

Stevens was in time past the pastor of the Third Presbyterian church.

"Since these gentlemen have become interested in 'full salvation lines' they have changed their views on the subject of baptism. A few weeks ago, on a Sabbath afternoon, accompanied by about fifteen members of the Gospel Tabernacle, they assembled in the Temple Street Christian church. After a brief preliminary service, the two ministers descended into the baptistry, and each in turn immersed the other. The pastors then immersed the other members of their flock who were present.

"Rev. Messrs. Stevens and Hervey do not require immersion on the part of all who unite with the Gospel Tabernacle congregation, but recommend it to all who seek their advice." *J. H. Rosecrans in the Christian Courier.*

It is a little strange those Presbyterian brethren did not get some baptized person to administer the ordinance for them. There is nothing strange in their dissatisfaction with sprinkling and pouring and their desire to submit to the baptism commanded by Christ. In the year 1639, Roger Williams and Ezeiel Halliman repudiated affusion and baptized each other, and thus the Baptist church began in America. Are such baptisms valid? If not, why not? If a person should find it necessary to baptize himself, would it not be valid? The Lord knows, and I think it would! —*Church Mirror.*

THE LORD'S DAY.

The Saviour said, while on earth; "The Sabbath was made for man." Was it made for all men of all nations? By no means. There is not one monosyllable or letter in all the Bible that says the Sabbath was made for any other people besides the Jews, the statement of D. D.'s and college professors to the contrary notwithstanding. Was the manna given to any others? Were any others sheltered by the blood of the passover? Were any others circumcised until they became Jews by proselytism? No.

These, together with the Sabbath, belong strictly to the Jewish economy or dispensation, and were but shadows of good things to come, all of which good things were found in all their fullness in Christ.

To those who contend that the Sabbath was given for all people, I will submit a general proposition, viz: you must take the Sabbath as given by Moses, with its death penalty, or not at all. The penalty, which was death, has never been removed, if so, give the record.

Again: all this cant about works of necessity and mercy is a miserable subterfuge of the devil, concocted by him to ease the consciences of wicked men, while they engage in their sacrilegious practices on the Lord's day.

How this elastic doctrine will stretch! Already it embraces in its arms of necessity and mercy all the furnaces, railroads, dummy lines, street railways, beer gardens, tobacco and news stands, Sunday sacred (?) concerts, and such like, and the arms are still growing.

What became of the Jewish Sabbath? I will reply by asking what became of the passover, the Levitical priesthood, circumcision, the morning and evening sacrifices? They had their perfect and complete fulfillment in Christ, their antitype. See Matt. v. 17; Gal. iii. 24; Rom. x. 4; John xix. 28-30.

Jesus having finished His work on earth, spent the last Sabbath of the old dispensation in the tomb. He arose from the dead on the first day of the week and began from that hour a new dispensation. See Matt. xxviii. 1-6; Mark xvi. 1-3; Luke xxiv. 1, and John xx. 1-19. For over 1,300 years the followers of Jesus have pretended to ob-

serve the first day of the week, not in commemoration of God's finished work in creation, nor of Israel's exodus from Egypt, but in commemoration of Christ's resurrection after having finished redemption's work.

But you ask: "Is not the Lord's day a day of rest?" No; it is a day of work for Christ, and a thousand fold more sacred than the Jewish Sabbath. On it we are to lay aside everything of our own and give the entire day to His service, endeavoring to advance His interest, allowing nothing to interfere.

How much better is the Lord's day than the Jewish Sabbath? As much as the gospel dispensation is better than the Mosaic; as much as the precious blood of Jesus is superior to the blood of a bullock; as much better as redemption is beyond creation. How do you spend this blessed Lord's day? This is the test of a genuine Christian character. Concerning the Lord's day, or the first day of the week, see John xx. 1, 19, 26; Acts xx. 7; 1 Cor., xiv. 2; Rev. i. 10.—*Herald.*

News of the Churches.

St. JOHN, N. B.

Many of the delegates who were attending the Christian Endeavor Society Convention came to our services on the first Lord's day in August. Among them were several preachers. Bro. Stewart's evening sermon was on "Rightly dividing the word of truth," and we think they heard something new and edifying; and they ought to better understand how to read God's word.

Bro. H. Murray attended our prayer-meeting on the 4th. He went to Milton on the following day. He spoke hopefully of Bro. Stevens' work in Charlotte County.

Bro. J. Munroe, of Toronto, Ont., made us a short visit, and on Sunday morning of the 7th preached a good sermon from the text "Come unto Me all ye that labor," etc., etc. We enjoyed his visit very much and we expect he will be with us during the Annual.

Our Mission Band this month had one of its largest collections and one of its most interesting meetings. Bro. Munroe and Sister Lamont being especially instructive and entertaining. Our Sunday-school took up its largest collection for Home Missions—\$20—a fitting way to close the year.

Nearly all who have been out of the city have returned; our audiences are larger and our meetings more interesting.

The "Willing Workers" have presented the church with a handsome silver communion set.

The "Ladies Sewing Circle" have put three new chairs on the pulpit platform. The chairs are handsome and ornamental. These presents speak well of the taste and judgment and good will of the donors.

Bro. Wm. Gates has arrived and will be here until after the Annual.

The church is preparing for the Annual. We expect one of the largest and best we have ever had. We believe that all who attend will be blessed and will go home determined by the help of the Lord to be more faithful to His cause than ever.

LORD'S COVE, DRER ISLAND.

One addition by obedience.

CORNWALLIS, N. S.

Since my last report from here, we have had one confession and baptism. We confidently look for others.

The young people's meeting held on Lord's day evenings, is still well attended, and very interesting. Our young people are growing in knowledge, in confidence, and usefulness. Such a meeting carried on in any of our churches would help the work wonderfully.

Our Sunday-school held their picnic at Cold Brook last week. The day was fine, the attendance large, and every one went home feeling happy because of a very enjoyable day spent thus on those pleasant picnic grounds.

A few of our friends here, are hoping to be able to attend our annual. Let us all try to make this one of the most profitable meetings we have yet held. Let us all come up in the Spirit of Christ, praying for wisdom to guide us in all our efforts to advance the interest of the kingdom in these provinces. E. C. F.

MONTAGUE, P. E. I.

Bro. Weaver reports two additions at this point, and one at East Point.

Died.

NELSON.—At Newport, N. S., Aug. 7, Sarah A. wife of Bro. Thomas Nelson, aged 60 years. The deceased was the daughter of the late John Kilcup, one of the first members of the West Gore church. She was twice married, and leaves five daughters by her first marriage. When young she obeyed the gospel, and though living much of her life where she could not meet with the church of her choice, yet she lived a true Christian life. Her end was peace. May God comfort the bereaved. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." —H. WALLACE.

CURRY.—At his home in Back Bay, Bro. Wallace Curry departed this life July 23th. Deceased was the youngest son of Hugh and Abigail Curry, and was scarce twenty years of age. He died trusting in the Saviour whom he had learned to love and serve, having been baptized into Christ by Bro. Gates during one of his visits here about a year and a half ago. After this it seemed to be his earnest desire to "tell others the story," for we are informed that he appointed meetings at different times and preached to the people as best he could. During his sickness it was my privilege to visit and talk with him, and his conversation always centered in God's goodness and boundless love. He had been a sufferer for two or three years, and is, we trust, better off.—R. E. STEVENS.

HANLEY.—"One by one they cross the river." Yesterday we followed to its last resting place the body of Mary, beloved wife of James Hanley, who died at her home in Back Bay August 8th, having only reached her 39th year. She died trusting in the Saviour whose service she entered some nine years ago. Our sister had been married about seventeen years, in which time four children had been born to her, three of whom had preceded her to the other shore. After about nine weeks of severe suffering the faithful wife and mother passed away, leaving her husband and one little daughter eleven years of age to mourn their irreparable loss.—R. E. STEVENS.

REID.—At Port Williams, Kings Co., N. S., August 2nd, Sarah G., the beloved wife of Bro. William Reid, departed this life in the 79th year of her age. Thus another aged servant of the Lord has passed from this earth life into that rest that remains for the people of God. From her youth Sister Reid has been a Christian, and her long life has been lived in the fear and in the love of God. Her mind was well stored with the Word of the Lord, which she had made her constant companion. She delighted in all that pertained to the worship of God, and went down to her death "knowing whom she had believed, and that He was able to keep that which she had committed to Him against that day." Her sickness was long and painful, and death came as a great relief; and her aged husband and children who mourn a faithful wife and kind mother, sorrow not as those who have no hope, knowing that it can be truly said of her whom they all loved, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."—E. C. F.

STEVENSON.—Bro. John Stevenson, of New Glasgow, P. E. I., died suddenly and with but little suffering on the 22nd of July, in his 87th year. He was on a visit at Bro. John Houston's, an intimate friend, and there he died. Bro. Stevenson was the second son of Elder John Stevenson, who came from Paisley, Scotland, with his family in the brig "Alexander," landing at Rustico in May, 1820, and settled at New Glasgow. In this new settlement Elder Stevenson began teaching Sunday-school, then holding prayer-meetings and instructing his family and neighbors in the plain teachings of the "One Book." His intelligent children one by one and some others embraced the truth, and thus originated the Church of Christ at New Glasgow. John was among the first to be baptized, and by grace remained a faithful member till his death. He was an elder of the church for over forty years. His talents as a speaker and his intimate acquaintance with the Old and New Testament made him an acceptable preacher. He was a good singer, and nearly always, till the last week of his life, ready to lead when occasion required it. He took great delight in that part of the worship. Some of his favorite songs were: "Nearer, My God, to Thee," etc.; "Jesus, I Love Thy Charming Name," etc.; "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," etc.; and "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord." But his strong, clear voice we will hear no more on earth. May we, by God's grace, so live as to meet in the land of song. Our brother will be greatly missed in the church and out of it. D. C.