

EAST FERRY, N. S.

This point is at the lower end of Digby Neck and separated from Tiverton and our *home church* by a passage half a mile wide, which connects Bay St. Mary's with the Bay of Fundy. The tides run through this passage with an incredible speed, so that when wind and tide are in opposite directions crossing becomes very difficult. East Ferry has an industrious people who, in calling us to preach regularly for them, have opened their school-house for the purpose. We filled our first regular appointment on Sunday, December 6th, and had a good and attentive congregation. H. A. DEVOE.

SOUTH RANGE, N. S.

On Saturday, December 5th, I first set my foot in this place to help open the new house of worship which the few brethren living here have built and paid for at a great sacrifice. The house is a little gem and thoroughly finished and furnished. Bro. Cooke promised to report the opening of the house, so I have only to add the result of our week's labors since, viz., on Dec. 12th. The church was organized, at which time Bros. B. Marshall and B. Sabean were set apart as elders, and Bros. C. Shortliff and Albert Marshall as deacons, to act with Deacon J. H. Shortliff. Andrew Marshall was elected church clerk. Since that time three happy converts have confessed Christ, been buried with Him by baptism and added to the congregation, making in all a membership of nineteen. Other additions by relation and obedience are expected in the near future. I call it *home* at Bro. Jesse Zeigler's, whose large heart and kind wife can only be known to be appreciated. H. A. DEVOE.

TIVERTON, N. S.

We are trying to get our church debt cleared off. It only amounts to about \$150.00. Small as this sum looks as a church debt, yet it puts us to our best efforts on the part of those who are willing to hold up the cause of Christ in our midst. We think the few brethren living in this county deserve credit, and are truly progressive. They keep two preachers, and within about two years have expended about \$2,500.00 in church property. We have lost one of our best workers who has gone to Westport as the wife of Bro. Ernest Peters, but what we have lost, Westport gains in Sister Peters. May she be as faithful in her new home as our wish and prayer. H. A. DEVOE.

SOUTHVILLE, N. S.

I left Westport on the 23rd of November and arrived at the above named place the evening of the same day. On the 24th Bro. H. A. Devoe joined us and we announced meeting for the next day. We were greeted with a fair congregation. We continued our meetings, Bro. D. remaining with us five evenings. I remained with the brethren fourteen days. Twenty sermons were preached, eight social meetings were held and eighteen family visits made. Meetings were held at Woodville, Southville and Riverdale. These places are about three miles apart. Bro. and Sister Gates were with us the most of the time. Bro. G. was with us on each Lord's day. We had a good meeting and were glad to see some coming back to labor for Christ that have not been in harmony for years, they were those who were longed for and loved by the brotherhood, and now their hopes are realized and unity restored. There is a faithful band of workers here and needs to be encouraged. They are not rich in worldly things, but rich in faith and good works. A good work can be done here with some financial aid. Elder S. Steele is still at his post, though now in his 78th year, yet smart and active. May God abundantly bless those dear brethren is our prayer. H. E. COOKE.

SOUTH RANGE, N. S.

I left Southville on the 11th of December in company with Bro. Steele to attend the opening of the new church at the above named place. The first meeting took place on Saturday evening of the 12th. A full house greeted us, and after the singing of some appropriate hymns Bro. H. A. Devos preached from John xx. 21, the first sermon in one of the finest church buildings in the county. This building is indeed a credit to the few noble hearted brethren of South Range. It is completed and free of debt. Bros. Benjamin Sabean, Benjamin Marshall, Jesse Zeigler, Albert Marshall, Joseph Shortliff, deserve the highest credit for their untiring effort and sacrifice of time and means to complete a house in which to worship God. It is a little beauty. It will seat comfortably 175 and we think 250 could be seated with extra seats. It is well painted and lighted—in all it is just grand. Too much cannot be said in praise of the brethren and friends who have assisted in this noble work. On Lord's day morning we met again, a full house greeted the speaker, Bro. H. A. Devos, to hear the dedication sermon from I. Kings vi. 7; Eph. ii. 22. This was listened to with much interest and it was well done. The analogy between the old and the new temple was clearly set forth. In the afternoon at 2 30 we gathered to hear Bro. J. A. Gates. Another large congregation greeted the speaker. Bro. G. took for his text the words, Preach the Word (II. Tim. iv. 2). This was a straightforward Gospel discourse, delivered in a clear, distinct and practical manner. At 3 30 we met around the Lord's table, Elder S. Steele, of Southville, with the writer, presiding. At 7 p. m. we met again, another large congregation filled the house when the writer spoke from John xii. 24. We spent a happy day in all. Many friends from other districts were present; there were a goodly number from the Southville district. Bro. Devos intends holding a meeting for the brethren; we pray for his success. H. E. COOKE.

GULLIVER'S COVE, N.S.

On Monday morning I left in company with Bro. Steele for home. We called at Bro. Stannels Hines' at Gulliver's Cove. After dinner we visited the church that is in course of building here. It is a spacious little building and all finished on the outside, and now it wants to be finished inside. Bro. Hines is anxious to finish this house and I have his permission to ask aid in this direction. Bro. Hines tells me that a good work can be done here if the house was finished. *No preaching. No prayer-meetings. No Sunday-school,* and a large number of young growing up without the aid of the Gospel training. It will not take much to furnish it. Now, brethren, can't we help to furnish this house? We extend the appeal to all the churches. Let all the churches take a special collection some time in the near future for the finishing of this church. Say it will be done and it can be done. Send your collection to the writer, as I intend to work here in the way of holding a meeting as soon as possible. I will place the money in the hands of Bro. Hines to have the work of finishing done; also material in the way of lime, laths, lumber and nails will be gratefully received by Bro. Hines. Now, brethren, won't you help in this matter? It is not much that is needed and it is for the cause of Christ. We want all the churches in the provinces where THE CHRISTIAN is read to send us a collection and the church at Gulliver's Cove will be completed. We shall look for this, and if the churches won't do it, let us know and save us the suspense of waiting. Now we don't want you to send us a thousand dollars each, but send us your collection, let it be large or small, it will be thankfully received and acknowledged. H. E. COOKE.

Westport, N. S.

HALIFAX, N. S.

We have had a visit from our beloved Brother Hiram Wallace. He spent two Lord's days with us, and we were strengthened and encouraged by his short stay among us. H. CARSON.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

On the 7th inst. about eighty persons spent a most agreeable night at the house of Bro. George Stevenson, New Glasgow, P. E. I., in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of his marriage to Mary Proctor. The unfavorable weather which prevented the attendance of several at a distance (among them his two brothers, for which we were sorry), did not prevent a good meeting. The aged couple were in good health, doing their utmost to make their guests happy. Mrs. McLaron, of Charlottetown, the bridesmaid of fifty years ago and her husband were present— hale and hearty. So, also, was James Proctor, who supported the groom on that occasion, with his wife in good health and fine spirits.

An excellent tea was served at an early hour. Next came the donations which were very creditable, then I read the following address which was responded to by Bro. Stevenson:

Dear friends,—Our present meeting is by no means a common one, because death seldom permits this happy union to continue for fifty years. When husband and wife survive all obstructions and remain well and strong to comfort each other for half a century, it appears but proper and seemly for relations and friends to meet to congratulate them and remember the goodness of God.

We are glad to meet the united head of this family and thankful to our merciful Father who has prolonged their lives and in so many ways blest them, both temporally and spiritually. We wish them still many days to serve Him until He calls them to their better home.

REPLY.

Dear friends,—I am happy to meet you on this occasion, and on behalf of my partner, as well as myself, I ask you to accept of our most hearty thanks for your kind and generous remembrance of us. May the Lord so guide and keep us that we will have a happy meeting where there will be no parting.

Immediately after this it was remarked that the late Bro. Geo. Bagnall*, formerly of New Glasgow, but later of New Zealand, was at the same time and place married to Martha Stevenson, who was called two years ago to mourn the loss of a faithful and loving husband in that distant land, and that Sister Bagnall and her children have now sent most affectionate Christian greetings to Bro. and Sister Stevenson with rare and valuable presents. During these remarks Mrs. Crawford passed to the recipients a beautiful portfolio, the covers of which are made of New Zealand wood, and made for this occasion, the front being inlaid and containing fourteen different kinds of wood. There is enclosed a plan showing the different names of the wood by reference to numbers. In the portfolio were photos of the natives, both old and young, also views of New Zealand as well as the photographs of a number of relatives with the names of individuals in the list enclosed. There was also a present of a massive gold brooch, the gift of Mrs. McLaron, the bridesmaid, and this part of the meeting closed with prayer.

The rest of the night was spent in sacred song and in enlivening conversation. The young were interested in hearing from the old men their experience of fifty and sixty years ago. A supper was served about midnight and many of the company remained till daylight. D. C.

* George Bagnall and wife and eldest son and wife were worthy members of the New Glasgow church and went to New Zealand near thirty years ago. By honest industry they have become independent in the land of their adoption. Still better, nearly, it is not all, the family are Christians, notwithstanding the disadvantages of a new country. THE CHRISTIAN owes no little to L. J. B. for his intelligent and interesting letters. A very warm-hearted poem, composed by one of the Bagnall brothers for the occasion, was read at the meeting, and the whole interest of the golden wedding was much increased by the remembrance of the New Zealand friends. D. C.