

Zion and count her towers, mark her bulwarks. Some of these men have been faithful, some have not; but, dear brethren, let us be faithful to God and to His word.

With kindest regards to all the dear brethren in Christ Jesus.
J. T. WALLACE.
West Gore.

NEWPORT LETTER.

Home at last! after a very pleasant and profitable trip, and I can say that those who would have come to the Annual and did not do so, missed a rare treat. Was the meeting a success? Yes, in every sense of the word, and the way the brethren of Lord's Cove entertained us was a success also, and I do hope to be able to attend another Annual at Lord's Cove.

Leaving Deer Island on Tuesday morning, I arrived in St. John in the afternoon. I left at 7 o'clock of the same evening for Briar Island in company with Bro. E. C. Bowers of Westport. We thought to get into Westport that night, but the fog came in and the captain was afraid to go in, so we were carried by to Yarmouth, and there we had to stay until Thursday. We reached Westport about 8 o'clock that evening, and as it was prayer meeting night I immediately made for the meeting house, and was soon in the midst of kind-hearted brethren, who were not a little surprised to see me. I went home with Capt. A. Payson, who came over in the boat from Yarmouth with us, and during my stay at Westport I made my home with him and his excellent mother and her family.

On Friday I went up to Tiverton, preached for the brethren there that evening, spent part of Saturday visiting and got acquainted with some of the brethren, among whom I might name Brothers Smith, Oasinger and Outhouse. I enjoyed my visit here very much, and at the earnest solicitations of friends I promised, if possible, to pay them a visit the coming winter, and stay a little longer than one day.

On Saturday afternoon I drove down to Westport, as I had appointments out for Lord's day there. At the morning service there were many out, but the attention was good. In the afternoon I addressed the Sunday-school, principally confining my remarks to young people. In the evening, at 7 o'clock, there was a large gathering and a very apparent interest manifested. The next morning some of the brethren came to me and wanted me to preach that evening. I said I was willing if they could get the word circulated. They said they would, and, sure enough, that night we had nearly a houseful. I was sorry to leave, as I think much good might have been done could I have remained longer, but I had appointments out for the next week at Southville. I shall again, if spared, visit Westport during the coming winter. The brethren here manifested their interest in a very substantial manner. I shall not speak of my visit to Southville in this letter, as it is already long enough, but I have seen enough in my brief visit to the different churches to convince me that there is a great work to be done, and I expect to spend part of my time at least in visiting some of these churches during the coming winter, in the hope of being able to encourage the hearts of my brethren and add new members to the one body. The church at Newport enjoyed a visit from Bro. Hiram Wallace last Lord's day, and quite a number turned out to hear him discourse on the way of life. I have heard since coming back that Bro. Burr is at Shubenacadie, on his way here; should he come to stay, I will then be at liberty to go elsewhere sooner than I expected.

I write this for the information of those who were anxious that I should visit them, but could not on account of my obligation to the church here.
W. HARDING.

September 18th.

JOTTINGS FROM EASTERN NOVA SCOTIA.

In the CHRISTIAN of August, Bro. Messervay says that the church in Halifax has received nothing from those that profess to be apostolic. If that is so, it looks bad for them, but how he knows the minds of those who contributed (having never seen or spoken to many of them), might be questions hard for him to answer. I believe that many of those professing to be apostolic have contributed to the Halifax fund and wish the brethren there to succeed and prosper, who, if they believed the church in Halifax would become like some of our progressive brethren in the United States, would not contribute a cent to the fund. The progress we should all seek is given us in 2 Peter, i. 5. He talks very fluently about the organ and those who oppose its introduction into the worship, from which we may infer that he is not one of those who opposed it.

In another place, he says, the weak churches are not able to support a pastor, and I would ask where in the Scriptures are they required to do so. It is said that those who preach the gospel should live of the gospel, and those who would see a brother, striving for the salvation of souls and the glory of God, preaching the gospel and not support him according to their ability, are not worthy the name of Christian. But the gospel is to be preached to the world; the church is to be taught. All Christians should be learners in the school of Christ, and strive after a clear knowledge of the Master's will. If the principal of an academy would every day give the students a lecture on one of the branches of education, and they not being required to study for themselves, how long would it take to make the scholars? Methinks it would take some time. But how is it with those who only listen to a lecture once in a week?

Some people in these days seem by their actions to believe that the Lord, in giving directions to the churches through His apostles, did not know what was necessary to their success in our days, but left them the privilege of making little improvements in certain things, like the old scribes and Pharisees.

There is a letter in the CHRISTIAN for September, signed H. M., in which he says that he cannot trust the Lord for his pay for preaching, as the Lord does not hold the money bag. It is a pity that any one should make such a statement. Is not the hearts of all men in the hands of the Lord, and He can turn them wheresoever He will?

I often think of the old preacher's advice when a young man told him that he had a desire to preach the gospel, and asked him if he thought he should, said, "not if you can help it." Is it any wonder that the people of our day are somewhat backward in supporting preachers, when we are led to believe, by their actions, that a great many of them preach not for the love of the Lord or the salvation of souls, but for the money there is in it? But I must say, that the preachers of our people in these provinces have not much to entice them as yet in the money line.
D. F.

B. B. TYLER'S WORK IN HALIFAX.

There seems to be in the minds of some of the brethren in the provinces a misunderstanding as to Bro. Tyler's visit to Halifax last summer. To save him from unjust suspicion, and the brethren in Halifax from harsh criticism, the following statement is made: When I made my statement in the Church of Disciples in New York last winter, of which B. B. Tyler is pastor, concerning the condition of affairs in this city, he at once proposed to spend some time in Halifax during the summer of 1888 preaching, free of expense, to any one. I told him that his necessary travelling expenses and

board bill should be paid. After a time he consented to that, but firmly declined to receive a single penny for his services. We invited him to bring his family, consisting of his wife and daughter, and that we would take care of them during their sojourn in Halifax. Bro. Tyler spent the month of July with us, preaching the word faithfully and zealously. When we proposed to pay his expenses, he declined to accept anything. We insisted. At last he said: "You cannot control in the use of the money after I receive it, can you?" "Certainly not." "Very well, then," he said, "you can pay my expenses." Of the trip, in actual cash, were \$350. These expenses we paid. Having received the money, he said: "I propose to give the congregation of Disciples in Halifax \$250 when the corner stone of their church is laid." This contribution left him for one month's service \$100. This amount does not quite cover his individual expenses during the time. More than one-half of this amount has been contributed by his own congregation. We think Bro. Tyler dealt with us very liberally, and had we done less than we did, under the circumstances, we would have been unworthy to be called Disciples of Christ. Bro. Tyler called the attention of the brotherhood to us in the *Christian Standard* in his weekly letters to that paper, and has sent out, since his return to New York, 5,000 circulars asking for \$5,000 for the Halifax Church of Disciples of Christ, at an expense of \$100. If we could find a few more such friends to our work it would not be long until we would have a house of worship in this city. He certainly is doing all in his power to aid us, and in a spirit of Christian love and self-forgetfulness worthy of commendation.
W. J. MESSERVAY.

News of the Churches.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN.

Bro. Capp has returned from a visit to the Annual Meeting at Worcester. During his absence Brethren Emory and DeVoe preached for us very acceptably.

Bro. DeVoe is preaching at Nauwigowauk, and we hear the people in that locality are much pleased with his efforts. We have over twenty good earnest Disciples near there who ought to be organized.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.

I preached my last sermon for the church in this city Lord's day, Sept. 9th, having for my theme "The Devil," and at the close of the services one in the beautiful morning of life came forward and was buried with the Lord in baptism. Our audience was one of the largest we have had since I came to the island, the seating capacity of the church being nearly occupied, more strangers being present, I think, than on any former occasion. Two have been baptized here in the baptism of the church since my last report, and it is encouraging to know that not a week has passed since I came to Prince Edward Island without having had some additions to the congregation.

By invitation I preached for the Baptist church at North River, about four miles from the city, Sept. 2nd, and at the close of the service I made an appeal to the unconverted, and a young man responded, made the good confession, and was baptized the same day. O, what a work there is to be done! People are perishing all around. May God hasten the day when more laborers will be in the field. Truth is mighty and will prevail when faithfully plead.

I preached my farewell sermon, two weeks ago, with the intention of leaving in time to attend the