

not wish to injure you, and now I see I have made a great mistake in letting out my hens, I ask your forgiveness, and am willing to pay you six times the damage." The man seemed confounded; he looked up to the sky—then down to the earth—then at his neighbor—then at his club—then at the hen he had been pursuing, and said nothing.

"Toll me, now," said I, "what is the damage, and I will pay six fold and my hens shall trouble you no more. I will leave it entirely with you to say what I shall do, I cannot afford to lose the love and good will of my neighbors, and quarrel with them for hens or anything else.

"I am a fool?" said the neighbor. "The damage is not worth talking about, and I have more need to compensate you than you me, and to ask your forgiveness than you mine."—*Youth's Companion.*

**BE PATIENT.**—You are tender-hearted, and you want to be true, and are trying to be—learn these two things: never be discouraged, because good things get on so slowly here; and never fail to do that good which lies next to your hand. Do not be in a hurry, but be diligent. Enter into the sublime patience of the Lord. Be charitable in view of it. God can afford to wait; why can not we, since we have him to fall back upon? Let patience have her perfect work, and bring forth her celestial fruits. Trust to God to weave your little thread into a great web, though the patterns show it not yet. When God's people are able and willing thus to labor and wait, remember, that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and thousands shall show themselves, as a perfect and finished day.—*Macdonald.*

True peace and joy come because of a believing and trusting heart—of a faith that over our lives is an overruling and protecting hand. Here is good footing, here is our stronghold, a strong tower, and a refuge from sorrow.

Good resolutions are often like a loosely-tied cord—on the first strain of temptation they slip. They should be tied in a hard knot of prayer, and then they should be kept tight and firm by stretching Godward.

The *Atlantic Missionary*, of April 29th, just to hand, has the following which will be read with grief by the brethren in these parts. Further particulars will appear in our next issue. In the meantime let us all offer a special prayer for our brother and child, that God would bless them in that far away land and sanctify to them the saddest hours of their life:

Just as we go to press, we receive the sad intelligence of the death of sister Josephine Smith, wife of Bro. G. T. Smith, missionary to Japan. We have only space to make the announcement and ask, in behalf of Bro. Smith and his little daughter, the prayers of our Christian readers.

## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

**CONRUG ST. CHURCH.**—Lord's day services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sunday School at 2.15 P. M. Young People's Meeting, Tuesday evening at 8. General Prayer Meeting, Thursday evening at 8. Brethren visiting the city cordially welcomed. The Ladies' Sewing Society meets every Wednesday evening at 6.

Our meetings still continue interesting, this week especially our prayer-meetings have been unusually good.

We have sustained a loss in the removal of Bro. and Sister Martin to another part of the Province. Sister Martin, as President of the Women's Aid Society, took a deep interest in the Society and was always foremost in every good work.

### CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

The regular work of the churches in Back Bay and LeTete is being carried on in the regular way. Sunday-school, breaking of bread, and preaching in each place on the Lord's day, and also a meeting for prayer, praise and exhortation in each place once each week. The attendance at all these is good, especially on Sunday evenings, when, under favorable circumstances, the house is well filled. Since my last I passed through Deer Island. I can hardly call it a visit, as I did only remain twenty-four hours, and I made nearly the whole length of the Island. I was much pleased to meet Bro. F. Lambert and family, also Bro. Emery, with whom I had an opportunity to converse of the matters pertaining to the kingdom of the Master as he conveyed me with his neat and comfortable conveyance from Lord's Cove to Leonardville. Here I found shelter from the storm, and in other ways enjoyed the hospitality of Bros. Leonard and Conley. From Leonardville I took passage in a small boat for Eastport, where I met Sister Mosley, whose companion has so lately been taken from her. I found her lonely and sad, but trusting in Jesus. She looks forward to the time of meeting on the golden shore on the other side of the river. I also met Sister Dockerty and Bro. Leonard while in this place. After a sail of three hours in a small boat, near the close of my third day from home, I returned wet and cold.

Last week I visited the little church in Black's Harbor. I found them well in general. Bro. Keunison had been burned out a few days before my visit, losing his house and furniture. I understood it was insured. The people were all busy catching herring, which left but few to attend our meetings. I preached three evenings. One made the good confession and was immersed. The few brethren I met seemed to be moving on in the good way. Nine persons took part in the social exercises. I called upon nearly all the brethren. This week I have been to L'Etang, and spoke one evening, but the snowstorm on Thursday prevented me from calling in many places.

Since writing the above our hearts have been gladdened by hearing sinners confess the Lord of life and glory. At the close of the social meeting last Friday evening, when the invitation hymn was sung a young man arose and confessed his faith in Christ, and Saturday afternoon he was buried in baptism and rose, we trust, to walk in newness of life. Again, on Lord's day evening, a young lady acknowledged Jesus to be her Saviour, and was immersed Monday afternoon. This morning I left LeTete for my home in Weymouth, which I expect to reach to-morrow. It will be a joy to meet our loved ones again. May God keep us all from the temptations of the enemy and at last save us in heaven.

J. A. GATES.

St. John, April 21st, 1885.

### MILTON.

If there is a preacher happier than I am to-day, I wish he would report himself, for I would like to see him. "Here is Bro. Murray's trouble; he is so changeable and fluctuating in his nature. Sometimes it is March winds with him and other times April showers." Hush now, I am not worthy of any such compliments, and yet I feel a great degree of satisfaction and thankfulness that I am not all March, that to-day my soul is as light as summer air and as joyous as this pleasant April day that is putting on the smile of spring. It is when nature is putting on new life and appearing so delightful that the soul catches the spirit of Him who made her and is inspired with filial confidence. John Ruskins has said "that the love of nature is the element in man that reveals to him the true nature of his life and the true relations between him and his Maker." To watch and read and study the revelations of nature will make us happy. "Nature never will betray the heart that loves her." "It is Mother nature that gives all her children comfort. To them who love her she is

always beautiful, and when like children we throw ourselves on her lap, she soothes and stimulates us in all the best and truest functions of the soul."

But least some might think my joy was wholly from the inspiration of this beautiful April day, I will take occasion to say that we are having a grand meeting here now. The largest congregations we ever had in our vestry. About 55 of the brethren have taken an active part in the meetings, as many as 20 of an evening. There has been 15 additions up to date and the end is not yet. Some have been led to obey the gospel who have passed through many protracted efforts without any practical change. Our intense anxiety for such will account for our great joy in their conversion. The young who are giving their hearts to Christ come to Him so naturally and lovingly that it adorns the gospel with such simplicity, that many are compelled to admire the plan of salvation. Our souls yearn for those who have so long rejected the Saviour, that their hearts are untouched with the charms of the sweet story of the cross.

H. MURRAY.

### P. E. ISLAND.

Our last two trips to East Point were made during very cold weather. Two sisters have recently taken their places with the disciples, who formerly belonged to the Baptist. We did not reach our destination the first Lord's day that we were away from home, on account of the severity of the weather, but we enjoyed the kind hospitality of Bro. and Sister Jas. O. Morris, in Souris, for several days. I spoke on Lord's day morning at the Presbyterian Church, by the invitation of Mr. Cameron. At night, I spoke at the Methodist church, by request, since Mr. Colter, their preacher, was away from home and snow-bound. The storms for the last two weeks have made bad roads, and quite a number of accidents occurred last Lord's day. We arrived home last Tuesday night, after being absent three Lord's days and having spoken nine times during our absence. We return to East Point the fourth and fifth Lord's day in May, if the Lord wills it.

I recently received a very interesting letter from Bro. R. W. Stevenson, of St. Thomas, Ont., in which he says, "Our cause is weak in numbers here, but pretty strong financially. But things seem very encouraging just now. Our congregations are increasing in numbers, our prayer-meetings are good, and the S. School is flourishing."

Bro. Murdock Gunn, I believe, is preaching at Charlottetown and 48, during the severe weather. Bro. D. Crawford is working whenever he is home or abroad.

CARROLL GHEST.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

#### WOMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

The sisters at West Gore have been interviewed relative to "organizing a Women's Missionary Aid Society," and by request, we inform the brotherhood that they have resolved to honor Christ by working through the society which He organized for that purpose. Meets every first day of the week. Go and do thou likewise. Thoroughness is a grand essential to success, in any profession or calling. Christianity is designed to make us happy here and hereafter. When we come to ourselves Christians we shall much better enjoy ourselves as Christians. We shall, in this life, reap, in a more unstinted measure, the benefits which our religion is designed to confer.

D. McDUGALL.

### MARRIAGES.

McMAHON-MATTHEWS.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the evening of April 19th, Dennis A. McMahon to Miss Mary A. Matthews, all of LeTete, St. George, N. B.

J. A. GATES.