

CORRESPONDENCE.

LETTER FROM ST. THOMAS.

Dear Editors:—After getting back here from an extended visit to our Island home, I thought I would have written a short article before this for the CHRISTIAN, but being very busy I neglected to do so.

After being here about two weeks Brother Sheppard of Bowmanville, called on me and insisted that I should go with him and hold a protracted meeting of two or three weeks. I went and remained over three Lord's days, preaching every evening through the week, except Saturdays, and twice on Lord's days. The result of our efforts were twelve additions, the majority of whom were young men. The interest became quite intense toward the last and the audiences very large, especially on Lord's days.

Bowmanville is a beautiful little town of about four or five thousand inhabitants, situated on the Grand Trunk Railroad—46 miles from Toronto and 170 miles from St. Thomas. Here the famous "Dominion Piano and Organ Manufacturing Co." carry on their works which I visited in company with Bro. Sheppard. The citizens do a considerable boasting over this institution, it being the principal one of the town, and they think, of the kind in Canada. They have a band in connection with this factory called the D. O. P. Manufacturing Co. band, of which they are also very proud, as well they may be, it, in my judgment, excelling anything of the kind I most ever heard. There are very many of our brethren engaged in this factory, several of whom obeyed the Saviour while I was there preaching. There is another very large furniture factory the name of which I have now forgotten.

The people as a general thing are quite comfortably situated; which is evidenced in their fine, tasty residences.

Our brethren have a very neat and comfortable meeting-house with a seating capacity of four hundred of an audience. The membership, I was given to understand, is about 150, some of them are excellent and untiring in their devotion to the cause of our Redeemer, especially Brethren Windatt, McGill, Meads, Percy, Mitchell, Jury and Powers, and faithful women not a few. They have excellent singing unaided by an organ, their leader, Bro. Windatt, strikes the right pitch every time.

Here the Salvationists (?) are quite strong, and have a large and nicely furnished barracks. There is nothing permanent in their work, as they rise and fall in their religious zeal like the wind.

Bro. E. Sheppard is the preacher here, and commands the respect of all, for his untiring zeal and energy in the Master's cause. I made my home with him and his daughter and spent the time very pleasantly. He seems to have the care of the whole town, as well as the care of the church on him. He is a public benefactor in more ways than preaching, as he does something in the healing art.

I returned to St. Thomas, after closing a very successful meeting, to enter into the work here for a while longer. Two have been added which were reported in the CHRISTIAN by the co-editor.

Bro. C. W. Martz, of Indiana, who is at present engaged as evangelist for the Ontario co-operation, will preach here to-morrow. His work is to solicit funds that the Gospel may be preached in destitute fields, and hold meetings when occasion demands.

Our meetings are very fair, perhaps not as large as they would be had we finer weather. It has been wet and exceedingly muddy for a longer time than known to us since we came here.

This morning we had the first snow of the season but it has already nearly all disappeared. However the sky is again over-cast and very likely we will have more before to-morrow.

I am pleased to hear that they have succeeded in getting a suitable laborer for Charlottetown and Lot 48, P. E. Island. Encouraging reports come to us concerning Bro. Mitchell. I trust he may find his

new home a very pleasant one and the blessings of the Lord attend his labors.

But I must close for the present and will try to do more for the CHRISTIAN in the future.

Yours as ever,

R. W. STEVENSON.

St. Thomas, Ont., Nov. 14, 1885.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN ITEMS.

COBURG ST. CHURCH.—Lord's day services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Sunday-school at 2.15 P. M. Young People's Meeting, Tuesday evening at 8. General Prayer Meeting, Thursday evening at 8. Brethren visiting the city cordially welcomed. The Ladies' Sewing Society meets every Wednesday evening at 6.

Since last month the attendance at our services have been fully up to the average. We are glad to notice that the young members of the church are taking a better interest in the work. Some of the young men especially are showing signs of becoming very useful in the Lord's cause.

Our Young Men's Society have organized with the following officers for the first quarter: Ellis B. Barnes, president; Leslie A. DeVoe, vice-president; J. E. Edwards, secretary; W. H. Banks, treasurer; T. H. Capp, critic. About twenty young men have already connected themselves with the Society. The first meeting was very successful, both in attendance and interest. After the usual routine of business, a programme prepared by the managing committee, consisting of readings, recitations and essays, followed by a debate—in which nearly all of the members took part, was very successfully carried out. All of the exercises were carefully looked after by the critic, and suggestions offered which will no doubt lead to future improvement.—O.

The Women's Aid Society held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday. All officers in their places except the Vice-President. The exercises differed a little from the usual course, taking the form of a social meeting. The reading of the Secretary's minutes of the last session being extra. Collection also very good.—E. C.

LEONARDVILLE.

As our esteemed Brother and Sister, Mr. and Mrs. Emery having left Deer Island for the purpose of taking up their residence on P. E. Island, we, the members of this church, desire to place on record our grateful recognition of the valuable services they have rendered the church and our high appreciation of their Christian character. For a period of nearly four years they have been associated with us in church fellowship, during which time they have been abundant in labours for the well-being of the church, (the promotion of the Gospel and the furtherance of every good work in the community. While we cannot but regret their departure from among us, we trust they will find in their new home an enlarged sphere of Christian usefulness. Our prayer is that the gracious hand of our Heavenly Father may continually rest upon them in blessing them, and that the love of Christ may dwell richly in their hearts, and that the Spirit of peace may be their guide and comforter to the end.

G. A. W., Clerk of Church.

NOVA SCOTIA.

SOUTHVILLE.

I have been kept at home for some time by sickness in my family. My daughter Mary has been very sick indeed. To-day she was out for the first time for over nine weeks. Four others of my children have been quite sick, but are now better. Allen is now quite sick; the disease is typhoid fever.

Last Friday at about four o'clock the sisters in the church here, and some other ladies, gathered at our house and took possession. They soon began to open their baskets and set forth an abundance of

cakes, pies and other niceties, and when their companions and a large number of the young folks arrived they served up a very nice tea. There were about fifty to partake. After spending a very pleasant evening they went home, leaving us about forty dollars better off than when they came, beside drawing the cords, that have bound us together so many years somewhat, more closely around us. I feel thankful to my Heavenly Father that my lot has been cast among such kind brethren and friends. At the close of this visit a young man who was going to Boston in a day or two, having made known to me his desire to obey the Gospel, I called a meeting and many took part in the exercises, and, on the invitation being given, he and his sister confessed their faith in Jesus and the next morning were immersed. Some others seem to be much interested in the salvation of their souls. Bro. Jesse Zeigler, from South Range, was with us on Lord's day, and cheered us by his presence and words of exhortation. I received a donation from three brethren in South Range last week of about ten dollars. I hope and pray that the blessing of God may be upon these dear friends.

J. A. GATES.

November 23rd, 1885.

P. E. ISLAND.

We write from Tignish, the western terminus of the P. E. I. Railway. We have here a little band of brethren who meet from house to house on the Lord's day to remember His death and resurrection. A preaching brother always feels at home among these friends. They are now heartily engaged in building a meeting-house which is covered in and expected to be finished early next summer. Although the burden falls on less than a half-dozen they push on the work without tea-meeting, bazaar or any thing of the kind. Here is a fine opportunity for sympathizing friends in other places to help. This is not written for an unwelcome dun but for the information of brethren who will feel anxious to help in a good work those who are so determined to help themselves, and thus strengthen the bands of Christian brotherhood. The cause is likely to prosper in Tignish.

Three months ago the prospect for laborers on this Island for the ensuing year was very gloomy. But God who comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Bros. Emery and Mitchell, and not by their coming only but by the cheering indications of His gracious approval. May our fondest hopes of their labors be realized.

D. C.

N. B. & N. S. MISSION FUND.

Receipts since the Annual:—

Yearly M., Milton, (Sept. 7th) N. S. ....	\$11 70
From THE CHRISTIAN, (Sept. 7th) ... ..	39 82
Henry Hill, French Village N. B. ....	2 00
Annie Welch, Leonardville, N. B. ....	2 00
Church, East Rawdon, (Oct. 17th) N. S. ...	10 00
" " " (Oct. 25th) " " " " " " " "	2 80
Harris Wallace, West Gore, N. S. ....	5 00
Church, West Gore, (Oct. 28th) " " " " " " " "	19 00
Church, Shubenacadie, (Nov. 3rd) N. S. ...	8 44
Mrs. P. Williams, Shubenacadie, " " " " " " " "	1 00
Mr. P. Williams, " " " " " " " "	25
Church, Newport, (Nov. 15th) " " " " " " " "	4 41
John Anthony, Newport, N. S. ....	2 00
Levi Lockhart, " " " " " " " "	25
Benj. Vaughan, " " " " " " " "	5 00
Ida Barues, (Children's Mission Circle)...	05
Total.....	\$142 72

T. H. CAMP, Treasurer.

P. E. ISLAND MISSION FUND.

Jacob Ling.....	\$9 00
Collections.....	81 20
Interest on Bank deposit.....	11 00
Island's share of profits from first year's publication of THE CHRISTIAN.....	34 66
Amount received and already reported....	598 40
Total.....	\$728 26
Amount paid M. Gunn for one year's labor in the mission field.....	\$700 00

Subscribers to the above fund who have not yet paid up will please forward.

FRANK BOVVER, Treasurer.