

Sister Wisdom has returned to St. John.

Bro. Weaver, who is attending Dalhousie College, Halifax, having preached for Bro. Shaw on the 21st, Bro. Shaw came over and preached for us on that date. He had a busy time here. On Saturday he did some sight-seeing and called on several of the aged and sick. Sunday he preached twice, attended a funeral, gave a missionary address to the Sunday-school and led the prayer meeting at the close of evening sermon—a full day's work, and well done by him in every way. We are glad our sister city has such a good man and preacher. He is a man they can "tie to." He is strong in the faith, full of confidence, which made us feel strong as we listened to his sound, common-sense, well-delivered, sermons. We look for steady growth in Halifax with such a preacher to lead the work. Bro. Shaw will be gladly welcomed to St. John again.

The scholars of the Portland school, who had been trained by Sister Allie Wilson, gave a good concert in their hall on the 26th, which was crowded. The collection, which was divided between the school and our mission funds, amounted to over fourteen dollars.

MILTON, N. S.

The church is moving along, looking and hoping for still greater success and greater developments in divine life. Our prayer-meetings were never more interesting. The Endeavor Society is putting new life into all our meetings. It is evident that the "Endeavor Society" is answering the troublesome question, How to enlist the services of those whose favorite occupation was in doing nothing.

We are looking for showers of blessings in the year before us. The outlook is very encouraging. Let us all measure up in our thinking and living. The times demand of us pure, devoted, consecrated hearts in the service of God. There are golden opportunities before us. Let us seize them before it is too late.

H. MURRAY.

HANTS COUNTY, N. S.

In the fourteenth chapter of Job we read that "there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again." Job was a man of large experience, and in the book called by his name there are many lessons that would be helpful in the every day life of the Christian. Practically a large portion of the scriptures are lost to us. Take, for instance, the part of Job referred to. How many of us have trees to cut down? Yet there will be sprouts come up. Well, what are we to do with the sprouts? Why, train them up in another way. It is far better to be a green sprout, willing to be moulded and used in the Master's service—to be trained up in the proper way—than a dry old snag of a tree without sap or life. Christ was as a root out of the dry ground. Are you sprouting?

On September 30th I closed my first year's labor with the churches here. During the year thirty-nine were added to the churches, and the churches have taken on new life and encouragement, and every department of work seems to be healthy and prosperous. One new church building was completed and opened during the year. Young peoples' meetings have been started in three places; two mission bands have been organized; four Sunday-schools have been running during the summer months. So you will see the preacher has some work to do in this county. But I do not want you to think he does it all. We have some good, earnest, capable men and women who help along. I could easily name a dozen, but I know they do not want the praise of men; therefore, perhaps, some other dozen would not like it, and I think everybody should feel that the church could not get along without them.

The brethren have expressed their desire for me to remain another year, and I have decided to do so, hoping and trusting for the blessing of God to rest upon our efforts to do good.

At our annual business meeting in Shubenacadie Bro. Burton Wallace was appointed associate elder and Bro. O and A. L. Wallace were appointed deacons.

On Sunday evening, October 7th, I preached in the Orange Hall at Shubenacadie station by special invitation. This is one of the finest halls in the province, and is supposed to accommodate nearly a thousand people. I had a fine hearing, and a desire expressed that I come again. Those who know the place and the prejudice will know what that means.

Since writing my last there have been two additions to Shubenacadie church and one at Nine Mile River.

W. H. HARDING.

West Gore, Hants Co., N. S.

KEMPT, N. S.

We are pleased to say that the church in Kempt is alive and having good meetings. Although they are without a preacher, yet they are keeping up the regular meetings. Bro. Andrews' work among them during his summer's vacation was the kind of work that was greatly needed. He inspired them with renewed zeal and organized them into systematic work, so that now they are able to carry on the work in the absence of a preacher. If they keep on steadfast and unmovable in the work of the Lord they will see better times in the near future, for those who will help themselves will always get help from others.

H. MURRAY.

SUMMERVILLE, N. S.

The Church of Christ in this place have decided to let me remain with them for a season. They are laboring to build each other up in the gospel and bring others to Christ. The meetings are well attended and are interesting, most of the members taking part. The young peoples' Endeavor Society is doing well. All the old members of the church take part in the Endeavor meeting and thus encourage the young brethren in their work, and are encouraged by them. I pity those members of the church that absent themselves from the Endeavor meetings. Their influence is against the cause they profess to love.

We have a mission band, and it is interesting to meet the children and hear them recite selections on missions and to see them coming forward with their ponies to help in the work of doing good to others. One of the mission band (Arthur Laslie) got a piece of ground from his grandfather, fifteen feet square, and planted it to raise mission potatoes, and he raised a barrel of large ones, doing all the work himself.

Would it not be well if some of us larger boys would follow the example?

WM. MURRAY.

SOUTHVILLE, N. S.

On the 18th of September I left Westport for Southville, a place I very much love to visit. The genial spirit of the brethren here always contribute to the happiness and encouragement of the preacher. They believe that the man who preaches needs encouragement, and they do the best they can. I shall never forget nor cease to love, and do all in my power to aid them. Our meetings were good, and very encouraging, well attended.

On the 22d, at 7 30 p. m., we met at the house of our lamented and beloved Bro. J. A. Gates. The purpose was a donation, the home had been the place of many happy gatherings of the kind and the brethren thought it would be the place most appropriate. We had a happy time indeed. About fifty of the brethren and sisters and friends were

present, and those who were not able to attend, sent in their tokens of love and respect. The music was furnished by Sister Nancy Wagoner of Riverdale, and Sister Minnie Wagoner of Woodville. Kind words of cheer were spoken by Sister J. A. Gates, Bro. George Wagner, Bro. Peter Wagoner, and Bro. Stephen Steele. In cash and other valuables the donations reached the handsome sum of \$62 00.

It is more blessed to give than to receive. God bless the liberal soul.

H. E. COOKE.

SUMMERVILLE, N. S.

Bro. William Murray is settled in Summerville for the winter. He is enjoying good health and is enjoying his work. He is having fine congregations; Sunday evenings the house is full.

The prospect is favorable for fine success during the winter. The cause in Queens County was never in a better condition for work and never with better prospects for success. Three churches, with two preachers, and all united.

H. MURRAY.

EVERETT, MASS.

We have a church located in Everett and one in Somerville, which are both in the suburbs of Boston. We have services at both of them each Lord's day—at Everett in the morning and at Somerville in the evening. At Everett we have Sunday-school from 10 to 11; Christian Endeavor, 11 to 12; preaching and partaking of the Lord's supper, 12 to 1. At Somerville the services are as follows: Sunday-school, 10 to 11 a. m.; Christian Endeavor, 6.30 to 7.30 p. m.; preaching, 7.40.

We have several members who have come from your part of the country here, and there may be several more that we do not know anything of which your paper will reach.

If there should be such, we should be very glad indeed to have them unite with us. The meeting in Everett is in Society Hall, on Broadway; in Somerville, it is on Broadway, near Cedar. All are invited.

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A MERITED REBUKE.

A gentlemen prominent in legal circles in Boston was recently riding in a train, and in the seat before him was a young and gayly dressed damsel. The car was pretty full, and presently an elderly woman entered, and finding no seat vacant but the one beside the young woman mentioned, sat down beside her. She was a decently dressed woman, but apparently of humble station, and she carried several clumsy bundles, which were evidently a serious annoyance to her seat-mate. The young woman made no effort to conceal her vexation, but in the most conspicuous manner showed the passengers around that she considered it an impertinent intrusion for the new-comer to presume to sit down beside her. In a few moments the old woman, depositing her packages upon the seat, went across the car to speak to an acquaintance she discovered on the opposite side of the aisle. The lawyer leaned forward to the offended young lady and courteously asked if she would change seats with him. A smile of gratified vanity showed how pleased she was to have attracted the notice of so distinguished looking a gentleman. "Oh, thank you ever so much," she said effusively, "I should like to, but it would be as bad for you as for me to sit beside such an old woman." "I beg your pardon," he responded with undiminished deference of manner, "it was not your comfort I was thinking of, but the old lady's."—*Boston Record*.