

as to partake of the death of the cross for a lost race; how those to whom He gave the great commission were partakers of His sorrows, sufferings, and, some of them, His death, that the lost might be saved. And then when I think of the change in this age of self-love, of satisfied ease, of seeking place and power, I cannot refrain from asking: Does the Father still continue the loving Father? Does Jesus still seek to save the lost? Is His great desire still for the return of the wandering sheep? Is He still the shepherd of the sheep? Has He still sheep which are not of the fold which He must bring so as to make one fold and have one Shepherd? Is the salvation of a lost world wholly depending on the presentation of the Gospel by those who have the key of knowledge? Or, must all be eternally lost except they who are now called by and become obedient to the Gospel? Or, has God a revolution yet to make by which the unsaved will be saved, the assurance of which gives to the called, chosen and faithful (?) a good reason why they should be at ease in Zion?

Life and death, what are they? Time and eternity, who understand them? Ability and opportunity, who properly employs them? In the great day when the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed, and when each shall have to render an account of his stewardship, who will be able to stand?

One thing is true: The most responsible before God are not the dark, bought souls who have never had the gospel, nor heard the story of Jesus and His love, but, the servant who knows his Lord's will and "does it not." O. B. E.

Dear CHRISTIAN,—After three months absence I am home again and wish to answer my many correspondents through THE CHRISTIAN, as I have much work to attend before leaving (Tuesday, Jan 28th) for St. John's, Newfoundland. I will be away until June 1st. I take this opportunity to inform my many personal friends that I am pleased with the kind letters sent me and hope to be able to meet them all again at the next annual meeting. I am well pleased with THE CHRISTIAN, as it is one of the soundest papers that I have ever read, and trust that all things that is not consistent with the truth will be kept out of it. I am aware that under the present management there will be no danger of anything going into THE CHRISTIAN that will be of the nature of harsh criticism. I will, if spared, write for THE CHRISTIAN a synopsis of my travels. But during the last three months my time has been so much in demand that I have not had time to write home. I trust you will excuse me this time for I am needed elsewhere. My very best wishes are for the advancement of the cause of Christ in these provinces as well as all round the world. Brethren, I am working for the cause of Christ—not for self. If for self, then I would stay home and take a situation. Remember, brethren, we must have a church house in Halifax and my whole soul is determined on that house, and I don't know such a word as failure in my New Testament. I only wish we had a few more sisters and brothers like Sister O. M. Packard, of New York. It would help build up quickly. What we have to do we should do quickly. The "la Grippe" may take us off before we are able to accomplish much. The good Lord helps us to do what we are able at the present time. Let none wait until the eleventh hour to divide their riches. I am not in a position to help financially at present, but hope in a few months to spend something for the cause of the blessed Gospel in these provinces. All that I have is the Lord's To Him I am thankful for life. I had a very hard time of it in Newfoundland but have recovered and am quite well and feel much smarter than before and more determined to go ahead in the work.

Wishing all the readers of THE CHRISTIAN the compliments of the season, I remain your brother in the one hope.

W. J. MESSERVEY.

News of the Churches.

NOVA SCOTIA.

TIVERTON.

We have nothing very encouraging to report to the readers of THE CHRISTIAN at present. The weather on these islands for some time past has been something dreadful and much sickness abounds. Owing to these things we have been unable to do little more than keep up our regular meetings so far this winter.

Bro. H. Murray has been working against these adverse circumstances with Bro. Cooke in Westport for the last three weeks, and now we are looking for him to give us a helping hand here in Tiverton where we pray we may be blessed of the Lord in order that the meetings may prove a success and that the cause of our blessed Master may be built up in our midst.

On New Year's eve a number of the scholars and teachers of our Sunday-school repaired to the home of our beloved superintendent, Elder Thomas Ossinger, and presented him with a watch-chain and charm as a slight token of the regard and love with which he is regarded by all who know him. May he long be spared to our usefulness in our prayer.

H. A. DeVoe.

KEMPT.

Bro. William Murray has been with us since the last day of October, and during that time has preached three times every Lord's day. His preaching stations are Kempt, Grafton, Harmony and Lake May. He travels fifteen miles each Lord's day to said appointments. During the week he attends three social meetings—Tuesday, at Grafton; Wednesday evening, Kempt; Thursday, Lake May. The balance of the time is taken up visiting. On account of the immense scope of country he is compelled to travel it was necessary that he should have a team—and he has a good one too, which he purchased with his own money. He is now able to see everybody and everybody is able to see him.

We have had no additions since Bro. Cooke left, but in this we are not disappointed. We are not expecting any until they are taught the way. And in order to do this it is necessary that the preacher visit the people at their homes which Bro. Murray is really doing.

We are building a church house at Lake May. Elder White and son have given the land for both a building and a cemetery—the latter will, no doubt, be needed in the near future. Our people are now worshipping in a school-house. At our meeting that was called not long since for the purpose, there was \$144.00 signed—that to be paid in material. We are expecting to build the church within our own resources, but if any should wish to help us whatever, it may be no matter how small the amount, it would be gladly received. But we all have timber and hands to work, so by making use of both, with a little financing, I think we will succeed.

The Kempt church has seen a good many dark days. At one time there was not any leaf to be seen, but now the light shines more brightly and we feel to thank the Board for responding to our calls and helping us live, and we are both praying and laboring for this, that we will not only be able to keep a preacher in this place all the time without help, but will, before many years, be able to contribute to the Mission Board.

Kempt, Queens Co., N. S. ISRAEL C. CUSHING.

CORNWALLIS.

Months have passed since I have given any report of our work in these parts. Indeed, since last spring I have written but very little for THE CHRISTIAN. Perhaps in this, I have not done my duty. Some of my brethren would try and make me think so. I confess I have but little taste, and less talent for this line of work. But if those in authority think it my duty, I must try and do what I can to help make our own paper both profitable and interesting.

We are now fully in a new year. In looking back over the year just now closed, we see much for which we should be very thankful. God has indeed dealt kindly with us. I will mention but

a few of the favors enjoyed. The blessing of health has been enjoyed during the whole year, so that I have been able to fulfil all my appointments, though I have had to drive from fifteen to twenty miles each Lord's day to do so. Our work goes steadily on. The brethren are united and hopeful. There have been already reported in THE CHRISTIAN, some twelve additions, as the immediate results of the work in 1889. But this only expresses a small part of the work being done. No one could understand the work, and more particularly the prospects, unless they could be at the several preaching stations, and see the interest manifested, and the work before us. Suffice it to say that I look at this as one of the most promising fields now open to us in these provinces. May God give us wisdom and strength for the work, and crown our efforts with much success, is my daily prayer.

Very much has been done during the past year to add to the comfort of the preacher and his family.

A very comfortable and convenient home has been provided, located in one of the finest situations in this locality. The house itself is all one can desire, and the view from it is simply beautiful. It is a great blessing to a preacher to feel that he has a home that he can call his own, while he remains preaching for any one church. Besides this very pleasant home, we have been presented with a nice covered carriage. Those who are compelled to drive in the hot sun, as well as in the rain and cold, know how to appreciate such a gift as this.

Then the very last evening of the old year some forty or more of our friends made us a social visit at our home, when a very enjoyable evening was spent. Several recitations had been prepared for the occasion, some of which were very fine, which added much to the interest and pleasure of the evening. There was also some very nice music, both vocal and instrumental, and much pleasant conversation. Nor did the friends come empty handed. They left with us in cash, and its equivalent, which was presented to us in a neat little speech by Mr. J. T. Jackson, the nice little sum of thirty dollars. After spending a very pleasant evening, we were commended to God in prayer, and separated, feeling that such gatherings strengthen the ties that bind preacher and people together. These are but a few of the many blessings enjoyed during the past year. But I would not be so vain as to think for one moment, that it was because of any merit I possessed that so many favors have been bestowed. But rather for this reason! The brethren here, and those friendly to our work feel that by helping the preacher to live, and by making his family comfortable and happy, they can in this way help the cause of Christ, for which we are all working. While the people hold up the hands of their preacher, and thus encourage his heart, they are doing much toward making his work successful. It is for this, that the few friends of our work in these parts stand by us so faithfully. My prayer is, that their hopes may be more than realized, and that we shall all rejoice together, as we are working together.

E. C. FORD.

Port Williams, Jan. 20th, 1890.

WELT GORE.

A large number of our friends met at our residence on the evening of January 2nd, 1890, and spread a bountiful board to supply the want of the hour. After many happy greetings a number of beautiful hymns were sung. Then we heard a very appropriate address by Bro. J. T. Wallace, at the close of which, on behalf of all present and some that could not be present, he presented to us a liberal sum of money. We tried to express our heartfelt thanks for this handsome and useful New Year's gift. Then we thought this was the time to thank the brethren, especially the sisters, for the nice, new and beautiful frost-proof fur suit, which