

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

Glad to know that Bro. R. Christie has about recovered from his severe illness.

On the 9th, at our Sunday-school missionary meeting, Miss Rising sang a beautiful solo.

On the 16th Bro Stewart drove out to Silver Falls in the afternoon and preached an encouraging sermon to the earnest band there. On the 23rd Bro. Stewart preached one of his best sermons on foreign missions as an introduction to our March collection.

At our young peoples' meeting on the 4th Bro. Fielden said good-bye to us in a most impressive speech. Bro. Stewart made a suitable reply. We sang "God be with you till we meet again." Bro. F. has been a great help to our meetings, and will now give the Halifax church the benefit of his speaking power. We wish him all blessings.

On the 2nd Bro. Stevenson and on the 23rd Bro. Stewart addressed full houses at the Y. M. C. A. meetings for men only. We have heard these addresses spoken of in the highest terms by those who have never heard our preachers before.

Both schools have held their anniversaries. They were successful in every way. The collections were: Coburg street, over \$24 00; Portland, over 17.00. The following are from the *Globe* and *Sun*:

"The Coburg Street Christian Church was crowded last night, the occasion being the anniversary of the Sunday-school. The pastor, Rev. H. W. Stewart, presided, and the following programme was carried out in a way that greatly pleased the audience; Song, by the school; recitations by Willie Gibson, Annie Bolton, Flo Flaglor, Gracie Johnson; song, by three little girls; recitation, by Alice Leonard; dialogue, seven girls; recitation, Maud Boyne; solo, Henry Dixon; recitations, Celia Causey, Belle Cameron; dialogue, three boys; solo, Gertie Stevenson; recitation, Winnie Colwell; solo, Miss Thomson; song, by the school; silver collection; song, by the school; recitation, Miss Mabel Boyne; solo, Mr. Geo Dishart; recitation, Jessie Armstrong; solo, Miss Thomson; recitation, Belle Wilson; reading Florrie Thomas; duet, Miss Frizzel and Mr. Henderson; reading, Mr. J. Barry Allan; song, by the school. At the close of the programme the school assembled in the school-room and partook of refreshments that had been bountifully provided."—*Globe*, 22nd

"The anniversary of the Main Street Christian Sunday-school was celebrated last night in Union Hall, north end, and was a most enjoyable occasion. The large room was crowded with people and the exercises were of an exceedingly interesting character. Early in the evening the scholars had supper in the basement. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Stevenson, was chairman at the entertainment, and the programme was as follows: Chorus, the school; recitation, Charles Gallop; recitation, Millie Berry; duet, Misses Hersey and Stevens; recitation, Bertie Roberts; recitation, Della Smith; solo, Clarence Kincade; recitation, Harry Paterson; recitation, Terresa Kelly; solo, Ethel Kincade; recitation, Nellie Dingee; chorus, seven little girls; recitation, Willard Bagnall; duet, Misses Gallop and Chase; recitation, Belle Wilson; recitation, Pearl Campbell; harmonica solo, Arthur Armstrong; recitation, Frankie Wilson; recitation, Harry Dickson; solo, J. B. Allan; recitation, Myrtle McBeath; reading, Proebe Odell; reading, Nellie Gallop; duet, Misses Chase and Evans; reading, Ethel Kincade; chorus, the school. A letter was read asking Miss Allie Wilson to give a reading, which this young lady did. Miss Wilson was largely instrumental in getting up the entertainment."—*Sun*, 11th.

MAIN STREET.

All will be pleased to know that Sister Leary is able to attend worship again.

Bro. Stevenson closed his meeting on the 5th. This meeting has been a great benefit to the cause, and the results in every way were beyond our expectations. Five were added this month—two by baptism, two by letter from Coburg street, and one who had been a member of the Duke street church. The outlook is good for others. Bro. Stevenson teaches a class for one hour before the prayer-meeting on Wednesdays. He takes up the next Sunday's lesson in particular, and the Bible in general. A great deal of interest is being shown, several having expressed a desire to contribute

towards building a place of worship. Arrangements will be made to receive large or small sums for this purpose.

On the 28th, Bro. Stevenson preached at Silver Falls. About forty went out, enjoying a pleasant drive and being greatly benefitted by his excellent sermon.

SILVER FALLS, N. B.

The Church here keeps up their regular meetings. They have the Sunday-school in the afternoon, followed by a devotional meeting and the Lord's Supper. They meet again in the evening for praise and prayer. They also have a prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening. On Sunday, February 16th, Bro. Stewart preached for them in the afternoon. Bro. Stevenson and a large number from St. John went out on February 28th. He preached an excellent sermon from John xvii. 3-4. The collection amounted to about \$5.00. W. A. B.

LETETE, N. B.

We have been trying to hold meetings under unfavorable circumstances—snowing, blowing, cold, and bad walking. Bro. Howard is with us, doing some hard work in visiting and preaching for two weeks; and notwithstanding the unfavorable circumstances and other discouragements, three have returned to the fellowship of the church, and two others have confessed the Saviour and been baptized. Others are interested and the church much encouraged.

One hindrance to the cause here, is the large number who have belonged to the church, but are not now walking in fellowship with it. But the young members are doing well.

The meeting will continue a few days longer, and we hope to see more return to the fold, and others turn to the Christ. May the Lord grant it. Pray for us. W. MURRAY.

TIVERTON, N. S.

We closed our meeting in Westport, for the present, with three baptisms, and after a few days of quiet, left for Tiverton, where we have been preaching every night and twice on Lord's day for a little over a week. It is too early in the meeting to speak confidently as to results. But judging from the attendance and interest manifested on the part of those who had become discouraged, and had grown cold, and we feel confident that from among these, of whom there are far too many, we shall see quite a number returning home to their Father's house. This is just now the one great need of this church.

Last Saturday afternoon we enjoyed one of the best social meetings it has been my privilege to attend in years. These are a warm-hearted people, and when their hearts are warmed with the love of God, they will stir the soul within you. But how much we miss those with whom we labored so long and loved so well, we have no words to express. Their voices still speak to us from their vacant seats, and the remembrance of their prayers and songs of praise still thrill our hearts, so that while they have passed from us they still live; and are remembered "by what they have done."

Before closing this brief note, I must tell the friends of our foreign mission work, that Mrs. Ford has assisted the sisters here in Tiverton to re-organize the Woman's Aid Society, and has also organized a very promising Children's Band. There were between twenty-five and thirty of the little ones at the first meeting, and they are full of the spirit of the work. This band will be under the care of Sister Kendrick Outhouse, who, we are sure, will do her part to make it a success. Sister Malinda Outhouse presides over the Woman's Aid Society, and will give it her best interest.

As soon as we are done with our meeting here, we are to return to Westport to cry and finish the meeting we were compelled to leave to do a much needed work here.

The meetings we held in Westport were well attended to the last, and we felt very sorry to close when we did, and would not have done so, but from the fact that, under all the circumstances, we felt it would be better to divide our time between the two churches as evenly as possible, and at the same time feeling assured that the brethren, after a few weeks' rest, and consideration, would take hold of the work with even a greater determination to increase than at our first meeting.

Our meeting was a good one, and we were all

thankful for the measure of success enjoyed; but it might have been better, and far more successful. We are trying to secure a good man to labor with these two churches. This is a good field for the right man. E. C. FORD.

HALIFAX, N. S.

Our special meetings commenced on the 17th inst. These meetings are attended with much interest, and although we cannot look for a large ingathering, yet they will do the church much good.

Mr. George Blenus, brother of our pastor, worshipped with us over two Lord's days. He is a good singer and a help to our meeting.

Bro. and Sister H. L. Wallace, who spent several months in Upper Canada and Boston, are back to stay. They speak very encouragingly of Bro. Edmunds and his work in Boston.

We are pleased to welcome Bro. Fielden to our number. Such earnest devoted men as he always find a welcoming hand among God's people. At the young people's meeting a few evenings ago, he spoke of the many pleasant associations connected with the St. John church, which to him had become as a Bethel.

A special foreign missionary service will be held on the evening of March 1st. The Sunday-school and mission band will participate in the exercises. An address will be given by the pastor, the church auditorium will be prettily decorated, and a collection will be taken for foreign missions.

Our new member, Capt Harty, was invited by Dr. Lathern, now holding an evangelistic meeting in Dartmouth, to give an account of his past experience and conversion. Bro. Harty is an earnest Christian.

At the "At Home" held in Masonic Hall on the 21st inst. by the local Union of Halifax and Dartmouth, a report was read which stated that there are now over 1,000 endeavorers in Halifax and Dartmouth, beside over 200 Junior. T. H. Blenus was elected President of the Local Union for Halifax and Dartmouth.

Bro. Clyde McDonald, who has been an attending physician at the Hospital for the Insane, has accepted the position as physician for cable steamer *Minia*. A. B. WALLACE.

NEW GLASGOW, P. E. I.

On the 29th of January about ninety persons met for a "donation visit" at the house of D. Crawford, New Glasgow. The tables were amply furnished with the best and attended to by the ladies. The evening was spent in agreeable conversation and with sacred music, vocal and instrumental. The offerings, both in money and needful articles, were excellent. All seemed especially pleased. Near midnight the meeting was called to order and a very kind address was read by Bro. Herbert Ling, which was replied to and prayer offered. Soon after the parties left for their respective homes. It was full moon, fine weather, and good roads, all conspiring to make it a very enjoyable time.

TIGNISH, P. E. I.

I have recently had the pleasure of visiting the good brethren at Tignish. Though the roads were heavy and the weather stormy, I had the opportunity of speaking in the commodious little chapel at Green Mount on five different occasions. Our congregations were good and seemed to enjoy the efforts put forth for the spread of the truth. I love to meet with the brethren here, for they always speak in a cheering way of the cause of the blessed Lord. Words of cheer to Christian workers gives them heart to stem the currents that are continually setting against them.

We had some encouraging meetings; one brother received the hand of welcome into church fellowship. We also had a business meeting, a thing much desired, for a more permanent organization. This was entered into in a true Christian spirit and the result most satisfactory. Bros. Silas Rayner and Jesse Baker were chosen elders; Bros. Archibald Haywood and Robert McRay, deacons; Bro. Archibald Haywood, church clerk; and Sister Silas Rayner, superintendent of the Sunday school.

I had not the pleasure of visiting as many of the brethren as I would have liked, as the roads were impassible. We will hold a meeting here as soon as the season permits. May the blessing of God attend all efforts, according to his will, for the upbuilding of the kingdom of his dear Son.

H. E. COOKE.