

tion of the world, provided it does not cost them anything. Perhaps these are the kind of people who sing most loudly, "Lord, I care not for riches," "Not a mite would I withhold," "Were the whole realm of nature mine," etc. How different all this is from genuine self-denial of the young man yearning for the souls in Africa, who went without his dinner for a whole winter, that he might have something to give to the mission, and who intends giving himself to the work! How different from the example of the factory girl, who out of her slender earnings gave \$50.00 five times! How different from the nobility of spirit that enabled a servant girl, through the practice of the most rigid economy, to send \$500 to the Foreign Missionary Society! These all know the meaning, and have realized the blessedness of self-denial for Christ's sake. If their spirit should spread from heart to heart with a rapidity of a prairie fire, it would not be long until the adambating beams of the golden age would be seen. But we suppose the same self-indulging spirit that has prevailed shall still cause the angels to weep, the demons to rejoice, and permit souls to perish; and professing Christians will act as though their motto was: All for self, and a mere pittance for the Lord. In reducing expenses, always begin with the Lord, never deny yourself, if you want to be the most unworthy of disciples, and if you want to hear words very different from "Come ye blessed of my Father."

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

On Mission Band night there was a good number present. Three new members united, an interesting programme was carried out, and \$6.00 contributed.

Our regular New Year's meeting was largely attended, although it was snowing hard. The meeting was opened at ten o'clock by Bro. Stewart, and continued till twelve o'clock without a moment's loss of time, and yet all did not get a chance to take part. The singing was appropriate and hearty, the talks varied, some making touching personal remarks; others spoke of loved ones gone before, others looked backward and showed how we could learn lessons from the past year, and all expressed their determination to do more and better work than ever in the coming year. Some of the thoughtful young men sent a coach for a sick brother, who otherwise would not have been there. He made a heartfelt allusion to the good deed. It made us all glad to see such kindness shown and appreciated. At the close we took a collection for the British and Foreign Bible Society; after two who were not present added their gifts, it amounted to \$23 00. It is a good way to begin the year. We plead for the Bible alone, and this great Society sends the Word of God, without note or comment, to almost every nation and tribe in their own language. Besides giving away thousands of copies, it sells an untold number below cost.

A young man was baptized on the 3rd. He is one of the poorest in this world's goods on account of his sickness unfitting him for work. Some do not care for such additions, but the church where the poor are not welcomed and made to feel at home, is not the church of Christ.

Sister Hopper came from Amherst and spent New Year's with us. Bro. K. Outhouse of Tiverton, and Bro. Prince of Bridgewater, was with us Christmas week. William and Allan Gates are here taking a course at Currie's Business College. Sisters L. Lazabert of Lord's Cove, and Mrs. Dr. Vanwart of Fredericton, paid short visits this month.

Two young people were baptized on Sunday, the 27th. The lad is a scholar in the Portland school. The lady made the good confession, and was baptized the same hour of the night.

The yearly report of the Portland school is given in this issue, and shows a marked increase over last year's. It has been found necessary to rent the hall owned by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for next year. It is the largest hall in Portland, and will seat about 400 persons.

The yearly report of the Coburg street Sunday-school, also is given, and shows the school in a better state than ever.

On the 15th, the Congregational Endeavor Society paid a visit to our C. E. Society. Mr. Robertson of their Society, led the meeting. The topic was "Soul Hunger and Soul Food." Many beautiful thoughts were brought out, proving that our souls hungered for many things, and that all good and necessary things came from Christ the Bread of life. All enjoyed the meeting, and we hope soon to repay their visit.

On the 29th the local union of Christian Endeavor held its quarterly meeting in the Coburg St. Christian Church. An afternoon and evening session was held, both being well attended. At night, many went away because the house was full. Twenty-one of twenty-four societies sent reports which were of an encouraging nature. Rev. J. W. Clarke, of the Free Baptists, presided at both sessions. In the evening, Rev. Mr. McKinnon, Congregationalist, gave a fine address on "The Spiritual Significance of the Pledge," pointing out that it got all its power from the opening words, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength." Brother Stewart then opened a conference on "How can the Society help the Preacher in his Work." Rev. Mr. Shenton, Wightman and others, spoke on this interesting subject. The closing consisted of a consecration meeting that was said to be one of the best. At the afternoon session, Rev. Gates, Gordon, and Fotheringham made excellent addresses. This meeting brought many strangers to the church, and we are told both preacher and house made a most favorable impression. Now, if we can only get them to learn what we plead for—the union of God's people—we are certain that that also will make a good impression on them.

The evening of the 30th, sixteen of our members went to Nauwigewauk on the invitation of Bro. Wanamaker, who entertained them with Christian kindness and bountifully supplied all their wants, for which the visitors heartily voted their thanks to Brother and Sister Wanamaker. The school house was crowded; a splendid social meeting was held; then Bro. Stewart preached a good sermon. All expressed their pleasure with the visit and meeting. They have invited us to come again, believing that much good can be accomplished.

TIVERTON AND SOUTH RANGE, N. S.

The writer often sees items in the CHRISTIAN asking that each church send in a monthly report for publication in the paper.

We think this is just what should be done, and that it would be nearer the general practice but for want of items of interest. It is hard work getting up a report out of nothing, and the great trouble is, too many of us have very little of sufficient interest to report monthly in what we all wish to see, a very interesting little paper.

For our own part, we have only had two additions by primary obedience, for months. Still, we are hopeful for greater results, and our brethren still seem willing to hold up our hands. Those at South Range met with us at our home on Christmas eve, and spent a very pleasant and profitable

evening, as well as left us a bountiful supply of good and useful things. About thirty five sat down to supper; after which the evening was spent in conversation, music and singing good old songs of Zion. Bro. Jesse Zeigler called the meeting to order, and their gifts of love and Christmas cheer were presented to us in a neat speech, to which we tried to reply in a proper manner, but failed from some cause—perhaps it was the lump in our throat. Bro. Albert Marshall and Benjamin Sabeau made interesting speeches, in which they expressed their great satisfaction and thankfulness to our Father in heaven for the progress of truth as the result of our labors in South Range. One of David's psalms, full of thankfulness to God for his many mercies was then read, and prayer offered. Then Miss Hattie Powell of Westport, led at the organ in singing a couple of beautiful hymns: after which they took their ways homeward leaving us \$46.00 better off.

At my previous visit to Tiverton, the brethren there planned a similar pleasure for me at the home of Bro. Milton Outhouse, but the rain poured from the clouds during the whole evening, and blocked the success of the undertaking. The result was, that many of our friends were compelled to stay at home—those who did venture out got wet, and we received \$21 00, or its value, for which we are truly thankful.

At present, I am at Tiverton, with nothing of note to report, save that one has been restored of late, who, for seven long years, has been a wanderer. How it warms my heart to welcome the prodigals, as well as to see sinners coming to God for pardon through the blood of His crucified Son. When we listen to the tones of our beautiful ball which now calls to worship on all occasions, we have the great satisfaction of knowing, that since last week it is entirely free from debt.

Last Lord's day afternoon, we preached a special sermon at the request of the I. O. F. Court of this place, at which time a crowded house greeted us.

H. A. DEVOR.

Tiverton, N. S., Jan. 24, 1895.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

Still the church at Charlottetown grows. Six more additions since our last report, and more soon to follow. The Lord's work is in a prosperous condition here. Every department of work is bright. We are all working for the Lord, and working all the time. The church evidently has some faith in the good old song, "Work, for the night is coming." We believe that in unity there is strength. Unity we've got; cranks, we have none. If there are any, they keep under cover. The church took an active part this year in the union prayer-meetings. Brethren, pray for us. The brethren in the church say we are going to live. With God's help we will hold up the gospel banner until the enemy shall be conquered and Christ's cause more firmly planted in Charlottetown. Brethren, the future for the church, we believe, is brighter than ever. Let us pray for the conversion of souls.

U. G. MILLER.

HALIFAX, N. S.

The brethren at this place are desirous to hold a meeting soon. Several regular attendants at our regular services are very near the kingdom. We hope to be permitted to make arrangements for a series of meetings to begin February 3, or at least not later than February 10. Your prayers and the petitions of God's people throughout the Church are desired, that the sword of the spirit may be efficiently and effectively used to the salvation of many precious souls.

The Sunday-school is doing splendid work. Collections from an attendance of between sixty