

CHOCOLATE COVE.

A request was made to go to help on the work of the upbuilding of the church in this place, where I labored a short time several weeks ago. Three were since then baptized by Elder Robertson and at our last meetings two confessed the Saviour, whose baptisms were deferred. One minister was anxious that the last two referred to should be "sprinkled," and accordingly gave a sermon on "Baptism," in which he said that "immersion was indecent. Just think," said he, "of the three thousand on the day of Pentecost parading the streets of Jerusalem in their wet clothes, and going back to the church to receive the right hand of fellowship." Moreover he said that "the Apostle Paul wrote 'there is one baptism,' but I don't care if he did there are two anyway—the baptism of water and the baptism of the Holy Spirit." This is what I call *handling the Word of God deceitfully*, and reminded me of the language of a celebrated infidel who when ridiculing the Bible, said, before a large and popular audience, "Just think of old Noah going into the ark with a skunk under each arm." There is just about as much sense in the one as in the other. People when they get hard up for arguments oftentimes descend to ridicule. However, one of the three referred to had been "sprinkled," and becoming dissatisfied, came forward and was buried with the Lord in baptism in order to arise to walk in the newness of life. 'Tis always right to keep on the safe side. During the last twelve months we have taken into the church quite a number who becoming dissatisfied with their "sprinkling" came forward to be buried with the Lord in baptism. During this time we have met at the water forty-nine times, four being the largest number baptized at once. Altogether, during these twelve months referred to, I have witnessed 107 turn to the Savior, and rejoice in the hope of heaven.

LEEMAN'S BEECH.

We held services here at a private house, after which we went down to the water and attended to the ordinance of baptism. There were quite a large number in attendance. Since then we met again at this beautiful beach and baptized another, being the seventh one of a family that have started during the last few months on the road to Heaven.

PARKER'S ISLAND.

Since our last monthly report we have held services on this lonely island. Five small boat loads went over from Deer Island. It was a time hallowed with joyous anticipations. To-day the aged came tremblingly forward and confessed the Saviour. On coming up out of the water the old gentleman exclaimed, "Thank God—bless the Lord; though I was blind yet now I see." Like the eunuch, he went on his way rejoicing. Since then his wife has solicited baptism, but I have been too busy and too tired to attend to it. The harvest is truly plenteous, and the Macedonian cry is heard from different quarters, "Come over and help us." Within the last few days I visited

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where I attended a funeral. I had only time to remain twenty-four hours. While here I was the guest of Capt. Malmans, Mr. Hedding and Capt. McFadden, &c. Elder Spaid of the Christian Church kindly called to see me, and with him I had a very pleasant interview. Bro. Watkins gave a short address at the funeral. He was engaged in a meeting at the Canning Place and one had made the *good confession* and was to be baptized. I regretted that I had to leave so soon, but the boat was ready to depart and I had to go. However, I promised to return in the near future. Bro. Spaid of the Christian Church is anxious to visit this Island, and in so doing we will in all probability exchange pulpits. I also visited

BACK BAY,

here in New Brunswick, the home of Bro. P. D. Nowlan. I preached one night. I was the guest of Bro. Andrew McGee, and enjoyed my visit very much. I was pleased to meet Bro. Nowlan and family. I regret to announce that this congregation is unable to sustain a preacher properly, and consequently should receive help. While here I made a short call at

L'TETE,

and preached one night. Bro. Nowlan's pastorate with this church has terminated for the present. If I can find time in the near future I have promised to hold a series of meetings here in order to build up the church by gathering in fresh recruits into the army of the faithful. But my regular work at present being here on Deer Island, the Quoddy Bay that rolls between seems like a great gulf, and prevents carrying on the work that I otherwise would like to accomplish. Bro. W. F. Hughes while visiting here met twice with the church and preached for them. The brethren speak very affectionately of him and regret his illness and decline.

But my report for this month must close, and with it rest must follow. While often in the peaceful halls of memory, in fancy's weird domain, I'll go back and live over again the enjoyments of the past month. Brethren pray for me.

W. K. BURR.

Lord's Cove, May 1st, '89.

NOVA SCOTIA.

TIVERTON.

Since our last writing for THE CHRISTIAN, the church at Tiverton has passed through seasons of rejoicing as well as sadness. Death has visited the home of our Bro. Thomas Powell, and taken from his family circle two beautiful children. We attended the funeral of the first on Lord's day, March 31st, and on the following Lord's day, April 7th, we again met at the home of this bereaved brother and his sorrowing wife to conduct to the grave the remains of their baby girl, scarcely two years old when called across the "swellings of Jordan." She was the most beautiful picture that we ever beheld in death, and as our hearts went out in sympathy to the bereaved parents for their loss to earth we also felt deep gratitude to Him who said "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

We have rejoiced in hearing another convert to Christ confess his name before men and after being baptized into Christ, to hear frequent words of rejoicing by the way and of encouragement to others to follow in the road leading to the everlasting rejoicings of the faithful beyond this world of trials to our faith.

Although the most busy season of the year is now upon us and many of our neighbors are away from home attending to their fishing interests, yet our meetings are well attended and we hear many expressions of determination with the help of the Lord not to let the cares and duties of "the life that now is," rob them of their interest in the "life which is to come."

For several weeks of late we have missed the presence, prayers, exhortations and songs of praise of our Bro. Handspiker, who was on a visit to Deer Island, N. B. While absent from our midst, he was improving the time in other quarters, bringing with him on his return as proof of this one of the daughters of that favored isle as his wife. As she came among us highly recommended as a noble woman and a true Christian, we not only extend to her a cordial welcome but congratulate Bro. Handspiker, and wish them both a long life of joy and usefulness here below and an eternity of joy in the world above.

H. A. DEVOE.

CORNWALLIS.

Some three weeks ago our good Bro. Murray came to spend a few days with me before leaving for P. E. I. Of course we were all glad to see him and got him to work at once. To this date we have had seven additions by baptism and two returned to the church. We greatly regret our brother's determination to leave us just now, for while we know it is quite difficult to get a large meeting of a week night, owing to this being a very busy season of the year, we also know there is a widespread and growing interest in this work, and I have no doubt that could Bro. Murray have seen it his duty to remain longer greater results would have been realized. But we feel very thankful for the measure of success already gained, and shall go on with our work with renewed courage.

The house which has been purchased for a parsonage is being repaired and will soon be ready for the preacher's family. This will make a very comfortable home and will go a long way toward the permanency of the work in this important field.

E. C. FORD.

Port Williams, May 8th, 1889.

WESTPORT.

Our meeting continue interesting, and we are much encouraged although no immediate results, yet we can say good work is being done in reviving the work of the Master. Pray for us here.

H. E. COOKE.

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MILTON.

During the past few weeks a series of meetings were held in this place by the brethren of the Christian church in order to awaken within our hearts the love for our Lord and Master, and to lead others to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world by showing them the reality there is in the service of God. Our meetings were well attended and many were ready to express their love of God and desire to be more faithful in the future. The result of our meetings was eight additions—seven by confession and baptism and one otherwise, also four reclaimed who were out on the barren mountains of sin, but like the prodigal of old, returned to their father's house. This is encouraging to the children of God to go on in this noble work. We are now without a minister as Bro. Howard Murray left us April 17th for a while. We know not how long but hope his return will be in the near future. He (Bro. M.) has labored with the church of Christ in this place the best part of the last fifteen years and is highly esteemed by all. He has taught us many instructive lessons, teaching us from the word of God how to live and act as followers of Christ, and we trust wherever he goes the blessings of God may rest upon him.

W. R. McEWEN.

April 22nd, 1889.

LUBEC, MAINE.

Although we are not a part of the Maritime Provinces politically, yet as we are religiously one irrespective of national distinctions, items of church work and progress will have interest to all Christian readers of THE CHRISTIAN.

We are moving on very pleasantly in the work here, but our stay at this place is necessarily limited. Our audiences have been encouragingly large from the beginning, and our house has always been crowded on Sunday evenings. At South Lubec I began a second meeting immediately after my return from the St. John meeting, and the brethren seemed much strengthened every way. It was a profitable and delightful meeting. Since then I have been speaking and working there, and four have been immersed on the confession of their faith in consequence. It is a matter of regret that the work here could not be taken up at this stage and carried strongly onward. At this place we have had no additions since the last reported.

WM. A. WATKINS.