

preachers and thirty additions each, how much does that make? Two thousand members, seventy-five cents each? How much is that? But what are you doing in Lord's Cove? Not much, but we are going to try and do more. Will you shake hands on that? Alright, let me see your name for \$5.00 in the next CHRISTIAN.

W. H. HARDING.

FROM PICTOU, N. S.

DEAR CHRISTIAN,—This is my first regular letter to you, and I hope you will be kind enough to publish this my first attempt. It is true that reports have been published from Pictou over my signature, but those articles have, in the main, been extracted from personal letters to Bro. W. A. Barnes. I marvel now, in the quiet of my study, at his patience and perseverance in fishing out those items. The last "Pictou Letter" that appeared in your columns, caused me to think (for which you should be truly grateful) that after all, it is an injustice to your readers, as well as to the reputed author, to allow such incomplete compositions the privilege of publication. I, therefore, solemnly resolved to read "Addison" to improve my style in order that my next communication should be faultless in diction, as well as of most "unexceptionable caligraphy extant." Hence, if there are errors in this article, after it is published; if it is not ornate, you can blame the compositors, the "devil" or both.

It gives me great pleasure to report that our work—the Lord's work—is still prospering in Pictou. We have baptized five disciples since the first of the month, one young man being "buried with Christ in baptism," at our regular service last night. Only two of those recently baptized are likely to take membership with us. Of the remaining three, two are members of the "Salvation army;" the other, a native of P. E. I. And this leads me to say that the time was, when Pictou disciples were compelled to go over to the "Island" or elsewhere, when they wanted to obey their Master in His way. Now we are reversing the order, sending baptized disciples back to the "Island" and elsewhere.

On Wednesday, the second day of May, Bro. David Fullerton, our senior Elder (if the expression be not tautological) transferred to the "George Street Christian Church" the building in which we worship, and "that without money and without price." Brethren, such liberality demands our praise. Probably no larger contribution to the cause of "Home Missions" was made in all our brotherhood. If we had brethren of like faith and liberality in each congregation in Canada, we would astonish ourselves as well as our neighbors, with our rapid growth and success.

"But here my muse her wing maun cour." I fear this is already too long for publication. Permit me to add that our Wednesday evening are well attended. Our Sunday-school,

with over fifty names enrolled, is in good condition, and our Young People's meeting is a source of spiritual strength. God grant that nothing less may ever be said concerning the work in Pictou. To all of our brethren who have prayed for us and encouraged us, we extend our thanks.

Yours in His name,

W. H. ALLEN.

FROM ROXBURY TO SYDNEY.

The writer started on a business trip to Sydney, Cape Breton, April 19th, leaving Boston at 8.15 a. m., calling at Portland, Lubec, and Eastport, and I was greatly surprised to find there in a town of 5000 population, that they have seven churches and not one of them is called after the Head of the church. I called at St. John, fell in with Bro. Ray on the street and dined with him that evening. Then we went to the Main Street Christian Church and heard Bro. Romig preach on Baptism, which he handled with a masterly hand and clearness of mind and speech. Then I called at Truro. There I found a population of 7000 and eleven churches, besides three societies worshipping in halls. It is surprising what divisions that men have created to divide the body of Christ, but men of various creeds are beginning to see its evil. In New Glasgow I did not have the time to hunt up the churches, but in Hawkesbury I found a population of between 200 or 300 and six or seven churches. I visited the Sydneys and saw the brethren there from Boston, namely, the Chapmans, and Bro. Van Dyck, they are doing excellently well and more than pleased with the town and people.

The Island of Cape Breton is going to be the leading part of the western continent, although its population is not yet very large only about 125,000 people and about 15 to 100 churches on the island. The island has an abundance of resources for the development of a great city, unlimited quantity of iron ore and lime, coal, copper and dolomite and all kinds of fine stone, and lumber and beautiful rivers and lakes and mountains. The whole scenery is grand and the climate is healthy, and the people are hospitable in every sense of the word. Some of our strong Disciple preachers should hold a series of meetings there so that our plea may grow with the great enterprising spirit of the towns. I preached three times during my stay on the island in the church at New Campbellton; first, on Conversion; second, on Christ the power of God; third, on the oneness of God's people as the purpose of God in Christ that all should be one family in heaven and on earth. Space will not permit me to say much more. I spent my first night at North Sydney with my friend, the Hon. Mayor D. D. McKenzie, LL. D., and my last night I spent with my friend, Sir John A. McDonald, LL. D., member of parliament. I had a delightful trip which I hope will prove a blessing to myself, my family and the cause of the Lord.

WILLIAM McNEIL.

St. James Street Christian Church,
18 St. James St., Roxbury, Mass.

J. H. Mohorter, Pastor.—RESIDENCE, 28 Akron Street, Roxbury. Study Hours, 8 to 12 A. M.
Church Services—10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school 12.15 P. M. Y. P. S. C. E., 6.30 P. M. Friday Evening Prayer-meeting, 7.45. All are invited to attend these services.

Home Missions.

Address all communications and remittances to W. A. Barnes, Secretary, 110 St. James Street, St. John, N. B. I.

\$1,500 for Home Missions!
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It is expected that Bro. A. Martin, of Muncie, Ind., will begin a meeting with the Church in Halifax, on Lord's day, June 17. As this is Bro. Martin's first visit to these Provinces our churches will give him a hearty welcome.

Do not forget the special collection to be taken the *First Lord's day in August*. Let the agent who was appointed for each church begin *now* and talk it up. Ask your minister to announce it from the pulpit. If you have no minister then ask the elder to announce it. We want you to make this collection to far exceed the one taken in February. We are a long way from reaching the \$1500—not so near to it as we were this time last year. The receipts up to May, 1899, were \$525.40. At this date the amount received is \$349.94. Some of the churches did not take the collection in February. Let every church be heard from in August. We have only three months left before the Annual.

The new meeting house on Douglas Avenue is nearing completion. The main audience room will be completed in about four or five weeks. The members of the Main Street Christian Church have contributed largely for the building of this house of worship. These brethren need the financial assistance of the churches in these Provinces to finish it. Brethren, won't you help—now! Send your contributions to J. C. B. Appol, St. John, N. B.

The Church at Pictou, which was recently organized, has had some more additions. Bro. Allen's letter, in this issue, will be read with interest.

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P. McLutyre, part pledge at annual,	1 00
Coburg St. church, per Miss Bertha W. Barnes, Agent,	12 80

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W. A. BARNES, Secretary.

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CRAWFORD.—At Wallace, Idaho, U. S., on the 5th of April last, in his 33rd year, Bro. John J. Crawford. About sixty years ago Bro. Crawford was converted and joined the Baptist church at Tryon, P. E. I., his native home. From his conversion he held the views of the Disciples and when a church was organized thirty years ago he took an active part in it and remained an elder until he left the country a year ago. His children—two sons and four daughters—are all in the Christian Church except one who has not yet joined. His youngest son, E. E. Crawford, is pastor of the church at St. Thomas, Ont. His eldest son, a very promising boy who was teaching school and studying for the ministry, died in his teens, and his mother preceded her husband to the better land a year and five months. About a year ago, Bro. Crawford willingly sold his farm at Tryon and accompanied his unmarried son and daughter to Wallace, which they have adopted as their future home. He stood the journey well and enjoyed good health until seized with pneumonia which he stood but five days, part of which time he was unconscious. He was an honest man and a warm-hearted Christian, willing at any time to sacrifice time and means to advance the Redeemer's cause. Bro. Crawford was the last survivor of the family of Alexander Crawford who came from Scotland to these provinces early in the century and died at Tryon in 1828. He preached in different parts of this island and was the means of many conversions and organized several churches. John Stewart, grandfather of the esteemed H. W. Stewart, was the first man ever immersed into Christ on P. E. I. Alexander Crawford immersed him and seven other persons one day. He died at 42 but left a noble record. All of his numerous family were members of the church. D. C.