

pone the matter till she passed away, which she said would not be long from the way she felt. Then she expressed the wish that she had never been born. But the daughter was baptized. "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."

Preachers in large numbers are pledging themselves to do what they can to bring 100,000 souls to Christ this year. God gives the increase; but Paul must plant and Apollos water. The great command was "Go, make disciples of all nations." Our churches in these provinces should contribute their part of this number. But the preachers and especially the churches must be alive. There must be prayerful, thoughtful, earnest work. What a chorus of rejoicing, loud and long-continued, there will be among the angels in heaven if many thousands are won for Christ! What will you do to this end?

The Foreign Society has found a medical missionary for the Upper Congo country, Africa, to succeed the late H. N. Biddle. His name is Dr. R. J. Dye, of Ionia, Mich. He has been in New York for nearly four years, making special preparation for his work, and is one of the best equipped missionaries the Society has ever appointed. It is important that some one join E. E. Faris at Bolongi at once. Dr. Dye will sail early in January,

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET

Sister Riach, our missionary from Japan, delivered her lecture on the life and customs of the Japanese, and also illustrations by magic lantern on Friday evening, Dec. 2. On Lord's day afternoon she gave a very interesting talk to the Sunday-school children, and in the evening a talk on her work in Japan, to a large audience. She left for her home in Hamilton, Ont., on Monday afternoon by the C. P. R.

Bro. Howard Murray went home to spend Xmas, Bro. Wm. Murray supplying the pulpit on Lord's day (25).

One young lady made the good confession and was baptized last month.

Our young Bro. Laskey, who was taken so suddenly ill at our social meeting on Lord's day evening (11), we are glad to say is able to be out again.

Death has again removed from among us one of our faithful members. Sister Owen, after a short illness, on the 14th of December fell asleep in Jesus. In the provisions of her will she remembered the church and one of two aged sisters.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 6th of December, Bro. Stewart started for Winston, N. C., where he arrived safely.

We are glad to have Bro J Barry Allan with us through the holidays.

On Christmas eve some of our young sisters, accompanied by Bro. Wm. Murray, visited a number of families and made them glad by the distribution of their gifts. The givers and the receivers were made happy. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." W. A. B.

MAIN STREET.

The attendance at the services during the month has been rather smaller on account of the stormy weather, the outlook, however, is encouraging and as 1898 draws to a close we feel like praising our Heavenly Father for the way he has led us. "No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth

the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby," is as true of congregations as of individuals, and so we believe that even the hard places of 1898 will result in better work in 1899, and that Main Street will do its share in making the "Jubilee year" one of great joy and blessing.

The Presbyterians opened their new building on Douglas Avenue, Sunday Dec. 18, having received loving and substantial help from the other Presbyterian congregations. They are looking forward to an earnest and persevering work for the saving of men.

Is it strange that people should judge Christians by their fruits? No, for that is what our Saviour commanded his disciples. What conclusion must the religious and irreligious world arrive at in regard to our work at the North End? After all the tokens that God has given of his favor, we hesitate to "step out on his promises" and to "prove him." Would it be surprising if the seeker after truth came to the conclusion that the Presbyterian church was more godly, faithful and earnest than the Christian church? He sees them manifesting faith enough to rally to the help of their mission and build a house of worship. He sees the Church of Christ which professes to be the more Scriptural and to be trying to bring Apostolic Christianity before the people, content to let the Portland mission remain in a hall.

Bro. Frank Erb has returned from Fredericton for the Christmas vacation and is more than ever enthusiastic about his studies.

We have lost one of our earnest workers in the marriage of Sister Mary Hurd. She has gone to live at Houlton, Maine. The endeavorers sent her an expression of their love and good wishes, and several accompanied the newly married couple to the train. J. CHAS B. APPEL.

MASCARENE, N. B.

Bro Stevenson preached here a few times after closing his meetings at Back Bay and L'Etete, and as a result one young lady confessed her faith in Christ at his last meeting, and on Dec. 3rd, we buried her with her Lord in Christian baptism.

The little church in Mascarene has but twelve members, yet these never fail to meet on the Lord's day morning to exhort one another and remember their Lord in his appointments. In the afternoon an interesting Sunday-school is conducted all through the year, and on Thursday evening of each week a very interesting union C. E. Society meeting is held in the church. The members all appear to be deeply in earnest and the outlook promising. R. E. STEVENS.

BACK, BAY, N. B.

Our work here starts off nicely, at the Sunday evening services, especially, we have a fine attendance. Bro. Stevenson's two weeks of hard labor here is bearing fruit. On Tuesday, Dec. 6, we started a prayer meeting with about one hundred and fifty present and fifteen or twenty to take part in the services.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 4th, our organist, a superior young lady, confessed her Saviour and was immersed on the following Tuesday. Yesterday morning we had more to surround the Lord's table than at any time since our coming here. All the people here, as well as in L'Etete and Mascarene, show a disposition to support the work to an extent that exceeds our expectations in regard to their ability and willingness. And we now feel assured that if they, like the people of Nehemiah's time, "Have a mind to work" a good work can be done. For the present we are preaching here and in L'Etete once every Lord's day and twice a month at Mascarene. Our field is somewhat extensive and hard, but full of possibilities.

Pray for us that the Word of the Lord through us may have free course and be glorified

R. E. STEVENS.

LETETE, N. B.

Our meeting here with Bro. Stevenson, lasting only one week, which though not a success in the direction that we look for protracted meetings to be a success—additions—yet proved to be quite a success, we believe, in deepening the spiritual life of the church and interest in the work. Services are well attended. Sunday-school growing in

interest, mid week prayer meeting largely attended and participated in, and the outlook for aggressive work appears good.

Bro. Wentworth leaves us this week for a protracted stay over the line. This we all deeply regret. R. E. STEVENS.

CORNWALLIS, N. S.

From Newport, Hants Co., we went to Cornwallis Friday, Oct. 21st, and remained there over six Lord's days and every one was stormy or muddy enough to prevent a very large congregation. We succeeded in visiting all the families of the church or nearly all. We preached twice in Lakeville to fine congregations. We have six or seven disciples here in Lakeville who are earnest and true and who are looking forward hopefully for better times in their very pleasant community. We have no doubt that their hopes will be realized.

We found the brethren in Cornwallis, or the most of them, at least, willing and anxious for a forward movement in that beautiful valley. Little can be accomplished there in the winter as the church-house is so far from the people and the roads are so blocked with snow. It is expected that in the spring, when the roads are settled that the work will be renewed in good earnest. It is hoped that our tent will be available and meetings will be held in the different localities in that county. Let us plan great things and let our labor be as great as our plans and great things will follow. We are very grateful for the kindness we received, and are still receiving, from these brethren and friends. H. M.

WOODVILLE, N. S.

Our work religiously is much impeded on account of the unsettled state of the season. Yet we thank God for hope, friends and health. The sad tale of human woe that has come from the mighty deep reminds us that many a home circle has been sundered and many a sorrowing heart left to battle life alone. Our little community shares the sad consequences of the recent destruction to human life. We refer to the loss of Wayland Height, husband of Sister Daisy Height, daughter of Elder Peter Wagoner, of Riverdale. She is left with four little children to battle life without the aid of a kind and loving husband. But she has God, friends and home on her side to comfort in this severe and trying experience of her life. God has promised to protect the widows and the fatherless.

Not long since a goodly number of our friends united to make us happy and strong against the coming winter. Our home was well filled and an enjoyable season passed. They left us the better off with \$30 cash and cash value. We thank God for friends and fellowship.

We wish the readers of THE CHRISTIAN health, happiness and prosperity, and the compliments of the season. H. E. C.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

In Westport union Thanksgiving services were held. The morning service was held in the Christian church, Rev. C. E. Pinceo and writer giving an expression of thanks and prayer. In the evening the sermon was preached by the writer in the Baptist church. The two pastors take turns in preaching the Thanksgiving sermon.

We have been much pleased to have Bro. R. W. Stevenson with us in Tiverton for a few weeks. His sermons were very forceful and eloquent. They were very helpful to the members as well as to others. There were a number of additions, among them a leading business man of the place. The standing of the church among the people is better than it was, as a result of his preaching. The brother labored hard but found the people slow to act upon their convictions. He preached one sermon at E. Ferry. May the Lord bless him wherever he goes.

The members and friends of the church in Tiverton surprised their pastor Wednesday night, December 21, after meeting. They gathered at the home where he is stopping, Bro. John Clifford's. After a sociable time, Bro. Alpheus Handspiker made a presentation speech, presenting the writer with a neat Christmas present of money and sundries, amounting to \$24.30. After the writer thanked the people, Bro. Stevenson offered prayer. Such occasions are cheering to a pastor's heart.

J. W. B.