

county. Our village is estimated to contain from eight to nine hundred inhabitants, and has one Episcopal, one Methodist, one Baptist, and two Presbyterian churches. These flocks are guarded by their respective pastors, so that it may be said that sectarianism has its seat here.

In addition to our loss in numbers by emigration to the United States and elsewhere, we have lost Bro. James Lang, who for many years contributed so liberally to the support of the church in which his life was bound up, and which he really lived to serve. He went to his rest on the fourth of March, after an illness of two days. His body was laid away on the eighth of March in the presence of a large concourse of people. In him the church has lost an ardent admirer and strong supporter.

WM. McNAB.

#### NEWPORT.

As the readers of THE CHRISTIAN have been already informed that I have decided to give my time unreservedly to help spread the gospel, it is needless on my part to again refer to that fact. But I will just say that after careful consideration and due deliberation, I have come to that decision. I did not expect to leave my home as soon as I did, but an opening having been made for me to spend a while with the church here (Newport), I thought it wise to accept it. And on the 25th May I started from home in the afternoon train for my present field of labor. The first Lord's day that I spent here I filled three appointments. Since that time I have preached regularly twice every Lord's day, also holding meetings during the week. The brethren here are true and tried, and all seem desirous to see the work built up in this place. I have been very much encouraged in the increased attendance at the different meetings. I have not planned to stay any length of time with the church here. My desire is to help build up the work of the Master in these provinces, and I will willingly visit any church that is weak or without preaching, or hold a protracted meeting—anything that will help to encourage Christians or save sinners. My visit among the brethren here has been rendered enjoyable by the kindness with which I have been treated, I have received a warm-hearted welcome on every hand. Still, among all the enjoyments of love and friendship we have the intermingling of sadness. And we are reminded that life at best is short. Since coming here I have stood beside the lifeless form of a boy only eleven years old who had met with an accident, and had been ushered into eternity without a moment's notice. I have also been called to stand by the bedside of a young woman in the very prime of life, who was just passing from the scenes of earth, and as I stood beside the open grave two days afterwards and saw friends weeping over the departed one, I thought how deceitful life with all its pleasures is. Oh! how glorious it will be when we shall reach that better country "where sorrow is never known and love and harmony shall reign forever."

W. HARDING.

June 20th, 1888.

#### CORNWALLIS.

THE CHRISTIAN is being well received by the brethren generally. I hear nothing but good words wherever it is spoken of. "It is growing better all the time. I only wish it was larger or that it came oftener." Such are the expressions I hear from the brethren continually. Its regular contributors are good men and true; the articles of the editor-in-chief are always full of strong, wholesome food. Bro. Crawford never gives an uncertain sound. The Christian spirit that moves his pen has given tone to all the writers for THE CHRISTIAN, so that the spirit of the articles which fill its pages are in harmony with the name at the head of the paper. Bro. Capp is doing excellent work, too, in his

department. He spares no pains to make the paper a success, and is succeeding grandly. Neither of these brethren will thank me for speaking of them in this way, but I feel like saying this much, knowing that much more might be said, and still these brethren would not have the credit to which they are justly entitled.

We are getting pretty well settled down to our work. We are now preaching regularly at the following places: At Lower Church Street, Lord's day morning and evening; and once a month at Cold Brook, Sheffield's Mills, Woodville and Steam Mill Village. We expect to add to this one other appointment, when our time will be pretty well taken up. Besides these regular preaching appointments, we have a Bible class and Sunday-school on Lord's day morning, and a prayer-meeting on Wednesday evenings. Our prayer-meetings, though small, owing to the scattered condition of the brethren, are very interesting and profitable. Some of the talks Bro. F. F. Dwyer gives us in these meetings are fine. I often wish they could be heard by a much larger number. Indeed, all the speaking is of such a nature that it ministers grace to the hearers. The singing, too, adds much to the interest of our meetings. Pray for us, brethren, that the work here may be greatly prospered.

Bro. R. M. Stevens, who has been attending school at Acadia, preparing himself for the work of the ministry, is now on a visit to River John. We miss the help of this good brother very much. We trust his visit may do him good, both spiritually and physically. May the blessing of God be with our dear young brother, is our prayer. Our one great need is more preachers, who are both able and willing to go out into the field and lead men to God. But for this great work there is need of preparation for both head and heart. May God speed the day when men thus prepared will be found ready to take on this work in these Provinces. Truly the "harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

E. C. FORD.

#### P. E. ISLAND.

##### CHARLOTTETOWN.

I arrived here in this city on the boat, Saturday evening, June 9th. I had a very pleasant sail across the Straits of Northumberland. At the landing I was kindly met by Bro. Matthew Stevenson, an elder of the Christian Church in this city, who escorted me to his own pleasant home. Bro. Stevenson is a very earnest and faithful worker. Notwithstanding his labors in a secular calling, he has worked hard to build up the church here under trying circumstances, and has been instrumental in bringing eight into the church during the last year. This speaks well for him, and should inspire him never to give up but march in advance and lead on to victory.

Our meetings began Lord's day morning, June 10th, with fair prospects of success. Our congregations are not large but interesting. Last evening, 13th inst., I baptized two energetic and amiable young men. This evening, June 15th, at the invitation, another responded, and several more are to be baptized to-morrow evening. The general outlook is good, and we are anticipating a glorious ingathering of souls.

On Monday, 11th inst., by special invitation, I dined with Elder John Knox, the noble veteran of many hard fought battles. His name had been familiar to me since the days of my boyhood, and I was right glad to see his genial face and enjoy the company of a grand old father in Israel. Dr. Knox has a noble physique, and he is one of those that has grown beautifully old. Dr. Knox has the reputation of having been an eloquent preacher; but I very much doubt, even in his palmy days, whether he could preach a more eloquent sermon

then than now. I hope some day to be able to do him justice, but now I can only say that he is the embodiment of a Christian gentleman. His many friends abroad will be pleased to learn that he is hale and hearty, and we expect to see him in the church and there listen to those noble breathings of the soul, ere we leave this lovely isle of the sea. Yes, this is one of the most beautiful countries I have seen east of the Mississippi. Already with horse and carriage I have rode fifty-three miles around this city, through the park, cemeteries and surrounding country. I have been kept so extremely busy that I have not been able to do half the work that daily devolved upon me. I was about to undertake to paint, or rather give, a faint description of the beauty of this Island, but cannot find words to express the deep emotions that gather round and fill the recess of my heart.

Bro. O. B. Emory, of Montague, favored us with a short visit on the 13th inst. We were delighted with the short interview we had with him, and only regretted that he could not remain over and preach for us in the evening. I was also favored with a call from Bro. Dickieson, of New Glasgow, and Bro. Watson, of Summerside. Both of these brethren invited me to go and labor in the vicinity of their homes, but my labors on this Island will, I presume be chiefly confined to the city of Charlottetown, and I shall endeavor to put forth every effort to build up the church here, and thus help to lead the embattled host on to victory.

To-day, Lord's day, 17th inst., was a day long to be remembered by the church in this city. At the morning service two young men came forward and united with the church while another came and confessed the Saviour. In the evening our house of worship was nearly filled, being the largest audience we have yet had. At the closing invitation, two more young men responded and came forward and made the good confession. We baptized four more this evening and others are to follow and be baptized on Tuesday evening.

#### LOT 48.

To-day, Lord's day afternoon, I also preached for the church in this place. This is said to be the oldest congregation of our brethren on this Island, being organized in 1810.

I had a delightful sail across Hillsboro River, and was met at the landing at Southport by Bro. Stewart, who conveyed me to the church, a distance of some two miles. I have promised to continue the meeting and also hold a series of meetings here in connection with the revival services already going on in Charlottetown. The outlook here is good, and the brethren are much encouraged and awakened, expecting to see a goodly number turn to the Saviour. For my part I am also much encouraged, though I never get discouraged, for I always endeavor to look upon the bright side. Pray for us that the word of the Lord may have free course—sinners converted and the church built up. So far we have averaged one per day. We thank God and take courage.

W. K. BURR.

Charlottetown, June 17th, '88.

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Bro. Robert Stewart, of Lot 48, Secretary of the Association, will arrange for reduced rates of travel, (by all available lines) to our Annual Meeting, to be held at Montague, P. E. I., commencing Saturday, before the second Lord's day in July.

Look out for his notices in THE CHRISTIAN and other papers.

We hope to see several preachers from abroad, and many Disciples from other churches on the Island and elsewhere, and that our meeting will be pleasant and profitable.

O. B. EMERY.

June 23rd, 1888.