

The total amount received for Home Missions, at the various services, was \$44.00. After the collection Bro. Murray called for pledges, to be paid within one year. These came in quickly, and from every part of the house, until \$209 had been promised. The meeting was most enthusiastic.

The time for the farewell had come, in fact had about passed. The hour was late. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the members of the Tiverton church for their splendid hospitality. Many wanted to give personal expression to their gratitude for the many kindnesses received. To Bro. Bolton, the pastor of the church, is the convention particularly indebted. He labored hard to have the convention in Tiverton, and from the time when the place was definitely decided upon until the opening day he was untiring in his efforts to make the meeting a success. Throughout the convention he was untiring in his endeavors to promote the comfort of the visitors.

A closing hymn "God be with you till we meet again" was sung, H. Murray pronounced the benediction and the convention was closed.

Correspondence.

DEER ISLAND LETTER.

On Sunday July 31st, I had the pleasure of preaching in Lubec. Bro. Harry Minnick is the preacher here and he is in the hearts of all the people. At present he is away and Bro. Davis fills his appointments. Bro. Davis preached in Lord's Cove and Leonardville the same day that I was in Lubec. I enjoyed my visit among the brethren very much. My home was with Capt. George McFadden, who, with his excellent wife, made me at home. I was sorry to find that Sister Minnick was so poorly. I also met Bros. Will Allen and George Edgecombe, two young men who are in attendance at the Bible College at Lexington. Bro. Allen will graduate next spring and will come east if there is an opening. I liked what I saw of him and think he would be a good yokefellow.

A goodly number of our Deer Island people were disappointed in not getting to the annual meeting at Tiverton. However, we will have to do the next best thing, so do not be surprised if you hear tell of a "Quoddy Bay Meeting" in the near future.

After the meeting at Tiverton, I went to Westport and preached two evenings for the brethren there. I had not been here for ten years, and was very glad to renew old acquaintances. I made my home with Capt. A. Payson, and both he and his wife were very kind and made my stay very pleasant indeed. I met Capt. Payson about ten years ago, and a friendship was formed which has lasted all these years; he is a brother of Bro. E. Payson who has served the church in Westport for so many years as an elder.

Bro. Foster Calder preached for the church in Leonardville several times; the brethren were well pleased with him.

Mrs. Frank Richardson, who has been

away for some time, has returned and is much improved in health. We welcome her back again.

Mrs. M. B. Ryan expects to leave us soon. We shall miss her and hope that she may be successful in the Master's work in her new home. Both Bro. and Sister Ryan have places in the hearts of the people here that will not soon be lost.

I am at present in West Gore, Hants Co., but will return to Deer Island 1st September.
W. H. HARDING.

BY THE WAY IN FLORIDA.

I have up to date received about fifty letters and postal cards from friends of the "soldier boys" in camp here, introducing them to my notice and requesting me to call on them in camp. This I have done as rapidly as time and opportunity would allow. Bro. Marion Boles, one of our leading preachers in Southern Illinois, is here as chaplain of the 9th Illinois regiment. In company H. of the same regiment the 1st lieutenant is Bro. Geo. E. Day, a most excellent preacher, and till war times, pastor of the Fairfield church, Ill. In the same company is Bro. Wood, 1st duty sergeant, another excellent young preacher, and, I am informed by Bro. Boles, one of the finest exhorters of Southern Illinois. In every regiment stationed here, and there are now about twenty-four, we have numbers of young Church members, so that it is no exaggeration to say that we have in all probability about two or three hundred members of the Christian Church now in "Camp Cuba Libre."

Yesterday the writer was requested to assist in the distribution of New Testaments at one of the Division Christian Commission Tents. About four hundred testaments had been sent to this tent. I arrived at the tent about 9.30 in the morning, and after a few words to the "boys" assembled, I personally gave away about one hundred Testaments, and with each a copy also of hymns for tent and camp use. Those who assisted in the work probably gave away as many more each. I asked each young man, as he came forward to receive the book, to read it carefully and prayerfully. It gave me no little satisfaction to see these soldiers wending their ways to their different tents, carrying with them the Word of the living God. No one was given a book that did not wish one.

I preached at the tent of the 1st Wisconsin to a fine audience Tuesday, August 9th.

Chaplain Boles and numbers of the young Christian brethren are helping us in our city work while here, while we reciprocate by aiding in the work at the camps. It is mutually beneficial.

Our work in this city moves along encouragingly. We had two additions at the close of the evening service last Lord's day, a gentleman and his wife.

Chaplain Boles preaches for us next Lord's day evening, and a selected chorus of young men from the 9th Illinois Regiment will sing at the evening service.

I have before me a package of about twelve or thirteen well-written letters from the Junior Endeavorers of the North Street Christian Church, Halifax, N. S. I am very proud of these little letters, and may our Heavenly Father abundantly bless the little writers.
T. H. BLENUS.

Jacksonville, Florida.

Original Contributions.

GIVING.

H. MURRAY

Why should every Christian give liberally to the Lord? Because the Lord has commanded it. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as the Lord has prospered him." "Every man as he purposeth so let him give." "Give and it shall be given unto you." "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thy increase." Much more might be produced of like import which show that this commandment is written bright and large all over the pages of the Bible and is sufficient to convince those who love the Lord, that the duty of devoting a liberal portion of their income to the cause of Christ is as essential and important to their salvation as any command the Lord has enjoined.

In former times bitter complaints were raised against the importance that was given to baptism. It was necessary then to make very prominent that command, because its place and importance were not understood. Now we hear complaints against the prominence given to this subject of our offerings to the Lord. But we must not let this discourage us. We must earnestly contend for this duty until all see its importance and understand that their eternal salvation depends largely upon this duty of seeking the salvation of others, that to withhold their substance is to keep forever closed the gate of mercy on mankind. "For how shall they believe unless they have heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?" There is pressing need, just now, of constant agitation on this subject. When we find one who is indifferent along this line of duty, we should interest ourselves in his behalf and seek to reclaim him, and save him from himself.

Sunday doses are not enough; but homeopathic doses should be administered every day in the week until a cure is effected.

Please do not be alarmed. We have not put on the "war paint," but that charity that hopeth all things; and our hope is bright and our expectations are from the Lord that we shall see great advancement in our offerings to the cause of God and humanity.

We never felt so desperately in earnest over this subject as we have since our last annual meeting. We have the bits between our teeth and there is no stopping us now, till all know their duty from the least to the greatest. It is as clear as the shining sun, that unless we are willing to devote a reasonable portion of our means to carry on the Lord's work, we shall have to repeat our failures, and cover our profession and our plea with shame and disgrace.

It was shown at our convention that one cent a day from each of our two thousand disciples in the two provinces would give us seven thousand, three hundred dollars an-