

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. D.

Bro. Bowers, M. P., worshipped with us on Lord's day, April 2nd. He was on his way home from Ottawa.

Bro. Wm. Gates made a short visit to his home in Southville and passed through St. John for northern New Brunswick, where he will do business during the summer.

Again we are called on to mourn the loss of another from our communion, Bro. Robert Cunningham, who died on April 7th. He was of a modest, retiring disposition. Although never speaking in our meetings, no one enjoyed them more, and no one was more interested in the success of the cause than he.

The attendance at the last Mission Band was good and the collection the largest ever taken.

The following were elected officers of the Endeavor Society for the next six months: President, J. W. Barnes; Vice-president, Emma Christie; Treasurer, C. H. Leonard; Secretary, ———.

The following is the report of our society's work for the year, which was read at the Union meeting by Sister H. M. Clark. It was considered one of the best, if not the best, report of work that was given:

ST. JOHN, N. B., 10th April, 1893.

To the Local Union of Christian Endeavor:

The Y. P. S. C. E. of Coburg Street Christian Church beg to submit the following report:

Our membership now is 36 active, 24 associate and 1 honorary, making a total of 61. We regret to say that we have lost quite a large number of active workers by removal from the city. We have eight committees working, viz., Lookout, Prayer-meeting, Sunday-school, Social, Sick-visiting, Missionary, Calling and Tract. We hold our consecration meetings the first Tuesday in each month, and each committee is expected to read a written report of the month's work. The reports for the year are as follows:

The Lookout Committee has been bringing in new members to the society, and since April, 1892, has secured thirty-four active, and eight associate members—five of these having changed from associate to active membership. They also secured promises from members who have removed from the city to send a verse or verses of scripture, or a short note expressing renewed consecration, to our monthly consecration meetings. Several have done this, and it serves as a connecting link between our absent members and ourselves, keeping one another in touch with the work here and elsewhere.

The Sunday-school Committee has secured forty-one new scholars in the past year. They have introduced the temperance pledge into the Sunday-school, and the chairman of this committee gives occasional black-board lessons on temperance to the children of the Sunday-school. Aided by the Missionary Committee they opened a Mission Sunday-school over in the North End. It was opened in January with an enrolment of forty-two, which has now increased to sixty-two.

The Prayer-meeting Committee has done the usual work of appointing the leaders for each meeting, and during our protracted meetings tried to assist our pastor in his work, and held three special meetings of prayer for the success of the work.

The Social Committee welcomes all strangers to our meetings, and has held one social.

The Calling and Sick-visiting Committees have made 296 visits, besides twelve to the hospital. They have written several letters for the sick, distributed clothing, delicacies and medicine, and find their work a labor of love, remembering the words of our Saviour, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these, ye did it unto Me."

The Missionary Committee assisted in bringing a returned missionary here, who gave us some very interesting and practical addresses on our mission work in India. Six months ago they started holding monthly missionary concerts on Sunday afternoons after the close of the Sunday-school, at which a collection is taken up and sent to Japan for the support of our missionary there. The collections in the six months have amounted to \$21 57, and the interest in foreign missions, awakened among the children, is rapidly increasing. They

have also received several letters from one of our foreign mission fields, and have forwarded copies of those letters to other mission bands in the Maritime Provinces.

The Tract Committee has distributed three thousand tracts, and collect our Sunday-school papers after we have read them, and send them to those who cannot procure such literature. They also bought one hundred new Bibles and presented them to the church, to be left in the pews.

Our society has remitted \$5 00 to the Secretary at Montreal to go towards the expenses of the coming convention.

Last October some of the young ladies organized a class for Bible study, which has been meeting on Saturday afternoons at the home of one of our members. Shortly afterwards a number of the young men, being unable to meet with us on Saturdays, organized another, which meets Sunday afternoons after the close of the Sunday-school. The course we are now studying is the "Life of Christ." It takes one year, and is conducted on the Chautauqua plan, under the direction of W. R. Harper, of the Bible Study Publishing Company. As our motto is "For Christ and the church," we would learn more of the life and teachings of our great Leader, that we may become better qualified to carry on His work for the advancement of His church here on earth, and it is only by more intimate knowledge with our guide-book—the Bible—that we can accomplish this result. We cannot too highly recommend this course of study to all Christian Endeavor Societies.

We heartily wish increased success to every Christian Endeavor Society represented here to-day, and wish to still further fulfil our motto, "For Christ and the church."

Submitted in Christian Endeavor,

MISS H. M. CLARK,
Secretary, pro tem

As will be seen from the following, Bro. Stewart has been honored by being made president of our Local Union. We know he deserves it, and that he will give it his earnest attention and wise counsel, and that success will attend the Union under his leadership. This is a proof to us that others as well as our own people appreciate him.

The annual meeting of the St. John local union of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held in the school-room of the Centenary church yesterday afternoon and evening, the President, J. T. Purdon, in the chair.

After devotional exercises the reports of the different societies were submitted, showing the number of members to be as follows:

	Active.	Associate.	Honorary.
Germans Street Baptist,	68	16	..
St John Presbyterian,	44	19	..
Union Street Congregational, 34	17
Coburg St. Christian Church, 56	24	1	..
Reformed Presbyterian,	18	11	2
Carleton Presbyterian,	12	18	7
" Methodist,	22	18	14
Exmouth Street Methodist, 60	7	8	..
Centenary Methodist,	36	56	5
Carmarthen Street Methodist, 28	8
Carleton F. C. B.,	33	51	3
Carleton Baptist,	29	44	..
St. John Presbyterian, Jr.,	15
Totals,	460	289	40

The Treasurer's report was next read. It showed the receipts of the past year to be \$44 22, and the expenditure \$32 76, leaving a balance of \$11 46.

There are thirteen societies in the city, two of which failed to report at the afternoon session. All those which did report spoke very encouragingly of the work being done by their respective societies. The various committees are doing very efficient work. The Sunday-school Committee has done special work in nearly all of the societies. Quite a number have been added to the church, and altogether the outlook is very encouraging. The increase during the past year is 240 active, 152 associate and 37 honorary members.

The evening meeting opened at eight o'clock and was very largely attended, every chair in the large school-room being filled. After devotional exercises the Secretary was requested to again read his report.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: H. W. Stewart, President; W. O. Slipp and Geo. Henderson, Vice-presidents; Charles J. Morrison, Secretary; D. Hunt, Treasurer.

Rev. Geo. Steel moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to the retiring officers—carried unanimously.

Mr. Purdon replied, thanking the meeting, and assuring it that his interest would be no less now, that he was not the presiding officer.

The society has one more officer this year than formerly, having elected two vice-presidents instead of only one as in former years.

The topic which engaged the attention of the meeting after the disposal of business was, "Our Deliverer in the Time of Trouble." Many persons took part, including the President, H. W. Stewart, Rev. G. M. Campbell, Rev. George Steele, and several others.

The consecration meeting which followed was conducted by Rev. Mr. Young, who made an appropriate address in reference to Christian endeavor work and the great necessity of more concentrated effort on the part of the members of the society.—*St. John Sun, April 11th, 1893.*

We enjoyed a short visit from Brother and Sister Ford on their way home from Lord's Cove. They attended our Young People's meeting on the 18th, at the close of which a lady made the good confession and was baptized on the 23rd.

LEONARDVILLE, N. B.

The brethren here are still endeavoring to keep up its spiritual interest. The meetings are very well attended, and more taking part than formerly.

The young people have a social meeting before preaching Lord's day evening and is doing us good.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle, Thursday evenings, is to work to raise means to repair the meeting-house. Wednesday evenings the young people meet to improve their singing. Thursday evening our prayer and social meeting. And last, but not least, is Sister L. Leonard's band of little workers that meet Friday evenings at Bro. G. Leonard's. They make very useful articles and then take them to the neighbors and sell them. They are working for our foreign mission, the only mission work that is done here, sorry to say.

We hope for better things. One baptism here since last report.

W. MURRAY.

SOUTHVILLE, N. S.

Bro. Wm. Gates reports that the church in Southville, although without a preacher, is doing good work. They attend to the Lord's Supper every Lord's day, maintain two Sunday-schools and have three prayer-meetings each week. We are glad to hear this, and will add that one of the sisters there gave a larger sum than any other individual for home missions this year, also the church has given quite a sum to it. This shows their deep interest in the cause, and such a church will be blessed.

HANTS CO., N. S.

The writing of my notes for this month is a short work, although if I had to write them while passing over this abominable road, I might, and no doubt would, find it more than tedious. My health is not what I desire, I am run down and will have to rest for a time and try, by the blessing of the Father on high, to build up again. I filled my appointments till the 2nd inst, when after speaking fifteen minutes I gave up.

On Monday, 3rd inst., I drove to Elmsdale, twelve miles, where I met Bro. H. Murray from Halifax full of the matter, and he filled my appointments to the satisfaction of the fine audience gathered to my perfect satisfaction, and I think he felt pretty well over the matter himself. On Tuesday, although the day was unpleasant, we drove around and saw the brethren of some of the friends. In the evening the weather and roads combined against us, and for all we had quite a gathering, some walking one and a half miles to hear him.

Everything appears favorable for an ingathering here later on. Thursday I returned home to the Gore, where I found a message from Bro. John Anthony, to be with them in their deep sorrow of sadness. On Sunday I drove down to Newport, and as far as my health would allow, spoke words of comfort and consolation to the family and