

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.  
COBURN STREET.

Bro Baker of P. E Island, attended our services on Lord's day, May 5th.

We regret that in consequence of Bro. Fielden's health, he has been compelled to seek a more congenial clime, and with his wife, and wife's sister and brother, have taken up their residence in Richmond, Virginia. Bro. Fielden, during his stay among us, has been a great help to the church. The brethren in Halifax, where he spent some months, will also regret his departure.

Bro and Sister Charlton and Bro. Currie, who became Christians at our recent March meeting, have moved to Silver Falls. They will be a great help to the church there.

Bro. Wm Gates, who is pursuing his studies at the Bible College, Lexington, Ky, is in the city, and during his vacation will be engaged by the Literature Committee to circulate their books, papers, etc.

The collection taken up on Lord's day, May 23rd, for the North End Building Fund amounted to \$32.85.

The annual business meeting was held on Tuesday evening, May 11th. Reports of the treasurer, secretary and relief fund were read. Bro. J. B Allan was elected a trustee in the place of Bro. J. J. Christie, deceased. Bro. Stewart was unanimously engaged for the seventh year.

SILVER FALLS, N. B

On the evening of May 11th the annual business meeting of the church was held. Edward Shellington was elected treasurer and David Garnett clerk. The elders of the church are Thomas Garnett and Henry Shellington. David Garnett, John Arthurs and Albert Day are deacons. The following trustees were elected for the ensuing year: Thomas Garnett, Edward Shellington, Henry Shellington, Joseph Arthurs, David Garnett, D. A. Morrison, O. B. Stockford, J. S. Flaglor and W. A. Barnes.

We break bread Lord's day afternoons. The Lord's day evening prayer meetings are well attended and the interest in them is so good that they are generally kept open an hour and a half, sometimes for two hours.

We are glad to have Brother and Sister Charlton and Brother Currie of the St. John church in our neighborhood and to worship with us, and hope they will reside here permanently.

We had one addition during the month Bro. Albert Day who who was received into membership on a letter from the St. John church.

Brothers Philip MacIntyre and O. B Stockford are present at our Lord's day services occasionally. We are glad to have them present.

Brothers David Garnett and O B Stockford addressed meetings at Willow Grove in the afternoon and Garnett Settlement in the evening of May 16th. There was a good interest manifested in both meetings especially the evening one, which was well attended.

HALIFAX, N. S.

Our correspondents will please note our change of address to 140 Brunswick Street.

On the evening of the 13th, a large number of the members of the North Street Christian Church gave us a genial surprise, coming to us with full hands and glad hearts. A pleasant evening was spent, and many were the expressions of Christian joy.

The writer delivered a sermon on the evening of the 21st, to the Baptist Young People's Union of

Dartmouth. We had a splendid audience of young people and an interesting service.

Our Junior Y. P. S. C. E. had the pleasure recently of an address from Miss Lena Woodil, of this city, the Superintendent of the Junior Local Union.

The North St. Church took its collection for the American home missions on Lord's day, the 9th. The collection was a very good one, and we think not a dollar more than it ought to have been.

Bro Geo. McDormand of Westport, N. S., is at the Halifax Victoria General Hospital, and is improving under treatment there. Sister McPhee of West Gore is also in the hospital. Bro. Peters of Westport, worshipped with us several times during the month.

Another family has removed to Halifax and are helping to swell our regular attendance—Mr. McIntosh and family of Springhill. Sister McIntosh was baptized by the writer in Pictou Co., a number of years ago, but being without a church home, has been affiliating with the Baptists, and now will return to this church of Christ. She has been faithful, and rejoices at present privileges. Her husband was one of our regular attendants for some time prior to the family removing here.

Our Sunday night services still continue to attract a good number of strangers, while many of them are becoming regular worshippers with us.

T. H. BLENUS

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

Through the courtesy of members of the church in St John, both of these churches were permitted to use their missionary ship. This is a good model of a ship, about eight feet long and ten feet high when built. When the children put the different parts of the ship in place they repeat appropriate verses. It makes a very interesting concert, appealing to the eye as well as the ear. It was given in Westport as I noticed in my last letter. Since then it was given in Tiverton. We had a good-sized audience, the singing was good and the children did splendidly. The amount realized from the concert was \$10.10. We are very grateful to the church in St. John for the use of the ship.

May 9th the Young Peoples' Missionary Society in Tiverton had its first meeting. They report having a good time. One new member was added to their number.

At the May meeting of the Y. P. M. S. in Westport, the country of India was taken up, and the stations of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society were especially treated of. Papers were read on the various stations, a map of India was shown, charts with the names of missionaries and stations were displayed and a large picture of G. L. Wharton, Hurda, was presented. It was an interesting and instructive meeting. What we need is to become more familiar with our missionaries and their work.

The church in Tiverton has purchased new wall paper to put on the walls of their house of worship.

As my year closed the 1st of May, I will present a summary of work done from May 1, 1896—May 1, 1897.

Sermons preached,.....	166
Pastoral calls made,.....	982
Baptisms,.....	10
Additions,.....	19
Marriages,.....	4
Funerals,.....	5

Amount of money raised in both churches.

Churches for missions,.....	\$76 00
C. W. B. M.,.....	18 51
Mission Bands,.....	12 25
Y. P. M. S.,.....	2 45
Churches for expenses,.....	61 14
Church debts,.....	106 46
S. S.,.....	34 34
Y. P. S. C. E.,.....	4 20
Support of Pastor,.....	514 64

Total amounts raised, \$930 05

A unanimous call has been given me to remain another year.  
J. W. BOLTON.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

CENTRAL CHURCH.

From the basement parlor of the Y. M. C. A. we have moved to the large upstairs hall on Prince and Grafton Streets. Quite a gratifying increase in the audiences is the result.

Elder John Kennedy was taken very sick five weeks ago, but is now slowly recovering. We hope soon to see him in his usual place in the meetings.

By removal to Lot 48 we have lost two members from our little band, in the persons of Bro. and Sister Daniel Kennedy, who have gone to live with their married son there. The old home in town is broken up, but their son and daughter are making their home for the time being at Sister Williams'.

We have had the pleasure of having several brethren and sisters to worship with us, amongst whom were Sisters Donald Crawford and daughter from New Glasgow, and Bro. Bagnall from St. John.

At a special meeting of the church a week ago, the announcement that Elder John Kennedy wished to donate \$500 for the building of a new church worthy of the cause and free from reproach, caused a joy too deep for words. At his request Bros. Emery, Manifold and McLeod were appointed to hold his money in trust and to be empowered to receive all other donations for the same purpose. Now, brethren, who will be the next?

GEO. MANIFOLD.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

Our quarterly meeting is over, and we must say it was a means of spiritual uplifting to us all. Bro. R. W. Stevenson and Bro. Manifold were with us, and we had manifold blessings indeed. We enjoyed some of the most excellent sermons (from both of them) that has ever been our lot to hear. Bro. R. W. Stevenson did most of the preaching, and he is a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. His splendid natural ability and pleasing manner in presenting the gospel make him a power for good. He is one of our best and most forcible preachers. Bro. Manifold is a younger man and a fearless and zealous servant of God.

I had the pleasure of meeting the good brethren of Montague, while our meeting was in progress. Montague is one of the prettiest places on P. E. I. Bro. R. W. S. is well spoken of among his people, and he deserves it.

One confession and baptism at our quarterly. One of our Sunday-school scholars, and daughter of Sister Connors, whose family are all in the church but the youngest little boy.

My visit of late to Tignish was a pleasing one. Our congregations were large, and many good friends cheered us in the good work.

On May 16th I met with the church at Tryon. We had the pleasure of speaking to the largest congregation we ever met in this part of the field.

Much sickness prevails and the weather keeps cold and wet. But we look for the promise of God in all things.  
H. E. COOKE.

MONTAGUE, P. E. I.

On last Lord's day we re-organized our Sunday-school. It starts out very well. There was a good attendance. The children are learning to sing nicely.

Our first quarterly meeting on the Island was held with the church in Summerside. Bros. Crawford and Emery, on account of sickness, could not be present. Bro. Manifold and myself, with Bro. Cooke, the pastor of the Summerside church, had a fairly good meeting considering the bad roads and the very wet weather. I remained over Lord's day, while Bro. Cook served the Montague church. The brethren seem to think favorably of the quarterly, and we hope to hold them regularly and visit all the churches on the Island. R. W. S.