August, by Mr. Cecil Armstrong, Mr. J. Charles Beurlie Appel, of London, England, and Miss Annie Hall Davinport, of Lexington, Kentucky.

SIMPSON-BAGNALL.—At New Glasgow, P. E. I., on the 22nd of August, 1900, by D. Crawford, assisted by G. N. Stevenson, Alexander N. Simpson and Ella Jane, eldest daughter of R. E. Bagnall, Esq.

Died.

JARVIS.—At the home of her son, Truro, N. S., after a short illness, on August 22nd, Sister Sarah C. Jarvis, aged 80 years. She was baptized by the late Elder Geo. Garraty, October 19th, 1862, and lived a consistent Christian life until the day of her death. "Blessed are they who do his commandments that they may have a right to the tree of life and enter through the gates into the city!"

TENNANT.—In this city on August 4th, Bro. David Tennant, Sr., in the 82nd year of his age. He had been confined to his room for seven years, which deprived him of the privileges of the Lord's house, which he enjoyed and seldom missed when his health permitted. He was always interested in hearing of the extension of Christ's kingdom. He leaves a sorrowing widow and one son. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth, yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

BOYER.—Robert Boyer, a highly respected citizen, died at the home of his son-in-law, Wm. Millar, Esq., Marshfield, P. E. I., Aug. 5th, 1900. He was born at Bunbury, and had reached the great age of 91 years, 6 months and one day; having with the exception of only two persons known to the writer, out-lived all the associates of his youth and early manhood. When he had reached the end of his pilgrimage, the passing of the weary traveller into the "valley and the shadow" was peaceful and apparently painless—just as a little child falling asleep. Although surrounded by every comfort which loving hearts and willing hands could supply, the last eight years of his life were more lonely than any preceding, on account of the loss of his beloved wife, (Mary Crawford) a native of Tryon, and a cousin of Bro. D. Crawford, of New Glasgow, P. E. I. Of their large family of children five remain: Alexander, in California, William, in Charlottetown, Mrs. Duncan Scott, North River, Mrs. Henry McGregor, Lot 48, and Mrs. Wm. Millar, Marshfield, who, with grandchildren, great grandchildren and many friends will miss the presence of one whose heart was always filled with kindness to his fellows, and who, above all things, feared to do anything which he considered wrong. Nearly three quarters of a century ago, Bro. Boyer accepted the great salvation, offered through the world's Redeemer, under the strong and somewhat severe ministry of the well-remembered Rev. John Shaw, uniting with the church at Cross Roads, Lot 48, where for many years afterward he enjoyed the milder and perhaps more intellectual ministry of the late Dr. John Knox. Now "he rests from his labors," and the memory of his true, kindly, faithful Christian life remains with us as a lasting benediction. The stream flows on. They pass from us, but unto the higher and purer life. "It is well." O. B. E.