

heads and the love of God in their hearts, can build up the cause of Christ. There are communities where we have flourishing churches, the result of one or two humble, faithful Disciples. God will multiply our gifts and efforts to the salvation of the multitude if we will apply and appropriate them. Let no one deny this until a faithful trial has been made. "Try me and see if I will not pour you out a blessing." But if the light is hid and the salt has lost its savor, what will our future be? "Life is too short to waste, and eternal life is too long to lose."

### Correspondence.

#### EVANGELIST TOUR.

I began work for the Home Mission Board of the Maritime Provinces on Tuesday, October 2nd, with Central Christian Church in Charlottetown where Brother George Manifold ministers. I continued preaching the gospel for nine days. The attendance was fairly good most of the time, but the additions were few. Three made the good confession of their faith in Jesus Christ.

Arrangements with the Main Street Christian Church in St. John, N. B., having been made for a meeting the third Sunday in the month, I left for that place and began with a very good attendance which continued until the close of the meeting, which lasted a little over three weeks. The results were six confessed their faith in Christ. Bro. J. Chas. B. Appel is pastor of the Main Street Church. The brethren need a home of their own in which to worship. There are several causes which prevented a large ingathering. The church, yet but a child, has met with some reverses which shall require time and constant devotion to overcome. There are several large congregations of Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians in that part of the city and the population is not very great. The Christian Church is weak and has nothing to offer the people but the Gospel of the grace of God pure and simple, and a plea for the union of God's people. The people seemed interested in the gospel. Bros. R. E. Stevens, H. W. Stewart and J. C. B. Appel rendered valuable assistance. The people were helped to a better understanding of the mission and work of the Disciples of Christ. It would have been much more satisfactory had more been added to the church, but the work is the Lord's and shall surely prevail. We most earnestly pray that Bro. Appel shall have the joy of helping others into the kingdom. One sows and another reaps, and both rejoice together. I have found Bro. Appel a very agreeable collaborer. I pray God he may have abundant success.

I left St. John on the 9th inst. and arrived at Back Bay, Charlotte County, N. B. In the evening of the same day I preached. Bro. R. E. Stevens, who preceded me, had preached several times, and had things in readiness and a fairly good audience was present. Here there is a church-house but no organization of any kind. They have had

but little preaching for several years. Sectarian strife prevails to some extent. Contention is waged by some of these over the deed of the church property; but the brother who holds the land will give a deed when there are proper persons to whom to deed it. He is willing to deed it at any time to members of the Christian Church, with the privilege that others occupy it when not in use by the Disciples of Christ. I see no reason to criticize the actions of the brother.

I secured subscriptions enough among the people of the community to pay a minister of the gospel for part of his time. The most of the people are anxious for meetings. There are many fine young people in this community. They are all very agreeable; and if led on by a good preacher of the gospel to accept Christ, they will make a good record in the kingdom. At this writing we have just begun work in Letete. May God grant us a rich harvest of souls. Bro. Stevens has preached twice every Sunday since coming here at Letete and Mascarene. The people are anxious to have him remain with these churches. The people all like him and he can do a good work with these three needy churches. More anon.

R. W. STEVENSON.

November 22nd, 1898.

#### DEER ISLAND LETTER.

"One hundred thousand souls saved," the motto for the coming year," was sounded out in clear notes from our general convention at Chattanooga. With the estimated number of preachers this would mean on an average less than twenty additions for each preacher; and ought not a minister who devotes his whole time to preaching the gospel add twenty in a year when there are so many who are perishing all around us. Already Bro. H. E. Cooke has had over that many. Which one of us will be the next?

I hope that the "rally all along the line," started by our brethren of the United States, may reach our provinces in double quick time and with increased momentum. Some of the addresses given at the convention were printed in the *Christian Standard* and make good reading. One thing I notice, they are intensely American. While the number of churches and preachers and Sunday-schools with the amount collected for Home and Foreign Missions included those in Canada when the totals are made up—yet we find no mention made of this. I would suggest to our American brethren that the next convention be termed "The General Convention of the Disciples of Christ for the United States and Canada."

Our work on the Island looks encouraging. A number have come back who have been away all summer, and there are others coming. Every department of church work is looking up. We have started a teacher's meeting for Sunday-school teachers and those who may be called upon to teach, and it is proving a good thing. Our teachers read papers on

practical teaching and preparation, and the result is a greater interest and zeal in the work.

Bro. J. B. Prince has been here in the interests of our books and literature. I am sure that our people need to take hold of this matter more heartily and it will yield grand results.

Any church having a Sunday-school library to dispose of might hear of a market by writing to me, giving the number of volumes and condition, etc.

We are expecting Miss Rioch next week and all are looking forward with delight to her visit. I gave my lecture on "Happy Homes" to a good house last night (22nd.)

W. H. HARLING.

#### Home Missions.

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Bro. Stevenson closed the meeting with the Main street Christian Church Lord's day, Nov. 6th. Bro. R. E. Stevens was present during the last week of the meeting and assisted in the singing. The interest during the three weeks was very good, and the large audiences from night to night showed that the hearers were interested. There were four persons who made the good confession, one reclaimed and one from the Baptists. Since the close of the meeting two others have been baptized.

Bro. Stevenson left for Back Bay, Charlotte Co., on the 19th (Bro. Stevens having gone down the Saturday before), to hold a meeting with the church at that place. Bro. Stevens gives his time gratuitous in this meeting. Bro. Stevenson has secured subscriptions for the support of a preacher one-third of his time at this place, and a number have pledged to support the home mission work. Two young ladies have been appointed to collect the pledges every quarter. The meeting closed on Lord's day, Nov. 20th.

With the church at Letete, Bro. Stevenson began a meeting on the evening of the 21st. He is preaching twice a day. He will also hold a meeting with the church at Mascarene, after which he will hold a meeting with the church at Tiverton, N. S., commencing the first Lord's day in December.

#### RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$182 46
Milton—per F. C. Ford, . . . . .	5 00
Southville, Ladies' Auxiliary—per Mrs. Chas. Amero, . . . . .	1 00
Rufus Jackson, Pomeroy, Iowa, . . . . .	5 00
Coburg Street—Mission Band, . . . . .	2 90
Halifax—per E. C. Ford, . . . . .	8 35
Mrs. E. C. Ford, pledge at annual, . . . . .	1 00
Mrs. Lemuel Davis, " " . . . . .	2 00
J. C. B. Appel, " " . . . . .	10 00
Kendrick Outhouse, part pledge at annual . . . . .	1 00
Newport—Hattie J. Stevens, . . . . .	4 00
Montague Church, P. E. I., . . . . .	5 25
Capt. Jas. Ossinger, . . . . .	2 00
Main Street Meeting, . . . . .	17 22
	\$247 18

W. A. BARNES, Secretary.

#### WHAT OUR HOME MISSIONARIES ARE DOING.

The General F. M. Drake Fund of five thousand dollars has been received and invested. By consent of Governor Drake, Baltimore, Maryland, is the first field to be cultivated under this fund. Milton H. Lee is the first missionary to be employed and