

last year and the year before, and all your life. He has waited for you with blood on His brow, tears in his eyes, and two outstretched, mangled hands of love.

The weapons of our warfare are not carnal; the armour is spiritual; we live in thought, we fight by inspiration, we suffer in the spirit of hope; and, glorified by the indwelling presence of God, no king that ever came out against us can effectively lift his hand to smite the Christian banner. He who is strong in spirit is strong all through and through his nature; he who is only muscularly strong will fall in the fight. PARKER

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

One confession since last report.

Ellis B. Barnes, of Bowmanville, Ont., commenced a series of evangelistic services on Tuesday evening, August 25, and continued them up till and including Lord's day, Sept. 6.

Bro. E. C. Bowers, passed through our city on Friday, Aug. 4, going to the Annual at Westport, N. S.

The "Willing Workers," met at the home of Sister Emma Christio on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 16. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Sister Hattie Clark, President; Sister Annie Edmunds, Vice-President; Bertha W. Barnes, Treasurer, and Sister Nellie Flaglor, Secretary.

"The Woman's Missionary Aid Society" held their annual meeting, Thursday afternoon (Sept. 24) for the election of officers, which are as follows: President, Sister F. Blackadar; Vice-Presidents, Sister Jas. E. Barnes and M. Owens; Treasurer, Sister Ethel Barnes; Secretary, Sister W. A. Barnes. The amount collected at the meeting was \$10.50 for home missions.

Elder Donald Crawford, of New Glasgow, P. E. I., occupied the pulpit on Lord's day (Sept. 20th) at the morning and evening services.

Elder O. B. Emery, of Montague, P. E. I., preached on Lord's day (Sept. 20th) morning and evening.

SOUTHVILLE, N. S.

From the annual meeting at Westport we went in company with Bro. Steele to Southville where we first preached in 1852 and last visited in 1855. Of the 11 who were baptized and met to break bread 38 years ago one had moved away and three had died, leaving the best evidence that they had died in the Lord. It was no small pleasure to meet the remaining seven pursuing the narrow way surrounded by children and grand-children with their faces Zionward. This church like others suffers much from so many leaving the country. Notwithstanding this and other impediments it still numbers 55 members. They have a very commodious and respectable meeting house free from debt. The members are in such repute there and in surrounding settlements as to be able by the divine blessing to widely influence their neighbors to follow the Saviour. Bro. Gates lives there and preaches part of his time and has persuaded many to turn to the Lord. We regret that one so well fitted and so successful is not engaged all of his time in teaching and preaching. He and Sister Gates who is so zealous constant and untiring in working for Jesus must have a grand influence in whatever community they live and labor. Bro. Steele, in his 76th year, in zeal for God and his care for the church seems scarcely past his prime. He enjoys the love and confidence of the brethren and the highest respect of the community. Others too might, did space permit, be favorably mentioned. We felt it good to be there and hard to leave.

We preached twice on Lord's day and three times in the week we left. The audience increased in interest till the last, and we hope and pray that the impressions made will be deep and salutary.

D. O.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

As I sit here writing I raise my head and look out of the window before me and my gaze rests upon trees whose leaves are turning from a rich green to a variety of hues: The fields begin to wear a barren aspect and nature generally seems to be undergoing a great change. Where are the beautiful fields of grain—where the green leaves? Alas! the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and—Are you saved! We all fade as the leaf. What a solemn thought; that just as the grain ripens for the scythe of man so man ripens for the scythe of death. What will the harvest be? What kind of seed are you sowing brother—sister? He that soweth to the flesh shall reap corruption, but he that soweth to the Spirit shall reap life everlasting. If we have not been bringing forth fruit in the years that are past, perhaps the Master is saying of us "this year also" Oh! then let us be up and doing so as not to be classed among the cumberers of the ground. There are very many opportunities for doing good in this world in which we live.

"Hark! the voice of Jesus crying—
Who will go and work to-day?
Fields are white and harvest waiting;
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and strong the Master calleth,
Rich reward He offers thee;
Who will answer gladly saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me."

If you cannot cross the ocean,
And the heathen lands explore,
You can find the heathen nearer,
You can help them at your door.
If you cannot give your thousands,
You can give the widow's mite,
And the least you do for Jesus,
Will be precious in His sight.

Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying,
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
"Here am I; send me, send me!"

I was in a harvest field the other day; men were binding, cutting, stacking, etc. In the house the women were busily engaged preparing the meals, even a little boy could carry a pail of water to the men in the field; all could find something to do. And so in the great harvest everybody has something to do.

Since I wrote last month seven persons have been baptized and taken membership with the church in Summerside. What would you think of a "clergyman" going into a house and asking the family if some of them were going to be immersed, and upon being told that such was the case to entreat them "for their own sake, for the churches' sake, for his sake, and for God's sake don't do it."

This is what our Episcopal minister here did a few weeks ago; and yet he had not been to see them for years before.

An old lady seventy-three years of age made the good confession, but on account of sectarian influence was not immersed. Still we must work on, the truth is mighty and must prevail.

I spent last Sunday (20th) in Tignish. We had several good meetings. There are some warm hearted brothers and sisters here it always does me good to get among them. I shall remain another winter on the Island hoping that the Lord may bless my efforts in the future as in the past.

W. H. HARDING.

Summerside, P. E. I.

HOME MISSION NOTES.

"Some men fill the air with their presence and sweetness, as orchards in October days fill the air with perfume of ripe fruit. Some women cling to their homes like the honeysuckle over the door, yet like it sweeten all the region with the subtle fragrance of their goodness. They are trees of righteousness which are ever dropping precious fruit around them. Their lives shine like sunbeams and they charm the heart like the singing of holy songs." The above describes the persons we had the pleasure of meeting at the annual.

The Standard says: "J. A. L. Romig had 47 additions at Leati, Kan.,—a wonderful result."

Udike and Haves closed their meeting at Santa Cruz, Cal., with 107 additions. There was 78 additions at Nashville. Evangelist Dillon did the preaching.

Myers and Cook at Independance, Kan., have had 82 additions so far. One thousand four hundred have been added to the Kansas churches under their labor this year.

At Charlton, Iowa, Hall and Hutton closed a meeting with 156 additions, and raised \$2,762 towards building a house of worship.

The Tennessee mission board employed eight evangelists during the year and 500 were added to the churches. The Kentucky mission boards received during the year \$17,000. There was 2,500 added to the churches. Sunday-schools have been organized; churches set in order and the people taught the way of the Lord. No mind can calculate the blessed work that has been done, or its value to the future of the cause in Kentucky.

During the past 40 years the General Christian Missionary Society of the United States have received over \$425,000 and employed 500 missionaries. Under their preaching over 23,000 have been added by faith and baptism, and as many more gained in other ways. They organized 400 churches. We hope they will reach out their strong helping hand to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. At the annual meeting the brethren re-elected the missionary board. We thank them for their expressed confidence and approval of last year's work. Brethren we want your help in every way. Give us your sympathy, your advice, your prayers and all the financial help you possibly can; and we will do all that we can to carry on this mission work in a successful manner.

RECEIPTS.

Cornwallis—				
Per R. Stevens, ....	....	....	....	4 10
Milton—				
Per Miss Freeman, ...	....	....	....	25
Tiverton—				
Mrs. W. Outhouse, ...	....	....	....	1 00
Cambridgeport, Mass.—				
T. K. Etherington, ...	....	....	....	7 00
Westport—				
Annual Meeting Collection ....	....	....	....	17 00
Westport Concert, ...	....	....	....	5 70
St. John—				
Young Peoples' M. B.,	1 55
Westport—				
Per Miss Payson,	1 00
Bowmanville, Ont.—				
E. B. Barnes,	5 00
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