

had the courage to gear themselves up for a prayer-meeting immediately after the benediction, in the main audience-room of the church—an ample opportunity, of course being given for those to escape who wish to do so—many people might be reached who otherwise will never venture within the narrow charmed circle of the prayer-meeting.”

Dr. Judson's remarks are in such perfect harmony with my own feelings and belief on this matter, that I have quoted somewhat at length from his article. The North St. Christian Church, of Halifax, N. S., recently adopted this after service on Sunday nights, and very few leave the house till the second meeting closes. The meeting begins promptly after the benediction, the leader having been previously selected, and the service continues but fifteen minutes. Members of other churches are always in attendance and take part. Of course there is no time in such a meeting for long addresses or circumlocutory prayers. Everything is short, sharp, crisp, and to the point. Here we can often have brief and pointed echoes from the sermon just preached. A member of a church who was apt to occupy more than his share of the prayer-meeting season, often wondered why more of the members did not take part. He chanced one evening to be speaking on the healing of the ten lepers, and of the one who returned to give glory to Christ, and why the nine did not do so too; to which one of the deacons replied, that he thought “it was quite likely the first one took up all the time.” Don't be a prayer-meeting killer, gentle reader. At the close of a twenty-five minute harangue, in a meeting once—when all were sighing with weariness, a little boy, a new convert, arose and said, “I am thankful to say, I am still trusting in the Saviour.”

News of the Churches.

HALIFAX, N. S.

NORTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Lord's day services—Preaching 11 a. m. and p. m.; Sunday-school, 2 30 p. m.; fifteen minute prayer-meeting at the close of evening service: Y. P. S. C. E. Monday night at 8 o'clock; prayer-meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

Our Y. P. S. C. E. has changed its night of meeting from Friday night to Monday night.

Among the many American visitors to Halifax this summer, were several of the Savannah, Ga., friends. That we were delighted to see them goes without saying.

The Halifax County Sunday-school Association has the pastor of the North Street Christian Church on its programme for its meeting in the Brunswick street Methodist Church in September.

The writer had to withdraw his name from the programme of the Provincial meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. at Charlottetown, owing to the Annual Meeting at West Gore. The “Proper Observance of the Lord's Day” was the subject assigned to us for the Island Convention. The North Street Christian Church sent a delegate to Charlottetown to represent its society.

Several of our members are away, and others are planning on short visits to friends and relatives in the early fall.

We have had one confession and baptism here since our last report to THE CHRISTIAN—a young man, a teacher, and one well and favorably known to many of our brethren. Our audiences have

been good, and the various services interesting and profitable.

Our audiences at Elmsdale, on the first Mondays, are completely filling our place of meeting. A new and commodious hall is being built there, and we shall occupy it as soon as it is ready. The brethren there are now “breaking bread,” and another church of the faithful is added to the list—young and weak it may be in numbers, but a little giant in faith, hope, and love. Watch it.

An important element in all success is the proper development of true individuality. T. H. B.

WESTPORT, N. S.

Lord's day services—Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday-school, 2 p. m.; Communion, 8.15 p. m.; mid-week prayer-meeting, Wednesday, at 7.30 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E meeting, Saturday at 7.30 p. m.; C. W. B. M. Auxiliary, first Sunday in each month at 8 p. m.; Mission Band last Sunday in each month at 3 p. m.

Since my last writing we have had lots of fog here, but last week was as fine as any one could wish.

Our meetings are progressing about as usual. Mrs. Leonard C. C. Bailey is quite sick. Wm Haycock has passed to his reward.

J. W. BOLTON.

TIVERTON, N. S.

Lord's day services—preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday-school, 2 p. m.; Communion, 8.15 p. m.; mid-week prayer-meeting, Friday at 7.30 p. m.; C. W. B. M. Auxiliary, first Sunday in each month at 8 p. m.; Mission Band every two weeks.

At my last visit to Tiverton I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. H. A. Devoe, the former pastor. This brother had charge of the church in Tiverton for eight years; he now preaches at Southville, South Range, and Gulliver's Cove. The brother was with us at our Friday evening prayer-meeting. We have enjoyed good services here, and I think the work is beginning to look up.

Allen Outhouse and Mrs Herbert Outhouse are each quite poorly. J. W. BOLTON.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

My visit to Tryon on the 9th of August was a very pleasant one. The day was delightful and our congregations were fair, considering all circumstances. After the evening service, through the kindness of Sister R. Morrison, I went to her home for the night. This is also the home of our good Sister Lord, wife of the lamented Bro. John Lord. I enjoyed the kindness and Christian fellowship extended to me. I also met Sister Shaw of the Charlottetown Church, an earnest and devoted child of God. What a blessing to be permitted to associate with those who love God. It is a great source of strength and encouragement. A word of encouragement in the work of Christ is worth more than mathematical skill can estimate.

Our work at Summerside is somewhat retarded by the absence of a number of our best workers; but vacations are much needed and truly earned, and should be enjoyed. We do not mind when we know they will return; but we feel sorry when we know some are going not to return again.

Sister Cook and I visit Tignish this week to be there over Lord's day, the 23rd. H. E. COOKE

Home Mission Notes.

The annual meeting is over and a desirable change has been made in the Home Mission Board. Bros. Ryan and Stewart are good men and true and their influence will be felt in all the churches.

The meeting certainly was the best yet held, over \$82.00 was paid and \$100.00 pledged for home missions, over \$54.00 was

paid for the building lot in Portland; and the foreign mission collection was more than \$32.00. But as Bro. Fullerton said “it's hearts God wants, not money.” We feel sure God has their hearts for they gave most liberally.

A good sister of the Cornwallis church sent \$10.00 for the collection, and a brother in Digby County sent \$5.00 by Bro. Devoe. It's not too late to send, why not follow these good examples.

The board arranged for Bro. Stevens to hold a meeting at Shubenacadie.

Bro. H. Wallace goes to Pictou until Bro. Stevens is ready to return and to continue the work there.

Halifax is to get this year \$250.00, Pictou \$200.00, and Portland \$150.00. Will you help?

RECEIPTS.

Milton—per Miss Freman,	\$ 4 30
“ —Y. P. S. C. E.,	5 97
West Gore—Annual Meeting, ..	72 62
“ —Josiah Wallace and wife, ..	10 00
	\$92 89

The following pledges were made at the annual: Coburg Street S. S. \$50.00, H. A. Devoe and D. A. Morrison \$10.00 each, Milton S. S., E. C. Bowers, A. McNeill and W. B. McDougall, \$5.00, J. T. Wallace \$4.00, Miss A. Lach and E. Etherington \$1.00.

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

*Expect great things from God.
Attempt great things for God.*

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$221 76
Westport—Ladies' Aid,	2 12
Kildare—Young People's Mission Circle,	5 00
Tiverton—Ladies' Aid,	2 75
Halifax—Ladies' Aid,	14 08
St. John—Ladies' Aid,	2 85
do. Sunday-school,	3 75
Milton—Ladies' Aid,	16 76
East Point—Theophilus MacDonald, ..	5 50
Lord's Cove—Ladies' Aid,	5 00
Cornwallis—Ladies' Aid,	5 83
	Total, \$285 40

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Previously acknowledged,	\$70 07
Charlottetown—Golden Link Band,	2 00
West Gore—Golden Rule Band,	3 00
Milton—Daily Workers' Band,	10 00
Westport—Willing Workers' Band,	2 50
Kildare—Golden Circle Band,	2 00
Halifax—O Gin San Band,	1 00
St. John—Wide Awake Band,	1 15
do Birthday Box,	1 48
Upper Rawdon—Cheerful Gleaners' Band,	60
Birthday Box,	69
	Total, \$95 25

SUSIE B. FORD, Treasurer.
Port Williams,
Kings Co., N. S.

MAIN STREET CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

Previously acknowledged,	\$258 25
West Gore, Annual Meeting, ..	54 60
Collected by D. A. Morrison, ..	14 00
do. Chas. Beers,	11 00
do. A. Armstrong,	20 30
do. Miss N. Whelpley,	5 00
Mrs. J. B. Dodge, Wollaston, Mass,	1 50
	Total, \$359 65

J. S. FLAGLER,
Treasurer.

Sept. 10, 1896.