

But soon even that will be omitted. Pity the church and pity the world that is fed on the new things of to-day—man's speculations and guesses. Why not leave these things where they belong? They will never save the world. Let them be true or let them be false, they will do no good, and are liable to do irreparable injury to those infatuated with them. If true we cannot prove them false, if false we cannot prove them true, they stand in no vital relation to our duty, except to interfere with its performance. The old gospel should be good enough for us. Go, preach it.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

The first Sunday in July we had Bro. H. Minnick of Lubec, preach for us on "Jesus only," and "Lessons from the Book of Esther." On Tuesday evening he attended our young peoples' prayer meeting, and gave some good advice on how to use our beloved preacher so as to encourage him in his work and make him strong in the Master's service.

Bro. Stewart preached for the Lubec churches on the same day, and if he did as much good to them as Bro. Minnick did to us, the change was a wise one. Bro. M. increased his popularity here if it was possible for him to do so.

Bro. Stewart went to P. E. Island on the 5th of July and returned on the 31st.

The second Sunday we were without a preacher. In the morning we had a social meeting before the Lord's Supper, which was attended by a large number; among whom we were glad to meet again our aged sisters Hewitt from Ohio, and Garraty from California. They could not keep back their tears of joy as they met and talked with us over the days that are gone. We younger ones were deeply impressed by the affectionate way they greeted us and showed their love for their brothers and sisters in the Lord. In the evening Brothers W. A. Barnes and Boyne spoke to us words of warning and encouragement. On the third Sunday, Bro. A. McLean, Secretary of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, preached two of his characteristic sermons on Missions. I wish I could give some of the strong points he made in favor of sending the gospel to every creature. We wish him God speed in the arduous work he is engaged in. It needs a man fully consecrated in body, soul and spirit, to rouse the Disciples of Christ up to the work of bringing the world to Christ. Bro. McLean is the man to do it, as his soul is on fire with the foreign work, and we can lovingly overlook his peculiarities when he is carried away with the plea that is engrossing his mind. May he have power to go on until our 6,000 churches are contributing to send the gospel to every nation, kindred, tribe, and tongue. On the fourth Sunday, we had Bro. McLeod, of Evansville, Ind. He is another Islander who is doing a good work in the United States. His sermon on the "Common Faith" was a new way of forcibly presenting the plea of the Disciples of Christ, and must have brought conviction to the many strangers who were present. We enjoyed his visit very much indeed. The fifth Sunday Bro. O. B. Emery, who was again called here on a sad errand, preached two of his best sermons for us. His morning remarks in regard to the changes in and the prospects of the church, were words fitly spoken, and touched every heart. His evening sermon was on "conversion, or turning," in which he fully explained what it meant in the Bible, and showed that this question is misunderstood by many. We wish they could have heard him, they would no longer have an excuse in not turning to the Lord. We are glad to see that Bro. Emery's natural force is not abating.

At the close of the month we are called on to mourn the loss of one of the best friends that the Coburg Street Church ever had—Bro. R. R. Barnes. He was always ready to help the cause. He thoroughly understood our position, and was able to present it with clearness to those who would talk with him on such a subject. Our city loses one of its best men, who when he was an Alderman saved thousands of dollars by his wise management of the department he had charge of. The family loses one of its most affectionate members—the needy a willing helper. Bro. Stewart conducted the funeral services, which were largely attended.

Who has not seen a child with tear-stained face, throbbing breast, and almost broken heart, feeling sad and lonely, coming to its parent for help. Its sorrow caused by its plans being upset, its desires unsatisfied, and its playmates leaving it alone. The parent, with tender sympathy, comforts it with loving look, gentle caress, and soothing words. Tells about happy times, of better plans. How its desires may be fulfilled, and of other kind playmates with whom they will meet and be happy. Thus the child is made glad again. So may he who has seen some of his plans fail, his desires unattained, his relatives passing away and leaving him alone, turn to his Heavenly Parent who will soothe his sorrows, give him better plans to work out, holier desires that shall be abundantly fulfilled, raise up others near and dear with whom he can hold sweet counsel, and carry out his life's work even better than he ever dreamed of, making his last days peaceful and happy. So will it be with him who has trusted in that tender loving Father "who doeth all things well."

HANTS COUNTY, N. S.

In my last I think I told you there were three added to Newport church. Since then four more have been added. There have also been three additions to Shubenacadie church. From private sources I learn that the annual on P. E. Island was about as usual. I hear that next year it is to be in Charlottetown; this is something new and I think a move in the right direction. We want a good strong church built up in that place, and it seems to me that all the churches on the Island should combine and make a mission point of Charlottetown and help the brethren there to hold up our plea. I shall live in the hope of attending the annual at Charlottetown.

The farmers are now very busy at the hay, and the sharp click of the mowers is heard in every direction. "Make hay while the sun shines" is the order of the day. The crop is a splendid one and we all feel good over it. We have had strawberries in abundance; our division of the S. of T. had a festival and we spent a very pleasant evening. I wish I had time to tell you all about it. We are planning a picnic for Sunday-school and Mission band. But I know you are all anxiously waiting to hear about our county meeting. Well, our first meeting was on Saturday evening, and we had a good meeting; two made the good confession. On Sunday morning, 9 a. m., we had our Sunday-school, at 10:30 preaching from Luke 13:29. The house was packed to the door, and notwithstanding that spare seats were placed in the aisles some had to remain outside. At the close of the sermon we all gathered around the table of the Lord. At 3 p. m. another large gathering. Bro. Eason McDougall led a half hour's prayer and praise meeting; Bro. John McDougall then gave us an address on "The relation of the Sunday-school to the church." He compared the church to a tree and the Sunday-schools and kindred organizations were its branches, he thought it was not wise to have too many branches or it might destroy the trunk and cover it up out of sight, still a tree could not live without branches.

Sister Tillie Stevens of Newport, came next with an address on the "The young people in their relation to church work." This address showed much earnestness in its preparation, dealing largely with the young people of the past and comparing them with those of the present. Formerly young people were simply to be good, now they were good for something; and now that the young people had got to work we might expect to see a great work, for the young can help the old a great deal.

Next came an address on "missions" by Sister Mary McDonald. This address bristled with facts and figures showing the grand work that had been done and was still doing. The point was raised "What is the difference between Home and Foreign Missions anyway?" What had we been doing in this line? Christ came as a missionary to this earth of ours, he now sends us to others.

Bro. A. L. Wallace, of Shubenacadie, came next with an address on "our plea." A return to primitive Christianity and the union of all God's people was what we were striving for and the only basis for this was on the Bible and the Bible alone. We had a grand object before us and 'twas hoped that we might gather enthusiasm from this meeting to carry on our work.

The afternoon was enjoyed by everybody. The addresses were all good and worthy a place in the columns of THE CHRISTIAN. I think it a good plan to bring our young men and women to the front. I have sometimes thought, by the way some of the older ones talked that it was a crime to be young and enthusiastic. I think otherwise.

After this meeting we attended to the ordinance of baptism, three persons going down into the emblematic tomb. In the evening we had another sermon by the same preacher as we could not get any other, Rom. 8:14-17 was the part chosen for a subject.

The next morning we met at 9:30 for business. The meeting was harmonious and profitable. Improvements in methods of work. Missionary enterprise. The building of a new parsonage at West Gore, and such like were all talked over and many valuable discussions made.

I forgot to mention that the writer of these notes was chairman, and Bro. D. McDougall secretary of this meeting. We hope for good results from this county meeting. We had Bro. Wm. McNab and Sister Carruthers from River John with us, and we hope they will come again. We had good weather, and I do not think I ever saw a happier company of people; and to sum it all up our Hants Co. meeting was a grand success in every way. We adjourned to meet on the last Saturday in June 1895 (D. V.) I plan to spend part of August on P. E. Island.

There were several names omitted from the list in connection with the Nine Mile River house. I will give them next time. W. H. HARDING.
West Gore, Hants Co., N. S.

LETELE, N. B.

The good work still goes on in this place. Bro. Leonard finds time to run over here from Leonardville every week and preach. He had one confession on last Friday. Many more are almost persuaded. Faithful work here will show good results. This is but the first fruits.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

The association which was held here will be reported in this issue of THE CHRISTIAN. Bro. Stewart preached for a few evenings after the meeting, and Bro. McLeod continued the meetings over the Lord's day.

A Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been formed with sixteen members and the following officers: President, Bro. Geo. Jeffrey; Vice-president, Sister Catherine Beattie; Secretary,