

however, by the blessing of God, to see them again active in every good word and work. This church, as also Leonardville church, have lost by death some faithful members since our last visit here, two years ago. The church could ill afford to lose them, but they could well afford to die.

H. MURRAY.

LETETE, N. B.

We have met a number of the Letete and Back Bay brethren since coming to the Island, and they all report very encouragingly of Bro. Stevens' work there. Large attendance and very interesting meetings. The only regret we hear was that he could not remain with them permanently.

H. MURRAY.

LETETE, N. B.

I arrived here June 11th, and found the brethren greatly in need of help and encouragement. The brethren had ceased to meet on the Lord's day, and the only religious gathering in the place was the Sunday-school, kept up principally by the young people. We have been having meetings here every Lord's day, and also a Friday evening prayer-meeting, and our meetings are well attended. Last Lord's day evening the house was well filled, with quite a number outside, and the brethren appear to be taking an increasing interest in the work of the Lord.

R. E. STEVENS.

BACK BAY, N. B.

We also found the little band of workers in this community somewhat discouraged over apparent failures, still there were those here who were ready to join us in the work of strengthening the weak hands and confirming the feeble-knees, and saying unto them that are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, fear not." There are here, as in Letete, a large number of young people who need some one to labor among them all the time; and I believe that a good, faithful man would find here a profitable field in which to work, one that would reward him with the necessities of life and a rich harvest of souls.

R. E. STEVENS.

UPPER NINE MILE RIVER, N. S.

This is one of our most promising missionary points in Hants Co. Early last spring I visited the few brethren here and did what I could to encourage them to make an effort to build a house for worship. Although the winter—the best season for preparations—was passed, they took hold of the enterprise with a zeal worthy of so good a cause and now the house has been erected and nearly finished outside. Special credit is due to brethren McDonald and Wright for their zeal and liberality. Some help has been promised, and some already received from Disciples in other localities. West Goro deserves honorable mention in this particular; also some of the Disciples in East Rawdon, in which latter place there are some noble-hearted Disciples who are always ready to assist in a good cause. A friendly mechanic of this place, who is not identified with the church, donates the window frames and sashes. Evan Thompson, a Presbyterian merchant, gives the glass.

The object of this writing is to place the merit and need of this Mission before the entire community of Disciples throughout the Maritime Provinces. Brethren, you have never had, probably never will have a better opportunity to do a little genuine missionary work. A little timely assistance now will enable them to finish their house; otherwise it must remain unfinished for an indefinite length of time. Under their present burden they are not able to support evangelistic labor. I have been helping them some by working with my hands on their house, and preaching fortnightly during the past four months without charge. Prejudice in this community is not so strong as it

formerly was. The very upper crust of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches come out to hear me preach. I am giving them some plain gospel, and so far, apparently, none have been offended. Whether they will continue to come I cannot tell, but hope that the cloud of misunderstanding may be cleared away from the minds of many, and that many good and honest hearts may be illuminated with floods of gospel light. The leading elder of the Presbyterian church in this place now admits that Christ was immersed. It had never occurred to him that a man must follow Christ to be His disciple.

Brothers, this Mission is worthy. Do not let this opportunity pass. We need more of the missionary spirit both in our churches and preachers.

I find openings on every hand into which I long to carry the joyful gospel message. There are hindrances and discouragements to be overcome; the world, the flesh, and the devil to be contended with; "perils among false brethren" sometimes to be encountered. But "none of these things move me." I shall continue hoping, working, praying that by some means I may be enabled to give more time and energy to mission work in sowing the gospel seed, and that the pleasure of the Lord may be in some measure prospered in our hands.

The Lord's people in the wilderness gave with willing hearts to the work of erecting a place of worship, and any whose hearts are willing to assist the Nine Mile River Mission can send direct to David McDonald, Upper Nine Mile River, Hants Co., N. S. Whether much or little it will be thankfully received and God will bless the giver.

D. McDUGALL.

RIVER JOHN, N. S.

We had a very busy, and, we trust, profitable visit of three weeks at River John. It has been twelve years since we were here. We greatly missed Bro. John I. Gauld and family, but were much pleased to find him so highly esteemed by the Church and community. We made 21 visits, but had to drive 99 miles by carriage to see all the brethren. We preached in a number of different school-houses. Not being able to concentrate our labors in any one locality, we were not blessed with many additions. We baptized one young lady, a daughter of Brother and Sister Collie, who, we believe, will be a help to the church. There are some in the church at River John who are anxious to see its prosperity, and if they will continue faithful to the interests of the church, they will see the desire of their hearts fulfilled. There was never a better time in the history of that church to advance the principles of Christianity. We never had better attention to the presentation of the gospel than in that district. We believe the brethren in River John see their opportunity, and will make a sacrifice to build up the cause in their community. If they will give half as much to carry forward the work of the Lord as the Jews did, they will see a prosperity within their borders that will repay them a hundredfold, in this world, and in the world to come—everlasting life. This place, like many other places in our provinces, is ripe for the harvest. The people are losing their interest in antiquated theologies. The contest that is now shaking the theology of the Eastern States, does not destroy the faith of the people in the Word of Christ, as they can plainly see that the faith of Prof. Briggs and Prof. Smythe is not in question in regard to the Word of God, but whether their views are in harmony with Andover and Westminster Creeds. Prof. Van Dyke of Princeton Theological Seminary, did not resign his chair because he could not agree with the Divine Creed—the Bible—but because he could not conscientiously agree with the Westminster Confession of Faith. It is not the lack of fidelity to the truth that is causing the tempest, but whether the creed

of their fathers is not being rejected. The people are out-growing their jacket, and what is to be done about it is not easy for lovers of human creeds to decide. Some think the jacket should be remodeled and made to fit the body, while others think the body should be made to fit the jacket, but the latter is an exceedingly difficult job, especially with such men as Prof. Briggs and Prof. Van Dyke. It will require a very nice job of tailoring to fit the little narrow Westminster garment to such broad minded and large honest hearted men.

This theological racket is doing a power of good in opening the minds of the people to the reception of the divine creed, over which there is no dispute. It is certainly true that now is the auspicious time for a forward movement with the grand plea for one creed, and one book, and one church.

H. MURRAY.

PICTOU, N. S.

I had a visit of an hour with Bro. Fullerton and his hospitable family. Bro. Fullerton is alive to the interest of the cause in that town. He is soon to erect a place of worship in Pictou. One man with the Lord will build up the cause in any town.

H. MURRAY.

DIGBY CO., N. S.

Bro. H. E. Cooke, the popular preacher of the Westport and Southville churches, is now preaching for a short season for the brethren in Halifax.

At Tiverton the brethren are still adding to the already extensive improvements made last year to their house of worship, and have lately placed a new arched top on the flue and are giving the roof a fine coat of paint, adding much to its appearance and durability.

At South Range our brethren are active, progressive and hopeful. During the month of May they organized a Sunday-school, with Bro. Albert Marshall as superintendent. The average attendance is about fifty. The school is conducted in an interesting manner and will be the means of doing much good if faithfully adhered to. Upon the occasion of our last visit to this place, three weeks ago, four persons, two of whom were heads of families, confessed Christ and were baptized, we trust to walk in newness of life till crowned at the journey's end with life eternal.

At Gulliver's Cove all the material is on the ground for the completion of the meeting-house, and a fine start has already been made on the work, which we hope to see finished in about five weeks from this date. Our brothers and sisters there only number about ten souls, all of whom are poor in this world's goods, who hitherto have had very little chance to be rich spiritually, as they have been without organization and a leader. We are working hard and praying for God's blessing to enable us to establish the ancient order of the gospel on a living and lasting basis among the people at Gulliver's Cove. As soon as the house is ready we intend holding a meeting and trust to organize a church and see many converted to Christ and His truth, walking as sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father. The amount needed will be about two hundred dollars in all; the receipts are \$43.50 up to date. The material has been furnished and the work being carried on by a brother who has nothing but this \$43.50, his own credit, and strong faith in God and his fellow Christian workers to support him in the task.

To-morrow, July 22nd, we take the steamer "Acadia" for Weymouth Bridge (D. V.), on our way to South Range to spend the next Lord's day.

On our travels up and down Digby Neck we often spend a pleasant evening with brother and sister Harvard Eldridge, of Sandy Cove, who are growing old in years but strong in faith and in God's immutable promises. Upon the occasion of our last visit Sister Eldridge expressed her entire