

salvation? If I love him will I not use my best endeavor to have him walk with me? Friends in Council, how is this? Will any of you rise and explain, and, if possible, give us some light? I must be in the dark, or some worse place. I know, latitudinally, I am down in Nova Scotia, but theologically I must be further down than that—judging from what I see and hear.—*H. Murray in Atlantic Missionary.*

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN ITEMS.

One addition by confession and obedience since last report.

Bro. Murray was with us one Lord's day during last month and preached for us very acceptably.

Our S. S. Anniversary took place on the 17th ult., and was a decided success. The children acquitted themselves admirably. The meeting-house was crowded to overflowing. The collectio. amounted to \$28.00.

Our Young Men's Association purpose having a public entertainment in the near future.

The March Quarterly will be held with the church here, commencing the third Lord's day. Bro. Howard Murray intends to be with us. We are expecting a good meeting.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

It has been some time since I have seen any notes in the CHRISTIAN from this field with the one exception, viz., the communication from Leonardville.

My family having been by the blessing of the good Lord restored to health, I left my home between Christmas and New Year's for this place. I was delayed at Eastport two days by a storm, after which I got a passage by the kindness of Bro. F. Lambert as far as Lord's Cove, Deer Island. From my conversation with him and other brethren I learned that the church there was in peace and harmony. They were maintaining the worship of God and pushing forward the work on their new house. Bro. Hughes preaches for them a part of the time. A good, faithful, God-fearing man, fully consecrated to the work of saving souls, is much needed on this Island. If we do not do the work for God, some sect will come in and do a work that will be hard to undo.

By the kindness of Bro. Thomas Lambert I was carried across to Le Tete, on Sunday, in time to break bread with the dear brethren here, and hear their fervent prayers and exhortations. And their happy greetings gladdened my heart. It made me think of the time when we will all get home and greet each other on the "Golden Shore," "In the sweet by and by." Then we will meet with those who love our Lord, not only in Le Tete, but in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and an innumerable host from all lands, and our dear and loving Saviour will be there to gladden and happyfy all hearts.

I found the church in Le Tete and also in Back Bay maintaining the worship on the Lord's day. The Sunday-schools were both in running order. I think Bro. S. Dick did remarkably good work in the Le Tete school, as was made evident by their answers to the review questions. While I was at home for over four months these churches were visited by four public teachers, Bro. P. D. Nowlan, Mr. Price, Mr. Troop, and Mr. Wordet..

In our meetings the churches of Back Bay and Le Tete are working together, and we have very nice meetings. Last week the meetings were held at Le Tete. The visible result was new life among the members, and two precious souls brought into Christ through faith, which led them in the steps of our blessed Lord. They were buried with Christ in baptism and rose with Him through their faith in the operation of God. There are others who seem much interested about the one thing needful, and I hope to make other reports which will gladden the hearts of the brethren. Two weeks ago I visited Black's Harbor and spoke once. It was the coldest

night we had this winter, and my appointment was not generally known, consequently the gathering was small. Those of the brethren whom I saw seemed determined to work on and surely they have done well. Their place of worship has been nicely painted inside and furnished with blinds, chairs and lamps. Besides this they have this fall paid Bro. Nowlan about thirty-seven dollars, and they have about twenty dollars on hand to which they intend to add. This fund is to paint the outside of their neat little house. I spent a very pleasant night with Bro. Johnson, and his kind family. In passing through L'Etang I heard that they had not been altogether idle, as over fifty-five dollars were raised at two "Basket Socials" for Bro. Nowlan. I intend to leave this field in April. The churches here want a man to labor with them. They are kind-hearted people, and a good earnest Christian man will find a great work to be done for the Master.

La Tete, Feb. 18th, '86.

J. A. GATES.

NOVA SCOTIA.

TIVERTON.

I began a meeting with the church of Tiverton on the 14th of January, with fair prospects of success. But after contending with the rough and stormy weather, and bad roads for over three weeks, we were compelled to close our meeting without seeing our hopes realized. So stormy was the weather, and so bad were the roads, that at different times we were not able to meet at all. And to add to our discouragement, several of our leading members were taken sick and not able to attend, just at the time when it seemed that they were the most needed. Still we had some very happy meetings, and several who had grown cold in the Master's service were again induced to come up to the work. Though we had to leave some in whom we have a deep interest outside of the Kingdom, we feel assured that the brethren are stronger for these few weeks' labor, though given under many difficulties.

The Sunday-school at Tiverton is in a flourishing condition. We look for good results from this school.

The Women's Aid Society is also doing good work. The most of the sisters in Tiverton are taking hold of this grand work with commendable zeal, and will give a good report of themselves by our next Annual Meeting.

Returning from Tiverton, we began a meeting with the church at

WESTPORT.

on Tuesday, the 9th inst., which meeting is still in progress. We are having very interesting meetings with good congregations all the time. Though we have no additions to report up to this date, peace and good will prevails, and quite a number of the brethren are working earnestly for the success of this meeting.

The Sunday-school at Westport is doing good work, with increasing interest.

The Society of "Willing Workers," organized here last fall, are working hard in the interest of our Mission work. They number now about fifteen or sixteen members, and meet once a week. The officers are—Miss Edith Peters, President; Miss Currie Payson, Secretary; and Miss Minnie Titus, Treasurer. May God bless the labors of these dear young people, and may they all grow to be indeed "willing workers" in the vineyard of our Lord.

I have now completed my 14th year with the churches on these islands. It is not my intention to remain with them longer than this spring. Just where I shall labor in the future does not now appear. God giving me strength I shall be at work. The harvest is certainly plenteous, but the laborers are few.

E. C. FORD.

Westport, Feb. 20, 1886.

Since writing my notes of the 20th ult., we have had four confessions and baptisms. Fine meetings yesterday (Lord's day) and good interest. We continue our meetings this week, and hope, by the blessing of God, to be able to report yet greater success. We thank God and take courage. E. C. F.

Feb. 22.

RIVERSIDE.

Our new meeting-house at West Gore was opened for worship on Lord's day the 7th ult. Bro. J. B. Wallace, senior bishop, presiding.

A week later came Bro. Murray, on a flying visit, who always finds a warm welcome and a full house when he comes to West Gore.

General satisfaction is expressed with the workmanship and furnishing of the new house. None but master workmen having been employed in each department of work, we hope to thoroughly enjoy the fruit of our labor, and that a sense of comfort and convenience will in no wise detract, but rather add to the spirit of devotion. In accordance with the spirit of Christianity the seats are all free, and the invitation is "to all."

The teaching of Christ (Matt. v. 28), makes the control of thought essential. This is the only discipline which can be perfectly successful. A moral system which prohibits actions, but gives unlimited license to the thoughts, will be largely ineffectual, and is not wise.

As Haller has truthfully said: "It did not escape the observation of our Saviour, that the rejection of any evil thoughts is the best defence against vice."

The heart is the fountain from whence flows the stream of life. Keep the heart pure, by admitting no evil thought, and the life will be pure. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see (enjoy) God."

D. McDUGALL.

Riverside, Feb. 16th, 1886.

HALIFAX.

Dear Brother,—I would like to make known through the columns of your paper a few facts in connection with the church here at the present time, as you have heard through Bro. Wallace an account of how the Lord has blessed us the past year. Our efforts have been feeble, and there are some who have not been very long in the faith, and it is our desire to see the cause of Christ built up in this city. But in our present state we feel that we have need of help from our brethren; we cannot but think that we should have the hearty support and sympathy of all the churches throughout the Provinces. We do not ask for help, financially or temporally, but spiritually, and there is but one way to lend us a helping hand. Will some of the churches who may read this article send their preacher here, if it be but for one Lord's day? In the apostolic days it was the practice to visit weak churches and strengthen them, and set things in order. It is just as necessary to do so to-day, and that is what the church here wants. We have been away down in the valley of dry bones; but there has been a shaking, and now there are precious souls anxious about their eternal welfare. And I believe the day will come that the church of Christ in this city will obtain a good footing. Who will help us on in the good work? Who will lend us a helping hand just now, while our hearts are warm, so that in the Capital of Nova Scotia we may have a strong church and not a weak one. But a remnant of the old material is left. The members are mostly all young in years and in faith, with a full determination to do better for the Master's cause. But the enemy here is very strong, and makes it a continual fight, but we stand in the strength of Jehovah.

Then, come right along, brothers, two at a time, if you choose, and I can assure you a hearty welcome. We have a good hall in the centre of the city, which will seat three hundred people. Send word to Bro. E. Wallace, Builder, Dartmouth, N. S., when you are coming. Hoping that this will not pass by unheeded, I remain your brother, in the one hope,

WILLIAM HARDING.

Feb. 15th, 1886.

P. E. ISLAND.

A NOTE from Bro. Mitchell: "For three weeks I have been preaching every night in Charlottetown. Our audiences have not been large, but gradually increase, and the influence is obviously spreading. Last night I baptized two persons, the first fruits of my labors. The walls of prejudice are strong, and it will require patient and persistent work."