

of Philadelphia, and Murdoch Gunn, of Kentucky University. The preaching by Bro. Ghent, Bro. O. B. Emery and Bro. Gunn, was good and to the purpose, and the results—two confessions and baptisms.

On Tuesday, Bro. Ghent went to Montague, where he intends to labor for a year; and Bro. Gunn began his labors as Evangelist on the Island by continuing the meetings in Summerside. May the Lord of the harvest bless their labors. Bro. Capp, of St. John, arrived on Monday. The meeting was harmonious and the prospect encouraging. —COMMUNICATED.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR BRO. CAPP.—I will write you a letter in lieu of the one I expected to write for THE CHRISTIAN. I have not been well, as I had gotten chilled on the train in Maine, and the cold, damp weather has been quite unfavorable to my health. I am better now, and spoke to about 250 persons yesterday morning and about 300 last evening. The people have opened their homes and hearts and ministered to us with kind hands, for which we are especially indebted to Sister Beattie, of Summerside, and Bros. John D. Bell and Duncan McDonald. They all have ministered to our wants with an unstinted hospitality. We remain here over next Lord's day and go to East Point the first Lord's day in August. We expect to be at the opening of their new house at that time. We expect to meet Bro. Crawford at the opening whenever it takes place. We re-organize the Sunday-school here next Lord's day at 10 A. M. We are much pleased with all we have seen among the Disciples of the Island, and hope and pray to be of some use to the cause of Christ here. May the blessings of our dear heavenly Father be with us in this beautiful spot of earth and with you and yours in an adjoining province.

I cannot close this letter, however, without expressing my hearty approval of THE CHRISTIAN, as to its being a necessity, and being ably conducted, filled with instructive papers from its many contributors, from thoughtful brethren of kind, loving hearts. I hope in the future to be able to contribute something of interest to its valuable columns.

Yours truly, in the Gospel,

CARROLL GHENT.

Montague, P. E. I., July 21, 1884.

DEAR BRO. CRAWFORD.—I have received two numbers of THE CHRISTIAN. It gives me much pleasure to see this manifestation of life in the cause in your districts. The influence for good of periodical literature is very great, more especially when care is taken to exclude all personal attacks and recriminations, which are both degrading and disgusting. Life is too short for this sort of thing, and the space of THE CHRISTIAN far too limited to allow of any such bellicose performances in its columns. I like to distribute the papers which I receive among my brethren and friends, but I have withheld many of them because some of the otherwise excellent matter was unfit for circulation among strangers. I shall mention no names, for obvious reasons, but do hope and pray most sincerely that these objectionable practices may cease, and that peace and good-will may reign.

In New Zealand we have no paper devoted to our cause, but in Australia there are four; two published in Victoria, one in South Australia, and one in Queensland. The first two have been in existence for several years, while the latter two have been recently started.

The *Australian Christian Watchman*, edited by Bro. J. J. Haley, formerly of Kentucky, is the largest. It is an ably conducted paper, and much

appreciated by the brethren. The *Australian Christian Witness* is also a good paper. The others I have not seen.

The Colony of Victoria, which takes the lead in papers, is ahead in members, churches, meeting-houses, preachers, Sunday-schools, and results. Last year the increase in membership was upwards of five hundred. Next in order is South Australia, then New Zealand, New South Wales, Tasmania, and Queensland. In these colonies, where the inhabitants are gathered from many parts of the globe, it is frequently difficult to assimilate the various discordant elements, and produce that sympathetic accord which is so necessary to bring about the best results. In New Zealand I know this is a great hindrance, while in addition to this we lack a common centre from which to work. Good commencements have been made, however, in Dunedin, Christ Church, Wellington and Auckland, with smaller gatherings at Nelson, Invercargill, Thames, and Kaipara. In the provincial district of Auckland we have commenced a co-operative movement, and at the present time have two preachers employed. At Auckland City, Bro. H. Exloy, who published a trip round the world, in company with Bro. T. Coop, of England, is laboring with fair prospects, and Bro. Jones, of this place, is on a visit to the Kaipara district. Bro. Exloy is to pay us a preliminary visit for a few days this week. In a few months we expect to have his services for some months, when we hope new life may be given the cause here.

We are having a severe attack of the Salvation Army going on here at present, and have just had a visit from some half dozen "peculiar people," calling themselves American Evangelists. Their sayings and doings may form the theme of a future contribution.

For the present, I must say Good bye, and trust that THE CHRISTIAN may increase in size and usefulness, year by year, and that you may be long spared to guide its destinies. With love to all, I am, dear brother,

Yours fraternally,

LEMUEL J. BAGNALL.

Thames, N. Z., Sandes Street, 23rd June, 1884.

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

After an absence of more than four weeks from our home on Deer Island, wife and I are now returning. This is, perhaps, not so important as some of our experiences and observations while visiting other places.

We left our home on the 25th of June for St. John, where we remained a little more than a week in pleasant intercourse with Bro. Capp and other brethren, friends and relatives.

In the Coburg street church, where our membership still remains, I had the privilege of speaking on Lord's day, and also the pleasure of listening to our beloved Bro. Capp, under whose care the church continues to grow. In connection with the church there is an excellent Sunday-school, which is growing in influence, and from which believers are being added to the Lord, having, even from childhood, as Timothy, learned the Holy Scriptures.

If all men could understand how early education forms the mind, and how difficult it is to "unlearn" that which is learned in childhood, not only would every true member of the Church of Christ say: Give us Sunday-schools, but every one would, himself and herself, be in the Sunday-school, doing what they could to prepare future laborers for the vineyard of the Master.

Leaving St. John by the Intercolonial R. R., we arrived at Summerside, P. E. I., the same day, by the Gulf steamer, and after spending one night at the Clifton House, found a quiet and pleasant resting-place in the home of Bro. Isaac Linkletter, about five miles to westward. Bro. L.'s household is somewhat like that of the jailor of Philippi—

"he rejoices, believing in God with all his house." There are no infants in that house.

From Bro. Linkletter's we drove some twenty-eight miles, I think, to the home of Bro. D. Crawford, near New Glasgow. Bro. C. is well known to many as editor of THE CHRISTIAN, and by many other writings published in different forms, but, if any will know of his widespread, faithful, untiring, lifelong work, backed up by that of his Christian wife, the best place to learn is on his native Isle, where his influence will be felt and his memory enshrined in the hearts of the people long after he has ceased to labor.

Returning to Summerside to attend the Annual Meeting of the brethren on the Island, we met very many from different parts. Bro. Carroll Ghent from Pennsylvania and Bro. Gunn from Kentucky were also present. Bro. Ghent is to labor with the churches of Montague and East Point, and Bro. Gunn as a general missionary on the Island.

The meeting was a pleasant and profitable one, but as a report will, doubtless, appear from the proper source, I will leave that and simply say that during the meeting, at least, it would be very difficult for a stranger to find out, if not told directly, that the church at Summerside has become smaller through emigration. All seem cheerful, happy and brave—determined as ever to carry on the work of the Lord.

Leaving Summerside (July 17), for Lot 48, we stopped on the way at the homes of Bros. John Crawford, in Bedeque, John Crawford and John Lord, in Tryon. These brethren live in beautiful sections of country and have pleasant homes. In Charlottetown I tried to form the acquaintance of Bro. M. Stevenson, calling twice at his place of business, but failed to find him. Saturday morning we arrived at the home of Bro. Robert Stewart, in Lot 48, and were very kindly received, and although we had not met Sister Stewart before going to her house, we soon found that our visit was to be a pleasant one, and so it proved.

I hope I will be pardoned for mentioning one thing in connection with family worship at Bro. Stewart's; that is, just after reading the Scriptures there is always singing before all kneel down in prayer. I mention this here because I think if the custom became universal it would be cheering and profitable. We also visited the homes of Bros. Charles Stewart and John F. Baker. Bro. Baker, after varied experiences in the West, is, I think, a little more contented to settle down in his beautiful island home, and there help on with the Lord's work.

We were kindly invited to visit others and would gladly have done so, but time would not permit. On Lord's day we had good meetings, and left on Monday morning for Summerside, where we spent the next Lord's day with the church, Bro. Gunn, being absent, having gone to Tignish. Four Lord's days were spent on P. E. Island, and although the time, nearly throughout, was rainy, our visit was pleasant.

In consequence of absence, our arrangements for reduction of fare by the different lines of travel, to our Annual Meeting at Leonardville, on the first Sunday in September, have not been completed, but will be attended to and properly announced. We hope to see a large delegation from the several churches. O. B. EMERY.

St. John, N. B., July 30, 1884.

Grand Lodge, I. O. G. T., of N. B., met in Annual Session at Sussex, Kings Co., on Tuesday, 15th inst., and closed at midnight Wednesday, 16th. A vast amount of work was done. The reports of the officers showed our Order to be in a flourishing condition. More than 1,200 have been initiated during the year, giving us a net gain of 875, bringing our membership now to about 1,800. Next Session at Carleton, St. John, on 8rd Tuesday in July, 1885. Back Bay, July 23rd, 1884. TUCUMSEH.