

my failure, but that is worn threadbare as an excuse. But still it would be difficult to find more inclement weather in the same length of time than we had during the last three months. But if, hereafter, the meetings held shall bear some fruit to the honor and glory of God, I shall be thankful. However, I think the financial part of the meetings is encouraging. Had I been permitted to visit all the churches in the interest of Home Mission work, I should have succeeded, I think, in raising enough money to make it possible for the Home Board to render greater help to our weak churches. The pledges work well. I should like very much to have given the finances a little more time. A few weeks devoted to that feature of our work would be sufficient every year. May God bless the work and the workers, is my prayer.

R. W. STEVENSON.

Montague, P. E. Island,  
January 20th, 1899.

#### FROM KENTUCKY.

In Lexington again. Back to dear old K. U. once more. What a treat it was to renew old college friendships! The Canadian boys gave me a royal welcome. It did my heart good.

Just a short message to the many warm friends I have left behind me. Not till the good-byes at the depot were said, the farewell words were spoken, the cry "all aboard for Georgetown," did I fully understand that I was leaving Charlottetown. But the hour of separation had come and the ordeal of parting was a very trying one.

Of the faithful band composing Central Church, with whom it has been my privilege to labor for over two years, and who, time and again, have ministered to me in mine often necessities, I shall ever cherish loving remembrances and feelings of the deepest regard. May the Lord bless them and bring joy out of their sorrow and strength out of their weakness. May the brotherhood of the provinces rally to their support, and by their practical help demonstrate that the cause which "Central" Church has espoused is one of truth and righteousness, and worthy of a united brotherhood's earnest prayers and ready sympathy.

The preachers and the few intimate friends in the sister churches I shall never forget. When in trouble they gave me counsel, when the way was difficult they cheered me on, when help was asked it was freely given.

I have been made the recipient of many loving favors. I have been overwhelmed with kindness. My heart is filled with deep thanksgiving to the friends faithful and true who sacrificed so much on my behalf, who held up my hands, and who manifested always a keen appreciation of my ministry. May the Lord reward them.

The Foreign Mission Board, upon a personal examination, have accepted my application. In all probability, on the completion of my college course, I sail for Japan at the end of the year. To visit the provinces again, to enjoy the goodfellowship of true Christian friends when on furlough, will be a great pleasure to look forward to. But in the seven years that will elapse there must of necessity be many changes. May we cherish the hope that if not in time, then in eternity we may meet face to face, where partings are unknown and sorrows never come.

Yours in the Master's service.

GEO. MANIFOLD.

#### NOTES FROM KIMBERLIN HEIGHTS.

Starting from St. John on January 10th, I arrived at Kimberlin Heights on Jan. 14th. Bro. and Sister Johnston may well be proud of the "School of the Evangelists." It is a very fine building, the rooms being heated by steam and lighted by electricity.

There are a number of Canadian boys here, Bro. Lord, from Deer Island, N. B., Bro. Kempton, from Milton, N. S., and others from Upper Canada.

My health is improving and I hope I shall get strong physically and spiritually so that I may be able to do a great work for my Master. As I am not required to work on the farm till spring, I intend, with God's help, to study hard so as to catch up with the boys.

J. B. LASKEY.

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#### DEER ISLAND LETTER.

On Friday, December 23rd, we had a Christmas tree for the Sunday School in Lord's Cove. The meeting house was crowded; both old and young seemed to enjoy it. Our Sunday School at this place is securing a good library. The school has now about 125 scholars, a good staff of officers and teachers, and its future looks bright, and this means that the future of the church is assured, for the Bible school is the nursery of the church.

During the first week of the new year union meetings were held in the different churches.

The people of Lambert's Cove have erected and opened for worship a neat little house, in fact one of the neatest little buildings I have ever seen in a country place. The house is built free for any minister of any denomination to preach in, and is the property of the people, not of any denomination. The house reflects great credit upon those who carried it on to completion.

One Sunday evening lately the Independent Order of Foresters attended service at Leonardville. The house was packed to overflowing, and a sermon was preached from the words, "Let brotherly love continue." From Leonardville we have the good news, that brethren who have been not working with us are coming back to the work again. Oh! how good it would be to see all the children of God together as one family, loving one another and helping each other to fight the good fight of faith.

The ladies' auxiliary in Lord's Cove held a very nice entertainment one evening last month and had a good collection. The ladies at Leonardville are going to do likewise pretty soon.

Last week I began a series of meetings in Lord's Cove. The weather was intensely cold but the attendance was extra good. On Sunday evening our house was crowded to overflowing. So far five have made the good confession and have been baptized, two have been restored, and the prospect seems bright for a good meeting. I expect Bro. Minnick from Lubec this week to help in the good work. A Congregationalist minister who has been visiting at Bro. Ezra Leeman's, was with

us in several of our meetings. Had it not been that he has throat trouble I would have asked him to preach for us. The unanimous decision of the brethren is that the outlook for church work here never looked as good as now.

Mrs. M. B. Ryan and family are here visiting at present, on their way to their new home in Erie, Penn.

There are a good many cases of "la grippe" on the island at present; even our doctor came under its influence for a time, but so far I have not learned of any serious cases.

Hoping to be able to give a good report of our work next month, I close.

W. H. HARDING.

#### NOTES BY THE WAY.

Through the kindness of the people at East Point during my last visit there, I was permitted to take two weeks' vacation. I spent most of them at Malpeque.

"How dear to our hearts are the scenes of our childhood  
When fond recollections present them to view."

I arrived here on Friday, and on Saturday I went to Summerside and on Sunday preached morning and evening. The attendance at both meetings was small, owing to a violent snow storm that made the roads and streets almost impassable. The work in Summerside looks favorable. The brethren have turned their preaching fund into a building fund, and are contemplating repairing their meeting house, and intend by the next annual meeting—July, 1899—to have one of the neatest and nicest churches on the Island. Success to the enterprise.

On the following Sunday I attended meeting in the Presbyterian church at home, and was glad to be privileged to sit once more with friends whom I have learned to love. The minister of this church, Rev. G. M. Fisher, is an excellent Christian gentleman, and has many warm friends in that section of the Island. In the evening I was requested to take the service, which I accepted. My visit at home was pleasant.

On Tuesday night I gave my lecture in Cavendish hall under the auspices of the Cavendish Literary Society, on "The Mirth of the Morn." Although the thermometer was eleven degrees below freezing point, yet the attendance was good.

The Sunday following I preached at Cross Roads. The meeting was fairly well attended. In the evening I preached in Charlottetown. Last Sunday I preached in the meeting house morning and evening, and in Charlottetown in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. I am very much encouraged with the work here at Cross Roads, and feel that the truth must prevail. I go to East Point Friday and will remain there for two Sundays.

A. N. S.

Fifty years ago seven shoemakers in a shop in the city of Hamburg, said, "By the grace of God we will help to send the gospel to our destitute fellow-men." In twenty-five years they had established fifty self-supporting churches, had gathered out 10,000 converts, had disturbed 400,000 Bibles and 8,000,000 tracts, and had carried the gospel to 50,000,000 of the race. It would take only 150 such men to carry the gospel to the whole world in twenty-five years.—*Missionary Intelligencer.*