

Streator of Lake Weir, Bro. M. B. Young of De Land, and the Rev. Dr. Leavitt of the Baptist Church, we dedicated our chapel at Riverside. It is a perfect gem of a house, carpeted throughout, Gothic style of architecture throughout; not a thing was wanted to complete this beautiful and highly artistic structure. For convenience, adaptability, and harmony in taste of ornamentation and design, we have seen no equal. The starting of this mission, and the entire development, has been but the work of three months. The chapel was erected entirely by Bro. C. B. Smith. A beautiful marble tablet between two of the windows contains these words, "In memoriam, Hal. B. Smith, aged 22 years." A costly graduated stained-glass window is above the platform, while the Gothic arch of each window throws blended rays of beautiful tint on the auditorium. The pulpit platform extends the whole width of the house, terminating in quarter circles at each end, on one of which sits the leading singing voices, and on the other the table for the breaking of bread. Last Lord's day was a red-letter day with the writer; more than one-third of those in attendance were unable to find room, and with appropriate services this beautiful house of worship, the gift of a noble Christian man and his noble wife, was set apart for the meeting and work of the saints. What a noble tribute to be placed on the shrine of affection. No marble monument could so beautifully show forth, or so grandly display a father's and mother's love; and while not above the slumbering dead, as a useless load, is placed tons of marble, yet a more lasting monument has been erected, the use of which will, we trust, be constantly redounding to the honor and glory of God.

But I find I am occupying too much of your limited space, and shall reserve further accounts of the work here for another issue. We shall soon commence our new home in this city. Florida, in less than two months now, will have its population doubled by those who flock here every fall to escape the rigor of the north.

T. H. BLENUM.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCHES IN N. S. AND N. B.

The Annual Meeting of the Churches of Disciples of Christ in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will be held with the Church in Milton, Queens County, Nova Scotia, on Friday, September 4th, 1885. A cordial invitation is extended to the brethren to be present on this occasion.

J. E. BARNES,
Secretary.

St. John, N. B., Aug., 1885.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN ITEMS.

COBURG ST. CHURCH.—Lord's day services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sunday-school at 2.15 P. M. Young People's Meeting, Tuesday evening at 8. General Prayer Meeting, Thursday evening at 8. Brethren visiting the city cordially welcomed. The Ladies' Sewing Society meet every Wednesday evening at 6.

By reason of the plastering falling now and again from the ceiling of our meeting-house, thus making it dangerous to our auditors, the church has decided to have it sheathed, which, when completed, with some other repairs will, we hope, make quite an improvement.

Our St. John correspondent, Bro. George Barnes, is now away on a short vacation, which we hope he will enjoy and return to us safely again.

Bro. P. D. Nowlan passed through our city on his

way to Charlotte County. He gave quite a favorable account of his visit to River John.

Bro. Dwyer was with us over one Lord's day, and preached in the morning. We shall be sorry if Bro. Dwyer should be compelled to leave these parts. He is now in Charlotte County.

Bro. Gates has returned to his home in Digby Co., preparatory to his leaving for the Yearly Meeting.

Our Little Workers are working with a will, and should be encouraged. The amount of money they have raised for Missionary purposes shows forcibly how quickly a few cents, gathered from here and there, grow into dollars.

Our Ladies Missionary Society is still meeting with success. Their meetings are being well attended, and there seems to be but little, if any, abatement in the amount collected at the first meeting.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY ITEMS.

The churches of Christ in these parts are holding on their way. There is no earnestness and zeal for the cause that we could wish to see, and that there ought to be, yet we are thankful that on the Lord's day there are those who gather round the Master's table and keep in mind the Lord's death and set it forth to the world. We are glad to know there are some homes where the family is called together day by day to listen to God's precious truth, and by prayer and supplication bring the blessings of the Most High around the family.

Last week I was gladdened by meeting with Bro. Dwyer, and for the first time listen to his voice while he preached Christ crucified. I think all were well pleased with his clear presentation of God's love and kindred subjects, and many spoke of his earnestness. His heart appears to be in the work, and it is a great pity to allow such men to drift over the line to strengthen the cause where it is already strong, and weaken us when even now we are ready to perish. I am in hopes that Bro. Dwyer may be kept in these Provinces. Surely we need him, Why then should he go away? And we hear the cry of "no preachers." Where are they? Gone to the States. Why did they go? They were not supported. How is it, brethren, that our own preachers cannot be supported? We import preachers at from eight to twelve hundred dollars and let our own, who would like to work at home, go away, for the want of from four to six hundred dollars. It is a shame, and we deserve to do without preachers, and die. But I do not see as this belongs to Charlotte County Notes. We speak from what is in our heart. The visit of Bro. Dwyer, on his way to the States, made me think of some twenty or more preachers who have gone the same way, and our great need.

On Monday, shortly before I left, or rather just as I was going to leave, who should come in but Bro. P. D. Nowlan. He had been at L'Etang and Black's Harbor on Lord's day, and called down to Back Bay to see his friends there. I had a few minutes' conversation with him about his recent work at River John, and about his intention as to the Annual. I gathered from him that there was an increase of interest at River John till he left, and a desire for his return, and also that he had thoughts of attending the Annual.

I am at this writing with Bro. Capp, in St. John, on my way home, where I hope to remain a week before going to the Meeting. I will now close these rambling notes, hoping to write more fully on some points mentioned at another time.

J. A. GATES.

St. John, Aug. 25th, 1885.

BLACK'S HARBOR.

Since my last report, I have visited my home in Digby County, and for three consecutive Sundays spoke to the people of North Ridge and vicinity from the Word of Life. One week ago I came among the brethren in these parts, and find them "hungering for the 'bread of life.'" I spoke on Lord's day three times to very attentive audiences. On Monday

last I visited the brethren at Back Bay, where I accepted an invitation to preach to them in the evening. As usual, a goodly number met at the Lord's house, while we tried to talk about Jesus and His love. A new house is being erected at Beaver Harbor, for the worship of God, free to all who preach from the Protestant Bible. The outside of this house (so I am told) is to be completed this autumn. This will make an opening for any of our brethren who may labor in this community, as considerable interest is already manifested in that vicinity. Since my return from River John, I have received a call to spend the coming winter with the brethren of that church. These brethren, after passing through a time of spiritual darkness, have every prospect of coming out once more into the glorious light and liberty of the "sons of God." In first meeting with those brethren, only a few were found willing to come up to the "help of the Lord against the mighty," but ere I left some twenty-three met regularly to remember the Saviour's dying love. I preached to them twice and three times on every Lord's day, and addressed meetings through the week in three different school houses, where I was greeted by large, intelligent audiences. One point I was particularly pleased with in regard to this people, viz., their familiarity with the "Word of God." They carried their Bibles to the house of God, which, to me, was a mark of their sincerity and youthful training. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." I visited about twenty families, scattered throughout the different sections of the community, where I was ever greeted with a kind, brotherly welcome by all classes. And may the great Patriarch above guide us all, here and there, to that haven of eternal blessedness where all is joy and love.

P. D. NOWLAN.

P. E. ISLAND.

Bro. Henry Macdonald, who has been spending his vacation at home, with his friends in and around East Point, has returned to his field of labor in Pompey, N. Y.

Bro. R. W. Stevenson and wife have, after much deliberation, concluded to return to the West, it being thought the winter would be too severe for Sister Stevenson. We hope, however, the day is not far distant when they will be able to return and remain in our midst.

A very successful meeting was held at Montague by Bro. Stevenson, resulting in nineteen additions, some of them heads of families. The Church was very much encouraged and has taken on a new life.

The Churches at Montague and East Point are in want of a preacher, and are making efforts in that direction.

The failure to furnish copious notes of our Annual, is due, no doubt, to the want of time. The farmers are now and have been for some time very busy with the harvest. The season being short allows them no time to lose.

Our Missionary Board is anxious to obtain the services of an evangelist to labor in various parts of our Island. A good man can, and will be well supported by the brethren. Yes, and the church at Lot 48 will go a long way to support such a man.

Bro. Stevenson preaches at Tryon on Lord's day, August 30th, and in the week leaves for the Annual at Milton.

Bro. Crawford is visiting the church at Montague. His object, no doubt, is to assist the brethren there to secure a preacher.

It is not definitely known where our Annual Meeting will be held next year, but it is thought that the church at East Point will want it.

Bro. O. B. Emery and wife spent a few weeks on our island. He preached several times for the Churches at Lot 48 and Montague; and from what we have heard we know they will receive a hearty welcome whenever they can find it convenient to come this way. They have returned to their home on Deer Island, N. B.