

and having learned the way of the Lord more perfectly, desired to be baptized according to her Lord's command.

Sunday, Nov. 27, a special afternoon meeting was held to hear Miss Mary Rioch's report of her work and experiences in Japan. The terrible gale precluded a large attendance, but those who braved the wind and snow were rewarded by an intensely interesting account of Japanese customs, etc. Miss Rioch has won the hearts of our members, and we believe that the missionary collections will bear eloquent testimony to her success in deepening the interest in work among the heathen.

Bro. Richard Bagnall, having secured a railway position in Mass., his wife and family have moved there.

Bro. Geo. Manifold preached at both services the last Sunday in the month, while the writer visited Charlottetown. The gale prevented our meeting many of the brethren and sisters which we regret, still this first visit to "the Island" was greatly enjoyed, and we pray that the faithful little band may not become weary in well-doing; for in due season they shall reap if they faint not.

Bro. Stewart is leaving St. John for a six months' vacation on account of his health. We will greatly miss his presence and help at our prayer-meetings, etc. His counsel has always proved valuable and his ready sympathy and kindness at especially trying periods of our work have greatly endeared him to us and will never be forgotten. We are hopeful that the rest and change will enable him to return to his work, and that for many years his consecrated labors may be spared.

J. CHAS. B. APPEL

NAUWIGEAU, N. B.

Bro. Wm. Mufray has been here over three Lord's days in November. On these evenings he preached in the hall and on some of the evenings during the week in private houses. On Lord's day mornings the Lord's Supper was partaken of in private houses.

A number of the young people appear to be interested, and it is hoped that some good may be accomplished among them.

It would be well if the brethren here could be gathered into a body and induced to keep up public worship.

LATER: Bro. Murray had four additions by confession and baptism. The brethren and sisters met and decided to hold services and observe the Lord's Supper on the Lord's day. Bros. Charles Wanamaker and Henry Hill were elected elders. The prospects for good work in this community in the future are good.

H. W. S.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

Sister Carrie Payson returned home looking none the worse for her trip with Sister Rioch. She rendered invaluable assistance in managing the tour.

On Monday afternoon, Nov. 14th, they reached Tiverton on the steamer "Westport" from Weymouth and South Range. They made their home at Sister Smith's. At 3 p. m., Tuesday, Sister Rioch gave the children an interesting talk on Japanese life and customs. The children were delighted with the curios. At 8:30 she addressed the women on woman's life in Japan. At night a public meeting was held, at which she gave an instructive address. She also sang in the Japanese language. The people of Tiverton were well pleased with the visit of the two sisters.

The next place they came to was Westport, where Sister Rioch was cared for in the home of our congenial elder, Bro. E. A. Payson. On Friday night she gave a description of Japanese life

with the aid of a stereopticon. This was given in the Hall with an admission fee. Sunday night she gave a public address to a crowded house. It was a very attentive audience. Monday afternoon the children and women were remembered by talks in the church. The addresses and songs of Miss Rioch were much appreciated. Our prayers are that God's blessing may rest upon the sister wherever she goes.

Westport was blessed in having two returned missionaries present at one time. Beside Sister Rioch, Rev. Bro. Churchill, Baptist missionary to the Telugus, was here and gave a public address. His description of the work among the Telugus in India was quite interesting.

The church in Tiverton is anxiously looking forward to the coming of our evangelist, Bro. R. W. Stevenson, during December. Pray for us that God's blessing may rest upon the meeting.

J. W. B.

HALIFAX, N. S.

Since our last report we have had to say goodbye to more of our brethren and friends, whom we shall very much miss. Bro. and Sister Carson have gone to Florida, Bro. A. B. Wallace, Bro. F. Stevens and Sister George Wallace have gone to Montreal, where Bro. Geo. Wallace had gone some months before. Bro. H. L. Wallace, and our faithful friend, S. Cormick, have gone to Mass., where our good Sister Cormick is spending the winter. The loss of so many prominent members out of a congregation already too small, will be seriously felt. But we are cheered by the presence of Bro. and Sister W. McEwen who have just come from Milton. Our good sister McEwen will likely be with us this winter, and we will find plenty of work for her willing hands to do. She was one of the most faithful workers when here in Halifax, and we are glad to have her with us again.

On the evening of the 10th inst, we had a very pleasant social in the meeting house. Though the night was stormy, quite a number of the friends got together and we enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The time passed in enjoyable conversation, some old fashioned singing, a few solos, and recitations and a pleasant tea. This social was simply to get the friends together socially that we might get better acquainted with those whom we had already met, and to form new acquaintances. Every one seemed to enjoy the evening.

We are now conducting a Bible class one evening in the week, the class being held from house to house. This will be both profitable and pleasant to all who can attend.

In view of the long and faithful service of Bro. Carson, the church made him a present of four volumes of Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown's Commentary, on the Lord's day before he left, with an address expressing appreciation of his faithfulness, and the regret of the brethren that he and Sister Carson found it necessary to leave the work in Halifax.

Notwithstanding all our discouragements we are yet hopeful. There are more new hearers in our congregations than at any time since we took up the work here. We shall do our best, and trust our God for the increase.

Bro. Josiah Wallace, of West Gore, worshipped with us last Lord's day. We are always glad to have brethren call and see us.

We have just purchased a new library for our Sunday-school, consisting of 123 volumes. We are making a strong effort to revive the interest in this department of our work.

E. C. FORD,

Willow Park, Nov. 24, 1898.

SOUTHVILLE, N. S.

The writer, accompanied by Bro. Geo. Cosman, visited the church at Kempt, Queens Co., and found the brethren ready to advance the kingdom of the Master. Our time was limited, and we

could not visit as many of the brethren as we wished. Elder Manley White is still living,—in his 91st year, with mind almost as strong and bright as ever. He is one of Christ's faithful witnesses.

Our concert at the church at Southville was a decided success—pronounced so by all who heard it. We are delighted with the good material we have to work with and the talent and tact manifested in those who took part.

Our work here is gaining impetus daily, and we pray for the blessing of God to continue.

H. E. C.

EAST POINT, P. E. I.

I spent two very pleasant weeks with the brethren at this place during my last visit. On account of the rain and mud we did not meet on Sunday morning, but in the afternoon we had a good meeting.

During the week I visited among the members at North Lake, and preached in the union church on Tuesday night. We had a beautiful night and a large attendance. The people are very congenial and hospitable.

The latter part of the week I spent in visiting among the brethren at West River, and had some pleasant chats around the old family fireside. I find that visiting among the people is very essential to successful work.

The following Sunday the weather was delightful, and our meetings were well attended. The singing was good, and we all enjoyed it. Although the people live a long distance from the meeting-house, and the roads at this season of the year are generally very bad, yet we have everything to encourage us, and feel that the Lord is blessing our efforts.

A. N. S.

CROSS ROADS, LOT 48, P. E. I.

The autumn winds are sighing and "nature in her various forms" is robbed of all her beauty, and impatiently is waiting to be clad in robes of snowy whiteness. This transition period, or perhaps it might be termed the period of expectancy, is one which determines the standard of religious sentiment, especially in country districts, better than some doctors can determine the symptoms of disease by placing a thermometer under the tongue.

It is my happy privilege to report, at this writing, that, although the roads were ankle deep in mud and rain falling, our morning meeting was well attended, and at night we had a larger attendance than in the morning.

Perhaps it would be interesting for some of our readers to know how many people there are in this community who have gone beyond the allotted "three score years and ten." There are eleven people living here, within a few miles of each other, whose combined ages make a total of 895 years, and make an average of 81.4. Their names and ages are as follows: Mrs. Duncan McCallum, 89, Mr. Duncan McGregor, 89, Mr. Robert Boyer, 89, Miss Harriet Farquharson, 83, Mrs. John McGregor, 81, and her husband, Mr. John McGregor, 79, Mrs. Chas. Stewart, 78, Mrs. John Farquharson, 77, Mr. Stephen Farquharson, 76, and his wife, Mrs. Stephen Farquharson, 76, and Mrs. John McGregor, sr., 76. All of these people are members of the Christian church and all of them have attended meeting during the summer, with the exception of four, and three of them attend meeting almost regularly, and one, Miss Harriet Farquharson, attended meeting last Sunday night, although her home is some distance from the meeting-house, and notwithstanding she is in her eighty-third year.

These people who have grown up with the church and the country understand the difficulties through which both have emerged, and are living witnesses to the triumphs of primitive Christianity. Their lives are monuments of goodness, and memory's jewelled casket will ever be adorned with their untarnished names. On the river's brink they are now peacefully waiting until the silent boatman shall come and bear them safely over to the other shore, where amidst the mirth and music of heavenly symphonies they shall be carried on angels' wings into "that city whose builder and maker is God."

Let us who are younger in years endeavor to imitate their example, so that when the finger of God shall touch us we shall fall asleep in Jesus, and in the resurrection morn be privileged to awake in his likeness.

A. N. S.