

News of the Churches.

ST JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET

Bro Wm Murray was at the Y P S C E meeting on Tuesday evening, Nov 16th. He gave an interesting talk on "The Blessedness of serving God," which was the topic for that evening. He left the next morning for Nauwigewauk, about forty miles from the city, where a few disciples live.

We are glad to say that Sister Nellie Flaglor is so much improved that she is able to walk about her room.

Bro. W. H. Harding was at the Y P S C E meeting on Tuesday evening, Nov. 9th, and took part in the services.

Bro. Stewart preached for the Main Street Church on Lord's day evening, Nov. 7th, his subject being "Christian Union."

The Woman's Auxiliary Society held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon (Thanksgiving day). There were a large number present, and a very interesting programme. The collection amounted to \$9.50 for home missions, and \$2.50 for foreign missions.

Bro. E. C. Bowers of Westport, N. S., worshipped with us on Lord's day (28th).

Miss Ethel Barnes, after spending some weeks in Boston, returned home on the 20th.

W. A. B.

MAIN STREET.

Bro. Appel has commenced a series of chart sermons on "The Kingdom." The first one was delivered on Lord's day evening, November 21st.

Bro Appel exchanged with Bro Stewart on Lord's day, November 7th.

We regret that Bro. and Sister Allan and family have moved to Sackville, N. B. They will be very much missed in our meetings.

Sister Wm Armstrong, who has been visiting relatives in Newton, Mass., has returned home.

SILVER FALLS, N. B.

Bro Wm Murray continued with us until the 16th of November. Another person put on her Lord and Saviour in baptism. Bro Murray did us much good by his visit. The church has been considerably strengthened by his presence.

NAUWIGEWAWK, N. B.

Bro Wm. Murray started laboring here with the brethren in this locality November 18th. The attendance and interest so far have been very good. We believe that Bro. Murray's visit and labor here will result in much good.

LETETE, N. B.

Bro Harding has been here and gone. There is quite an awakening of the people since his visit. Our prayer meeting Sunday had an attendance of about 150, with about 30 to take part. It was really encouraging. But still we feel the need of good sound preaching and I feel that we must have some one come to preach the gospel here.

W R W.

HALIFAX, N. S.

Four excellent young persons were baptized at the North Street Christian Church at the close of the services Sunday night, Nov. 14th. Others are thoughtful and we hope for more accessions shortly.

We are still in the field with our circular, and earnestly ask the readers of THE CHRISTIAN not to forget the encouragement of the Halifax North St. Christian Church, when their hearts are tender and their pockets are open during the gift season of Christmas and New Year.

Last night in our regular prayer meeting, our new born members pledged themselves in service to Christ, and others of our young people pledged themselves anew to greater consecration. The reason so many workers fall out by the way or cease to be efficient, is because they get no adequate conception of the duty and service belonging to the Christian life. They build on sand instead of rock, and when the storm of test and trial comes they go down and great is their fall.

At the beginning of some special evangelistic services in this city, some one said to the writer, "Now we must all work—" Why now more than any other time? That is the trouble with the

average church member. It is wait for the "week of prayer," or series of "special services," or for an "evangelist," or for something out of the ordinary course and current of religious activity. It is an indolent, lazy, unscriptural, short-sighted, wretchedly weak way of working for Christ, to wait, Micawber-like, for some special opportunity to come to us. Laste to these facts:

- 1 Men die every day all around us.
- 2 Death forever fixes destiny.
- 3 Without Christ sinners are lost.
4. Presenting Christ may save them.
- 5 The Bible says, Now is the accepted time
6. Neglect of doing good is sin.

I am trying to impress upon the minds and hearts of my hearers the truth that simply attending the preaching of two or three sermons a week and "dropping in" occasionally to a not over-zealous prayer-meeting, will alone, no more take a man or woman to heaven than sitting on a fence and seeing a railway train fly past will take them to the train's destination. God's promises and blessings are all conditional. Meet the conditions and every precious promise will be fulfilled in our lives, and will touch and bless the lives of others.

T. H. BLENNIS.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held in Westport.

Y P M. S. in Westport is doing good work.

October 31st, the writer preached to a large-sized audience in E. Ferry.

The brethren and sisters in both of these churches are contributing to the Crawford Jubilee Fund.

On Sunday, Nov. 14th, the Sunday-school at Westport had a rally. The attendance was materially increased thereby.

The C. W. B. M. auxiliary in Tiverton is full of vigor, and is doing good work for the cause of missions.

On Friday evening, Oct 29th, in Tiverton, we enjoyed one of the best prayer meetings we have held for a long time.

J. W. BOLTON.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

Since our last report one more has been added to the church by confession and obedience.

Our Sunday-school is doing splendidly under the direction of Sister H. L. Beattie. I do not know what the Church of Christ would do if it was not for the number of devoted workers that stand by it in the face of all discouragements and opposition. Surely the crowns of such will shine in the kingdom of our God. We should prize the faithful ones, and labor with them for the advancement of our Redeemer's cause.

My recent visit to Tignish was pleasant. I had the pleasure of making new acquaintances and preaching at a new point. Our work in general is not discouraging. We are assured that faithful labor on the part of pastor and people will result in blessings.

H. E. C.

EAST POINT, P. E. I.

Bro M B Ryan has been here for several weeks battling against the elements, preaching on Sundays and occasionally through the week to fair audiences. The meetings have been held at different places, which was against any special interest being aroused. He was at Charlottetown on Nov 2-nd, preaching both morning and evening. He goes to New Glasgow where he expects to till the middle of December.

H. W. S.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

CENTRAL CHURCH.

The Gale-Greenwood evangelistic meetings were a comparative failure, both as regards the interest shown and the additions made. Something or somebody was considerably out of joint. It may be remarked that the influence or drawing power of such so-called undenominational evangelists is considerably on the wane.

Since last report the church had the privilege of listening to the veteran preacher, Bro D Crawford. We expect to have Bro. M. B. Ryan also on November 28th.

Sister Anna Morrison, wife of Bro. H. T. Morrison, came here in the summer for the benefit of her health. She has been visiting her many friends and relatives on the Island. In her social intercourse with her friends many questions were put to her respecting the Disciples of Christ and "our plea."

A young men's prayer meeting has been started, which though beginning small, has great possibilities before it. "Mighty things from small beginnings grow," and this prayer meeting will prove in the future a powerful factor in the spiritual life of the congregation.

Bro. Geo. A. Stewart has been seriously ill for over ten weeks with slow fever. He is now out of danger, but it will be several weeks yet before he can regain his usual strength.

Elder John Kennedy, though much better of his long illness, is still confined to the home. It is very doubtful whether he will be able to meet again with his brethren in public worship.

GEORGE MANIFOLD.

CORNWALLIS, N. S.

THE CHRISTIAN is calling loudly for "Church News" and strongly hints that somebody is "dead" or "sleeping" when such news is not forthcoming. It may be if some of the delinquents would write an excuse it would assure the readers of THE CHRISTIAN that they were neither "dead" nor "sleeping." Speaking for myself I would say that I am always glad to give anything of interest in the way of news or progress of the cause when I have anything to write. But is is often the case that we have to labor hard and long before we begin to see the results of our labor. The farmer is a long way from being dead or sleeping when he is preparing the soil and putting in the seed in the seed time, but you hear but little from him until the time of harvest. He would be considered an egotist who would be forever parading his own part in this work. It is the results we are after.

I might fill a column in THE CHRISTIAN every month reporting my work in these parts; telling of the miles I have to travel to meet my several appointments and visit the brethren, etc., etc., but what would it all amount to more than spreading myself before the brethren, if I see no results I deem of sufficient interest to report? This is my reason or excuse as the case may be for not writing more church news for our paper. I think spare time thus used can be put to far greater profit.

But while I am writing I will say a word in reference to our work here at the risk of being charged with doing the same thing I here condemn. So far this year we have had but one addition by baptism. One man past sixty years of age obeyed the gospel, thus making us all glad and himself happy. This has not been reported through our papers. Our congregations all through the summer and fall have been encouraging, and quite an interest was manifested and we fully expected other additions; but for some reason they are slow to move. But now that the cold weather and rough roads are on us, we have to be content with much smaller attendance.

Our Sunday-school, too, has closed for the winter, the children being too scattered to get together in the winter season, but I am hardly correct in saying the school is closed, for one of our young sisters, and one of our best workers, too, has taken her class of little ones to her home where she teaches them each Lord's day afternoon. She is neither dead nor sleeping. Then another family living too far away to enjoy this privilege have formed a class at home on Lord's day evening, and they study the regular lessons together. There are those who are deeply interested in the work of the Lord in these parts, but are so situated that it seems impossible for them to work as they would. But enough.

E. C. FORD

Home Mission Notes.

PLATTSBURG, Mo, Nov. 1, 1897.

DEAR BRO FLAGLOR,—I have received several letters from the provinces that I was expected there January 1st. This is a mistake. You must have misread my letter, as I said June 1st instead of January, or at least meant that. I may be able to see you sooner, but not probably, as my time was all spoken for up to that date and even longer. Kindly correct this mistake as to date.

Truly your Brother,

J. A. L. ROMIG.

The above needs no explanation. We will wait and pray that Bro. Romig will come then in good health, full of the Master's spirit and win great victories for His cause in these provinces.