

visit the church at Southville, for the homes of the brethren there are homes to me indeed. I found them all well with the exception of Sister George Wagner, having had a severe attack of "La Grippe," but glad to say was recovering. The church at Southville is still ready for every good work. I preached for them three times on Lord's day—in the evening at Rivordale. After the preaching, the invitation was extended, and one noble young woman responded to the call and confessed her Saviour. She is the youngest daughter of our lamented brother Elder Benjamin Wagner. We attended to baptism the next day. On Monday evening I visited Woodville and preached in the school house. We had a joyous time. Tuesday I left for Queens Co.—met Bro. J. C. Cushing at the station. Annapolis. The face of our genial brother spoke volumes, and in a few moments I was living over again the happy hours we had spent together. I was called within an hour after arriving at the station to the bed side of a dying friend—a lady, well-known to the friends in Queen's Co., the wife of Capt. Egels of Annapolis. I found her nearing the stream of death, but with a blessed hope in her Saviour. I spoke to her about her hope of the future. "Oh," she said, "I am only waiting for my Saviour." I spoke some words of cheer as best I could, and then she said, "Sing, O sing of my Saviour." I asked Bro. Cushing to sing "Jesus, lover of my soul." How the features seemed to brighten as we sang, "While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high." Prayer was offered, and we left her in the hands of her Saviour. She soon passed over the line to be with Christ which is far better.

We arrived home at Kempt (for it seemed like coming home to me), that night at 9 o'clock. I found the brethren well; but oh, the changes since I last met with them. Many of the faces I once knew were gone. Death has done its work in every corner of the field. Yet there is no time to waste. Death does not cease to do its dreary work.

I found the church somewhat discouraged, but ready to work. We began our meeting Lord's day, June 3rd. Our congregations increased, and on Wednesday evening two confessed the Saviour. On Thursday evening, two more. One of these was Bro. Zeanes Freeman's son—a grand young man, and a promising young man in many ways. The other three were young women, who gave us so much pleasure through their intelligent manner of receiving the Saviour. The following Tuesday evening, two more young women made the good confession. One of these was Bro. William DOLLIVER's daughter—a noble young woman, and beloved by all who are acquainted with her, and the other, Bro. Eldred Hunt's daughter, Roxy, sister to our well-known sister Eurania Hunt, that works for the Home Mission Board as collector. Bro. Hunt is blessed with a noble family of Christian girls. Sister Hunt, the mother of these noble girls, is a consistent and untiring worker in Christ's cause. Our two young sisters Corkum impressed us greatly by their intelligent reception of Divine truth; they are noble young women. Also, Sister Beach of Grafton, bids fair to be a grand worker in the cause of our blessed Lord.

We continue our meeting this week in Grafton. We are looking for others to follow the Saviour. Pray for us. H. E. COOKE.

#### SOUTH RANGE, N. S.

Our long illness kept us away from this point much longer than we planned, but the first day of May found us on the good steamer "Westport" bound for South Range to hold a meeting for our Home Mission Board.

On arrival we found everything in readiness for the work and the people ready to hear, some of whom soon became ready to obey the blessed gospel of Christ. Nine were added to the church

during our stay, and many more seemed to be seriously considering the great question of eternal life. We trust to see many of these added to the saved at an early date.

We left this little church alive and determined to let their light shine on earth, and prove faithful to the great Head who is in heaven.

Much of our success at this time is due to Bro. John M. Ford, of Milton, Queens Co., who drove from his business at the pulp mill, over six miles distant, almost every night to be present, and when present with ready song of praise and heartfelt exhortation did much to make our meetings profitable and interesting. Bro. Ford had met with the church here several Lord's days previous to our coming; in fact we heard it rumored that he was preaching at South Range, and was pleased thereat, as we have held the opinion for some time that Bro. Ford ought to be preaching somewhere.

Before leaving for home about fifty of the friends met at the home of Bro. Albert Marshall, enjoyed a repast of good things from well-spread tables, and spent an hour or two in conversation and music, after which Bro. Jesse Zeigler called the meeting to order, and Bro. John M. Ford, in a neat speech, presented the writer, on behalf of the company, with \$20 00 in cash, and other articles as good as cash to the value of \$19 00, more in all \$39 00. We tried to express our thanks, but made a great failure to speak half we felt. A portion of scripture was then read by Bro. Ford and prayer offered by the writer. At the close some one at the organ struck up "God be with you till we meet again." Nearly the entire company joined in singing this beautiful prayer set to music, said "Good night," and separated for a time, but we hope for a time only. H. A. DEVOR.

#### NEW GLASGOW, P. E. I.

The Milton church granted us a leave of absence for one month. We are spending it here in New Glasgow in the home of Bro. and Sister Crawford, and that means as pleasant and agreeable a time as could be desired on earth.

We are very busy driving through this beautiful and delightful country and visiting the friends and preaching the gospel every evening. A change is always a rest, and so we are resting and enjoying our vacation very much.

We have preached fifteen times, resulting in fifteen additions—fourteen by baptism and one by letter. Others are interested, and we trust will also obey the gospel. Bro. Crawford's faithful teaching and consecrated life have prepared the hearts of the people for this ingathering. It is easy and pleasant to reap where he has been sowing. "The harvest truly is plenteous" on this island, but the laborers are few. Eight churches and only three preachers! We spent one day with Bro. and Sister Emery, at Charlottetown. Bro. Emery is holding the fort at Lot 48. By his kindness we saw the beauties of Charlottetown.

H. MURRAY.

#### SOUTH LUBEC, ME.

The brethren of South Lubec, Maine, dedicated their new house of worship June 10th. This house is one which the friends and brethren of South Lubec may well feel proud. The building is 53 x 32 8in., gothic windows, heated by furnace, finished in white wood, trimmed in black walnut. The house has been erected at a cost of \$3,000.00, of which nearly all is paid for or pledged.

Never in our experience in raising money for religious work, have we met with such extraordinary liberality from many friends and brethren. Those who have labored and sacrificed, in order to erect this place of worship, have erected a monument in their community that speaks to the young much louder than a granite shaft in the city of the dead.

Bro. B. B. Tyler was asked to come and dedicate our house. He came and delighted us with his visit and sermons. His stay was too brief for us, but his presence was as a benediction. Bro. Tyler has a warm place in our hearts here.

HARRY MINNICK.

#### AUSTRALIAN NOTES AND NEWS.

According to the Churches of Christ Year Book just published, there are 227 churches bearing this simple New Testament name in Australia, with a total membership of 11,898.

Victoria has the largest membership, there being 5,404 on her rolls. This rapid growth may be attributed to the early efforts made in Melbourne by the few Disciples in getting the very best preachers they could procure from America and elsewhere.

Notwithstanding the great financial depression existing in these colonies the work of the Lord is going gradually on.

F. W. Greenwood is now on his third year in the Auckland Province of New Zealand, and while he has a large parish he has managed to spread himself over the most of it, and more than that, has made his influence generally felt. The Auckland churches are about erecting a new building, and during the coming year they expect to make great strides. New Zealand had their "bad times" before the wave struck Australia, and is now regaining its feet. The work in Wellington, N. Z., the capital of the colony, is still going forward. They now work two prosperous churches in the city. So much cannot be said of the South Island of New Zealand. They have passed through some severe trials, but seem to be again pulling themselves together. N. J. Way, formerly of Victoria, is now in Dunedin.

Isaac Selby is still carrying on a fine work in Lygon Street. A. M. Ludbrook has settled for a time in Oamaru, N. Z. M. W. Green, of Adelaide, S. A., is slowly recovering from the terrible accident with which he met a few months ago.

A perfect rush has taken place to West Australia, to the newly discovered gold fields, Coolgardie, in that distant colony.—A. B. Maston in *Christian Standard*.

#### "THE CHRISTIAN'S AMBITION FOR HEAVENLY HONOR."

A few evenings since I was reading the Greek Testament when my son asked whether any word in the Greek encouraged the exercise of ambition and the seeking of honor. I have found such a word, its meaning being ambition, the love of honor, the love of distinction. It is three times used.

I believe we have come so much to regard humility the cardinal virtue of Christianity, that we may have forgotten that the Christian should be ambitious. I think he should be the most ambitious person on the earth. To whom is the promise of eternal life spoken but to those who, in patient endurance in doing well, seek for glory, honor and immortality, than which there cannot be a much higher ambition? We sometimes fall into the peril of being proud of our humility. Humility is sometimes only pride turned wrong side out, just as you turn a garment and dye it and refit it. A person says: "If I can get into heaven at last, I am willing to occupy a back seat." But scripture very certainly indicates that you are to seek not only barely to get into heaven, but "and so an abundant entrance shall be given you into the kingdom of God." The back seats are all spoken for, and God wants us to get as near the throne as possible.—A. J. Gordon, D. D.

No one can ask honestly or hopefully to be delivered from temptation unless he has himself honestly and firmly determined to do the best he can to keep out of it.—Ruskin.