

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

Bro. J. Barry Allen spent Lord's day, July 1st, with us, and on the following evening led the C. E. prayer meeting.

Notwithstanding that many of our members have gone to the country for the summer months, we are having splendid meetings.

Bro. G. D. Edwards, who has been taking a Divinity course at Harvard, preached for us the last three Sundays. On Friday evening, 13th, he preached to a very attentive audience at Garnett Settlement, about twelve miles from the city. We have only one family there who are members of the Church of Christ, but there are some who are dissatisfied with the teachings of men and are willing to be taught the way of the Lord more perfectly. This is another field for evangelistic work.

Bro U. G. Miller, of Iowa, who, about five years ago, was pastor of the church at Charlotte-town, P. E. I., was in our city on Lord's day, 15th, and preached for the church in the North End in the morning. In the afternoon he preached for the brethren at Silver Falls, and in the evening assisted Bro Edwards at the Coburg St. Church. It is possible that he will locate with one of our churches in the provinces.

Bro. Herbert Emery met with a serious accident on Thursday, 12th, which will confine him to his home for some weeks. His horse took fright, and, in endeavoring to quiet the animal, he was knocked down and the wagon wheel passed over his leg breaking it above the ankle.

The Coburg Street and Main Street Sunday-schools held their annual picnic on Friday, July 20th, at Ashland Farm, on the Kennebecasis River, about eight miles from the city. The day was fine and the number who attended was the largest that we have had for a number of years.

Dr. R. Bentley Ray has returned from Boston, and preached on Lord's day evening, July 29th.

By invitation of the Main Street Christian Church, the members of our church and congregation united with them and the Silver Falls church in dedicating their new house of worship on Douglas Avenue, on Lord's day morning, July 29th. What a great pleasure it would have been for those who were present at the organization of this church and those who have gone to the "better land" if they could have been present at the dedication.

W. A. B.

HALIFAX, N. S.

Bro. A. Martin, of Indiana, began a meeting with the church in this city, June 17th, and continued until July the 12th. The immediate results are three baptisms, the church greatly revived and encouraged and others left studying the scriptures to see if "these things are so." Bro. Martin preached in all, while with us, twenty-seven sermons, one of which was spoken to the men at the Y. M. C. A. Besides these he gave a talk to the ladies, and his lecture on Four Years in England. Judging from the many expressions I have heard, all of these services were highly appreciated and will result in much greater good than even now appears. The whole series of meetings have been a spiritual uplift to the little church in this city. Bro. Martin's preaching is well calculated to confirm the church in "the faith once for all delivered to the saints," and at the same time to present our plea in such a way as to command the attention and respect of those who hear it for the first time. While there were not as many additions as we

could wish, there were as many as we could reasonably expect, seeing we had so few in our congregation not already in the church, and the new hearers take some little time to digest these truths that are so new to them. We confidently look for additions in the near future, largely as a result of this very excellent meeting.

Bro. Martin left us on the 13th inst, for West Gore, Hants Co., to hold a short meeting with the church there. I fear this meeting will be too short for the desired results.

We are now looking forward to our annual convention and trying to plan for one of our best and most profitable meetings. To have such a meeting we need a large attendance of representative brethren from all our churches, men and women who are interested not only in the work at home, but also in all our missionary interests, and in the cause we plead generally. There should be much praying before we go up to this meeting that wisdom may be given to all, and that we may meet in the spirit of Christ, that we may be able to conduct the affairs of the kingdom and do business for the Lord wisely, and in the spirit becoming the disciples of our Lord. There are matters of importance to come before this meeting that will demand the best attention of our wisest brethren; hence the necessity for asking God for that wisdom that cometh from above. "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not" I am asked for some thoughts that will help to make our coming convention a success. I know of nothing better than what I have suggested in these notes.

E. C. FORD.

MILTON, N. S.

Children's Day was observed by the Sunday-school the first Lord's day in June. The children gave their entertaining and most enjoyable concert in the afternoon, nor was this all, but for days, some had been busying themselves selling candy, others, giving bean-suppers, and others having an ice-cream sale to earn their dollars for the foreign missionary cause. The offering in all amounted to twenty-four dollars (\$24).

Sunday, June 17th, five young ladies were, on a confession of their faith in Jesus, buried with him by baptism. All united with the church.

The writer journeyed on Monday, June 11th, to Kempt at the request of Bro. Cooke, to assist in meetings then in progress. The meetings resulted in a number uniting with the congregation at Kempt.

Bro. H. Murray, for a long time pastor of this church, is spending his vacation here. He preached for us last Lord's day morning.

With gratitude it is said, that while nature is being adorned in her summer attire, the robe of righteousness is being drawn the tighter around the body of Christ here. Our prayers ascend and shall continue to ascend on behalf of one of our highly esteemed though young sisters, who at this time lies on the bed of sickness, that she may speedily recover. God grant us the answer of our prayers.

On Friday evening, July 13th, the Ladies Auxiliary held their garden party. The activity of the ladies and the music of the band proved the success of the evening. Through the active auxiliary with which this church is blessed, the debt of the church has been lessened this year to the extent of one hundred dollars.

July the 11th, Mrs. C. Freeman, of Halifax, led our endeavor meeting. In such workers as the above named Bro. Ford must find much to encourage.

Bro. Murray leaves to-day, Monday, July 23rd,

for his work in Westport. During his vacation, he preached for us several times and his words were eagerly devoured by all who had the pleasure of hearing him. Success to him and his work.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Miles is visiting here at present.

Your brother in Christ,

WILLIAM STIFF.

SOUTH RANGE, N. S.

Not being able to do better, I send you five dollars for home missions. We take up a special collection next Lord's day for the same purpose.

Five confessions yesterday at our regular services.

H. A. DEVOR.

SUMMERVILLE, N. S.

The first Sunday evening in June the house here was not large enough to contain the large congregation that turned out to hear the concert given by the children of the Sunday-school. The collection amounted to five dollars. It was forwarded to Bro. Rains, to be used in the foreign field.

Sunday, the 24th, the house was well filled to hear the preached word. Bro H. Murray, the organizer of this congregation, preached the first Lord's day of July. God bless Summerville!

Your brother in Christ,

WILLIAM STIFF.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

CENTRAL CHURCH.

"Only five Sundays more in Kindergarten Hall!" This sentiment was expressed by members of the Central Christian Church last Sunday. Since last October have we been looking forward to our new house of worship and each Lord's day brings the realization seven days nearer. The dedication will occur on September 9th to be followed by a rousing meeting of several weeks. It is expected that B. B. Tyler will be present to assist; we are waiting to hear definitely. If B. B. Tyler does not come we will have the services of one of our prominent evangelists. We shall endeavor to do things on the principle of Carey's, "Expect great things from God; undertake great things for God." Our \$6,000 edifice is one of beauty and strength, and is a fitting testimonial of a sacrificing and God-fearing people. It is certainly a large undertaking for so few; that is, from the financial standpoint. But nothing is impossible with God nor with God's people. Faith in God and large effort are as good as bond notes any day. This is God's work, this is Christ's cause, and the good work that has begun here will continue under the Spirit's leading. We were once hemmed in like the Israelites on the shore of the Red Sea. Mountains on either side of us, sea in front and enemy behind. We still have the enemy and they are still behind. Slowly but surely the sea is dividing. We are crossing and will reach the other bank on the 9th of September. We do not fear the journey through the wilderness so long as we have our own church building.

I understand that our Main Street (St. John) brethren have crossed the sea. Good for them! We all rejoice that Bro. Appel and his people will be able hereafter to worship in a building dedicated to the worship of our adorable Lord. The brethren on the Island heartily welcome Douglas Avenue Christian Church, and congratulate its minister and its membership.

Next month I will write you the dedicatory arrangements.

Bro. J. A. Rieul, of Brockton, will preach here on Sunday, August 5th. Bro. Rieul is an excellent preacher and consecrated worker. It was largely