

now and the faithful ones are filled with the spirit of sacrifice, and inspired with the high aims of our plea. The main thought is now "How can we more successfully push the good work in our country and in our provinces."

We are yet talking about our soul-inspiring annual meeting; about the bounteous hospitality of the St. John Church, the prompt efficient and systematic way everything was conducted, the happy hearts and illuminated faces, the unstinted liberality, the deep toned spirituality, and the wonderful increase of interest for the advancement of the cause in our provinces.

Sister Graybiel's presence among us was an inspiration. Our hearts burned within us as she talked to us of the darkness, and sorrow, and misery of the millions of precious souls in India. Who would not be a missionary of the cross if they could. Sister Graybiel and the other missionaries will never know the measure of our sympathy and deep interest in their behalf. Eternity alone can reveal it.

We shall ever have unfeigned gratitude to the American Mission Board for sending us Bro. and Sister Hardin. They received a hearty welcome to our convention. They were the tie that binds us to the brotherhood of the United States. We hope they will come again and remain longer.

Our confidence and intense interest in Bro. T. H. Capp made his presence among us again a great pleasure. If our influence for good is to be measured by the esteem in which we are held, what a profitable successful field of labor would these provinces be for T. H. Capp.

Among the absentees we mention but one—our dear Bro. Wallace, whose presence and counsels at our Tiverton and our Milton meetings was a benediction that was greatly missed in our meeting this year. His name, his nature, and his labors will never be forgotten. There were others who have been taken from us whose words and deeds still remain with us.

The increase of earnest faithful young brothers and sisters is very encouraging and promises a brighter future for the cause among us. One thing was noticeable and pleasing, i. e. the emphasis placed on *deeds* and *duty* rather than dogmas, making Christianity a real active life. Who is so blind as not to see that the tide of prosperity is rising?
H. MURRAY.

Our meetings have been well attended and good results followed. There being eight to obey the Lord by immersion. Bro. Stewart has indeed done a grand work while with us, and we feel assured that he has spoken words that may long be remembered. Although many have not expressed their desire to accept Christ, and give up the uncertain pleasures of this life for that which they know to be certain, yet we pray and trust, that the exhortations that have passed from our brother's lips may help them to realize except they repent they shall all likewise perish. Last Lord's day Bro. Stewart was with us, he had a large and attentive audience both morning and evening, and think none left the church but felt they had been benefited, and could say it was good to be there. The evening text found in John iii, 16, impressed on our minds the great love God had for us in the gift of His Son, which brought before us our unworthiness for this unspeakable love of the greatest gift bestowed on mankind. Certainly there is a great work to be done, "the harvest truly is plenteous, and the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." Let us awake to this great work which is awaiting one all, that we may be the means of saving precious souls, who do not realize it is not all of life to live nor all of death to die. Bros. Murray and Stewart went to Somerville here Bro. S. preached to a grand audience, and by the

distance they had come to hear the word of God proved they were deeply interested to see the cause prosper. As our series of meetings are about ended, and our brother leaves us, we pray that God's blessings may follow him, and the truth that he may preach to others may help them to be greater labourers for the Master's vineyard, and to labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life.

A. A. COLLIE.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

Yesterday, September 21st, members of the church and Sunday school held a most enjoyable "pic-nic" on the beautiful grounds of Bro. Duncan Scott, at North River, about five or six miles from Charlottetown. Bro. Scott placed the whole of the beautiful farm (except that still under crop) at our disposal, and like Lot we chose the best, and I think there was not one of the participants who did not feel healthier after the day spent in innocent amusement and social intercourse.

Indeed since coming into Charlottetown on the 30th of June, to remain with the church for some time, I have learned much more of the social nature of the members of the church here than I ever knew before. They appear, in the fullest sense of the term, to be kindly affectionate one towards another, insomuch that strangers occasionally visiting the church remark the manifestations of brotherly kindness, and it makes a good impression as well as being very enjoyable.

The church here is not large. Like other churches on Prince Edward Island it has suffered from emigration. Many of the young leave the Island, and so when the old fall the ranks are not filled up. But notwithstanding this the standard-bearers in sunshine and in storm, in prosperity and adversity, have stood at their post, and they are standing there today ready to bear "the reproach of Christ," and if need be to "follow him without the camp."

What I have written of the church in Charlottetown is also true of the church at Cross Roads, Lot 48, where Dr. John Knox for so many years kept unfurled the blood-stained banner of the cross, and successfully invited sinners to the Lamb of God. Many who were baptized by him have passed "over the river." Emigration has depleted the membership. The number today is not as large as it was in former years but some are left. Officers and members are standing nobly for God and truth and righteousness. I trust they, with Charlottetown, will reap abundantly the fruit of their labor and patience.

In the good providence of our Heavenly Father I have been called to labor with these two churches. What may be in store for us is only known to the mind which comprehends eternity. We know not, but we are full of faith and hope. May the Lord of infinite love and compassion enable us all to work in faith and leave results with Him.

Eight miles from Charlottetown, a week ago, I met a most pleasing and intelligent congregation in a school house. Hope to visit again. O. B. S. September 22nd, 1892.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

Did I go to the Annual at St. John? No. And I was very much disappointed that I did not. I had been planning for three months to be there, but at the last moment my plans were upset. I have very pleasant recollections of an Annual I attended in St. John about five years ago, and I am sure that all who attended this year will have an enjoyable as well as a profitable time.

Since I last wrote, our hearts have been made sad by the death of one of our most highly esteemed Sisters, Mrs. A. Murray. She was the daughter of the late Elder James Linkletter, and an earnest faithful Christian. Bro. Murray, who is our Sunday-school Superintendent and an active church

worker, has the sympathy of all in his hour of trial. She passed away strong in the hope of a better life. Her sorrowing mother and family as well as her husband know that they shall meet again. The little babe, only three days old when the mother left is doing well. I cannot help repeating the lines of a part of that beautiful hymn composed by Smith:

"Peaceful be thy silent slumber,
Peaceful in thy grave so low,
Thou no more wilt join our number;
Thou no more our songs shall know.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled;
Then in heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farwell tear is shed."

We had a pleasant visit from Bro. Jardine, of the Boston church. Bro. Capp, of Missouri, gave us a call one evening. I think it shows a spirit of sociability and also manifests a brotherly love when brethren (especially preachers) in traveling, make a parting call on resident brethren who may come in their line of travel.

I think I told you that we had the Seventh-day Advents here in the last letter; well, they have stirred up some little controversy. At the request of a number of the leading men of the town I gave an address in the Market Hall, one Sunday afternoon, on the "Sabbath Day Question." I had a very large and attentive audience, it is supposed the hall holds from one thousand to twelve hundred people and it was full. My address which lasted one hour and a half was received with great favor by all except the Advents. On the following Sunday one of the Advent "Elders" reviewed me but did not say much about the subject. He had been boasting about how they had beaten ministers, and no one would dare oppose them, so I at once sat down and wrote the following propositions and challenged them to a pulpit discussion.

Prop. I. That under the Christian Dispensation the first day of the week is the only day set apart for any particular acts of worship. I affirm.

Prop. II. That under the Christian Dispensation it is necessary for Christians to observe the law as given on Mount Sinai and keep the Seventh-day Sabbath. I deny.

But they backed square down and refused to debate unless I would affirm that "The first day of the week was to be sacredly observed as a Sabbath according to the Scriptures." Of course, I do not believe that and they know it. I think I have put a damper on their operations for a while. Next Thursday evening, I give another address in the Market Hall, on "Seventh-day Adventism." How powerless the general run of sectarian preachers are on such questions as these. Some five years ago I began the study of this Seventh-day question not knowing at the time why I did it, but I now find the benefit of it. I have a book called "Seventh-day Adventism Renounced," by Rev. D. Canright. He was a leading man in their ranks for about twenty-eight years. I will give in my next letter a few extracts from this work showing how the Adventists do things.

In speaking of books I am reminded that I want the "Christian Baptist." If any of my readers know where a copy can be obtained I will be glad if they would let me know.

Our work in Summerside is moving on. In Tryon we are encouraged by the increased attendance. In Tignish we also have good attendance. I am entering my third year in this field, and it is a source of gratification to me to know that every member young and old in all three of these congregations is with me heart and hand. In all three places we have much opposition, but we must not flinch on that account, only work the harder.

W. H. HARDING.

Summerside, Sept. 22nd.