

privilege also to meet him in Brooklyn and hear him tell of his trials, joys and prospects. With strong and unwavering trust he is patiently waiting to cross the tide. Bro. Hughes spoke most affectionately of him. This corroborates what I said in a former report in regard to the influence for good exerted by the Halifax church.

Bro. Hughes has been a hard worker. He toiled two years for the churches in Ontario, and also in some parts of the United States. His labors have been considerable, and now bereft of the partner of his toil, he stands, like pious Jacob of old, leaning upon his staff, patiently waiting till the final change shall come.

His home is now at Lord's Cove, where he is kindly and tenderly cared for in the pleasant home of Sister Anna Cook. But Bro. Hughes is not dependent upon any one for a support. He has been prudent, saving, and economical, and now in his old days he has plenty and to spare. May God grant that his pathway in life's decline may be smooth and cheerful, and may loving hands kindly continue to administer to his wants. To the churches, tenderly and affectionately let me say:

Don't forget your aged preachers;
Love them as in days of yore;
When they gently led you onward,
Pointing to the golden shore.

LEONARDVILLE.

Bro. George Leonard, elder of the church here, shortly after my arrival on the Island visited Lord's Cove and extended an invitation to come and preach for this congregation. Accordingly I came and preached each Lord's day morning, and now I am in the midst of a protracted effort. Our social meetings are first-class, and we are hopeful and sanguine that success will immediately follow. I expect to be in one continuous meeting for several weeks to come; notwithstanding, I will continue my regular Lord's day work on this Island. One confession this evening. We are to baptize to-morrow at Lord's Cove. In faith, hope and love,

W. K. BURR.

Nov. 17, 1888.

News of the Churches.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

SAINT JOHN.

Our meetings are well attended and prospects encouraging. The year closes with church in good condition, and in peace and harmony.

On the last Lord's day of the year it is intended to hold a children's service. Bro. Capp will preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

Our Sunday school quarterly collection for Home Missions amounted to \$10.50.

NOVA SCOTIA.

RIVER JOHN.

As the readers of THE CHRISTIAN may wish to know how we are getting along, I will write you a few lines:

We meet every Lord's day and so fulfil the command—Forsaking not the assembling of ourselves together. At our Lord's day meeting we have had as many as fourteen, but when the roads were bad or there was the appearance of rain the number was as low as six. Each Lord's day, however, we contribute to our fund so as to have something for the support of the Gospel during next summer.

Some writers know nothing of the trials of any other church than the cue to which they belong, or they would not be so hard on their brethren elsewhere.

The church at River John is needing some talent to keep up and interest our meeting on Lord's day.

I have no doubt but the brethren in Halifax has that every Lord's day, young smart men, and I understand Mr. Carson is there. I pray earnestly for brethren everywhere, not only in Halifax, but my heart is in River John, and I will pray and labor and trust to yet see the cause prosper in this place. I suppose there are many like me, anxious for the welfare of their home church. I hope and pray THE CHRISTIAN will comfort many hearts and sow the seed of the kingdom to the glory of God and the good of men.

We should like to hear from Bro. P. D. Nowlan and Bro. R. E. Stevens sometimes, as we are so far from any other brethren. We like to hear from the young men, such as Bro. T. S. K. Freeman and Bro. Harding, or any other, in THE CHRISTIAN. THE CHRISTIAN comes as a kind letter from our brethren. Pray for us on the north side of the Province of Nova Scotia, where we will be frozen up without any navigation till spring, but hope our railroad will be completed by the first of the year.

Your sister in Christ,

ISABELLA CARRUTHERS.

NEWPORT.

This is likely the last letter I shall write under this heading for awhile, as my arrangements with the Newport Church closes this month. I regret very much that I find it necessary for me to seek a field of labor elsewhere; but as I am in receipt of letters asking me to come and hold meetings for churches in different parts of the province, I have decided to turn my efforts in that direction, and spend the odd times studying.

I am at present at Shubenacadie holding a meeting. I came here last Wednesday (14th) and took the brethren by surprise. But they were determined to have a meeting that night, so we had one, and it was well attended, and we continued the meetings, and purpose carrying them on this week, if all goes well. There have been seven additions to date (20th), six by confession and obedience, and one restored, and the interest is still good and we are looking for others. There are about twenty-five good brethren, who have organized here, and they are building a snug little meeting house, which they hope to have ready for preaching by the spring.

Correspondents will, for the present, please address me as follows, for I will no longer be in Newport:
W. H. HARDING,
19 May street, Halifax.

MILTON, QUEENS CO.

It is with pleasure I read THE CHRISTIAN, for in it I find many instructive lessons, getting at the same time an idea of the progress the Church of Christ is making in divine life throughout the provinces. It is natural for those interested in the cause to look for some details respecting the prospect of Zion. I esteem it, therefore, a privilege to say that the cause is in a prospering condition in the county of Queens. The Church of Christ never was so successful as at the present time. This is encouraging, especially to Bro. Howard Murray, who has labored hard to build up the cause in this county. We have two preachers giving their whole time to the work. This we never had before—Bro. Cooke in northern Queens and Bro. Murray in southern Queens. The brethren in Kempt and vicinity are getting along grand. The Milton church is having a very good meeting. True our numbers have been small the past few weeks owing to the wet season and sickness keeping some home. We are also deprived from enjoying the presence of some who have gone from us for a while, but we trust wherever they are the blessing of God may rest upon them, and although our numbers may be small we can labor on with the assurance that God will be

with us, as His promises never fail. Another reason we have for rejoicing is that the prospect of Zion is brightening day after day. At Summer-ville the brethren there have built a nice meeting house in which they meet to worship God. Bro. Murray holds a meeting there once a week when the weather permits, sometimes twice a week. While there, a few days ago, he (Bro. M.) had the privilege of baptizing two persons, who were heads of families. This should encourage us to labor on for the Master, knowing that if faithful to the end we shall be crowned at last in glory.

W. R. McEWEN.

KEMPT.

Nothing of special occurrence since I last wrote. We have three services here every Lord's day; the manifested interest is very good. We have occasional week evening services when the weather will permit us. On the fourth of this month I spoke in the F. O. Baptist Church at Caledonia, Queens Co., to a large audience. We have meetings at New Grafton every Lord's day in the month at 11 A. M.; at 3 P. M. in Kempt; at Harmony, two evenings out of the month, at 8.30 P. M., and one evening at Lake May at 7.40 P. M. So this gives us three services each Lord's day in the month, with the exception of one evening. I visit Westport next month for a few weeks, leaving here about the first week in December. We are very sorry to learn that Bro. H. Murray is very ill, but we are glad to say he is gradually coming around again. I am sure I need not request the prayers of the "brotherhood" for him, for I am sure the "brethren," on hearing of his illness, will petition a throne of heavenly grace in his behalf. God grant he may speedily recover. We were in hopes of a visit from him this month, but have been disappointed. As I have not much time to write I will close for the present, hoping to be able to report in the next issue of THE CHRISTIAN.

W. E. COOKE.

HALIFAX.

In my November letter I spoke of asking the brethren for something to the Halifax Church. I have not forgotten what I said, and hope our friends are ready for the giving. Christmas is near, and I want all that read this to send us one dollar as a Christmas gift to our church fund. In our next report will appear an account of what Bro. Tyler is doing for us in this city. The last report received from him was very encouraging. We need to gather in all we can, so as to start in the spring. If all will send in, as they intended, we would know how much to depend upon. It would be unwise for a few poor brethren to undertake to build and not to know whether they are able to finish. A good plan would be for all those who have promised to help us as soon as we commence to at least state on paper the amount they will give when we start. We would then have some idea of our financial standing. Should this suggestion meet the approval of our friends we could start on building in the spring, but if not will be compelled to defer the matter. Let us be up and doing. The day will come when all work will have an end, and many of us will wish we had done more. May the Lord help us to do all we can while we have health and strength. Those that give to the poor lend to the Lord. Trusting to hear from you as soon as possible,

Yours in Christian love,

W. J. MESSERVEY.

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