

on Sunday, at three o'clock, we spoke to a fair congregation, among whom was Bro. John Ford, the first Milton face we had seen since last December. Whatever we may have thought of his face in former times, it certainly looked good to us at this time. Sunday evening the church house was well filled with very attentive listeners. What a pleasure to talk to those who feel the need of the bread of life.

Tuesday Bro. Devoe took us to his home in South Range. Here we found a very pleasant home in a live, active, energetic, agreeable family of farmers, carpenters, artists and preachers. Counting the writer and Bro. McLean, whose presence is an indubitable intimation of something good, and those who were farm hands, we numbered thirteen. Bro. Devoe is a busy man. Although engaged in secular business, he is not all trade and trappings. He finds time to preach the gospel. We spoke, Wednesday evening, in the church at South Range to quite a little gathering. We were pleased to meet again with these brethren whom we have long held in high esteem.

Thursday we were brought to Rossway by the kindness of Miss Devoe, the artist. Here we spent a few hours very pleasantly with the McKay family, whose hospitality is well known by our brethren who travel that way. We went to Sandy Cove by coach. Lodged in the home of Bro. and Sister Eldridge. They are still in the body and waiting in expectation of a better and brighter life. We came to Tiverton Friday morning. Remained here one week; visited twenty-seven families, attended one prayer-meeting and preached twice. Our meetings, Lord's day, were well attended. We were much pleased in seeing over forty at the Lord's table. Bro. Ossinger and Bro. Cossaboon officiated. The confiding, humble simplicity of the occasion carried us back to former days. The memory of those days came over our soul and reminded us of the days when we were charmed by the songs and exhortations and associations of those whose voices we shall hear on earth no more. Bro. Bolton's untarnished Christian character has won the confidence and respect of this people. He has left them in a united condition, with the incense of peace and joy continually burning.

We are now in Westport, in the home of Bro. and Sister Payson, where we are getting the very best of care. The meeting here yesterday morning was well attended; in the evening the house was full, but the preacher, unfortunately, was on the sick list. The people, however, were very patient and endured the preaching (?) without a murmur.

We find some of the standard bearers gone to their reward, but some still remain. We have a number of faithful Disciples here who mean business—who are workers for the Lord—who do not expect to go to heaven on beds of ease, while those who have brought to us the word of life had to sail through bloody seas.

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IN NEW ENGLAND.

On May 29th I left my home in Lord's Cove for Boston. After a very pleasant trip I arrived in Boston on the afternoon of the 30th. The next day I made a call on Bro. R. H. Bolton, whom I found suffering from an attack of rheumatism, but on the mending hand. The brethren at Everett, where Bro. Bolton preaches, are building a nice house of worship, which they expect to have ready for use this fall.

On Friday, June 2nd, I attended in the Hollis street theatre a convention of the "Free Religious Association of America." I found it was wrongly named, for it should have been called the "Irreligious Association." Addresses were given by different men of culture and education on two themes: 1st, "Immortality;" 2nd, "The Bible and Modern Thought." The first subject was treated from various points of view. The president of Yale University viewed the subject from a philosophical standpoint. He used a great many technical terms that I am sure were quite unintelligible to many of his hearers. A great part of this paper was taken up with the philosophic death of Socrates. Next, we had a paper by a professor in Columbia University, viewing the question from the standpoint of psychology. This paper presented some of the things which had been brought to light as a result of psychical research. There was also a paper read by a Miss Thompson, of Boston, on the "Transcendental View of the Conception of Immortality." The argument attempted was that existence cannot be proved to go beyond this world. The scientific argument was presented by Dr. Janes, of Cambridge. While the Oriental view was presented by a native missionary from India, who is in America in the interests of the Buddhist religion.

The second subject was treated by B. Fay Mills, who declared that the Bible divided the people and was full of contradictions. Col. Ingersoll ridiculed the whole thing—Bible, God, Christ and Christianity. Other speakers did more or less towards trying to tear the Bible to pieces. Some things were said that called forth hisses and cries of disapproval even from a Boston audience. I wish I had time to tell you more about this convention. Truly this is a wonderful age.

On Sunday morning, June 4th, I preached for Bro. Mohorter in the Boston Church of Christ. Bro. Mohorter is the new minister in Boston, and I have something to say about the work here that may be of interest to you. After a great deal of planning and working the church has moved into a very snug house of its own on St. James street, and have again started, but this time free of debt. They have engaged Bro. Mohorter to labor with them, and I believe him to be the right man in the right place.

Now we all know that there are a great many Disciples in and near Boston who have come from the Maritime Provinces. Some

of these have identified themselves with the church either in Boston or in Everett, but a great many (shall I say the greater number?) have not. Now I want to ask you: Do you know of some who have not? Will you write to them? Tell them about the work in Boston and Everett. Let us remember that this is the Lord's work, not ours. Would it not be a good plan for preachers to send notice of the removal of members from one place to another? I have given Bro. Mohorter a number of names of persons living in Boston, and if any of you will send him the names of your friends, he will gladly do what he can to enlist them in the good work. We ought to have a good strong church in Boston. Let all who have come from the provinces and settled in or near Boston get letters from their churches and deposit them in the church nearest them; and by thus taking hold of the work they will have a fresh interest and be a blessing to others.

I shall have more to say on this subject. I will give you an account of the New England convention in my next.

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FIELDS AND FORCES.

Several requests have been made that I write concerning our cause at Pictou and Charlottetown. Pictou, or rather the few faithful Disciples who are holding the fort there, are worthy of the highest praise of the brotherhood. In the face of the bitter criticism and hostile attitude of the sects, they hold out, and live those truths which are the fundamental principles of the church. I never have labored in any place where I met stronger opposition. We have very few adherents, but God will yet use the few to confound the many and mighty. With a good established preacher, one in whom the people can have confidence, our plea will have a hearing. I feel that if the people of Pictou can be persuaded to come out to our hall and hear the glorious truths of the Church of Christ, they will override custom and prejudice, and will heartily support the work. But a strong preacher must live and have his being in the town. This is the only way to penetrate the crust of bigotry and custom and Bible ignorance.

Bro. Allen, a '99 graduate from Kentucky University, takes charge of the work in Pictou on June 25th, and with the co-operation of the brotherhood, he hopes to firmly establish the cause. He has loyal support in the person of Bro. David Fullerton, who owns the house of worship and gives three hundred and more a year toward the support of the work. We need more men of his stamp. A man of larger consecration and of greater sacrifice I never met. Let the brethren hope and pray for the highest possible success of our plea in Pictou, and welcome Bro. Allen to the provinces. He comes a stranger; he enters a new and hard work; and he deserves the encouragement and sympathy of the brethren.