

nally,—enough to meet all our home demands and a thousand dollars, at least, for missions. All are ready to say "this is too small; two cents a day is low enough," so we think. Now suit your action to your judgment and give the two cents a day and we will pay all running expenses in our home churches, employ two first class evangelists, and build a meeting house every year!! Some one is saying that "Quite a number of our brethren are giving ten per cent of their income annually, and that is little enough for any one to devote to the cause of Christ." We are glad to know this and to know that the number who are pledging ten per cent are increasing and are getting their eyes open to the fact that the Bible teaches the ten per cent offering.

Others again are saying and believing they are too poor to give much to the Lord. This is a sad and fatal mistake. It is true, as has often been said, that we are too poor not to give. We are casting doubt on the promises of God when we say we are too poor to give. The reason we are poor is because we do not give. There is no such thing as a person ever becoming poorer by giving to the Lord. The Bible abounds with the promises of God to the liberal giver, showing that instead of the giver becoming poorer he becomes richer in all things; but in his withholding his gifts he becomes poorer. If any one doubts this let him say it out loud and we will very soon produce the promises that prove that liberal things are to the liberal given and poverty to those who withhold their gifts.

News of the Churches.

**St. JOHN, N. B.
COBURG STREET**

Bros. Geo F. Barnes, Henry W. Stewart, O B Stockford, J. Barry Allen and Miss Bertha W. Barnes were delegates to the annual meeting at Tiverton.

Sister Wisdom, of Halifax, N. S., is visiting her son in this city and has worshipped with us on several occasions.

Bro. Geo Manifold and Bro. Howard Murray, who attended the annual, returned to P. E Island on Thursday, 18th

meeting Monday evening, 22nd, and Bro James

Bro. A B. Wallace was at our Young People's Prince, of Bridgewater, N. S., was at the prayer and social meeting Thursday evening, 25th.

MAIN STREET.

Bro. Appel was a delegate to the annual meeting at Tiverton, N S. He is now enjoying his vacation.

Bro. Stewart, Bro. H. Murray and Bro. Manifold were present at the Young People's meeting on Wednesday evening, 17th, and by their prayers and exhortations added to the interest of the meeting.

CORNWALLIS, N. S.

The first Lord's day in August we closed our labor with the church here, at least for a time. The day was fine, a good congregation came to hear our closing words, and in the afternoon it was our privilege to bury with her Lord in baptism an intelligent young lady, who had come to learn the way of the Lord more perfectly, and whose heart was open to attend to the things the Lord had commanded. Thus closed our more than eleven years labor with these people whom we love dearly and for whom we shall ever pray.

Though we are leaving this field of labor, our interest in the cause here is as keen as at any time in our lives. We fully believe a change will be helpful to all concerned. It is in the power of the brethren here to secure a faithful workman to carry on the work of the Lord, and we feel sure they will prove themselves equal to the occasion. The names of Bro. H Murray and Bro. R. E. Stevens have been mentioned in this connection; the church extended to Bro. Murray a unanimous call. We regret that he was not in a position to

give a decided and favorable answer to this call. So soon as the brethren here heard that Bro. R. E. Stevens had resigned at Pictou, and not getting encouragement from Bro. Murray, they at once proceeded to secure Bro. Stevens. How they will succeed yet remains to be seen. Either of these brethren would receive a hearty welcome here, and could do a good work. How rejoiced I would be to see either one of these faithful and true men at work in this field, in which I am so deeply interested, and in which we have spent nearly fourteen of the thirty-one years of our ministry. We have labored twenty-nine of those years in the two places; first here in Cornwallis, the two first years we were in the work, then fifteen years in Westport and Tiverton, and now between eleven and twelve years here again. The other two years were spent at Montague, P. E I.

We are giving up the work here at the call of the church in Halifax and those interested in the work there. It is no light thing to sever our connection with these dear friends who have been so kind to us all these years. We are leaving at peace with everybody, and with many expressions of regret that we are going.

Our son, F. C. Ford, is home with us for a few days before we break up our home, which has been our earthly heaven for all these years. He preached very acceptably to a large congregation here last Lord's day. Many are the expressions of appreciation I hear from those who heard him. He will be with the brethren here over next Lord's day, when he will return to his work in Queens Co. We are in hopes that Bro. William Murray will be able to come up here for a while soon, and feel sure he will be able to do good and will enjoy the work here. The brethren will also enjoy him.

We began our work in Halifax last Lord's day, the 21st of August. It is too early to speak of the prospects of success. We go trusting in the Lord, in whose cause we are at work. The work is the Lord's and we are only servants. May he give us wisdom and strength sufficient for our day.

Bro. Will F. Shaw came down to Halifax this summer to spend his vacation, and never was a visit more timely and more welcome. Bro. Shaw has a large place in the hearts of the Halifax brethren. This was very manifest the first Lord's day he was with them, when every family among our brethren in the city was represented in the congregation. Bro. Shaw's faithful work there this summer is highly appreciated by the brethren, and will make my work much lighter than it otherwise would have been.

At the present time quite a number of the members of the church are away from the city, but we hope in a few weeks they will all return, and by the blessing of God we shall have some success to report.

My address until further notice will be 287 Gottingen St., Halifax, N. S. E. C. FORD.
August 21th, 1898.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

Over one hundred delegates were in attendance at the annual meeting.

About forty went from Westport to Tiverton to the annual meeting.

About \$270 were raised for all purposes during the meetings.

The school trustees gave us the privilege of using the school house if necessary.

The Sons of Temperance in Tiverton tendered us the use of their hall during our sessions.

Sisters Maggie Larry, Sandy Cove, and Isma Hicks, Westport, were baptized Monday during the annual.

The Baptist brethren in Tiverton very kindly offered us the use of their house of worship during the meetings.

The disagreeable weather enabled the men folks, in Tiverton, to attend the meetings more than they could have otherwise.

The brethren and sisters in Westport had the pleasure of hearing Bro. W. H. Harding preach Monday and Tuesday nights after the annual.

Bro. Geo. Manifold, assisted by Bro J. Chas B Appel, preached in the Freeport Baptist church, Sunday August 14th.

The church house in Westport has been papered and re-painted inside. The platform was lowered one step and re-carpeted.

We are glad the sun shone one day, at least, so the visitors could not say that the sun never shines in Tiverton.

One said Tiverton is certainly to be congratulated on her unselfishness in entertaining the annual at a time which did not suit her.

We were pleased to have with us Bro. C. E. Pineo, pastor Baptist church in Westport and Bro. L. J. Tiugley, pastor Baptist church in Freeport.

The people in Tiverton are very much pleased with the congratulations of their visitors on the appearance of their church house since being repaired.

Monday was the only bright, sunshiny day of the convention, and many visitors seized the opportunity of visiting the light-house in the afternoon.

Bro. H. E. Cooke and wife spent a few days visiting old friends in Westport after the annual. The people were pleased to hear him preach again.

One visitor remarked that they were entertained so royally, that he did not know what it would have been if the annual had been held in September when provisions were plentiful.

The writer was sent as a delegate to Digby by the Sons of Temperance of Tiverton, to attend a convention of the temperance workers of Digby Co. The county was organized and plans laid for securing a favorable vote in the coming plebiscite.
J. W. BOLTON.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

CENTRAL CHURCH.

Returned from a very pleasant visit to St. John. While absent the pulpit was supplied by Bros. Herb Martin and R. W. Stevenson. The change made a decided improvement in attendance.

Bro Martin left on the 23rd inst. for Lexington, Ky. Our best wishes are with him for his success.
GEO. MANIFOLD.

CROSS ROADS, LOT 48, P. E. I.

Am laboring with the church in this place. Attendance at meetings small. Sunday-school started.

"Hope is the anchor of the soul."

A. N. SIMPSON.

EAST POINT, P. E. I.

Have made one visit to the church in this section of the Island. Average attendance at the meetings. One confession.

"Throw out the life-line across the dark wave, There is a brother whom someone should save."

A. N. SIMPSON.

Home Missions.

(Address all communications and remittances to W. A. Barnes, Secretary, St. John, N. B.)

HOME MISSION BOARD, 1898-99.

- Henry W. Stewart..... *President.*
- Howard Murray..... *Vice-President.*
- George F. Barnes..... *Treasurer.*
- W. A. Barnes..... *Secretary.*
- L S. Ford and R. W. Stevenson.

The annual meeting at Tiverton, N. S., was one of the best held for some years. A great interest was shown in the home mission work. In response to a call for pledges, \$208 was pledged. The sum of \$150 each was voted for the churches at Halifax and Pictou, N. S., and the church at North End, St. John, N. B., respectively.

If the brethren carry out their intentions, the Board will be able to have an evangelist in the field at an early date. He could visit the churches that are unable to support a preacher, and the work of home missions being brought before them, a large amount of money might be raised. It has already been said that the time has come for an earnest evangelistic effort all along the line, and we should do all in our power to aid in this work.