

Sister L. A. Miles went to Milton on the 19th. She is one of our earnest workers in the Church and Sunday-school.

#### SILVER FALLS, N. B.

The Church at this place is earnestly contending for "the faith of the gospel." They meet every Lord's day at 3 o'clock for the breaking of bread. In the evening at 8 o'clock, they have a prayer and social meeting. The Sunday-school meets at two o'clock. Bro. H. Shellington is the superintendent. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor meets on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Elder Donald Crawford, of P. E. Island, preached last Wednesday evening on "The Prodigal Son." The brethren are always glad to have any of our preaching brethren visit them.

The Sunday-school picnic was held at Watters' Landing, Loch Lomond, on Thursday, July 18th. There was a large number present, and all spent a pleasant day.

#### LETETE, N. B.

God has truly been good to us and has heard the prayers of his people in behalf of the church at Letete. Bro. S. V. Leonard is spending his vacation from Lexington, Ky., with the churches at Letete and Back Bay, and God has crowned his labors with success. Thus far he has had eight precious souls to confess their faith in a risen Saviour and followed in Christian baptism.

There are others that have in an evil moment fallen away but again have renewed their covenant vows with God.

The Sunday-school is advancing and so the work goes on. Bro. Leonard is a faithful, hard worker.

Respectfully yours, W. R. W.

Perhaps it is not too late to say that in the month of May I visited Letete and Back Bay, remaining over three Lord's days and holding some meetings through the week. Found the brethren there anxiously waiting and expecting a preacher to settle among them and help them in the good work building up the cause of Christ.

We hope they will not be disappointed in their expectation.

We had two confessions and baptisms in Back Bay. We preached twice in Mascareen, had one confession and baptism there. The brethren, as well as can be expected under these circumstances, are doing well. May the Lord bless them is my earnest prayer.

I am on my way to attend the Endeavor convention in Boston, and am expecting to attend the annual in Halifax, the Lord sparing me. May the Lord continue to bless his laboring children in their efforts to do good.

WM. MURRAY.

Swampscott, Mass., July 9, 1895.

#### CORNWALLIS, N. S.

Since my last letter from here we have enjoyed a visit from Bro. W. F. Shaw, of Halifax, who, with Sister Shaw, spent a week with us, and preached for the brethren on Lord's day morning and evening, while I filled his appointments in Halifax. This was Bro. Shaw's first opportunity of preaching to the brethren in Cornwallis, and all were so well pleased with him that a hearty welcome awaits him if he can again arrange to be with us.

Bro. H. Murray, also, made us a short visit on his way to attend the C. E. convention in Boston, spending one Lord's day with us, and gave us two most excellent discourses. The friends in Cornwallis are always glad to have Bro. Murray with them. He never fails to do them good, and seems to be preaching better as he gets older.

But I started out to say a word about our coming annual, and in particular about the proposed collection to assist in paying off the debt on the meeting house in Halifax. My readers will remember the suggestion made in the June CHRISTIAN that, instead of the usual collections to pay the preachers' expenses, we pay our own expenses like other people, and that a special collection be taken to aid in paying off this debt. So far as I have heard, the preachers heartily approve of this suggestion, and will willingly give up the amount they would receive, for this worthy object.

As has already been stated, this means a contribution of from five to ten dollars from each of our preachers, and it remains to be seen whether the brotherhood are as much interested in this good work as are the preachers. The interest of the cause we all profess to love, not only in Halifax, but in these provinces as well, make it necessary that this debt should be paid. The money taken every year to pay the interest on this debt could be expended to so much greater advantage in sending the gospel where it is not now preached in its primitive simplicity. Relieve the Halifax church of this debt, and in a short time we will see a self-sustaining church, and will be receiving our money back with a liberal interest to aid us in supporting the work in other needy places.

I sincerely hope the brotherhood will come up to this meeting full of the Spirit of Christ, and with a determination to make a strong pull, and a pull all together, to give the cause for which we plead such an impetus that its influence will be felt for all time to come. Now, too, is the time for the Halifax brethren to put their hands down deep into their pockets, and bring up their fifties and hundreds. This will give such an inspiration to the whole movement as will make success sure.

It may be, too, that there are some friends of the cause in Halifax who may read this, who will not be able to attend this meeting. If so, let them send in their contribution either by some friend or to Bro. Henry Carson, Halifax, 203 Lockman St. We are going to have a grand meeting, and one that will do us all good. Let us work and pray for this, and God will bless our efforts to win souls for Christ.

But I cannot close this letter without expressing my sympathy for the brotherhood in the loss of our dear Sister Gates. I feel that her death is a great loss to us all. While our hearts go out in deep sympathy for the dear children left now with neither father nor mother, we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the loss of such faithful workers as Sister Gates is one felt by the brotherhood in the bounds of their labors. Too much could hardly be said of the faithfulness of Sister Gates, yet where she was so well known but little need be said. As the wife of Bro. J. A. Gates, so well and favorably known, she has been brought more prominently before the brethren, than perhaps, she otherwise would have been. But it was by her earnest consecrated work for Christ that she was best known, and most beloved. Heaven alone will reveal the good that faithful woman has done. "But she rests from her labors, and her works do follow." It is in my heart to say more, but as a suitable obituary will doubtless appear, I will close this already too long letter with heartfelt sympathy for the loved ones thus bereft of mother, sister and friend.

E. C. FORD.  
Port Williams, July 17, 1895.

#### HALIFAX, N. S.

It may be interesting to the readers of THE CHRISTIAN to know that we are all busy as bees preparing and making arrangement for our annual,

which is to be held with the Halifax Church of Disciples. Strangers can feel assured of receiving a hearty welcome from the brethren and sisters. We pray that the cause may be strengthened and much good done. Each one seems anxious to do something to make the meeting a success.

Before closing permit me to mention a birthday social which was given under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society and held at the home of Sister H. L. Wallace and under whose clever and efficient management was a perfect success. Much credit is also due to members of Sister Wallace's Sunday-school class, who contributed largely to the evening's entertainment.

A CHURCH MEMBER.

Everybody is busy preparing to make visitors welcome at the annual, August, 8-11. Send your name and address to H. L. Wallace, 164 North Street, Halifax, at once, if you have not arranged for a stopping place. If you are coming by rail, purchase a ticket one way to Halifax, and at the same time ask the ticket agent for a standard certificate. This certificate will be signed by the Secretary of the Convention in Halifax, thus securing you reduced rates for your return. Those who come on the Bridgewater boat will tell them you are coming to the great Convention of Disciples in Halifax, and they will give you a return ticket for half fare.

We are sorry to lose from our number, Brother Herrchian. He will work for a ship company of New York. His family will remain here for the present.

Bro. and Sister James Stevens have returned from their visit in Hants County, and we again enjoy their faithful church attendance.

Bro. Morrison pleasantly surprised us by dropping down in our midst Lord's Day, the 21st. We always enjoy his visits, and feel encouraged by his presence.

Brother Weaver came in on a short visit Monday, the 22nd. He is making it interesting for some of the Pictouists who do not just agree with us on the primitive gospel commanded.

The Y. P. S. C. E. is working for two things the coming Friday night: a missionary programme and a collection for Home Missions.

Through the encouragement of Sister Wisdom, we solicited a tract fund for the annual, and will endeavor to scatter a little printed doctrine along with the rest.

We only regret that we have not time to write a personal invitation to every Disciple in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick for the August meeting except this. Please consider this solicitation for your August presence as personal. The only way to get "our plea" before the people is to get it there; and I know of no better way than large enthusiastic gatherings where the spirit of brotherly love and unity inspires every soul and every utterance. Let all come who can, then, praying that God may so direct in all that is said and done, that the Church of Christ may be strengthened, souls saved, and God glorified.

W. F. S.

#### CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Church of Christ held one of the best meetings that was ever held by their society last evening. Miss H. L. Beattie, of Summerside, conducted the meeting, the topic being, "For Christ and the Church." A number of short pieces interspersed with music, followed. Mr. McInnis conveyed the greetings of the Zion Y. P. S. C. E. to this society. He was responded to by R. W. Stevenson, who then gave a thrilling and interesting address on the work of the Y. P. S. C. E. He thanked God that