

shall indeed be a light to lead many to Christ, who saves with an everlasting salvation.

I had planned to procure and publish for the benefit of those interested in the work in Halifax—and who are not—a statement of the finance of the church there, feeling sure it will compare favorably if not surpass that of any church in these Provinces, according to their numbers and circumstances. Suffice it to say here, that all the financial obligations were met promptly and cheerfully, and a number of old bills were paid off, and more than \$50 for missionary purposes were raised during the five months we were laboring with these good brethren. The finance wheel runs smoothly, there never being a word spoken publicly, except when some special collection is asked for, and then there is always a liberal response. The money for the support of the work there is all raised by the weekly collection system, and a business meeting of the church is held once a month when a regularly report of the finance is made. Certainly, this little church deserves well of the brotherhood, for the heroic efforts they are making to sustain the cause of primitive Christianity in the city of Halifax. It must be remembered that until quite recently the whole number of members in the church was not more than forty-two or forty-three. But this little body have raised in their regular Lord's day collections, including the Sunday-school, and for mission purposes, about \$16 a week. I give these figures from an estimate made during the five months I was with this church, and that the brethren may still be encouraged to help those who are so nobly helping themselves.

Since my last report, four others have been added to the church there. Two by baptism, and two baptized believers taking membership, making nineteen additions in all. One who had made the good confession was prevented from being baptized. The interest in every department of the work is good, and we feel very thankful that the work is in such good hands as Bro. Rowlison, and we are sure he will receive the same hearty support and co-operation from all the brethren and friends that we enjoyed from their hands. My prayers shall go up to God daily, that these good brethren may continue to grow in every grace, and that the work of the Lord shall prosper in their hands.

E. C. FORD.

Port Williams, N. S., June 25, 1894.

HALIFAX, N. S.

I have no doubt that the readers of the CHRISTIAN will be pleased to know that Bro. Ford's labors here have been blessed to the church. There were thirteen added by baptism, five from the Baptists and one reclaimed, making nineteen in all. To the Lord be all the praise. Our brother was here for five months, and labored very faithfully among the people from house to house. The congregations on Lord's days were good, and our brother proclaimed "the truth" in its simplicity and with great earnestness.

The church has been strengthened, and we feel much encouraged, and our prayer is, that the Lord will still bless our Bro. Ford in Cornwallis, his field of labor to which he has returned.

We are looking forward to the visit of our Bro. Rowlison, and hope and pray that his labors will also greatly strengthen the Church of Christ in this city. Your brother in Christ.

HENRY CARSWEN.

Halifax, N. S., June 22nd, 1894.

HANTS COUNTY, N. S.

There have been three additions to the church in Newport since my last letter was written. The work in this part of the field seems very encouraging. On Lord's days, at our regular appointments, the attendance has been steadily increasing and our meeting-house well filled. Another feature of our meetings here is the good singing. I just wish you

could drop in some Sunday afternoon and hear it. If you did not care very much for the preaching, I am sure you would want to come again to hear the singing. The brethren are planning to do some work on our church building that is badly needed. I am sure you will all agree with me that it is a help to the cause to have a nice clean meeting house. It shows that the church is living and active. It does not seem consistent for us to clean up and fix our own houses and leave the Lord's house. In driving through different parts of the county I have always come to the conclusion that when I see a dilapidated church building, that it corresponds with the members. The reverse is also true. You know what I mean.

The church in Upper Rawdon has begun again to keep house for itself; this it has not done for years. They have a good Sunday school and are starting a mission band. In West Gore the work is encouraging. I am told that the social meetings are the best on record in the history of the church.

In Shubenacadie the brethren are all at their post, and the interest in our meetings seems to deepen, and we are in hopes to see some stop over the line ere long and take their stand on the Lord's side.

I have not been to Elmsdale since I last wrote but I will probably get there before I write again. In Nine Mile River in our new meeting house we have started a Sunday School, and hope for good work. I promised a detailed account of money paid toward the new building; it is as follows:—

David McDonald,.....	\$40 00
James McDonald,.....	40 00
John Wright,.....	35 00
Andrew Wright,.....	35 00
Stillman McDonald,.....	40 00
Josiah Wallace,.....	15 00
J. B. McDonald,.....	5 00
W. J. McDonald,.....	4 00
Hiram Wallace,.....	5 00
Michael Wallace,.....	4 00
John McDougall,.....	10 00
Albert Burgess,.....	2 00
John Harvey,.....	6 00
James McPhee,.....	5 00
Hiram McDonald,.....	20 00
Joshua Wallace,.....	5 00
James Fraser,.....	10 00
Mrs Robert Fenton,.....	1 70
Robert Fenton,.....	5 00
Mrs. Peter Fulloch,.....	10 00
Evan Thompson,.....	5 75
Sanford McDonald,.....	9 50
Mrs. McDonald,.....	25
Andrew Pearson,.....	5 00
James Aubrey,.....	5 00
Hattie Pearson,.....	2 00
Joseph Fraser,.....	9 00
Peter Caldwell,.....	75
James Brechin,.....	1 00
Thomas Bond,.....	2 00
Joseph Withrow,.....	15 08
Donald McDougall,.....	10 00
Levi Dixon,.....	15 00
Mrs J. Thompson,.....	25
Mrs. Hiram McDonald,.....	80
Mrs. Stillman McDonald,.....	1 00
Mrs. W. H. Harding,.....	1 00
James Thompson,.....	50
Mrs. David McDonald,.....	25
John Harvey,.....	50
Mrs. Samuel McDonald,.....	1 00
Young people of West Gore,.....	9 50
John Cochran,.....	50
A. McCurdy,.....	1 00
Amos Robinson,.....	50
Mrs. L. W. Wallace,.....	50
John W. Wallace,.....	5 00
O. Wallace,.....	1 00
George Wallace,.....	1 00

B Vaughan,.....	5 00
Otus Vaughn,.....	5 00
Mrs. Anthony,.....	1 00
Mrs. Carruthers,.....	1 00

Total,.... \$414 25

The church in Halifax presented a nice pulpit Bible.

Anyone not credited in the above list, will please inform me of the matter. The church needs a supply of hymn books and a communion set, and then we will be in pretty good working order. I forget to mention that the ground on which the building stands was kindly given by Bro. John Wright. And now I think I have told you all I have to tell this month. You will see that the work in this county is looking up a little, and in my next I will be able to give you an account of our county meeting. There is considerable enthusiasm manifested over it, and it promises well to be a great help to our work. A great many of us have been very much disappointed in the death of the June Quarterly to have been held in Cornwallis, as we planned to turn out in force to that meeting.

W. H. HARDING.

KEMPT, N. S.

It has been a long time since there has been one word in the CHRISTIAN from Kempt, let alone a report; the only answer—nothing to report. But I am rejoiced to say such is not the case just now. It has been something over four years since our dear Bro. Cooke left us. Since that time the church in Kempt has seen a good many dark days, and some prosperous ones, but the former has overbalanced the latter. It was here that Bro. Cooke made his first start after giving up all for the ministry. On the 19th of August, 1889, he preached his first sermon here. After laboring with us seven months, he was called to the church at Westport, Digby Co., to labor. On the 14th of September, 1891, he came back to us again to gather in the sheaves from the seed he had first sown. On the 22nd, the additions from confession 12, from the Baptists 4; September 30th, two more by confession; October 6th, 1. On the 29th of May the writer met Bro. Cooke at Annapolis, and on the evening of the same day we drove to Kempt a distance of thirty-five miles; after resting one day he commenced his work. He has preached every night in uncommonly large houses for this place. Bro. Cooke, we think, is a teacher we feel proud of; in teaching the scheme of redemption he hews close to the line without offending any. Many of the sects listen to him and often are heard to exclaim, "I never saw it so plain before." Although there is a barrier to the religion of Jesus in Kempt that time will hardly erase, yet all of our people and many of the sects gather around him with words of welcome.

On the 10th instant, four went down into the baptismal waters and was buried in the likeness of our Saviour, and arose to walk in newness of life. Two young women, one middle aged, and one young man that we have long prayed for. On the 12th, two more made the good confession and will be baptized next Lord's day. The interest, under our dear brother's preaching, seems to continue and we feel and know that Bro. Cooke is the right man in the right place. Just allow me to say, that through the smiles of the Master and the help of the Mission Board, the church at Kempt is under going some repairs, and we are seeing and enjoying some of the brightest days of our lives. So far we have added four by confession and baptism, and quite a large number have returned to their father's table.

I. C. CUSHING.

I left home on the 22nd of May for Kempt, Queen's County, via Southville, Digby County, arriving at Weymouth about 9.30, and reached the home of Bro. Steele the same evening. I love to