

the suggestion of Bro. J. B. Wallace, the brethren at West Gore came down on Lord's day to worship with the brethren in Rawdon. The day was very fine and there was a large gathering of the people. The house was crowded, extra seats being placed in every vacant spot. It was a busy and a happy day for us all. There were three meetings, and baptism between the morning and afternoon meetings. While all seemed to enjoy the day, there were none who were so full of joy and gladness as our dear Bro. J. B. Wallace. It did my soul good to see how this meeting gladdened the heart of this good brother, who has labored so hard and so long to build up the cause he loves so well, in these parts.

There is much that might be said in reference to the work here; but my letter is getting too long already. We made our home with our Bro. and Sister Fenton while in Rawdon, and a better home it would be hard to find.

From Rawdon we came on to Pictou county and are now at

#### RIVER JOHN.

We have already spent one Lord's day here, preaching on Saturday evening and twice on Lord's day. We had one confession and baptism—a young man who had been waiting for this opportunity. We have another appointment this Tuesday evening some five miles from here. The scattered condition of the few brethren in these parts makes it very hard to work to advantage. Much of the work done here must be done from house to house. There are earnest and anxious hearts here who are working and praying for the welfare of the cause of God in these parts. It is our intention to spend yet another week in Pictou county, trying to encourage the brethren and to learn what we can of the prospects of the cause for which we plead. Already I am satisfied that nothing but wise labor will save even what we now have. But with such labor, not only can the cause be saved, but put in good working order and made to accomplish much good.

E. O. FORD.

River John, Pictou County, June 21, 1891.

#### HALIFAX, N. S.

Having no doubt that many of the readers of THE CHRISTIAN are interested in the advancement of the Church of Christ in Halifax city, I am glad to announce that we have secured the services of Bro. J. H. Gordinier, of Canton, Pa. He arrived here on the 11th, and began his labors with the church on the 12th July, so that he has now preached four discourses; and if we are to take these as samples of those that are to follow, I conclude that we have been very fortunate indeed, for his teaching has the pure ring about it—it has no uncertain sound; not what he thinks about it, but what says the Word of the Lord, how readest thou?—"To the Law and to the Testimony." Our brother came well commended. He has had an experience of some thirty years as a minister of the Gospel of Christ. He is a good, earnest speaker. And now we trust every Disciple of Christ in this city will rally around this brother and unite, yea, bring the people to hear the Scriptures expounded. Our prayers ascend to our heavenly Father daily that his labors shall be blessed here to the salvation of many precious souls. Also, we ask your earnest prayers in our behalf, that we may see at this time the Church of the living God firmly established in this great city, and that the desires of our hearts may be fulfilled in seeing souls rejoicing in the liberty wherewith Christ makes his people free.

The three Lord's days previous to our brother's coming, we had Bro. Geo. H. Nickerson, of South Dennis, Mass., to speak for us. He had been preaching for the Christian Church at Dennis. He appears to be an good, earnest-hearted young man. His discourses were very good; he draws a visible line between the Church of Christ and the world,

and he, being satisfied that the Disciples of Christ stand on the ground that all who have been made free by the Son of God ought to occupy, took membership with the church here on last Lord's day; he brought a letter of his standing from the church which he stood connected with. He says he has been a long time looking for the people who took God's word as their only creed. This brother has a strong desire to labor for the extending of the Redeemer's Kingdom. We want the brethren to encourage this young brother. If any of the churches—without a preacher—would desire his services, he would be glad to visit them, as he is desirous of stopping in the provinces.

Your Brother in Christ,

HENRY CARSON.

P. S. I might mention that this brother was married to a niece of mine on July 6th. H. C.

#### ITEMS FROM MAINE.

Our work in South Lubec suffers because we cannot devote the time to them they need. At our last meeting one made the "good confession." Audiences good. The brethren are looking forward to a new house of worship. This is a look in the right direction. The present house is a union house, and in very bad repair. We want a house of our own.

We are looking for aid from the New England Board, and if successful we hope soon to have a preacher located in South Lubec; to preach there half the time, have a mission at the Ridge; and give one-fourth there and one-fourth to East Machias. This will be a fruitful field. We are in correspondence with Bro. Frank C. Button, of Morehead, Ky., and we think everything is favorable to his coming. We need more preachers here in the East.

Bro. S. M. Hunt, Secretary of the New England Board, spent June 14th with us; in company with the writer he visited South Lubec and some \$40 was pledged for Missionary work in New England.

Our work in Lubec is prospering. Good audiences, increasing Sunday-school, and four additions since last report.

We intend to begin work on our new house in the course of two months.

Bro. Hunt was with us June 14th, and almost \$90 was raised for New England Missionary work. Our future looks bright, and under the blessing of God we hope the good work will continue.

Recently, through the energies of a number of the brethren, a good Sunday-school was organized at the Ridge.

Bro. Hunt and myself made a flying visit to East Machias June 15th. We did not see many of the brethren, but we hope to visit them shortly and render them all the aid possible. We trust they will rally and become a power for good.

The C. W. B. M. Auxiliaries here and at South Lubec seem to be doing very well, but could do better.

HARRY MINNICK.

#### HOME MISSION NOTES.

Sister Carson says: "We have Bro. Gordinier preaching for us, and he is liked by all. Of course we will not be able to do much for mission work on account of having to support our own work."

This is right; the home church should be supported first, and then missions next. We are sorry to hear of Christians (?) who will do nothing for either work. We hope they will grow less and less until there are no drones in the hive, but that all will work for the cause of Christ at home and abroad. We are all united on the last clauses of the "great commission," but what about the first, "Go into ALL THE WORLD and preach the gospel to every creature."

We pray God to bless Bro. Gordinier and the church in Halifax. May their united efforts result in great good being done.

Brother and Sister Harlow kindly remembers the fund. Their example should be followed by all Disciples who are away from their churches. Because you do not have the privilege of meeting around the Lord's table every Lord's day, you should not cease to work and give, that His cause may grow stronger and stronger.

Westport, as usual, contributes again.

Cornwallis comes to the front again. We feel sure all who pledged will carry out their promises.

Bro. Stevens writes very hopefully of the work there.

By the way, when are we to enjoy the pleasure of an Annual at Cornwallis.

Sister Collie is a worthy successor to Sister Freeman, as the acknowledgements will show.

On account of not being able to secure a place to preach in, Bro. Murray could not continue the meeting at Nauwigewauk. Some other time an effort will be made to strengthen the work there.

Good news comes from Bro. Ford at River John. He says: "One young man made the good confession at our meeting last Lord's day and was baptized. I am glad for his sake that you sent me here. This is worth all it will cost. The young man is so happy that he had the opportunity to obey the Lord." Let us rejoice with those that rejoice.

The year is about to close in our mission work, and we ask all to send in their reports by the 24th of August. We want to have the reports ready for the Annual at Westport. We hope to see a large attendance there. Come all who can. It will do you good, and inspire you to do good to others.

Previously acknowledged	....	....	\$412 36
Halifax—			
Per Mrs. Carson	....	....	4 00
Head of Jordan River—			
Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Harlow	....	....	5 00
Coburg St.—			
Y. P. Mission Band	....	....	1 40
Cornwallis—			
Per R. E. Stevens	....	....	7 00
Miltor—			
Per Miss A. Collie	....	....	5 15
Westport—			
Per Miss Payson	....	....	1 25
Halifax—			
Per Mrs. Carson	....	....	2 00
Nauwigewauk—			
Per H. Murray	....	....	1 60
Brooklyn, Hants Co. N. S.			
Per Mrs. Dr. Minard	....	....	50
Total	....	....	\$440 26

#### HALIFAX BUILDING FUND.

Received from J. S. Flaglor, \$1.00; A Friend, \$1.00. Mrs. S. A. Wisdom.

#### Married.

NICKERSON-CARSON.—At Halifax, N. S., July 6th, by Elder Arthur G. Jones, George H. Nickerson, of South Dennis, Mass., to Emma L. Carson, of Halifax, N. S.

WALLACE-DEWOLF.—At East Rawdon, N. S. June 24th, 1891, by J. B. Wallace, Mr. Winburne Wallace to Miss Mary DeWolf, both of Rawdon.

JELLY-JELLY.—At Summerside, P. E. Island, on the evening of June 30th, by W. H. Harding, Henry S. Jelly to Miss Lucy Jelly, both of Prince Co., P. E. Island.

WOODSIDE-MILLIGAN.—At Summerside, P. E. I., on the evening of July 8th, by W. H. Harding, William L. Woodside to Miss Bertha Milligan, both of Prince Co., P. E. Island.