

enclose what they would give either to J. H. Hardin, Corresponding Secretary, Cincinnati, Ohio, or me, 203, Lookman Street, Halifax, and I will forward the same with the names of the giver.

One brother writes me that the brethren in his field of labor are very much interested in the work here in Halifax, and are glad of its success. Just here is our opportunity to show how much interested we are. Let it be understood that without the aid of these brethren for whose work we are asked to take these collections, we are not able to maintain the preaching of the gospel in this city, and then we can see how necessary it is for us to manifest a substantial interest. Our Home Mission Board are doing all they can to maintain the work in this city, and the brethren here are contributing liberally, but with all this, we are depending on aid from our American brethren for enough to make the work a success. And this they are willing to do on the conditions that we take this one collection and I pray that it may be one of which we shall all feel proud. I am satisfied that the cause of God will prosper just in proportion to the money we put in it.

Though my letter is already too long I can not close without mentioning a pleasant little instance in which Mrs. Ford and I were much interested, after we learned of it. The friends here not being willing to allow our double birthday to pass without some recognition, had made arrangements for a pleasant surprise for us. On returning from visiting some friends, a few evenings ago, in whose salvation we are greatly interested, I was surprised to find between thirty-five and forty of the friends gathered at the home of Brother and Sister H. L. Wallace, where we are enjoying every comfort heart can wish. However we made the best of the situation, and enjoyed some pleasant, and we trust profitable conversation, to say nothing of the nice treat provided; when the company was called to order, and in a very neat and feeling speech Bro. H. Carson presented to Mrs. Ford, on behalf of the friends, a beautiful lamp, with other smaller gifts, and to me a splendid teacher's Bible, with the sympathy and good will of all. I could only express our thanks, and thank God that we had such a lot of friends every where. E. C. FORD.

Halifax, April 23, 1894.

#### WESTPORT, N. S.

Our work here in every department is in a healthy condition. Our Sunday-school has increased wonderfully of late, under the good management and superintendancy of Bro. Thomas Hicks. Bro. H. has proved his proficiency in this work, and the interest is growing in every feature of the work.

Our mission work is growing also. The children are working under the lead of Willing Workers, conducted by Sister Carrie Payson and Sister Cooke. The Ladies' Auxiliary C. W. B. M., is doing good work. Our Y. P. S. C. E. is working splendidly. It is a great aid to the general church work.

On the evening of the 29th of March, our home was visited by a number of our friends. The house was filled to overflowing, and all hearts filled with kindness and good will. This was better understood after they had all retired, for we found ourselves \$50.00 better off than before. I cannot find words to express my appreciation of the kindness we have received at the hands of our many friends here. H. E. COOKE.

#### MILTON, N. S.

Bro. Lhamon has been with us twelve days. The meetings commenced Thursday evening. The weather was so very severe, as also on Friday evening, that a few only were present. Since then we have had a full house about every evening. Those who are acquainted with our house in Mil-

ton know what this means. We have had our house full at our annual meetings, but now we have an annual meeting crowd every night in the week. Those who come to hear Bro. Lhamon once out of curiosity, come again out of anxiety. His sermons are pointed, polished and practical. He seems to take in no one side but all sides of the plan of salvation, making Christ the centre, the source and the all in all. His labors are wonderfully blessed in the alleviation of human suffering and the elevation of man.

We have had already 32 additions, with fine prospects for more. This is a great work for so short a time. The converts are from 12 years up to 78 years of age. H. M.

#### LORD'S COVE, N. B.

Our work continues to grow. During the month of April six precious souls have been gathered into the fold here—four young men and two young ladies.

There has also been quite an awakening among the young people in the church and our meetings are better attended and participated in than at any time during my stay here.

Seventy-eight at our Bible School last Lord's day and one confession at the close of both the afternoon and evening meetings. We held special services on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week with three confessions.

During the last two weeks in March I had the pleasure of spending a part of my time with Bro. H. Minnick, of Lubec, Me., in Leonardville, where he held them a two weeks meeting which resulted in seven additions and an awakening among the members of the church.

I have heard that they have a young people's meeting now on Saturday evenings, and also that they have engaged the services of Bro. S. W. Leonard for the summer months. All this is good news; but we are not without our sorrows too, about the last of March Bro. Jas. H. Ward, one of our elders, was called upon to part with his companion of many years and lay her away to await the final roll call.

We sympathise with Bro. Ward and his family in their great affliction. She was taken down quite suddenly with pneumonia, and almost before they realized her danger her spirit had taken its flight.

Bro. A. C. Lambert, one of our faithful deacons, has been sorely afflicted for some weeks past with rheumatism, he having almost entirely lost the use of his arms and hands at times, but we hope and trust that he may speedily regain his health with the return of the beautiful May and June weather just ahead of us. It is only a few weeks since Bro. Allie and wife were called upon to part with their youngest child. It does appear sometimes as though afflictions seldom come singly. Finally brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified even as it is with you. R. E. STEVENS.

#### TIVERTON, N. S.

As the readers of the CHRISTIAN were informed of my illness by Bro. Murray, in his "Jottings" last month, I wish to inform them of my partial recovery, and to express my sincere thanks to my many friends for the great kindness shown to me during many weeks of suffering, and to my heavenly Father for raising me from what to those friends and my physician was thought to be a bed of death.

I was able to meet with the brethren on Lord's day, after an absence of eight weeks from the Lord's house, and hope to be able to preach the word again in the near future. Every department of our work here is moving on encouragingly, for which we thank God and take fresh courage for the future. H. A. DRYOR.

#### HANTS COUNTY, N. S.

Owing to the lateness of the spring, and, as a consequence, the very bad state of the roads, we have decided to defer the opening of the new meeting house at Nine Mile River until the third Sunday in May (20th). The arrangement will be as announced in last CHRISTIAN. We want to have as interesting and profitable a day as we can. We have had a long tedious time of bad roads. The weather has been without parallel for the time of year. I had planned some work for this month in the way of holding meetings, but I had to give up anything of that nature, and feel glad to be able to fill my regular appointments. Everybody is looking and longing for the warm sunshine and dry roads. If the sun does not shine for awhile how dull it seems to get; it really has an effect upon our spirits. So if the Sun of Righteousness does not shine in our hearts, how dull and dark we are. Have we not a little streak of sunshine somewhere—"Let your light so shine."

The churches in this county are planning on holding a co-operation meeting in West Gore on the last Lord's day in June. This meeting will have for its object the consolidation of our efforts to carry on the Master's work in these parts. There are encouraging fields of unoccupied territory that we ought to be working. One man cannot begin to do the amount of work that should be done. It is to be hoped that some brethren from Pictou will make an effort to attend this meeting, and ways and means of co-operation will be discussed. Two new meeting houses have been built in this county during the past three or four years, and another is in contemplation. What is needed is another energetic, earnest man, who is willing and able to do what he can for the spread of the gospel. One who is willing to make a sacrifice and study the interests of the work rather than the interest of his own pocket.

Some are very much interested in the work until their own interests are crossed or their pockets are threatened, and then the true man is seen. Selfishness on top. God help us all to cultivate the spirit of the Master in this as well as in all other respects. We have a great work to do in this county, and it requires a constant effort to stem the tide and advance the work in the face of all opposition. There are many earnest, God-fearing people who are exercised in their minds on this subject, who will stand by and aid every effort to do good.

In my next I will be able to tell you more about our county meeting; also give a statement in detail of the money collected for the Nine Mile River meeting house.

Speaking about the need of earnest workers, reminds me of how the most of the work has been done in this county. Who has not heard of Bro. or "Uncle" Michael Wallace? Those who know him need not be reminded of his unselfish, self-sacrificing disposition, or his son, Bro. John B., whom everybody loved and respected. Eternity will reveal the good they have done. But I must close for this month, with the hope of having a real good interesting letter for you next month. W. H. HARDING.

West Gore, Hants Co., N. S.

It was expected that Mr. F. T. Norton, of P. E. I., would have graduated this year, but he has decided to postpone his graduation on account of pressure of work. He would have been entitled to the first honor if he had not withdrawn, as his grade at the close of last term was 98 per cent., and is now a fraction over 99 per cent., the highest grade of scholarship ever attained by a student of the Bible College.—Transylvanian.