

God expects it; they realize that it is a duty as well as a privilege, and they give "not grudgingly."

What should the Board learn from this? That our people are glad to give when they see clearly when and why the money is wanted. Then the point is to use every effort to have these things brought plainly before them. It is better to appeal through the CHRISTIAN than not at all, but they cannot expect the same returns from such appeals that a personal canvass or talk would bring. Our *Annual* proves this.

Our Board is composed of some of our best workers, but they may say it is impossible for them to visit each church to make known their wants. This is no doubt true, and yet a plan by which all, or nearly all the churches might be so visited, either by them or someone in their interests, is quite feasible at a very small expense.

The Board deserves great praise for the work they have done in past years, and also for securing the services of Bro. Romig for the coming year; but let them, with the united help of all the Disciples in the Maritime Provinces, make a forward step for 1898, and when we ask the question "Are we in a rut?" also ask ourselves Who is in the rut?

Correspondence.

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

In the last CHRISTIAN you read of the opening of the new house at Mascarene. I want to add one or two items in connection with that affair, viz: Bro. Andrew Barnes, assisted by Bro. Matthews, presided at the Lord's Table, and did it well. In the afternoon of the day on which the house was opened Bro. S. W. Leonard preached, and in justice to Brother Leonard it should be stated that he was called upon unexpectedly to preach at that time. His sermon was well received, and all enjoyed it very much. Sister Gertie Dick makes an admirable organist.

I spent a month preaching in Mascarene, Le Tete and Back Bay. A church was organized in the first-named place, with Bro. Samuel Dick as elder, Bros. Colin McVicar and Nelson Leonard as deacons. With a new house of worship containing all the necessary furniture, and an earnest band of workers, the new church starts on its voyage. In making its way through the storms and tempests may it always heed the voice of the Pilot and follow the directions of the chart, and may "all hands" be saved.

On Nov. 9th Capt. Cameron kindly drove me to St. George station, where I took the train for Carleton. I went across in the ferry to St. John. Oh! what a night. How it rained! I have not been out in such a storm for years. I went to the prayer meeting at the Coburg Street Church and found about twenty assembled for prayer meeting. I concluded that these were not sugar nor salt members; they did not melt, not they.

I spent a most comfortable night, after getting such a wetting, at the hospitable home of Sister Christie. Sister Christie knows how to give a warm welcome to a hungry, wet preacher. Next morning I was at the I. C. R. station in time to take the express for Halifax. Bro. Stewart kindly came down to see me off. I found Sister D. A. Morrison on board going to Amherst. Near Sussex we had to stop, and the train backed down to pick up a poor fellow who had fallen from the train and been instantly

killed. As far as I could judge he was about twenty-five years of age. How soon he was called from time to eternity! "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

I reached Elmsdale shortly after six o'clock that evening, and found a welcome and a comfortable bed at Bro. D. S. McDonald's.

On Sunday, Nov. 14th, I preached for the church at Shubenacadie, and on the 21st I preached at Newport. At both places I met old friends.

Any church or churches wanting meetings can address me at my home, West Gore, Hants Co., N. S. I am willing to hold you a meeting, and if you cannot pay, I will hold it and charge you nothing only my board. I am willing to go anywhere in the Master's work. I have a strong desire for evangelistic work, and now that I have started in with it, keep me going. There is a great deal said and written about our need of preachers and evangelists in these provinces. Now, here I am without money and without price; send me. *Labor omnia vincit improbus.* W. H. HARDING.

FROM WEST GORE.

"Why do not more of our churches send news to this paper? We cannot manufacture the news in St. John. Send the news. Let it be *Church news.*" So speaks the November CHRISTIAN. With this I heartily agree. Find what will be of interest to the reader. Be sure it is true. Remember, it may be read by four thousand readers, and think if there are good reasons to hope it may do some good to some one somewhere. I have, perhaps, too long delayed writing a few lines for THE CHRISTIAN. Since returning from the West, eighteen months ago, the most of my time has been spent in Hants County, chiefly in the employ of the West Gore Church. This being my native place, the church of which I was first a member, and where I spent much of the first years of my ministry, and having, during the twenty years of my brother's work here, assisted him in several meetings, it is not strange I should feel at home again. Though the largest church we have in the county, having probably as many members as all the others combined, yet its membership is not large, and, I fear, less than twenty-five years ago. Every year there have been additions made, and some years many; still the losses by death and removal to other parts have fully equalled the number added. Removed from towns and railroads, such churches have a battle for existence. We are, however, glad to know that many have here learned the truth, and have gone to assist in building up churches elsewhere. With the falling off that there has been in the population and in the membership of other churches in these parts, it is not a little surprising our people have held their own as well as they have. But the work has never at any time rested on the shoulders of one man, but for forty years has not failed to have devoted and sufficiently capable men to preach the gospel, teach believers, and "to bury the dead." Nor is the fear that just now "the work is going backward" explainable on any satisfactory ground. Let us hope that the "great deal of work" that some one has done in this county will prove of such a nature as to go forward and not backward, especially if the preacher on whom much always depends should prove to be "a good man, having the Master's work at heart, and who will not be too great a lover of money."

During the past summer the writer has three times visited the South Lake Church, P. E. I., spending in all there thirteen weeks. One obeyed the gospel. I thought a few others were near the Kingdom, but they did not then enter it. That church was organized by Dr. Knox more than fifty years ago. Though living sixty miles distant, he preached there a part of the time for several years. A preacher of the gospel has never located there, yet the church has seldom failed to have some one engaged a part of the time, for which they have always paid cheerfully and promptly. I have never known a country church more prompt in matters of finance. Having known those people many years ago, it was a source of pleasure to visit them again and preach among them the Word of Life. Our meetings were well attended and the church is evidently determined to keep their work moving forward.

The Haldsburg Church in California, where my western home is, and for which I preached for several years, is in the midst of a revival, with forty additions up to the last report. At mission point of that church, a few miles in the country, seventy obeyed the gospel a few months ago, and a church was set in order. Thus the good work goes forward in the Golden State. May the Lord prosper the work of His people in these lands.

HIRAM WALLACE.

West Gore, Nov. 17, 1897.

FROM ST. THOMAS, ONT.

The special services which have been in progress in the Church of Christ in this city for the past four weeks were brought to a close last night, Nov. 21. J. W. McCallum, who for several years has been a minister in the Presbyterian Church, but who, during the meetings, united with the Disciples, preached a strong sermon on the "Judgment." H. W. Irvine, minister of the Grace Methodist Church, and Principal Fowler of the Disciples' College each gave a powerful address. Evangelist Easton sang two solos during the evening, "Unanswered," by Rischhoff, and "The Man of Galilee." He has pleased the public and helped the church with his earnest gospel songs.

Thirty-four persons united with this church during the meetings, sixteen of whom are heads of families. The meetings were well attended throughout, the house being crowded on several occasions. Bro. W. D. Cunningham, the pastor, presented the old Jerusalem gospel in its simplicity and truth, and the result is that the church is awakened to greater activity and usefulness in the Kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ.

Bro. McCallum, who came from the Presbyterians, will preach for the Church at Windsor, Ont.

W. T. JELLEY.

College of the Disciples.

M. M. Davis, President of the American Christian Missionary Society, delivered a stirring address on the "Priority of Home Missions" at the Convention held in Indianapolis, Ind., in October last. While taking "a look at the land," he said: "The north of the border, separated from us for the most part by an imaginary line, is Canada, a domain rivalling our own in extent, governed by people of our own blood and speech, and with a great future, which the managers of the American Christian Missionary Society are fully alive to. This great land, peopled with a sturdy and liberty-loving race, is not to be passed by in our general missionary ministrations."