

there be debates, envying, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults." 2 Cor. xii. : 20.

"But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes." 2 Tim. ii. : 23. "But avoid foolish questions and genealogies and contentions and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain." Titus iii. : 9.

"Let us, therefore, follow after the things that make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another." "It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth or is offended or is made weak." Rom. xiv. : 19, 21.

"Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers." 2 Tim. ii. : 14.

"In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves if God perchance will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth, and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil who are taken captive by him at his will." 2 Tim. ii. : 25, 26.

"O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings and oppositions of science falsely so called, which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen. 1 Tim. vi. : 20, 21.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

During December and January we paid as follows :

Foreign Missions,	\$75 00
Home "	55 00
Bible Society,	23 50
India Famine Sufferers,	37 50

\$191 00

The Main Street Church's contributions are included in this.

The collection for the Bible Society was taken up at the New Year morning meeting which was an exceptionally fine meeting, the influence of it will go with us through the year.

During the week of prayer Bro. Stewart led the meeting in Victoria Street F. C. Baptist Church Bro. Andrew Barnes led the meeting in the Y. M. C. A. and Rev. Mr. Minchin of the Congregational Church led the Saturday evening meeting in Coburg Street.

Over twenty of the young people are going to study the history and purpose of the Disciples of Christ which is being prepared for the Endeavor societies.

On the 14th Bro. Stewart began his lessons on the Sunday-school lessons. These studies will be held at the close of the Thursday evening prayer meeting. They are most interesting and nearly every one remains.

We are preparing for our March meeting

On the 27th Brother George Holder and Sister Mabel Banks were united in marriage by Bro. Stewart. They are two of our most popular young people and have the best wishes of all for prosperity and happiness.

While on this subject will say that Bro. Stewart married twelve couples during 1896, and one Sunday we had six bridal couples at our services.

MAIN STREET.

Bros. J. Currie and A. McKiel are away in the country. They are missed at our meetings.

At the close of Wednesday's prayer meeting, Bro. Appel has a class that studies the Sunday-school lesson for the next Sunday for thirty minutes, after which for the same length of time he gives lessons on teachers and teaching. The attendance and interest in these studies has been good. Bro. Appel gives a great deal of information and prepares his talks with great care.

We had our Sunday-school festival and anniversary on the 22nd of January, just four years since the school was opened. It was a success in every way. Bro. Appel had trained the children and prepared the programme. The hall was packed; the collection amounted to \$18.50. The children sang and recited well and enjoyed the good things prepared for them. In fact everybody was pleased. \$136 was collected in the school during 1896. It cost \$76 to pay its expenses and the balance of \$60 went towards the running expenses of the church.

On January 31st at a meeting of the church, it was unanimously decided to engage Bro. Appel for one year. We hope for success to attend our united efforts and we ask for the good wishes and the prayers of the brethren on our behalf.

DEER ISLAND, N. B.

We have recently held some special meetings at Lord's Cove and at Leonardville. A number of things combined to keep the interest from developing as we desired. We had, nevertheless, some good meetings, and we trust that good has been done which cannot be tabulated in a report. We had one confession and baptism at Lord's Cove. At Leonardville two have been baptized and one restored. We expect still further fruits from this sowing

M. B. RYAN.

LE'TETE, N. B.

We had one confession and baptism two weeks ago and last Lord's day another confession. Monday evening in the Endeavor meeting five confessed Christ and on the following Thursday afternoon five were baptized. Another is to be baptized on Saturday afternoon. Others are interested and we are hoping for them. We have not had any extra meetings, but hope to get Bro. Ryan over here to give us a helping hand. Pray for us.

WM. MURRAY.

HALIFAX, N. S.

One of the union services of the week of prayer was held at the North Street Christian Church, Mr. Ainley, pastor of Charles Street Methodist Church, leading.

The writer exchanged pulpits on the 10th with the pastor of the Grove Presbyterian Church. A very large congregation gave us a very attentive hearing while we discoursed on the "Commission." The congregation at North St. gave Mr. Dustan, pastor of the Grove Church great praise. We are planning for exchanges with others soon.

Our engagements are on the constant increase. We have been invited to address the Y. M. C. A. shortly on "Sons of Toil." We are to lead the Teachers' Normal class of the Sunday schools next week in College Hall. We have also been appointed as a member of a committee of four pastors to arrange plans for a home to home canvas of the city, looking for the reaching of the non-church goers.

Our audiences during January have, we are happy to say, been far above the average. Last night, the 24th, our house was packed, several being compelled to stand in the aisles during the entire service. Twice this month we have taxed the seating capacity of our audience room. The sermons, to perhaps the largest Halifax audiences we have ever had, were both on the "Reformation movements of the 16th and 19th centuries,—their weakness, their strength and their tendency." We have been requested to repeat them before long.

Our Y. P. S. C. E. society and our Juniors are active. The Juniors are making a special feature of foreign missions and will correctly observe the first Lord's day of March.

The Halifax and Dartmouth Local Union of C. E. holds its quarterly meeting next week in the North Park Street Presbyterian Church. After reports, ten minute speeches will be made by selected speakers setting forth the benefits and growth of the organization in the various churches. North St. Christian Church is on for an address and will give statistically our growth in Canada and the United States.

I exceedingly regret, owing to press of work here, my inability to accept of the earnest invitations coming from three or four different parts of the province to hold meetings. Most especially do I regret not being able to accept the courteous invitation of our beloved Bro. Fullerton to go to

their assistance at Pictou. The work here in Halifax rests heavily on us and we lose ground when absent.

The Evangelical Alliance at its last annual meeting here decided to test the suggestion to hold a daily prayer-meeting in the city for business men, to be led in turn by the pastors of the city and other active Christian workers. We have led this meeting once and will do so once in three weeks or more often if called upon.

Our monthly services, on the first Monday of each month at Elmsdale, are well attended and the members there are faithful and hopeful. We are not able to give the work there the attention it ought to have, as we are almost invariably compelled to hasten back to the city to attend to some duty here. They ought to have a meeting of days there this spring.

It seems that as yet we are doing foundation work in Halifax. If signs go for anything, we are gaining some ground in the matter of respect and religious recognition. A prominent citizen, in attendance at our services quite often, expressed himself recently that our "ground was both high and impregnable." We must get the ears of this people before we can expect to reach their hearts. Halifax is perhaps slow and conservatively cautious but demands as a rule good sound common sense in the pulpit. Somebody will have to be engaged in this work perhaps long and faithfully before much can be done, but with the present prospects, and a faithful unwavering standing to the work here, will without the slightest doubt bring ultimate success.

T. H. BLENUM.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

We spent our first Christmas in the provinces at Tiverton.

While Mrs. Bolton and I were stopping with Sister Eliza Smith, on Christmas eve, a number of the members of the church came in and surprised us with some Christmas presents, among which was a beautiful autograph monument quilt for Mrs. Bolton. The presentation speech was made by Sister Smith, to which the pastor responded. A good time was enjoyed by all and the pastor was made to realize that his efforts were appreciated.

The churches in Westport united in holding services during the week of prayer. These were held alternately in the two houses, the two ministers taking turns in leading the same. The business men closed their places of business every evening during the week, thus aiding the pastors in securing a good attendance.

Each pastor is following up the week of prayer with revival meetings. Our meetings are assuming some interest and quite a number are taking hold that had not lately. No one has confessed Christ yet at this date but we look for some soon. The weather seems to be against a regular attendance at the meetings.

The infant child of Vicy A. Outhouse died recently at Tiverton, and in the absence of the pastor, Geo. Cossaboom, elder, conducted the funeral services. Its mother died only last month and now it has gone to be with her.

The Sunday school at Westport at the beginning of the year adopted quarterlies of our own publication.

J. W. BOLTON.

SOUTH RANGE, N. S.

Our meetings are interesting and we trust to have an ingathering of precious souls before long. We are expecting to make a protracted effort to this end and with the blessing of God hope for good results.

A large company of our friends met at our home on 23rd December and spent a pleasant and to us a very profitable evening for they left us in valuables and cash over \$42. This splendid gift was presented to us on behalf of the company by Bro. Benjamin Sabean in a short speech that was so full of kindness and encouragement that our heart has been lighter and happier ever since. We think it a sign of true Christianity in any people who try to encourage the preacher with deeds and words of kindness. We are thankful that our lot is cast with such a people and pray God's richest and choicest blessings upon them, both for this world and for the world to come.

H. A. DEVOE.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

The week of prayer was observed here as usual and we hope that the result will be a better religious feeling among the churches of the town. The