

of conscious defeat. Bro. White went away quietly, without a murmur. "The just shall live by faith. "By grace are ye saved through faith" were his dying words. Bro. White has gone home to live. Ninety-three years and a half on earth, but eternity with God. The sermon was preached in the Baptist chapel at Northfield, by the writer, assisted by Rev. Mr. Blakney, in the presence of a large congregation.

We are glad to hear of the good work being done by the Mission Board. Brethren, we will do our best to help you. You should have the cooperation and hearty support of the entire brotherhood in this work. The Christian man or woman that dies and leaves their money in the bank on earth, while the cause of Christ suffered on earth, will hardly enjoy that crown of life for which Christ paid so great a price. H. E. C.

PICTOU, N. S.

Last Thursday, the 15th, we had our last service for the year at River John. Since July 5th, regular visits have been made to that place, with few interruptions, the writer having held ten services in addition to those held by H. T. Morrison, J. H. Mohorter and W. H. Harding.

I wish to acknowledge through THE CHRISTIAN my gratitude to the friends at River John, who have entertained me so pleasantly in their homes. Owing to the fact that many lived a long distance from the church building, my visits were confined to a few families, in or near the village, but where ever I went the same Christian courtesy was shown to me. It was my proposition that if my fare from Pictou and return was paid, it would be sufficient. It is my good pleasure to report that while my expenses amounted to \$17.14 for the sixteen trips made, I received \$25.51, leaving a balance of \$8.37. Only \$5.00 of this amount came from collections, the rest being handed to me privately by different ones. On the evening of Sept. 21st, two young ladies made the good confession and were baptized later at Pictou, much to our encouragement. This was the only visible result of the meetings held at River John, but perhaps seed was sown which will afterwards bring forth fruit.

We are looking with hope to our winter campaign in Pictou, expecting good results. Sometimes it seems as though this is the most difficult field in America for the propagation of pure Christianity, but possibly there is little difference between this and other fields.

"We look down the depths and mark
Silent workers in the dark—
Building slow the sharp-tusked reefs,
Old instincts hardening to new beliefs;
Patience a little; learn to wait,
Hours are long on the clock of Fate."

But there—I did not intend to "wax poetic;" there are others more competent to do this, as a glance at our last CHRISTIAN would prove. The above lines, however, are from Lowell, and seem to appeal to us Pictovians, especially the call for patience. W. H. ALLEN.

WESTPORT, N. S.

True indeed that this life is a succession of joys and sorrows; joyful meetings and sad partings. Since our Annual Meeting we have parted with three very dear young people. We recorded the death of one in the October CHRISTIAN. Since that we have said good-bye to two others. Bro. Howard Titus, the worthy superintendent of our Sunday-school, has lost two of his daughters. Urana, a fine promising girl of ten years. This was a very sad loss to the parents, and in fact to us all, as Urana was loved by all. She was always so willing and ready to lend any assistance whenever required. Her cheerful usefulness won

the respect and affection of all. The children of the day school showed their respect and appreciation in their attendance at the funeral, and in forming a procession to the grave. One week from this Annie passed out of life's activities. She was sick only a few weeks but her sufferings were severe. She was another one of the number who last winter accepted Christ as her Saviour, and she was true and faithful to her profession. Thus two are taken out of their earthly home to the better and brighter home beyond the "cloud rifts." None but the Infinite eye can penetrate and measure the depth of the afflicted hearts of that home. They loved their dear ones, but God loved them most. Annie was the main help of the mother in the household duties. She was useful in the church, pleasant and genial in society. The writer being away from home the funeral services of Sister Annie's remains were conducted by Rev. Mr. McGregor, the Baptist preacher, who kindly offered his assistance. The church and community feel very deeply the loss of these two respected companions, and their sympathy is with the bereaved family. May these sad events of life help us to see more clearly the sunlight and radiant glory of love divine. H. MURRAY.

SOUTHVILLE, N. S.

It was our privilege to spend a week with the brethren in Southville. We say the "Southville church" because the church home is in Southville but the larger number of the people are in Danvers and Riverdale. Our meetings Sunday morning and afternoon were well attended. The house in the afternoon seemed well-filled. Our meeting in the morning was at Riverdale in a small schoolhouse. It was crowded with seventy people, by actual count, that had not seating capacity for half of them. It was a great pleasure to us to talk to such earnest, attentive, orderly listeners. We were as much surprised as we were delighted in seeing so many at the Lord's table in the afternoon, especially so many young men. It is safe to say we haven't another locality in our province with the same proportion of young men who are church members. The young people, both male and female, seek a church home as soon as they are of age. We account for this in the fact that here was the home of Brother and Sister Gates. Their devoted, consecrated lives have left impressions that will never fade. They so impressed their teachings by their example that the truth is woven into the hearts and lives of the people so that the first and greatest thing with them is their souls' welfare. How profoundly true that the great need of the world is example—that the people are guided by "foot-prints" rather than "guide-boards."

We held meetings Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in the schoolhouse at Danvers. Four young ladies made the good confession and were baptized Thursday in the lake during a heavy rain storm. Their faith was strong in the Lord and equal to any emergency. Bro. Cooke's labors in this community resulted in the conversion of a large number of these young people. If they continue faithful and useful in the church, what a power they will be in the advancement of the cause of Christ in this county. Their special need now is a preacher to go in and out among them to help and encourage them in the Christian life.

Bro. Steele is enjoying a good degree of health, and still fills his position as elder of the church and is growing younger in spirit and more in love with the work and worship of the church. Bro. Peter Wagner is associate elder and is deeply interested in the prosperity of the cause of Christ. There are the Cosmans, the Porters, the Barrs, the Marshalls and other brothers and sisters who have stood by the cause many years.

We were well cared for in the hospitable home of Brother and Sister George Wagner. He gave

us the use of his horse and buggy and his son Elijah as coachman. We did enjoy driving around that country visiting the homes of the brethren and friends. We spent a very pleasant week and we trust a profitable one. The brethren and friends received us kindly and gladly and freely bestowed their substantial favors, for which we are very thankful. We hope to be able to visit them again. H. MURRAY.

SOUTH RANGE, N. S.

All going nicely at this point, especially the Sunday-school, under the superintendency of Bro. Albert Marshall. Two additions by confession and baptism since last report, making thirteen in all at regular services since our last protracted meeting. H. A. DEVOE.

MILTON, N. S.

Sunday, November 11, the writer preached his farewell as minister of the church in Milton. Large congregations attended both morning and evening. It was estimated that from five hundred to five hundred and fifty attended the evening service. The collections for the entire day amounted to one hundred and two dollars. The following letter was given the retiring minister, having unanimously been decided upon at a special business meeting of the church.

MILTON, QUEENS CO., N. S.,

November 12, A. D. 1900.

Dear Brother William Stiff,—We hereby express to you our appreciation of your services rendered in behalf of the cause of Christ in this place in connection with the Christian church. Your Christian example and perseverance has made a lasting impression for good on our minds and in our hearts. We hope that a kind Providence will guide your footsteps through pleasant and profitable fields of labor, and that you may become one of our bright lights, reflecting the Master's pure and perfect light.

Yours in the faith and hope of hearing the Well Done pronounced, when this short life is over.

We remain, dear sir and brother,

JABEZ FREEMAN,
ANGUS MACDONALD,
FRANK K. ETHERINGTON,
JOHN H. HARLOW, } *Officers.*

On Tuesday evening, November, 13, quite a number of the church visited the writer at his home and presented him with a set of gold cuff links. It can truthfully be said that the pastorate just closed was a pleasant one and shall ever live in my memory.

I desire to thank the Milton brethren for their kind hospitality and good will, and my prayer for them is, that the richest benediction of God may ever abide with them, and that a kind under-shepherd may soon be found who will be able to carry on the work.

Your Brother in Christ,

WILLIAM STIFF.

Elder W. Stiff preached his farewell sermon on Sunday evening, and will leave to-morrow, via Bridgewater, for St. Thomas, Ont., where he has accepted a call from the church in Northwood, quite near the city. Mr. Stiff, during his stay in this place, has made a host of friends, and his departure will be deeply regretted.—*Liverpool Advance, November 12th.*

SUMMERVILLE, N. S.

Our building here was well nigh filled Lord's day afternoon, November 11. It was farewell day.

WILLIAM STIFF.

MURRAY HARBOR, P. E. I.

I have to report two more accessions to the church at Murray Harbor, on the 11th inst, one by primary obedience and one by statement. We were greatly disappointed that Bro. Whiston was not able to hold a meeting for us this month, but in the near future we hope to report a meeting under his directions.

G. NELSON STEVENSON.