

HALIFAX, N. S.

We note a few things only concerning the church in Halifax, as others will give to the readers of THE CHRISTIAN a more complete account. We have been associated, more or less, with the work in Halifax for a number of years and we never saw the prospect for success so bright and hopeful as at the present. Their church house is situated in a very favorable location. It is a gem of a house, as fine and commodious as any we have in the provinces. A friend, not a member, said to the writer, "It looks the most like a home of any church I ever saw." The meetings on Lord's day were all that could be expected—the house well filled in the afternoon and evening. Bro. Stewart did the preaching on both occasions, and did it well. Br. Stevens officiated at the Lord's table, assisted by Bro. Gates. His remarks were very appropriate and well chosen. The singing was excellent. The collections were good, about \$150. Everything was conducted in fine taste and in good order. Quite a number of the brethren were present from Hants and Kings County, among whom were Bro. McLean, Conductor LeCain, Bro. Aubury, Bro. Vaughan, Bro. John McDougall, Bro. and Sister Josiah Wallace, and Sister Woodworth, and Sister Susie Ford and others. Bro. Gates gave us a grand discourse, Monday evening, on the "Simplicity of the Gospel." There were at least a hundred present at this meeting, which means sixty or seventy who were not members of the church. This shows that the house is in a desirable locality. The brethren in Halifax are happy now, and well they may be, for they have made a desperate effort to reach their present condition of prosperity, and what adds to their joy is the interest our brotherhood in the provinces have taken in this work, for which they feel very thankful. We have never seen a deeper interest on the part of the brethren throughout the provinces in the Halifax mission than at the present. We have every reason to hope that the interest will continue until the Halifax church will be able to sustain her own work.

Let all our brethren feel encouraged over the grand result of their efforts for the cause in Halifax, and may the past success be an impetus to continue their help until the church is established in that city.

H. MURRAY.

MILTON, N. S.

We are still moving on in the hope of better times. The winter here is always a hard time for saint and sinner. The brethren are still leaving us. Four more brothers have gone to the States since last report, and the end is not yet. "The Endeavour Society" is coming into line and giving us very fine meetings. From twenty-five to thirty are active and make the meetings very interesting. We have long wished and worked and prayed for something that would put our young people into the line of work. No words can express our gratitude for what we now see accomplished by the young people of the Endeavour Society. The young people of the church, assisted by some of the singers of the other churches, held a concert in the Town hall. Choruses, solos, duetts, quartettes and readings were the order of the evening. All hands were well pleased. Twenty-five dollars were the proceeds. This has been sent to the Halifax church mission. "Go thou and do likewise."

H. MURRAY.

LORD'S COVE, N. B.

Since my last report from here there has been nothing of especial interest to report. The weather has been so extremely cold and stormy and the roads so very icy that it has been no small effort to keep up our regular meetings. But this we have done with wonderful regularity, considering the

rough weather and bad roads. Our congregations, too, particularly on Lord's day evenings, are fine; but many of the older members of the church, who would gladly be there, cannot get out.

We attempted to hold a few special meetings, but were literally stormed out. We are now only waiting for more favorable conditions, when we hope to be more successful. We are deeply anxious to see those who we believe to be not far from the kingdom take their stand upon the Lord's side before we close our labor with the church in this place. There is a great work to be done here. My prayer is that the brethren shall see the opportunity, and realize their responsibilities, and prove themselves equal to the work assigned them.

Before closing this letter I want to draw the attention of the readers of THE CHRISTIAN to the suggestion of Bro. Messervoy, concerning the building fund. The idea is a good one and well worthy a consideration. One dollar a year from all who are able to do this much would greatly aid in building places of worship where they are much needed and where the cause is not strong enough, financially, to build such a house unaided. I would heartily second this proposition, and suggest that we talk it up, and work up an interest along this line. Such a fund placed in the hands of judicious brethren could be used to aid the cause greatly, where now it is crippled for the want of a suitable place in which to worship and to which we might invite the people to hear the gospel.

E. C. FORD.

Lord's Cove, Feb. 21st, 1893.

GULLIVER'S COVE, N. S.

The little church at the above point is still alive and growing. The writer paid the church a visit of two weeks during the present month (February) and tried to hold a meeting, although the weather was very unfavorable.

Three were added by confession and baptism as the immediate result, and many more seemed deeply interested at the close. One more added would have just doubled the membership of ten found there at the time of opening the meeting-house last fall. The six converts added at that time were all found faithful at the present visit, and all were found standing up to own their Saviour and speak a word for His name, which gave us additional courage and thankfulness.

In another column will be found the names of several who have kindly lent their aid toward the building fund of this house, and I take the opportunity right here of thanking them for the same, and again thank those whose gifts have been previously acknowledged. There is \$143.63 to raise yet in order to clear off the debt, which stands in such a way that it cannot remain unpaid but a short time.

We met with our home church at Tiverton last evening in the first prayer-meeting since coming from Gulliver's Cove, and enjoyed one of the very best meetings in our experience. Such meetings make us hope for grand things at Tiverton in the near future.

H. A. DEVOE.

GULLIVER'S COVE BUILDING FUND.

Previously acknowledged,	\$145 31
Milton Outhouse, Tiverton,	1 00
Mrs. Welsly Outhouse, Tiverton, (third donation),	1 00
Capt. Ossinger, Westport,	1 00
Mrs. McDormand, Gulliver's Cove,	1 00
Miss Anthony, Boston (second donation),	1 00
Capt. Harding, Wellfleet, Mass.,	5 00
	\$155 31

H. A. DEVOE,

Treasurer.

Tiverton, N. S.

There are people who would enjoy religion more than they do if it did not cost them anything.

There are people who believe that the gospel is without money and without price; and their works are in full accord with their faith.

There are people for whom you spoil a sermon every time you mention money.

HALIFAX BUILDING FUND.

Previously acknowledged,	\$934 70
Capt. James Ryan, Liverpool N. S.,	1 00
Mrs. James Ryan, Liverpool, N. S.,	1 00
Miss Clara Ryan, Liverpool, N. S.,	25
Harris L. Wallace, Halifax,	12 00
J. E. Stevens,	1 00
Albert E. Craig,	25 00
Rosa McPhee, East Somerville, Mass.,	5 00
John Simpson, Grand Pre, per LeCain,	1 00
Leonard Harvey, Worcester, Mass.,	1 00
Mrs. Rufus Harvey,	1 00
James Farquhar,	50
James Stevens,	50
John R. Drummond, Milton, P. E. I., per D. Crawford,	1 00
John Bently, Halifax, per LeCain,	2 00
Isaiah Wallace, Baptist minister, per LeCain,	1 00
W. A. Harris, Windsor Jct.,	1 00
A. Friend, Hantsport, N. S.,	5 00
W. F. Reilly, Summerside, P. E. I.,	1 00
James Felix, Deer Island,	1 00
Mrs. Frank Richardson, Deer Island,	1 00
A. LeCain (2nd) contribution,	25 00
Sister Woodworth, Windsor, N. S.,	30 00
Collections received on day of opening, including the last two amounts,	162 23

\$1,149 18

HENRY CARSON,

Halifax, N. S.

Treasurer.

Married.

RURNERY-STEWART—At the home of the bride's parents, February 9th, 1893, by E. C. Ford, Chauncy J. Rurnery, of Eastport, Me., and Flora M., eldest daughter of Capt. James Stewart, of Richardsonville, Deer Island, N. B.

Died.

DOUGHERTY.—On the 26th of January, at Cape Traverse, P. E. I., aged 23 years, Sister Bessie M., beloved wife of Mr. Dougherty of that place, leaving an infant son of a few days old. She was the youngest sister of Bro. R. W. Stevenson, now of Syracuse, N. Y. She was baptized in her fifteenth year and joined the Church of Christ at New Glasgow, of which she was a member at her death. Kind and cheerful and making others happy, Bessie was a general favorite, and the sudden stroke fell heavily on loved ones, but especially on the devoted husband of only a year, who was so soon and suddenly left in loneliness to mourn. But in the grief mingled the joy of seeing her so happy in going to the arms of Jesus to whom she had so early given her heart and her all.

D. C.

MCGREGOR.—On the 12th of November, Bro. Alex. McGregor, formerly of Southport, P. E. I., died in San Francisco, aged 40 years. He was baptized by the late venerated Dr. Knox, at Lot 48, and joined the church there in his seventeenth year. He went to California at the age of twenty, and by honest industry and skill accumulated a considerable fortune. Better than all, he had not forgotten his Saviour, for so far as we can learn he lived and died a Christian. His disease was of the stomach, which after fourteen months sufferings prevailed. An aged mother and brothers and sisters mourn for one so highly esteemed cut down in manhood's prime. What a happy day when death shall be swallowed up in victory.

D. C.

ROBERTSON.—At Brudnel, P. E. I., January 24th, 1893, sister Jennie A. Robertson, at the age of 29 years, after a long and painful illness, passed peacefully away. Sister Robertson obeyed her Saviour in early youth. As she felt death's mist gathering on her brow, her hope grew brighter; and as she was stepping over the threshold of time she said, "I rejoice to go and be with Jesus." Death has claimed another in the prime of life; she says "farewell" to those who are left to mourn her loss. It was not in despair, but with a bright hope that at the final gathering around the "great white throne," before which we must all stand, she would meet those whom she loved and, with them, clothed in white robes, enter and enjoy the peaceful abode prepared by our Saviour.

G. D. W.

MASTON.—In Boston, February 9th, 1893, Robert Walter, only child of George and Annie Maston, age 14 months. Our brother and sister had been away only a few months, and it was with sad hearts they came to St. John to bury their only child. But they have this to sustain them: "of such is the kingdom of heaven." And confident that he whom they loved so dearly and in whom their hopes were centered has entered the world of joy without having seen much of the world of sorrow, they have a strong tie to bind them to the heavenly home and one more waiting to welcome them there.

H. W. S.