

NOVA SCOTIA.

TIVERTON.

Meetings continue to be interesting and well attended. Since our last report three have confessed the Saviour and two have been baptized. We are looking for others to follow soon.

H. A. DeVoe.

Tiverton, N. S., March 25th, 1889.

RIVERDALE.

One addition by immersion on the 18th inst. Our meeting-house is ready for the masons. We intend to have it opened at the June Quarterly. We will be pleased to see a good number of the brothers and sisters from other churches present at that time.

J. A. GATZ.

CORNWALLIS.

Since my last report from here we have been made glad by the return to the church of God of an aged brother, who for many years has been a wanderer from his Father's house. We all rejoice over this, because he that "was dead is alive again, and was lost and is found."

Our meetings this winter, though the brethren live so far from the meeting-house, have been kept up with unusual regularity. Every appointment, to this date, has been filled. The meetings are interesting and quite an interest is manifested.

Our good brother and fellow laborer, R. E. Stevens, leaves us this week for the States. We all feel sorry to have Bro. Stevens leave us, even for a while, as he is very active in all church work, and ever ready for any good word or work. We fully expect to hear, ere long, of our brother being engaged in preaching the word of life.

I would like to tell of a pleasant surprise our friends at Sheffield's Mills gave us on last Friday evening. We received a kind invitation to take tea with Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Harris, which we were very pleased to do. But on our arrival at their home we found that preparations had been made for a large company. We asked if there were to be a wedding? The answer was not satisfactory. Soon, however, the people began to come in large numbers until there were more than a hundred present. A sumptuous feast had been prepared, of which we all partook. Then we were pleasantly entertained by music, both vocal and instrumental, and pleasant conversation. A fine recitation was given by Mr. DeWolf, after which Dr. Woodworth took the floor, and in a very neat manner informed us that this large company had gathered to express their good will toward Mrs. Ford and myself, and as an expression of this good will, and appreciation of the work we are doing among them, on behalf of the company he presented us with \$32.00 in cash. This was the first that we had heard of the object of this very pleasant gathering. Of course we tried to express our gratitude, but being taken so by surprise we must have made a poor attempt. Mr. Dawson, the pastor of the Presbyterian church, of Canard, being present, came to our rescue and helped us out.

This company was made up of all the religious denominations in that locality. This is one of my regular preaching stations, where I preach once a month. Such a gathering goes far toward uniting the children of God in the work of saving souls.

E. C. FORD.

Port Williams, March 25th, 1889.

HANTS COUNTY.

The last Lord's day in February, found me in Shubenacadie. The weather was extremely cold, in fact the coldest we have had all winter, still we had two good meetings. In the afternoon the school-house at Mill Village was well filled. There

is a deep interest felt in religious matters. The brethren and friends here have been passing through the deep waters of affliction. In a former CHRISTIAN reference was made to a young sister who had been called from the cares and toils of earth; also to a young man who had been cut off just as he was budding into manhood. And now, on Friday, February 22nd, we were called around the open grave of another young woman who had died in Colorado. She was the daughter of Sister Martha Robinson. She passed away in a strange land, but they brought her body home and laid it to rest in the old burying ground on the side of the hill, where a great many, both old and young, are waiting the last trumpet to sound. May God bless these friends in this their hour of affliction. May it be the means of drawing those who are Christians closer to Christ, and those who are not to give their hearts to the Lord.

In every community there are growing men and women who know something about the theory of Christianity, but for some reason or another they do not put into practice what they know; how many warnings they have received about the uncertainty of life. The very knowledge they possess will condemn them in the last day. Oh! young man arise and go to your Father. Young woman, come to the feast of Jesus. God is waiting and willing to welcome you. Jesus is standing at the door of your heart knocking, won't you let Him in? There will be joy among the angels in heaven and rejoicing among the saints on earth.

God loves you, Jesus died to redeem you; return this love, accept this atonement, and you will be saved; reject it and you will be lost. I address this principally to young men and women. If it also suits the old I shall be glad. But young people sometimes never get old. As you read this just think about that day when you shall see the sun shine for the last time—the night when you shall go to sleep never to awake until the resurrection day. The last day will surely come; it may be to-day.

Then comes the question, Where will you spend eternity? Do not sleep until you have answered this question to satisfy your God. It may be well for some who are professing Christians to consider this question well. A man who is not following the teachings of Christ is not a bit better off for having been baptized and joining the church. The man who trusts in his baptism and in a normal church membership for his salvation, will be likely classed among the foolish virgins. May we all give more heed to the things that pertain to eternal life.

But I must get back to where I started from. I did not expect to write a sermon when I started. I spent three Lord's days in Rawdon, but on account of bad roads and stormy weather I was not able to have any meetings through the week. I also preached three times at Nine Mile River, this is a new field for the disciples to plant in this county. In all of these places there seems to be an interest, and we hope yet to see the blood stained banner of Jesus waving triumphantly in the air. Let every Christian man and woman in the land buckle on the armour more tightly, and then, shoulder to shoulder in one solid phalanx, advance to storm the walls of sin and satan. Take hold of the sword of the spirit my brother, grasp it with both hands, spare not, press onward through temptation and persecution.

"Forward," through trials and sufferings. Jesus the Captain of our salvation is leading on. "Lo, I am with you always" sounds in thunder tones through the ranks. "The gates of hell shall not prevail against My church" is written in indelible characters. "Press on faithful martyrs and saints, fight on soldiers of Christ, and at last join in one grand shout of triumph "Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

W. H. HARDING.

West Gore, March 20th, 1889.

MILTON.

Since the last issue of THE CHRISTIAN we have to report the work of the Lord on the forward march in this place. Our social meetings have been well attended and very interesting, especially on Saturday evening, March 9th, when, at the close, three persons confessed their faith in Christ as the Son of God and were buried with Him in baptism, rising to walk in newness of life. Let us be encouraged as soldiers of the cross and fight manfully for the right and we shall come off victorious at last.

W. R. McEWEN.

March 22nd, '89.

WESTPORT.

Dear Christian: On the 27th of February I left Kempt, Queens Co., for Westport. Having the weather cold but fine I had rather a pleasant time. I arrived at Bro. Howard Eldridge's that same night, and was kindly cared for. I am always happy and much encouraged in visiting the home of Bro. and Sister Eldridge. Leaving Sandy Cove on the morning of the 28th, I arrived at Tiverton 10.30. Here, again in the midst of many kind and hospitable brethren and friends, I was happy indeed, in landing, to meet Bro. H. A. DeVoe, who at once impressed upon me to remain over and give him a helping hand in a series of meetings, to which I consented. These meetings had been in progress for some weeks or more before I arrived; and the interest was increasing and good work being done, and we hope to hear of the harvest with joy. There are many strong and noble-hearted faithful brethren at Tiverton, to whose hearts the cause of Christ is very precious. I remained over two evenings, and preached on both occasions. On Saturday, the 2nd day of March, I left Tiverton, in company with Bro. E. O. Bowers, for Westport. Arriving at noon I took dinner with Bro. Bowers, and then repaired to the home of Bro. E. A. Payson. I was glad indeed to meet the brethren here again, who but a short time before had used me so kindly. Lord's Day morning was soon upon us, and as the Baptist cathedral rang out the hour of worship we made our way to the grand old Bethel. Here a large audience gathered, and we enjoyed our gathering together. In the afternoon we assembled again to instruct the young in the work of the Lord. We have here quite an interesting Sunday school. In the evening the old Bethel was filled to overflowing, while its walls rang with the songs of praise to our God; and our hearts burned within us as we talked and associated with each other on the way. Since my arrival here the interest has been growing. We have been holding meetings for the past week every evening, and continue throughout the coming week. So far we have been greatly encouraged, and we hope before long to report still more favorably. We ask the prayers of the brotherhood that God will abundantly bless us here, and that the cause of the dear Redeemer may be built up and extended greatly. We have here many true and energetic workers, both brethren and sisters. Their untiring efforts for the past three years—notwithstanding they have been united, although without the aid of a resident preacher—they have held the fort against strong opposition. But opposition and persecution are the seed for the harvest in the vineyard of the Lord.

Westport, March 18, 1889.

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