

know that Christ is able to save to the uttermost. We know that He alone can save. We know that He cannot save alone. We know that it is our duty as Christians to point sinners to the Lamb of God. We know that if we don't do it some of them will die eternally. Do we see the measure of our responsibility? Let speculative theories abide in darkness till God's light shines upon them. In the meantime let us find some wandering soul and bring him to Jesus. God takes more pleasure in the man who does a known duty than in the one who tries to look into his secret things. He is better pleased with the missionary who goes to preach to the heathen than He is with the theologians who sit in their studies and discuss probation after death.

News of the Churches.

LORD'S COVE, N. B.

Home again from a ten days trip, every moment of which I enjoyed, and I find on every hand a good, warm welcome back again to my field of labor. It is very satisfactory to me to know that our meetings were all kept up with the usual interest during my absence, and that two of the meetings were presided over by one who enlisted in the Master's service less than a month before.

Bro. H. Murray writes: "The prospect looks fine for a good, successful year of labor. The tide of prosperity is rising in our provinces slowly, but surely. We must work and pray and hope for great things this year."

That's it, brethren, I like the motto "Attempt great things for God and expect great things from God." Yes, I believe the past year has been one of the most successful in the history of our work, both in these provinces and in the New England States, and the future looks bright with promise for our work. We have a magnificent plea in "The union of all God's children upon the word of the living God," but let us not dwarf or narrow it by trying to enforce our opinions upon others for their rule of faith and practice. Let our motto over be "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty."

While in conversation with one of our city preachers recently, he told me that a Congregational city missionary applied to him for a copy of our creed as he was about to organize a church at his mission, and had understood that our creed was much more simpler than theirs. Bro Chamberlain wrote: "I believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God," and sent with it a very kind letter explanatory of why we adopt so simple a creed, etc.; and when he met the man again, he said, "We liked your creeds and have adopted it." How the simplicity of the gospel recommends itself to unprejudiced minds! R. E. STEVENS.

SOUTHVILLE, N. S.

In returning from our late annual meeting we remained in Southville over one Lord's day. It has been a number of years since we had the pleasure of meeting these brethren. We noticed some changes—some very agreeable changes and some very sad. The absence of Bro. Gates and Bro. Wagner leave traces of deep sadness, and, though lost, they are still lived and unforgotten in church and home. The duties and burdens they so faithfully bore are laid upon others, which leave the trace of graver care and deeper thought. But while the loved and lost still came to view, it was a source of pleasure to see the fruit of their labors—a neat commodious house with an interesting congregation and a united church working together for the developing of Christian character and the conversion of souls. We noticed that about all the members of the church were in their place at the Lord's table. This is as it should be, and an evidence of a healthy condition of the church. We

spoke twice on Lord's day, and Bro. Weaver, of Montagu, P. E. I., spoke in the afternoon to a full house. We were much pleased with Bro. Weaver's discourse. His earnestness and his consecrated life not only gives him success in his present field of labor, but warrants a successful future. We continued the meetings a few evenings during the week and we were delightfully surprised in seeing so many present, knowing the scattered condition of the people.

We were disappointed in closing the meeting so soon, as there were a number deeply interested in their salvation. Bro. Cooke promised to return in a few weeks and hold them a meeting. We sincerely hope that those who were considering their eternal interest may accept Christ and follow Him. Bro. Cooke's labors in this field have been blessed in the salvation of precious souls. If he could spare more time here, greater success would evidently follow. We made our home at the pleasant and hospitable home of Bro. and Sister Steele. They are still the true and tried friends of the cause of Christ.

We were much pleased with the outlook. The united condition of the church, the degree of interest manifested in the worship and the desire for the salvation of others, will enable them to build up the cause in those localities. H. M.

SOUTH RANGE, N. S.

From Southville we went to South Range. The brethren here have a delightful place of worship, a fine, pleasant church house, and very cheerful, because so well lighted. This house speaks well for the zeal and benevolence of those brethren. We were four days here and preached six times. We found this church in the midst of a Euroclidian and in danger of being ship-wrecked, a danger that is common to us all. Who does not know that the voyage of life is not all smooth sailing? We do not need any one to tell us of the storms of life, we know it now, but we want encouragement, and so we presented the gospel of "good cheer" and our hearts were made to rejoice in seeing the brethren come up to the work and unite their hearts and interests in sustaining the worship of the Lord's house and in contending for the word and work of God. The meeting on Lord's day afternoon will never be forgotten. The expressions of regret for the past, the pledges and resolutions of fidelity for the future, were the assurance of better days to come. Bro. and Sister George Wagner, from Southville, were with us and were a great help in the meetings.

Bro. Devoe visits this church occasionally and has accomplished a good work here, and has the respect and confidence of the people. We enjoyed our visit here very much. The kindness and good will we received were more than we deserved. Bro. Zeigler freely offered his team, and Bro. Sabins, as driver, sent us on our way home rejoicing.

We find Digby County a most excellent field for mission labor. The past success shows that we have no field that produces so good results for the same amount of labor. We shall hope to see the brethren in Digby County making the very best of the splendid opportunity for greater and grander results. This is the age of "push." "Go on" is the watchword now, and this is the true idea of a Christian life. We cannot wait. Faith cannot wait for circumstances, but must push on over hills and through the quagmires of difficulties. We cannot stop to pay any attention to doubters or fault-finders. We must not grumble, or scold, or fool, but go right ahead. Never mind who or what is in the way. If they will not get out of the way, go over them. We must not wait to be understood. We must press the battle and fight the foe, but not fight our friends. Contend earnestly, but not furiously, and victory will be ours. H. M.

MILTON, N. S.

Moving on in faith and hope. Fine congregations. Never better. Splendid prayer-meetings, twenty-six active in last Wednesday evening meeting. Sunday-school holding its own. The spirit of hopefulness is in the air and in the hearts of many. We are expecting to see the prosperity of Zion. The grand plea of the Disciples of Christ must and will triumph. When we are as anxious to seek unity in our agreements as we are to seek agreement in our opinions, and as anxious for the salvation of the impious immersed as we are for the pious unimmersed, then we will see grand success. H. M.

SUMMERVILLE, N. S.

The cause is moving on in this locality. Our meetings on Thursday evenings are well attended. We are making repairs on the inside of the house, getting ready for a series of meetings in November. The prospects are favorable for a good meeting. Bro. Ford is expected to help us in this meeting. H. M.

KEMPT, N. S.

We hear that the church in Kempt do not meet for worship. Who is to blame for this? We have good brethren here. Help and encouragement is what they need. Who will help them? Say quick. H. M.

HANTS COUNTY, N. S.

Yes, I am back in Hants County again, and living among the good people of West Gore. This moving is bad work. It is good for some—furniture dealers, etc. We got all packed up and left Summerside on Monday, October 2nd, landing in West Gore the following week. Kind hearts and willing hands had made all possible preparation in fitting up the house for our use. This kindness has not ceased yet. It seems to me very much like coming home to come among the brethren here. I hope soon to get settled up and commence work in earnest, and from time to time give my readers some idea of our progress in this field. The season of the year is coming when protracted efforts are not very practicable; but if we can spend this season in sowing, then we shall expect at the proper time a harvest, and as we sow, so shall we reap. In my last I said something about writing on missionary work. Much has been said and written on "our plea" and "our field." What is our plea? If I understand it, it is "for a return to primitive Christianity and the union of all Christians." You can reverse this if you like and put the union of Christians first; it is still our plea. What is our field? In order to find out this we have to get 1st. A place where Christians are divided. 2nd. A place where Christianity has lost its primitive simplicity. This is "our field." In the last CHRISTIAN mention is made of the many towns in our provinces where "our plea" is not known. This is true, and there are many cities and towns in the Dominion of Canada where the Disciples of Christ are an unknown people, or, at least, comparatively so. These are our fields. In the United States there are many large cities where there is only a struggling band of Disciples. This is our field. This gives rise to the question, Have we, as a people, at the present, time to engage in foreign mission work? You may suppose from the question that I am opposed to foreign mission work, but such is not the case. I believe the gospel is to be preached to all the world. But the question is, not whether foreign work should be done, but whether at the present time we should engage in it.

There are two things I want you to notice: 1st. The teaching and preaching of the Disciples has had a marked influence upon the teaching of the sectarian churches. Old errors have been abandoned and the Bible has become the peoples' book,