

throughout the Province and elsewhere, of their action in disposing of the church property, considering the very perishable condition of the building. As it needed very extensive repairs in order to preserve it, it was thought better to dispose of the building if possible, in order to free the church of a burden that would not in all probability be removed for some time to come. Accordingly it was disposed of to the best possible advantage; owing to the decline in real estate, at present, it did not bring its real value. The house sold for \$1,800. The furniture, &c., (after reserving a portion to furnish a smaller room if necessary) realized \$54.07. There were bills against the church including interest to the amount of \$278.07. Also a mortgage debt of \$1,400 all which was paid off, and the balance placed in the Savings Bank, and made payable to trustees of property.

Although the Church House is gone the church still lives; a few of the brethren meet every Lord's day at 8.30 p. m., in private rooms for prayer and social exercises, and breaking of bread; also on Tuesday evening for Bible reading.

On December 28th two were added by obedience to the Gospel, a man and his wife, who were formerly Methodists, and on January 11th their son made the good confession and was also buried with his Lord in Baptism to arise, we trust, to walk in newness of life.

Submitted by order of committee.

Yours, &c., E. WALLACE,
Church Clerk.
Jan. 14th, 1885.

WEST GORE, HANTS CO.

DEAR BRETHREN.—We are happy to be able to report that we had the pleasure of a visit from our beloved and much esteemed brother E. C. Ford of Westport, Digby, Co., N. S. Although we had all kinds of weather and roads indiscrivable, yet we had some excellent meetings between the storms. If the weather and roads had been favorable, the meetings would have been larger and Brother Ford could have visited more of the brethren. We think he did all any one could do under the circumstances, and made a fine impression at the different places where he labored.

Having only one month to spend in this county, and work needed at so many points, no protracted effort could be made with the view of adding to the churches. The preaching was mostly to strengthen and build up the brethren on their most holy faith; and yet, we trust, the good seed was sown in good ground, which will spring up another day, bringing precious souls into the kingdom of God's dear Son. He preached in East Rawdon, West Gore and Newport and visited as many of the brethren as he could in these places. We are sorry that he could not visit the brethren in Millville, North Salem and at other points. The co-operation of the churches in mission work is a specialty with Bro. Ford. And he has raised quite an interest in the minds of the brethren on this subject which we hope will go on and increase and bring forth fruit to the glory of God. Bro. Ford is not laboring to build up a missionary society with a life membership and paid officers; but he is laboring to build up the churches, and to encourage them to co-operate in supporting evangelists. May the favor of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, be ever with our faithful and efficient Brother Ford and with all the holy brethren that work with him in such "labors of love and patience of hope in the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ."

Dec. 26th, 1884.

J. B. WALLACE.

WESTPORT.

DEAR CHRISTIAN.—Since my last notes from here I have have spent four weeks with the churches in Hants County. To me this visit was very enjoyable and I trust not altogether without profit to the brethren. Of weather we had all sorts: cold, rainy, snow storms, calms, and blows, with roads to match. Still, I managed to keep pretty busy preaching, as opportunity would offer, and in visiting the brethren at their homes and talking with them in the interest of the Kingdom of God. I visited and

preached for the brethren at West Gore, East Rawdon and New Port. At each of these places Bro. John B. Wallace, than whom we have none more worthy, preaches as his strength and time will permit.

The object of my visit was to encourage the brethren in this work of faith, and also to enlist their co-operation in our Home Mission work. In this last I was particularly encouraged. I laid before the brethren, both publicly and at their homes, the nature of our work, and what we were anxious to do, and never have I found brethren more ready to respond to the call of duty. I have not room in the short space allowed in your columns for such a communication as this, to say many things I have in my heart to say. I met so many warm hearted brethren, and since, as it appears to me, met fine opportunities for successful labor, that I would like to tell all about it, but I must forbear for the present.

The church at West Gore is strong in good men and women. They are just now about building a meeting house. This is much needed, as the old one is not large enough to accommodate the present growing congregation. This will tax the brethren quite heavily for the present year; still they will take hold of our mission work and will contribute regularly to its support. At East Rawdon also the few brethren that we have there, have promised their support, and I have no doubt will give a good report of themselves.

The church at Newport has suffered much in late years in the loss of its leading men. They are just now mourning the loss of our dear friend and brother Dr. L. Minard. To learn how much he had endeared himself to the brethren in that county, one has only to go among them and hear the many kind words they have to say of him, and the heartfelt regrets that he has so soon been called away. I called to see Sister Minard and found her, as we should expect, lonely and sad. But how I missed the genial face of my dear friend and brother. But we shall meet again. Then there will be no sorrow, pain, nor crying; but in the presence of God and our Saviour, and re-united with those we have loved on earth, we shall enjoy eternal happiness. The church at Newport is greatly in need of help. We have as good brethren there as we have any place, but they are so scattered, and have so little help that they can hardly hold their own. As far as I could see, and talk with these brethren, I find them ready to help the work. They have pledged liberally toward the support of the mission work. In all my efforts while in Hants County I was heartily seconded and encouraged by our faithful co-laborer, John B. Wallace.

I have nothing of interest to write from Westport. Our meetings are fairly well attended, and we are encouraged to work on. I have now entered on my 14th year with the church at this place. May the God whom we try to serve direct us in all things, so that our work may be well done. Our Sunday School is growing in interest and members. The best members of the church, as a rule, come out of the Sunday school.

I plan to hold some meetings with the church at Tiverton, and also at Westport during the winter months, and trust we may have some success to report. The CHRISTIAN is still a welcome visitor. Everywhere I go the brethren speak highly of it. In my judgment it grows better as it grows older. Let us all work on till the Master calls us home.

Jan. 20th, 1885.

E. C. FORD.

CHANGES.

Soon after closing "Notes by the way," written from Southville for the January number of the CHRISTIAN, I left the loved friends of Southville and vicinity for my home in Le Tote via St. John. I have but little to say of this trip except that the weather was as pleasant as could be desired for travelling and remarkably mild for the time of year. I arrived at St. George by the G. S. R. R., at noon, Dec. 30th, and at once pushed my way

toward Le Tote by the best conveyance I found disposed to go in that direction. After nearly two hours of urging forward through the mud, and nearly prostrate from the excessive heat I stayed my steps at the home of an old friend where I was soon supplied with those things necessary to restore my wasted powers of body. Not much sooner had those urgents been met than I was told that Mr. Andrew McGee, the kind and accomodating merchant of Back Bay, had called for me with his horse and carriage. I soon answered his call and by his invitation was soon seated by his side. I would say in regard to this conveyance that it was easier and more pleasant than the one which had brought me safely thus far but not so reliable. I reached my home and greeted my loved ones before the sable curtain of night had been drawn around our earth. At ten o'clock on the morning of Jan. 2nd a number of friends gathered at our home and began to remove our furniture from the house to a small vessel lying in the harbor and at two the family followed the furniture. The captain gave but little time for bidding adieu and soon we left our friends weeping on the shore, while like a thing of life our little bark bounded from wave to wave. Three hours of a pleasant sail and we cast our anchor among the fishing fleet at Flags Cove, Grand Manan. Here we remained on account of the severe cold until Sunday morning at four o'clock. While we tarried at this place I met our good Bro. Lawson and conversed with him of things pertaining to the kingdom of God. While here we were invited to enjoy the hospitality of this brother and others. Having no appointments for the Lord's day I would fain have spent my time in sleep but an uncomfortable sensation in the region of the stomach and the uneasiness of my wife and children, made it an utter impossibility. But as all thing earthly have an end so had our trials here. On Lord's day evening we met kind friends on the N. S. shore and soon our home was established among them. I spent two Sundays in Digby Co., one at South Range, where I was met by attentive congregations morning and evening, and met in the afternoon with about a dozen of the followers of Christ to break the loaf and worship together. We were comforted and encouraged by our gathering with these brethren. At our regular social meeting on Wednesday evening our hearts were gladdened by hearing the confession of one who had decided to follow Christ. On Thursday the ice was cut away from the shore of the lake and she was buried with Christ in baptism and raised to walk in newness of life. Leaving my home again on Monday last, parting from the loved ones, bidding adieu to all, I returned to my labors here after an absence of over three months. Hoping that God may bless me in my labors here and that I may be able to send you cheering news soon.

Le Tote, Jan. 24th.

J. A. GATES.

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Mrs. E. H. Harvey, "	1 00
W. G. McDonald, "	1 00
West Gore, " collection,	6 00
Michael A. Wallace, "	2 00
Mrs. David Stevens, "	1 00
John Anthony, "	1 00
Newport, " collection,	4 10
Frank C. Ford, Westport, N. S.,	1 00
O. Thompson, " "	1 00

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