

Correspondence.

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE.

THE CHRISTIAN has come! How these few words thrill the hearts of the provincial boys. While we always were proud of our paper, it is when we are over a thousand miles from home that we realize how much we appreciate it, and look forward to its coming. At once each one is anxious to get hold of it, and how eagerly they scan its columns. Every article is enjoyed, but we look first for the "news" from the churches. How we do enjoy reading the reports; it is nearly as refreshing as a nice long letter from home. For although far away, we are all interested in your work, and pray that God will bless bountifully all your efforts toward the spreading of the gospel in our native land. We look in vain for reports from a number of the churches, and wonder why they are not heard from. In my mind, I hear some saying, "Oh! there is nothing new or interesting to write about." Surely you can write and let the brotherhood know that everything is going along nicely or otherwise; for the brethren are all anxious, and interested in your welfare.

And now a little about our school. I wish you could be present at our chapel exercises every morning, and hear the songs of praise which come from more than a hundred consecrated hearts, followed by the helpful and practical remarks of the President, upon the scripture lesson. It is truly a fitting way for Christian people to begin their day's work; but how many there are who do not even take time to ask God to watch over them and keep them from danger and evil through the day. Only those who have had the privilege of attending these exercises know how much good there is to be gotten from them.

Students coming here do not feel that they are among strangers, because they all realize that the others are here for the same grand purpose, namely, to better prepare themselves for the work of our Lord and Master.

If a young man wants to go to school to study the Bible, here is the place. It is doubtful if there is any college on the continent where so much time is given to the study of God's word. The course of study covers nearly the whole Bible, with a close study of the New Testament. Or if he wishes instruction in ancient or modern classics, here is where he can get it, and at the same time be surrounded by the best of influences. Here the student can sit and get instruction from professors who would grace any Christian institution of learning. Here the whole soul of a person is stirred by purer, loftier and more ennobling ambitions, as day by day he comes into contact with such godly men.

There are a great many pleasant things in college life here, as in all colleges. Our literary societies are a pleasant and profitable change from the regular class work, and are a great help to any one who will enter them and work. While we have many enjoyments they are not unmixed with sorrows. Only last week a young brother in the Arts college died and was buried here. The students from the Art and Bible college marched to the cemetery. While all felt sad there is the comforting assurance that he is better off; for he was a Christian young man,

respected both by the professors and students. How much more sad for a person to be called to meet his God when he is not prepared. Oh may we all be ready when we are called from this earth!

We are all looking anxiously forward to the time when we will get into the new college building. It is now all ready with the exception that the furnaces are not in yet. Probably we will occupy it by December.

F. C. F.

WEST GORE LETTER.

There have been two additions to the church at Nine Mile River since I last wrote.

On Sunday, November 3rd, at the regular service in Upper Rowdon, Bro. George Wallace, the efficient superintendent of the Sunday-school in that place, was the recipient of a copy of "Fausset's Bible Cyclopedia." It was presented to him by the scholars and friends of the Sunday-school as a token of their appreciation of his efforts to teach and train the young in the way of salvation. Bro. Wallace has been for many years an active worker in this department of church work, and well deserves this mark of esteem.

On Sunday, November 10th, Bro. John McDougall, superintendent of the Sunday-school in West Gore for a number of years, was presented with a nice teacher's Bible by the scholars and teachers of the school. This was done to manifest the esteem and regard of the school for their superintendent.

These occasions are gladsome ones, and go a long way toward creating and keeping up a feeling of brotherly love. The intrinsic value of these gifts is not much compared to the amount of good feeling created. Perhaps some of you who read this letter belong to a church where there is a superintendent, or an elder, who has been doing his (or her) best to keep the Sunday-school running, or make the meetings interesting, and you have been finding fault or holding aloof because something was not just the way you wanted it. Perhaps some of these workers are getting disheartened because of the coldness of their brethren in the church. Now, instead of finding fault, talk encouragingly, get everybody in earnest, get each other to give a trifle toward the purchase of some useful article, and you will have a good feeling in your heart and the knowledge that you have done a good work. Try it.

I have commenced my winter's course of lectures. My theme is "Church History;" there will be twenty lectures in all.

We sometimes hear of an effort that seemed for a time to be encouraging, gradually dying out. Why is this? I will tell you. For instance, a Sunday-school is started, or a Mission band is organized, and the leader is full of zeal and enthusiasm, and works hard until it is a success. In fact everything works so well that there is no need for very much effort now; and when this conclusion is arrived at, the effort generally sickens and dies. Does this not show us that, when we have worked up an interest, we need to keep on working? Never allow any good thing that you start to run itself, for things that run themselves run down hill. Be not weary in well doing.

I am sorry that so many errors appeared in my last article on "The Bible vs. Infidelity."

W. H. HARDING.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

One added by baptism this month. Brother and Sister H. L. Wallace, of Halifax, paid us a short visit on their way to Montreal for the winter. Sister Miles has returned from Milton. Her niece, Miss Burus, came with her.

Brother Stevenson and family are now settled here. They live at 77 Summer street, the house that Bro. Capp moved from when he left Saint John. Bro. Stevenson has been preaching four Lord's days, afternoon and evening. First afternoon 150 were present; second, 200; third and fourth, over 300. First evening, 75; second, 150; third and fourth, over 200. This is a larger attendance than we hoped for. The collections are nearly double what we counted on. Bro. Stevenson seems to be just the man to do this work. A brother says, "Any converts he makes will know what they are doing and whom they are uniting with." Bro. Stevenson is preaching first principles strongly, clearly and lovingly, and is making friends on all sides. We welcome, gladly welcome, this good brother and family to St. John. We will hold up his hands; and with all the brethren will pray for him.

Two prayer meetings have been held in Portland—65 were present at the first and 60 at the second. The Union Hall being engaged on the 20th—our regular meeting night—the Temperance Hall on the Straight Shore was rented, and Bro. Stevenson preached to nearly 100 people.

Bro. Edwin Stockford has charge of the school at Silver Falls.

An Endeavor Society has been organized among the students of the Normal School at Fredericton; Bro. Frank Erb is president.

At the last meeting of the Wide Awake Mission Band the following officers were elected: Maggie Barnes, president; Zela Morton, vice-president; Maud Boyne, secretary; and Nellie Emery, treasurer. This band has raised a goodly sum for the support of O Gin San, in Japan, whom the Maritime children have adopted.

LORD'S COVE, N. B.

I arrived in this field on November 2nd, to labor with the churches at this place and Leonardville. We have had very good audiences at all the services and evident spirit of earnestness in the work. I am not yet well enough acquainted with the field to give any detailed account of the work. The churches here have been without regular preaching for some time, but are now united in support of the work, and we hope to see a forward movement in all lines of Christian activity.

The church at Lord's Cove is taking up a collection for Home Missions on the first Sunday of each month, and will raise the amount asked for by the Executive Board. Leonardville will hardly wish to be behind in this good work, and we shall endeavor to stand by the mission work along with our brethren throughout the provinces. I trust the year will be one of faithful effort and enlarged success throughout the provincial field.

M. B. RYAN.

MILTON, N. S.

On the 21st ult, the Ladies' Auxiliary, of the Milton church held a "Thanksgiving concert. Choruses, solos, readings, declamations, original poems, etc. All good. Full house. Fine attention. Four little girls passed the plates. Six dollars contributed, all for foreign missions.

Union thanksgiving service was held in the morning in the Congregationalist house.

Our whole county is in mourning over the death of our Dr. Smith. He was thrown from his waggon and lived but a short time. His kindness, benevolence and attention to the sick, the poor, and the afflicted, were unbounded. "From the prayer of want and the plaint of woe, he never turned his ear."

Our prayer meeting, on Wednesday the 30th ult., was intensely interesting. The subject was: "Rejecting Christ—the consequences." All seemed to enter into the spirit of the meeting, and about twenty-five had some thought to express, relative to the subject, all of which intensified the importance of seeking a greater interest in Christ and his cause. How anyone who loves the Lord can willingly absent himself from such a sacred, heavenly feast for the soul, is a problem that will have to wait till the judgment for solution. H. M.