

Correspondence.

LETTER FROM WESTPORT.

I am reminded that it is time my letter for THE CHRISTIAN was written, if it is to appear in the February number. Bro. Capp says, "Write us a long letter about your visit." How gladly I would do this, could I feel assured that such a letter would be of interest. To state the simple facts in the case would not make a long letter; and more than this, in my judgment, is unnecessary. But still I must write something or my brethren will think me remiss in duty. But what shall I say? It will be old news to tell your readers that Mrs. Ford and I are on a visit to Tiverton and Westport, for this has already been told by Bro. Capp in the last paper. To say that we are having just a grand time, would be no more than any one would expect. We left our home, in Port Williams, on the 24th December, and arrived at Tiverton on Christmas day. To us this was a very happy, if not a "Merry Christmas." The very warm reception we received from all, could not but make us feel glad to meet friends so true. We spent two days in Tiverton, in which time we called on as many as we possibly could in so short a time.

An appointment was made for us to preach on Wednesday evening, when we were greeted with a fine congregation. They wanted to know whether their old preacher had improved any, you know. The next morning we left for Westport, where we arrived a little behind time, but not too late for dinner, so I did not mind it much. Here, too, we received a very hearty welcome.

Since coming here we have been just as busy as it was possible for us to be. We are visiting the brethren every day and holding meetings as best we can. It would have been very pleasant could we have been able to report a number of additions, as the result of our labors here, but this we cannot do. I never undertook to hold a meeting when there seemed to be so many things against us. But these things will happen sometimes. One thing I do know, and that is, I have done my best. We have had some grand meetings, and many of the brethren have borne testimony to the goodness of God; but we have not yet been able to persuade the unconverted to come to the Saviour. Some, who for years have been cold and inactive, have come back again, and are at work for the Master. So while our meeting has not been all we could wish, we have reason to thank God for what we have seen, and still work on, knowing that "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

The brethren here, in Westport, were much pleased with Bro. Cooke, and are making an effort to secure his labors permanently. This, I believe, is a move in the right direction, and shall do what I can to encourage it. I am sure this would be a grand field for Bro. Cooke, and one in which he could do a good work.

Bro. DeVos is now comfortably settled in Tiverton, and is in a good position to build up the cause in that locality. The brethren speak highly of his efforts among them, and are greatly encouraged for the future of the church there.

It is a source of joy to me to see these churches, on which I have bestowed so much labor, on the road to success. It is due to the church in Westport to say, that, considering the odds that have been against them since they have been without a preacher, they have done nobly. There are faithful brethren in the churches who can be depended upon even in a dark day.

It is now our intention to remain here over another Lord's day, after which we go to Tiverton to spend a week among the friends there. This

visit, to us at least, is very enjoyable. When we left our home to come here we expected a grand time, and have not been disappointed. After we got home again, I shall say more of the cause on these islands than I can say here.

As ever, E. O. FORD.

Westport, Jan. 22, '89.

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

I remained here over three Lord's days, and to express myself briefly, I enjoyed myself extraordinary well. To give a description of the treatment by the brethren and friends during my sojourn with them, would be an attempt on my part to do more than I could justly accomplish. But the kindness received was of such a character that I shall never forget. I spent a great deal of the time in visiting among the brethren, which I enjoyed very much. On Christmas evening (after visiting most of the day) I returned to Bro. E. A. Payson's, about 10.30, accompanied by several of the brethren, after which there was presented to me by Bros. Thomas Hicks and E. A. Payson, a letter, containing the sum of \$19.00. I was given to understand this was freely solicited by Bro. T. Hicks, supported by all the brethren and friends, accompanied by the following lines: "Bro. Cooke, please accept the enclosed amount from the brethren and friends, with their best wishes for your prosperity and success in your work of faith and labor of love."

On the 26th I took my departure for Tiverton, here I met Bro. and Sister Ford. And on Wednesday evening had the pleasure of listening to a very interesting discourse by Bro. Ford. I remained over two evenings, spending a very enjoyable time with Bro. H. A. DeVos. On Friday evening about 9.30 I arrived at Sandy Cove, and here was warmly received and cared for by Bro. Eldridge and family, I enjoyed my evening's conversation with Bro. Eldridge. Although not enjoying the best of health, yet he enjoys the religion of the Blessed Redeemer, and speaks freely of the goodness of God. On the following day at 6 A. M., I took the stage, and at 10 P. M., arrived at my home in Halifax finding all well.

On Lord's day, met with the brethren and friends and spent a joyous time. After spending the best part of a week at home, I took the train for Cornwallis. On my arrival at 8 P. M., I was met by Bro. Joseph Wood and conducted to his home. I enjoyed the acquaintance and hospitality of Bro. and Sister Wood. The next morning drove to church; quite a large congregation were present. Here I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. A. LeCain and wife. In the evening we met again for worship.

My visit to Bro. William Jackson's was indeed a pleasant one, and I was profited by a talk with him on religious matters. Bro. Jackson is getting advanced in this life, but is looking forward to a life where time will never mar immortal youth.

I was very sorry, indeed, on hearing that Sister Joseph Jackson had been called away from home on account of the death of her brother, Barnaby Newcomb, who also was a member of the church. But at the beginning of the new year he calmly passed away to enter upon a new life.

On Monday morning I took the train for Annapolis, and at 3 P. M. was on board of the coach for Kempt. I arrived here at 12, midnight, in a cold rain storm, but soon was seated by a good fire. Although somewhat tired and having a bad cold, I cannot but say I soon forgot my disagreeable drive, getting fixed up all right I was able to attend to three services Lord's day. Bro. J. C. Cushing and myself intend driving to Milton this week to spend a few days, and most likely will remain over Lord's day.

H. E. COOKE.

Kempt, Jan. 14th, '89.

News of the Churches.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN ITEMS.

Bro. and Sister Leary have been deeply afflicted. Scarlet fever entered their family, taking one of their number away. But they were somewhat consoled by the fact that their little one is better off.

The new year was ushered in with a beautiful, bright, clear morning, and as is our custom we met at ten o'clock for prayer and social worship. There were a large number present, many taking part in the exercises, reviewing the past, learning therefrom that which will help us in the future. Although some good has been done, and love and harmony prevails among us, yet a stronger determination was expressed to do more in the future for the cause of the Master.

Two persons were added to our number by relation on Lord's day (Jan. 6th).

Bro. T. H. Capp preached in the Union Hall at Brookville, Lord's day afternoon (Jan. 13th).

Tuesday evening, January 22nd, was the tenth anniversary of our esteemed Brother and Sister Capp's wedding. After the Young People's Meeting about seventy members of the church and congregation assembled at his residence, Cliff Street, and before he had recovered from his surprise they presented him with a "tin" bank containing about \$52 and the following address, which was read by Sister L. A. Miles:

To our esteemed Brother Capp:

On behalf of the congregation of Coburg Street Christian Church it has fallen to my happy lot to present you with this small address on this the tenth anniversary of your wedded life, which we believe without a doubt has been ten years of happiness.

Accompanying this we present you with a tin bank, the contents of which we trust you will accept, only as a slight token of the appreciation and respect in which you are held by us.

To Mrs. Capp we extend a cordial greeting of love, and best wishes for many succeeding years. And our united desire is that you may both be spared to enjoy the golden wedding of this life, and that when your work is finished here, you may enter that happy state beyond the river, where only eternal golden bliss is to be found.

Bro. Capp briefly expressed his thanks, after which the evening was rendered more enjoyable by readings, recitations and music.

Sister Mary Saunders passed away on Thursday, Jan. 3rd, 1889, after a short illness. She was the oldest member of this church, being baptized May 3rd, 1835.

We are all glad to learn from a private letter that Bro. C. H. DeVos, who was seriously ill at the Bible College, Lexington, Ky., has been fully restored to health, and will continue his studies.

Yearly statement of Coburg street Christian Sunday-school, ending Dec 31st, 1888:

Number of scholars on roll,	125
" " Officers and Teachers	19
Average attendance	105
New scholars,	37
Scholars added to church,	5

COLLECTIONS.

Gir's.		Boys.	
Class No. 1	\$ 16 60	Class No. 1	\$ 33 42
" 2	12 35	" 2	4 08
" 3	7 50	" 3	6 80
" 4	5 60	" 4	9 25
" 5	5 46	" 5	4 26
" 6	4 57	" 6	4 37
" 7	5 35	" 7	7 32
" 8	8 27	" 8	8 05
	\$ 65 70		\$ 77 55

Total	\$ 143 25
Collection at anniversary	17 60
Sale of books	91
Balance last Report	9 09

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