

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

Three additions by baptism this month.

The C. E. Society elected the following officers for this term: President, Mrs. J. E. Edwards; Vice-president, Miss L. Hoyt; Treasurer, Bro. O. Dinsmore; Secretary, Miss A. Emery; Corresponding Secretary, Miss E. Christie. The president appointed the following chairmen of the committees: J. B. Allan, Look-Out; D. A. Morrison, Prayer-meeting; G. F. Barnes, Social and Music; Miss A. Emery, Sunday-school; H. W. Stewart, Sick Visiting; Mrs. Dixon, Calling; Mrs. J. S. Flaglor, Missionary; Miss A. Edmonds, Tract.

Mrs. H. Hill, of French Village, Bros. O. B. Stockford and F. Erb, of Fredericton, K. Out-house, of Tiverton, E. C. Bowers, M. P., of Westport, T. H. Blenus, of Halifax, W. H. Harding, of West Gore, and Bro. Haycock, of Westport, visited us this month.

Bro. Stewart conducted the meeting in the Y. M. C. A. on the 27th to pray for the suffering Armenians. These meetings were continued all through the week.

Sister J. J. Christie fell and sprained her ankle, from which she suffered much pain. We are glad to know she will soon be able to go out again.

Over \$100.00 was paid out for home and foreign mission work last month, and the indications are that we will raise as much more this month.

We enjoyed a short visit from Bro. W. H. Harding on his way home from Boston. He left here on the 30th for West Gore. Bro. H. is full of life and deeply interested in our provincial work. We wish him all success.

MAIN STREET.

Sister John Wilson received the sad news of the sudden death of her son Jacob in Washington. She has not yet returned from her sad errand. He was a strong support for his mother, and we all deeply feel for her in the loss of a dutiful son. Bro. Stevenson led us in an earnest and heartfelt prayer in her behalf.

The attendance and interest continues good, and we are much encouraged. About \$400.00 have been pledged for the land on which we hope to build.

We organized an Endeavor Society this month. J. W. Barnes is President; Miss Rae Currie, Vice-president; Miss Nina M. Whelpley, Secretary; Mr. A. Armstrong, Treasurer; Miss A. Purvis, Corresponding Secretary. Three committees were named with the following chairmen: Look-out, J. S. Flaglor; Prayer-meeting, F. Biddiscombe; Sunday-school; Miss Rae Currie. The roll is not complete, but we expect to start with about twenty members.

On the 20th a fine concert was held in the hall, some of the best local talent taking part. Sisters Miles and Morrison, who looked after the arrangements, was greatly assisted by Miss Maggie Ford, to whom a great deal of credit is due for its success. The proceeds were distributed as follows: \$5 to Foreign C. M. Society, \$5 to American Home Missionary Society, \$5 for Sister Riach's fund, and over \$20 for the work in Portland.

BURT'S CORNER, N. B.

The church here hold their regular prayer-meetings and observe the Lord's supper every Lord's day. The frame of the new meeting-house is up and the sides are being boarded in. It is hoped that the outside will soon be completed. As the

church here is not large or wealthy, any assistance that may be sent to aid in finishing the house will be gladly received and acknowledged. Bro. G. H. Boone is the elder and Bro. John M. Jones the clerk. Bro. H. W. Stewart is expected up the first week in May.

LEONARDVILLE, N. B.

The meeting at Leonardville closed at the end of the fourth week. There were eleven baptisms, one added by letter, and one wanderer restored to the fellowship of the church. The church has been much revived by the meeting. The new members are entering heartily into the work, and the meetings are full of interest. We have organized a training class for training in the study of the scriptures and in Christian work. Quite a large number have entered into the work of the class with an enthusiasm which we hope to see continued. We have material there for a strong active church, and the promise is for better things in the work there in the future. M. B. RYAN.

LORD'S COVE, N. B.

The regular services have all been maintained during the month past with good interest. An aged brother, who is nearing the end of his pilgrimage, was baptized into Christ a few days ago, and a sister who has stood aloof from the church for many years has recently taken her place again. We expect soon to organize a training class here similar to the one already started in Leonardville.

We have forwarded our collections for foreign missions to Bro. McLean. Lord's Cove contributed \$8.77 and Leonardville \$5.25. This, if I am not misinformed, is the first instance in the history of these churches where they have taken the collection for our foreign work. I am sure that they have so much enjoyed giving this, that the foreign mission collection will be a regular feature of the work in the future; and as benevolence grows by exercise, we can feel confident that the amount contributed will increase with each succeeding year.

M. B. RYAN.

CORNWALLIS, N. S.

I have been so busy since my return from Digby Co. that I have not seen the time till this date to pen a few lines for the May CHRISTIAN. Indeed, this has been a busy winter and spring, and if half the work that is before us is done, we will have a busy summer. Our visit among our old friends in Westport and Tiverton, was very pleasant to us, and we trust not altogether without profit to the cause of Christ in those places. We did our little best, and can only leave results with him whom we serve.

Before leaving these brethren we arranged with Bro. J. W. Bolton, of Brockton, Mass., to visit the brethren in Westport and Tiverton, with the view of settling with them, if, upon acquaintance, they were mutually agreed. Bro. Bolton preached for the brethren in Westport over two Lord's days, and from all I can learn, they were much pleased with him, and have decided to try and secure him to labor with them permanently, if the brethren in Tiverton co-operate with them to this end.

Bro. Bolton had arranged to visit Tiverton the week I left there, but unfortunately was taken sick with the disease pneumonia, since which time he has been a very sick man, but from my last report from Westport, I am glad to say he is out of danger, with the prospect of soon being on his feet again.

We have all felt deeply anxious for him, and

have earnestly prayed for his speedy recovery. Bro. Bolton was in good hands, and had all done for him that kind friends and willing hearts could do. His home was with Bro. and Sister Thomas Hicks, and nothing would be wanting that they could do to make him comfortable, and restore him to his usual health.

It is hard to be sick away from home and among strangers, but to fall into such kind hands as one could hardly miss among those Christian friends in Tiverton and Westport, is as near to being home as possible.

As soon as Bro. Bolton is strong enough he will visit the brethren in Tiverton, and I have no doubt but arrangements will be made to secure him to labor with these brethren half of his time. It would be a great mistake to allow this favorable opportunity to secure a good man pass unimproved.

We have been home too short a time to say much about our work here in Cornwallis. We are hopeful, and shall, by the help of God, do our best to promote his cause in this beautiful country. Our meetings, the two Lord's days we have been home, have been well attended, and the brethren seem pleased that we are again with them. My appointments for the summer will be as usual at Sheffield Mills, Steam Mill Village and Cold Brook, as well as at our regular place of meeting, Lower Church street. We may add yet other appointments to these, but thus far we are already at work.

E. C. FORD.

HALIFAX, N. S.

We are pleased to report continued interest in our work here. The weekly prayer and young people's meetings are always a treat too good to miss.

Bro. Blenus arrived home from Lubec the 18th ult. He feels much benefitted by his trip and spoke very highly of Bro. Minnick and his work in Lubec. The following clipping from the *Lubec Herald* speaks for itself:

T. H. Blenus, pastor of the North St. Church of Christ, Halifax, for the past three weeks has been conducting a series of meetings for the Church of Christ in Lubec. The services have been well attended throughout and have been productive of much good. The church was greatly strengthened and built up by the lucid instruction of our visiting brother. On the last night of the meetings the house was crowded and universal regret was manifested when it became necessary for the meetings to close and for Bro. Blenus to return to his field of labor. While here he made many warm friends and in his departure he carries away our warmest esteem and love. Should Mr. Blenus ever return to our village, he will find many to bid him welcome and extend to him the courtesies of their homes.

In the absence of Bro. Blenus, F. A. Currier, of Gagetown, N. B., who is attending Dalhousie College, preached for us two Lord's days. On the third, Bros. Carson and Fielden spoke to edification.

The many friends of Sister Josiah Wallace, West Gore, who is visiting friends in this city, will be pleased to learn that she is able to attend our meetings.

Bro. Capt. Heechee, who met with an accident in New York, is much better and will soon be able to attend to his duties again. His letters state that Bro. B. B. Tyler has shown great kindness to him by his visits.

Our hearts were all made to rejoice on last Lord's day by having a brother whom we have long known and loved unite with us. Bro. Richardson has a strong Christian character, and we feel greatly strengthened by his presence.

A. B. WALLACE.