

began. The prophet Isaiah sets this forth when he says: With joy shall you draw water out of the wells of salvation, and the Psalmist has said, they that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him. As we enter this fellowship and become partners in this work, our joy is increased until we are filled with joy and gladness. David said, In thy presence is fulness of joy and at thy right hand are pleasures forevermore. And Jesus says, These things have I spoken unto you that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full. And again, hitherto you have asked nothing in my name; ask and you shall receive that your joy may be full. It is not necessary to see Jesus to have this joy forever read. For whom having not seen we love; in whom though now we see Him not yet believing you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. But rejoice inasmuch as you are partakers of Christ's sufferings that when His glory shall be revealed you may be glad also with exceeding joy. We are partakers of His sufferings and have this exceeding joy when we share in His work. The knowledge of Christ brings life and joy. That joy is increased by obedience to Him. If you know these things happy are you if you do them. This joy becomes full by the increase of our knowledge and obedience. O, that we may all labor for Jesus so that our joy may be full.

LeTete, August 20th.

J. A. GATES.

Correspondence.

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

Some have asked me why I did not write my second article on the Kingdom question? My reason for not writing is: that the editorial in the July number of THE CHRISTIAN, covers all the ground, and I am very glad of the excuse as I have been very busy, and have not had much time for writing.

I think I told you in May last, about the very pleasant time I had at "48"

The time soon came when "good-bye" had to be said; and on Saturday, July 26th, I was on my way to Summerside.

In a former letter I mentioned a river which seemed to try and see how crooked it could be. Well, I think the P. E. Island railway was built on the same plan. Still I reached my destination in safety, and the first man to meet me was Bro. Major Linkletter, who drove me to his home, and I think I will say my home; in fact I found I had a good many homes on the Island. I preached twice on Sunday, and twice during the week, and had interesting audiences at every meeting. I visited a number of the brethren in their homes. Bro. Richard Murray is the elder, and his whole desire is to see the church prosper.

I noticed one particular matter that I will mention here; it is this: After preaching, the brethren do not all make a rush for the door to see who will get out first, but they have a general hand-shake. I am a firm believer in Christian sociability. I wish we had more of it. I may write some more about this church in the near future.

Thursday (31st.) Bro. Isaac Linkletter drove me to New Glasgow, a distance I think of about 26 miles. I spent the night with Bro. Crawford; the next morning I took the train for Souris.

I was met there by Bro. Joseph Rose, and driven to the home of Bro. John McDonald. This is what is called East Point. I spent a week with the brethren here preaching every night, and as an immediate result seven were added by confession and baptism.

I do not think I have ever been in a place where I learned to love the people so much, in so short a time. There is a splendid church building here, and the most warmhearted people it is possible to find. This is a lovely place for tourists and others

who would like to get in some cool place for a few weeks in the summer.

I had some fishing, some sailing, and some bathing, and I enjoyed it all.

Bro. and Sister Darst appeared on the scene one day. Of course they must go fishing; but the flies! Bro. Darst looked next day as though he had the small-pox. The people on the Island enjoyed the visit of Bro. and Sister Darst very much and the only regret was that it was so short.

Bro. Emery has a very warm place in the hearts of the people here, and they are hoping and praying that he will not leave their part of the Island. I left East Point for Halifax, where I arrived Tuesday evening 12th August.

Sunday, 17th, was spent as follows:—

In the morning I preached in Shubenacadie; in the evening at West Gore. The distance from Shubenacadie to West Gore is about 20 miles; so you will see I had a long drive between meetings. I found the brethren at these places as usual, good and kind, and willing to provide a means of transportation to my place of destination. Bro. and Sister Darst had been at both of these places on a flying visit. The brethren were favorably impressed with them, and I think they all enjoyed their visit. I have seen and heard a great many things this month that I would like to tell you, but I think I must postpone as these notes may become "drouish."

W. H. HARDING.

Halifax, August 20th.

News of the Churches.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN.

One addition by confession and baptism since last month.

Bro. T. F. Dwyer has been in our city during the past fortnight. We were glad to hear his words of instruction and encouragement.

Bro. Boyd, a colored preacher from the West-gave us a call last week and preached on Tuesday evening. Bro. Boyd is scholarly and a good speaker, and a good audience listened attentively to the discourse and responded liberally when the "plate passed around."

Bro. Emery and wife are visiting us at present. They are always welcome at Coburg Street.

A number of our members expect to attend the Annual at Milton, N. S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

CORNWALLIS.

Bro. E. W. Darst, pastor of the church of Christ, in Boston, who is making a tour of the churches in the Provinces, came to Cornwallis on Wednesday last, and remained till after the Lord's day, when he left us to visit the churches in Digby Co. To say that his short visit has been both pleasant and profitable, does not half express it. No one can enjoy the society of Bro. and Sister Darst, even for a short time, and not be the better. Bro. Darst spoke for us from Wednesday evening, till Sunday evening, in all, seven times. At the last meeting on Sunday evening, there were nine confessions.

Before the sermon that evening, Sister Darst spoke to the young ladies, on adorning themselves with a Christian life, showing them how Christ in their lives would make them more beautiful than all else beside. And it was indeed grand to see seven of those young ladies come out before a large congregation, and nobly confess their faith in Him after whom they propose to pattern. Besides these, there were two young men, who also decided for Christ.

We are very thankful that in the providence of God our Bro. and Sister Darst were permitted to visit us, for they have done us all good.

Now for the annual. The time is almost here. We are hoping to enjoy a happy season. Let us go up and take counsel together. The time is more ripe for a forward movement. We have been looking on long enough. Let us do something worthy the name of work, and the cause we plead. Every phase of the work committed to us needs to be reconsidered. We want to talk about the best way to build up our churches; to increase the interest in the Sunday-school work, and to make our meetings more interesting. We need to consider also, the best way to raise money for the Lord's work, both for home and mission work, we all need more of the missionary spirit, that we may enter more heartily into the work of saving souls.

We hope, by the blessing of God, to make this meeting one of the most profitable we have ever had. Let us go up, then, to the house and assembly of the Lord, and as we go, let us pray that wisdom may be granted us sufficient for the work before us.

E. O. FORD.

Port Williams, August 25, 1890.

P. E. ISLAND.

Bro. Harding of Halifax has been laboring on the Island most of the time since the Yearly Meeting. He is likely to remove his family to Summerside and labor there and at Tryon and Tignish for the future. We sincerely hope and pray that he may be eminently successful in that field where the brethren have so long held the fort, and where they are so anxious to uphold the preaching of the gospel. So far as heard from Bro. Harding has been giving good satisfaction on the Island.

Bro. and Sister Darst of Boston made us a flying visit. Our Brother has been able to preach at nearly every church on the Island, though their stay was so short. Their great desire to save souls and spread the gospel of Christ with so much of the spirit of the Master make their company and labors truly inspiring. We are glad that they are likely to visit most of the churches in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and attend the annual at Milton, where it would give us great happiness to be.

D. O.

Selected.

DIALOGUE BETWEEN TWO JEWS.

HANANI. Have you heard of the extraordinary person who has lately appeared in Judea?

ITHIEL. Do you mean the carpenter's son at Nazareth?

H. The same. Joshua, or, as the Hellenists style him, Jesus is his name.

I. Very strange things are reported of him, and I do not wonder at it, for I have seen him, and he is in truth, a very singular character.

H. Where did you see him?

I. Our brother, Simeon the Pharisee, invited him one day to his house; and as public curiosity had been considerably excited by him, several of us were invited to partake of a repast along with him, that we might be gratified by observing his behaviour at a private entertainment.

H. And how did he behave?

I. With an admirable mixture of dignified reserve and engaging affability—I never before saw much mildness and so much majesty fitly blended. There was no constraint in his manner—his discourse seemed to be no way studied, but to arise merely out of the occasion, and he uttered it with an air, that rather enticed, than forced attention. In short, if you would not suspect me of being too partial to him, I would say, that there was something altogether superhuman in his appearance and behaviour.