

HALIFAX, N. S.

The last CHRISTIAN reported eleven additions to the church in Halifax. Since then, two others—both heads of a family—have united with the church, and two have made the good confession, who are to be baptized next Lord's day. Thus the good work is going on, and we confidently look for others to come and take their stand with us on the Word of God. There are others yet almost persuaded, who, we believe, will confess the Saviour in the near future.

The friends of the cause in Halifax will be glad to know that arrangements have been perfected by which the church here will have a permanent preacher with them. The writer of these notes came here four months ago, under promise to remain till a man could be secured who would labor with the brethren permanently. It was then thought that this could be done so that I could return to my work in Cornwallis by the first of May. But in this we were disappointed, as the brother who is to take the work here could not arrange to come before September. This placed us in a close place, being under promise to remain here till a man could be secured, and extremely anxious to get back to our work in Cornwallis. But God has prospered us; and we have been fortunate enough to secure the services of C. O. Rowleson, now of Harvard Divinity School, to labor from the last week in June till September; after which time Bro. William F. Shaw of Eureka, Ill., is expected to come and settle with the church in Halifax to labor for the Master in building up the cause in this city. From all that we have heard of Bro. Shaw, we are led to believe that he is a good man, and will do a good work for the Lord in this promising field.

Our prayers are daily going up to God, that these brethren may be prospered, and that they may come to us in the power and fulness of the gospel of Christ.

According to this arrangement, I expect to return to Cornwallis, so as to preach for the brethren there the last Lord's day in June. It is hoped that the brethren will make a note of this, and make a strong effort to be present in as large numbers as possible. On account of my absence from home the June Quarterly will have to be deferred until such arrangements can be made that will make such a meeting profitable. It may be that it will have to be an Annual.

The Halifax church took the May collection for the General Board, and raised the very creditable sum of \$26.60. It is very important that all our churches in these Provinces take this collection, let it be ever so small, that we may encourage the co-operation of the American brethren. We need their help much more than they need ours. To decline to co-operate, is to stand in our own light.

Besides taking this collection, the Sunday-school in Halifax is taking a collection every three months for the support of our Home Mission Board. In the first collection taken, near three months ago, we raised a little over \$7 00. We hope to do even better than this in our next collection. Just enlist the sympathy of the young folk, if you want to see success.

I have some things to say along these lines, which I must reserve for my next letter, as this is already grown too long. Suffice it to say now, that the Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor organized about nine months ago by Bro. O. C. Rowleson, with sixteen members, has now an active membership of about thirty-four now in the city, with four who were active, having left the city, and about four associate members. This society of young people has contributed largely to the success of the work in this city during the four months we have been with them. In my next I hope to give some particulars as to their work, and also that of our growing Sunday-school which is doing a grand

work for the Master and from which quite a number of our additions are gained.

It has never been my privilege to work with a more earnest and united band of brethren than I have found here in Halifax. To this we owe much of the success attending our humble efforts. The opportunities of doing good here are simply unlimited. May the God of all grace help these brethren to continue as they are now doing and much greater success will attend their labors in Halifax.

E. C. FORD.

Halifax, May 24, 1894.

Many readers of THE CHRISTIAN know about the rapid growth of the church here during the last two years, and yet I feel that the majority of them scarcely realize the great success that our people are meeting with.

When we remember that about three years ago their congregation only numbered about a dozen, who met on each Lord's day in a hall, and at the present time they have a very neat and comfortable church, which will seat over three hundred persons, we cannot but say that it is the fruit of much earnest work on the part of the few who held together in times of discouragement.

On the occasion of two visits here there have been present in the morning about fifty who took communion, and the Sunday-school has an average attendance of about seventy, while on the last Sunday evening that I was present there was a congregation of more than two hundred.

They will require assistance from us for a time yet. I look upon this as one of the most important of our stations, and before very long when it becomes self-sustaining we will receive from them a hundred-fold in return for what we have given.

They have an Endeavor society, which is not behind, and while it only started about nine months ago with sixteen members, they have in that time more than doubled their membership, and the various committees are doing much to help on the work.

The earnest efforts that are being put forth here by Bro. Ford, and which are so ably seconded by all the brothers and sisters, cannot but continue, with God's blessing, to bear much fruit.

It is a benefit to anyone to spend a day with a church like the one here, and any Christian must (to some extent) partake of the enthusiasm here displayed in the service of the Master. M

P. E. ISLAND.

The Annual Meeting of the churches on P. E. Island, will be held with the church in Summerside, commencing on Saturday before the second Lord's day in July.

Special announcements will be made in the July number of the CHRISTIAN, with reference to rates of travel, etc., by Bro. Robert Stewart, Secretary. O. B. EMERY.

Charlottetown, May 25, 1894.

HALIFAX BUILDING FUND.

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| Previously acknowledged, . . . . .        | \$1,524 36 |
| A Friend, Halifax, . . . . .              | 4 15       |
| " Digby Co., N. S., . . . . .             | 1 00       |
| " St. John, N. B., . . . . .              | 70         |
| Total, . . . . .                          | \$1,530 21 |
| HENRY CARSON,                             |            |
| Halifax N. S., May 21st, 1894. Treasurer. |            |

Married.

GORDON-JAMIESON.—At Charlottetown, April 23th, 1894, by O. B. Emery, Mr. John Thomas Gordon, of Charlottetown, and Miss Catherine Jamieson of Sturgeon, Kings Co., P. E. I.

SCHURMAN-BEATTIE.—At the residence of the bride's father on the 23rd of May, by D. Crawford, Mr. Maynard F. Schurman, of Kensington, to Sarah A., third daughter of Mr. Thomas Beattie, of Summerside, P. E. I.

Died.

PLUMMER.—Mrs. Emerline Wells, beloved wife of Bro. Roland A. Plummer, died at their home New Perth, Lot 52, P. E. Island, May 7, 1894, aged 70 years, leaving a husband and one daughter to mourn their loss. Sister P. was born in Gardiner, Maine, and at an early age removed with her father's family to the town of Phillips, Franklin Co., in the same State, where she was married, and remained until 1858 when they removed to this Island, and after one year's residence in Charlottetown, again removed to New Perth, where she lived until death closed a life of tenderness and charity, and peculiarly filled with good works. In Sister P. the sick, the suffering and the needy always found a loving heart and a willing, open hand. "Her works do follow her." Sister P. was a faithful member of the Church of Christ at Montague Bridge, and, in this relation, a true helper to her Christian husband and others. For more than three and a quarter years she was physically paralyzed, almost to utter helplessness, yet she lived and died in the full assurance of faith and the hope of a glorious immortality. In the absence of Bro. G. D. Weaver, the writer attended the funeral, where a large gathering of friends and neighbors, by their presence, manifested their high esteem for the deceased in the land of her adoption. "Come unto Me all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

"Rest for the toiling hand,  
Rest for the anxious brow,  
Rest for the weary, way-worn-feet,  
Rest from all labor now."

Rest, HOME, HEAVEN. O. B. E.

MARSHALL.—At South Range, Digby Co., N. S., May 20th, after three days' illness, Susie Bell, infant daughter of Bro. and Sister Arthur Marshall, aged 1 year and 4 months. Of such is the kingdom of heaven. H. A. D.

KEMPTON.—Bro. Oliver Kempton, of Milton, departed this life May 1st. He lived to see 81 winters. He was afflicted for many years with a carious ulcer on one of his limbs, which prevented him, much of the time, from enjoying the worship of the Lord's house. He was an active member of the Church when able to attend to his duties. He obeyed the gospel about 40 years ago under the labors of W. W. Eaton. His affections were set on things above, and the burden of his conversation was concerning divine and heavenly things. We inscribe here our tribute of love and gratitude for his Christian life. He now rests in God. His spirit is free from the perishing mortal body. Death has opened the prison doors and let the captive free. What a blessed thought, that after a few years of sowing in tears, he can now reap an eternal harvest of joy. He has left a sacred legacy of love and blissful trust in God to the friends and children and to the companion of his earthly joys and sorrows, and the full assurance of a blessed meeting in the great gathering day, where the loved ones in Christ shall never part again. H. M.

McDONALD.—On the 27th of April there was ended in Haverhill, Mass., the devoted, unselfish life of William H. McDonald. He was a native of Halifax County and was baptized in the N. W. Arm in the year 1847 by a Mr. Dalters and united with a church of the Disciples organized about that time. Probably there are few who can remember the movement and the failure through speculations and false leaders. In the year 1868 he was again associated with the work in Halifax, meeting with Bro. Carson in an upper room for the weekly observance of the Lord's supper. In Milton, Queens County, and in Cornwallis, he was known as a decided advocate of New Testament principles and order. In adversity and obscurity he stood at his post and died with his armor on. There were tears in the eyes of his fellow workers as they lowered his dear form to its last resting place. It was to them as the loss of an elder brother. A beautiful service held in the little church he strove so hard to sustain lifted our minds to the hope of the resurrection. Bro. Smart, of Harvard College and Bro. Brundage, of Ohio, were with us. He was the eldest son of the late Elder John McDonald and was in the 64th year of his age. E. A. McDONALD.

STEWART.—Bro. Isaac Stewart, of Milton, laid down his earthly labors and has gone to his home above. He died the 12th of May in his 81st year. His companion, Sister Stewart, preceded him seven months to a day. He lost all desire to live after he lost his devoted wife. The earthly remains of them both are now resting side by side in the city of the dead, and their consecrated spirits, we trust, are in their heavenly home, beyond the storms of earth and free from a world of sorrow and suffering, where the Lamb, who is in the midst of the throne, shall feed them and lead them to living fountains of water, and shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. H. M.

JELLY.—At Summerside, P. E. I., on the 23rd of April, Sister Sarah Jane, wife of Bro. John Jelly, aged 56 years. She had a strong constitution and seemed in her usual good health four days before her death. Bro. and Sister Jelly were baptized by Bro. Capp and joined the Church of Christ in Summerside about seventeen years ago. Her love for the Saviour with her kind and cheerful disposition were seen and felt by those who visited her home. Her influence with her numerous family was such that nearly all have come into the church, and the prospect is hopeful that at no very distant day every one of the children will follow the example of the parents and be all prepared by divine grace to meet an unbroken band on the "shining shore." Her children all had a strong affection for a dutiful mother, and her unexpected death made the stroke the more severe. Especially did it fall with crushing weight upon Bro. Jelly, who is advanced in life and was in feeble health when his beloved partner was taken suddenly from his side. "May the precious promises of a loving Father be theirs and his stay in this time of trouble, and the sweet assurance that their loss is her eternal gain. Dry every tear. D. C.