

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

Bro. Frank Erb, a member of the University Sophomore class, at Fredericton, N. B., has been awarded the Asa Dow Scholarship by the trustees of the Fund, Col. Vince and Judge Vanwart. The Scholarship is of the annual value of \$50 and is tenable for three years.

Bro. Wm. Murray attended the Young People's Meeting on Tuesday evening, 14th.

Bro. J. Barry Allan will assist Bro. K. W. Stevenson in a special meeting to be held at Pictou, N. S., commencing on the 11th of January, 1898.

Bro. H. W. Stewart left by the I. C. R. on Monday morning, Dec. 27, for Pictou, where he will assist in an important event, particulars of will be found in another column.

Sister Mary Knott Wilson, mother of Sister George F. Barnes, passed away on Dec. 14th, at the age of 78. She was one of the first members of the church when it was organized in this city January, 1835. W. A. B.

MAIN STREET.

Bro. Appel has been engaged as pastor for another year.

Bro. Wm. Murray was at our prayer meeting on Wednesday evening, Dec. 15th, and gave us a very interesting talk.

The Ladies' and Junior Aid Societies held a Christmas sale of fancy and useful articles on the 16th and 17th of December. The proceeds are for the building fund.

At our Lord's day evening service (12th), Bro. Barry Allan sang a solo, "Saved by Grace." N. W.

SILVER FALLS, N. B.

Bro. Wm. Murray spent Lord's day, Dec. 12th, with the church at Silver Falls and started for Charlotte Co. Dec. 16th. O. B. S.

NAUWIGEWAWK, N. B.

Bro. Wm. Murray spent about three weeks in Nauwigewauk and vicinity during November and December. He got the brethren to meet Lord's day and observe the Lord's Supper, held meetings in different localities during week day evenings, and we have reason to believe greatly strengthened the members. O. B. S.

KEMPT, N. S.

On September 26th Bro. F. C. Ford commenced his work here where he will labor half the time, every alternate month. Bro. H. Murray was with us in a week's meeting at New Grafton the last week in October. Not having had a sermon preached by one of our own preachers for over a year, would be against any special interest being aroused at the time; but we believe there was much good done, and are expecting to realize it in the near future.

Bro. Ford is full of life, and is fast working into the hearts of the people, and his labor here will result in great good.

At the close of this year the people are making greater efforts to do more for the cause in the future than they have in the past. I. C. C.

MILTON, N. S.

Our work here is still encouraging and full of hope. Every department of church work, but the preaching, is improving. The new recruits who came into the church last summer are a great help to the church. They not only entered the church, but have entered into the work of the church. Their case is well illustrated by the son of a sea captain. The little fellow got on deck and out on the "yard arm." One of the sailors rushed down into the cabin and said to the captain, "Your boy is out on the yard arm, and if he lets go he will drown." But, says the captain, as he looked up unconcerned, "He won't let go." We are very much pleased down this way with THE CHRISTIAN. We can heartily congratulate the editors and publishers for the bright, interesting paper that comes to us every month so promptly.

Of course, as must be expected, some things will appear that will not please all. To try to please everybody will please nobody.

Our mission on earth is to encourage every good work, and to have all the "sunshine" we can, not only in our "souls," but in our daily life. Bacon has wisely said, "That there is no man who imparteth his joy to another, but himself joyeth the more." It is much better and wiser to say good things to our friends while they are living than to say them in obituaries and on tomb stones. H. M.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

Bro. Geo. McDormand has returned from the St. John hospital. He is looking and feeling much better.

The sisters in Westport were very successful lately in raising money; they realized \$97 00. This was quite a help in reducing the church debt.

Bro. and Sister W. F. Ossinger had a very narrow escape from death recently. Both were thrown from a wagon upon the rocks by a runaway horse. No bones were broken, but they were badly shaken up.

The Sunday-school in Tiverton gave a "Harvest Concert," Monday night, October 13th. It was one of the best concerts given. The sum of \$9 30 was realized to apply on repairs to the house.

In Westport Thanksgiving Day was observed by union services. At 10 30 the writer made the leading address in the Baptist vestry, followed by Rev. C. E. Pineo, pastor Baptist church. The theme in the morning was "Praise." At night Rev. Mr. Pineo preached the thanksgiving sermon in the Bethel. He preached a splendid sermon on "National and Christian Union." A large audience was present.

Happy New Year to all. J. W. BOLTON

SUMMERVILLE, N. S.

We had the pleasure of helping Bro. Frank Ford in his meeting at Summerville. He had a fine, interesting, profitable meeting, — the best, in some respects, ever held here. The house was well filled and often crowded, so that chairs had to be brought to accommodate the overflow. The church was greatly revived and put in a good working condition. He baptized seven happy souls. Others were deeply interested whom we hope will soon obey the gospel.

The future of this church is very encouraging. Bro. Ford is settled here half his time. His labor and preaching have already won the confidence and appreciation of the church and all the community.

A very pleasing feature of the meeting was the visits of a number of the Milton church, whose singing and talks to the people were a great blessing to us all. On two occasions they came with a loaded two horse team and made their headquarters at Bro. and Sister Davis', who entertained them royally in their hearty and hospitable style, all of which gave a very pleasant annual-meeting touch to the situation. We have every reason to hope for better and brighter times for this little Zion by the sea. H. M.

HALIFAX, N. S.

The Junior Y. P. S. C. E. assisted in a special service Sunday night after Christmas.

The writer exchanges pulpit service with the pastor of the Coburg Street Presbyterian Church January 9th.

Our organist was the recipient at Christmas of a piece of silver plate, as a testimonial of the value of her services.

The writer will hold a union service at Elmsdale with Mr. Morash, the Presbyterian minister there, on Monday, January 3rd, of the week of prayer.

We have been most earnestly solicited to assist in the formation of a new church next month in our old field of labor in Florida. From snow and ice to orange blossoms and balmy air would be a change.

With the history of men and women the passing years are the chapters, and as one is finished, and we start to take up the next, it is perfectly natural that the thoughtful mind should have reflective thoughts.

Christian character and Christian successes are more largely due to sacrifices of one kind or another than to ease and quietness. We need a revival of sacrifice before we can expect a revival of religion; with the one will come the other.

While we most gratefully thank all those who so promptly responded to our appeals for assistance on the Halifax church debt, we are very much disappointed at the number responding and the amount raised, and feel that it will be useless, for us at least, to urge this matter further—in the manner tried. We were told, when we issued our first circulars, by an Ontario preaching brother, that we would be fortunate if we received enough to re-pay postage. We have exceeded his expectations at least, and although not meeting our own anticipations, we shall hope and pray that in the not distant future men and means may yet be raised up to further the accomplishment of this much desired end.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

CENTRAL CHURCH.

Bro. M. B. Ryan was with us on Lord's day, November 28th, and gave two very able and helpful discourses. He attended the prayer-meeting the following Wednesday and spoke words of good cheer. Owing to ill-health he could not stay to take part in the jubilee, which was greatly regretted.

Sister Morrison left Charlottetown for her home in Iowa on December 7th. She was greatly improved in health by her sojourn on the Island. We miss her presence very much. She would have made a splendid city missionary for the cause here at this present juncture.

Bro. R. W. Stevenson, on his way to the jubilee, met with the congregation in the prayer-meeting. His talk inspired us all to nobler efforts and greater activities in the Master's vineyard.

Bro. Emery assisted Bro. Ryan in the morning and evening services. His continued presence at almost every meeting, and the help so willingly given, together with his wise counsel, is doing much to show to the community the righteousness of the cause which we have espoused.

The Sunday-school held their Christmas celebration on December 23rd. Though the time for preparation was exceedingly short, a splendid programme by the little ones was rendered. A double quartette of grown folks gave two good selections. A number of friends were present and expressed their delight at the evening's performance. A collection for home missions realized \$4.73. GEORGE MANIFOLD.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

The Christmas season has come again. Jack Frost has built his bridges over the harbors and lakes, and the noise of busy feet upon the docks, and chiming of horse bells, say that winter has set in. Time flies like a mighty current, carrying its millions towards the unseen. One year of life's calendar numbered with the past. Could we recall the past how different we would spend our moments! The week of prayer will be observed as usual—in a union of the church congregations.

I lately visited the church at Tignish and spent a very enjoyable time. On the evening of the 8th the home of Sister Benjamin Haywood was filled with friends and a pleasant and profitable evening was spent. Dialogues and recitations of a pleasing nature were given. Miss H. Mann, of New London, and Mr. Pearly Haywood, of Tignish, presided at the piano. The music was of a high and classical order. Singing by Miss Hattie Clark and Mr. Hardy, of Alma, P. E. I., was appreciated by all. Recitations by Mrs. Charles Casely and Miss Irene Raynor, Miss Casely, and Mr. Benjamin Raynor was timely and well delivered. Mr. Leonard Casely, Mr. Elijah Raynor, Mr. Pearly Haywood also took part in the programme. At the close Mrs. Benj. Haywood, in a neat speech, presented the writer with thirty-two dollars, and the evening's pleasure ended. I shall ever feel my indebtedness to the kind and true friends of Tignish.

We were pleased to find among our best friends Bro. and Sister Silas Raynor, Bro. and Sister Archy Haywood, Sister Herbert Bell, of Alberton, P. E. I., and Bro. William Haywood.

May the blessing of God continue with all who love the Lord.

The Crawford jubilee passed pleasantly, and all who gathered to pay honor to whom honor is due enjoyed the service. Bro. Crawford has been a power in the army of our God. We owe him more than we can pay. But joy awaits him in the great jubilee of the redeemed, and our Heavenly Father will make up for our lack. H. E. C.