

you might have saved yourself the wasted time. The only question at issue is that the majority must rule in matters only about which the Bible has not spoken—matters which every church must attend to, in order to maintain existence. My kind and brotherly advice is, dear brother, is to be very careful how you pull out this supposed majority "mote" least some one will think you have an "orful" big beam in your eye.

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Correspondence.

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

My notes in July CHRISTIAN closed by telling you of my arrival in River John. I will now tell you of some things that came under my notice while there. I preached nearly every evening, two young men made the good confession. One was immersed, the other will be at the next opportunity. Several young people were interested, and would no doubt, have received the truth, had it not been for outside influences. I leave such in the hands of God. Some of the brethren here are terribly in earnest in their determination to see the church built up, and this letter would not be complete without a notice of one of the most self-sacrificing women I ever met—Sister Carruthers. Those who read after my pen will have noticed that I am not in the habit of pronouncing encomiums upon individuals; nor do I believe in the indiscriminate eulogizing that frequently meets our vision. But credit to whom credit is due. I make special mention of this sister because she is worthy.

From River John I went to Pictou, and found myself at home with Bro. D. Fullerton. It was closing day at the Pictou Academy, and there was a musical recital in the afternoon which I attended and spent two hours very pleasantly. Bro. Fullerton has raised a large family. Surrounded by sectarianism of the deepest dye, neither he nor his family have enjoyed many church privileges, and yet in the midst of such opposition his family with one exception (and I hope that will soon be removed), have become members of the church of Christ, the youngest being immersed by the writer at the close of the Annual on P. E. Island.

This certainly speaks well for early training. How many families have every church privilege, with no opposing influences to contend against, that allow these privileges to pass away without appreciating them. Be assured, O father and mother, that God will require an account of how you have trained your children. Fathers! Mothers! as you read these notes pause a moment, Where are your sons and daughters? In Christ or out of Him. If they are in Him just bow your head, and praise Him from whom all blessings flow. If they are out of Christ, ask this question, have I trained them aright? Have I prayed for them? If you have not, do commence before you have laid this paper down. Do not waste a moment or you may lose them forever.

From Pictou I came to Lot 48, P. E. Island, where I arrived on Friday, July 11th. The Annual Meeting of this Province was to be held with the church here, and having been long desirous of seeing the brethren on this Island I thought this a good opportunity. I found my way to the home of Bro. Robert Stewart, where I was hospitably entertained. On Saturday evening we had a short social meeting conducted by Bro. D. Crawford. On Sunday morning the house was packed to its utmost capacity to hear a sermon from Dr. Knox. The attention paid to the discourse gave evidence of the high esteem in which the Doctor is held by the people of the Island. His text was Heb. ii. 10. At the close of the preaching, we gathered around the Lord's table; this was a solemn time. Bro. O.

B. Emery presided, and his remarks were calculated to impress every one with a deep feeling of gratitude to God for providing an atonement for sin. This certainly was a feast of holy memories.

In the evening the house was again filled to overflowing, and the audience listened patiently to the writer. "Our desires" was the subject. One made the good confession. I shall not say anything about the Monday meeting as that would not interest my readers. I have been continuing the meetings for a few evenings, and two others presented themselves to Christ. I am well pleased with the Island and with the people, and from the way things are looking now, I will likely remain longer than I intended. Well, do not mind where I am, as long as Christ's name is glorified, and sinners are saved. Last Sunday evening I preached in Charlottetown. The church here is moving along, and have lately painted and repaired their meeting house, and are hoping for a new era of prosperity; I remained all night with Bro. W. Harris. I had a very pleasant visit at Dr. Knox's; we talked of things past, present, and future. I love to talk with these old veterans of the cross, and as I listened to the accounts of battles fought and victories won, I felt inspired to endure hardness as a good soldier. I must close for the present by asking for the prayers of all God's people, that my work may be blessed and souls saved.

W. H. HARDING.

Southport, P. E. I., July 22nd, 1890.

Mr. Editor:—A request to write an account of the doings of our Mission Band "Daily Workers" has called for this letter. I have been induced to write it, not because we have accomplished anything in the work which we have taken up, but in order to encourage others who would be willing to engage in the same work, if they knew just what was required of them.

We organized in November last with a membership of nine (we now number thirty three), and decided on naming our band "Daily Workers." Officers were elected, President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The order of our meetings is as follows: The leader, one appointed at the previous meeting, reads a hymn, after singing which, a selected passage from scripture is read. The leader then calls on another member to offer a prayer, which is concluded by repeating the Lord's prayer in concert. The roll is then called, minutes of last meeting read. An opportunity is then given to persons desirous of joining, whilst the Treasurer is collecting the dues, which is done in order; each member coming forward in answer to his or her name, and placing the monthly dues (20) on the table. If there is any unfinished business it is then taken up. The President then calls on the Band to report their visits during the past month to the poor, sick, and "shut in" ones; each member is expected to make four, and during these visits they are to offer something that will lead the mind Heavenward. A subject which has been decided upon at the last meeting is then taken up. We have selected for our subjects India, China, and Japan, in order to gain all the information possible with regard to heathen countries, as it is in that direction we have decided to devote our efforts. Our means are small at present, but when we have succeeded in procuring a field for our labor, I feel assured that God will give us all we need, in order to carry on the work to which He has called us.

I wrote in behalf of the Band to Bro. G. T. Smith in Japan, and received an interesting letter in reply, but he could not point out any definite course to pursue, as Mrs. Smith who has under her care the department in which we are interested, was absent from home. We are desirous of educating a heathen child, and have decided to take Japan as our field of labor.

This Band is not in connection with the church, although the promoter of it, Mrs. Robert Kempton, who is also President, is a church member. The Band is composed of church members, and Sunday-school scholars, yet it is an independent organization, and thus it intends to remain.

Brother H. Murray kindly offered us seven dollars, the receipt of a Sunday-school concert, which we did not accept, thinking it best for him to dispose of it as he requested us to, that is for home mission. Our home mission work consists in visiting as before mentioned, and if we meet with any case of real want, we will solicit subscriptions from the public in order to meet the demand.

In conclusion I would add that our Mission Band is non-sectarian, all who love the Lord are welcome.

Trusting that this report will be the means in God's hands of doing good, I remain, yours faithfully,

GEORGINA NORTON, Vice-President.

Milton, Queens Co., N. S., July 21st, 1890.

P. S.—A mite box opening took place on Monday last, the result of which was very encouraging.

News of the Churches.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN.

The Sunday-school picnic took place at Watters' Landing on the 15th ult. With the exception of a little shower in the afternoon, the day was fine, and everyone seemed pleased with the whole affair.

Bro. H. Murray made us a call on his return home from Deer Island and adjacent places.

Quite a number of our people are away enjoying the country air.

LETETE.

We made a short visit of two days with the brethren here and in Back Bay. We visited these churches a few years ago, in the time of Bro. Gates successful ministry among them. His labors were crowned with one hundred baptisms in one year. At that time we found the church in a healthy active condition. Had Bro. Gates remained with them, the cause now would evidently be in a prosperous state. Faithful earnest labor will always result in good. Here is the worthiness of a preacher. Not in his eloquence, or his standing as a scholar, or in his reputation for soundness, but in the fruit of his labors. The preacher that can succeed is the preacher we need. I don't mean by success, the numbers simply that he baptizes, but the standing and condition of the church for which he labors. When the churches become weak and discouraged under the ministrations of a preacher, it is sufficient evidence that such a preacher has missed his calling. It is not at all surprising that such preachers are forever complaining about their lack of support. There is a good living for every earnest, faithful, and intelligent worker in any respectable calling, and the man who is not too lazy to die is the one who has very few complaints to make about a support.

I regret to say the church in LeTete is not now in a prosperous condition. They are very much in need of a teacher, some one to warn and watch and care for the flock: Human nature is about the same in all ages of the world. In the early history of the world, the disciples were in danger of being scattered and destroyed by persons who were "carried about by every wind of doctrine" and who "ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward." It is not therefore strange, although regretted, that disciples, now, should faint and wilt under like influence. One thing is becoming