

## News of the Churches.

## ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

A very interesting prayer and social meeting was held on New Year's morning, the Main street church uniting with us. A letter was read from Bro. O. B. Stockford, who is now in Rat Portage, expressing the delight and pleasure he had in attending these meetings in years past. It was unanimously resolved to send New Year's greetings to Bro. O. B. Stockford and H. W. Stewart, our late pastor.

Dr. R. Bentley Ray preached for the church at Silver Falls on Wednesday evening, January 10th, and on Lord's day afternoon, January 14th, to good congregations.

We are pleased to have Bro. H. Stewart, of Lord's Cove, Deer Island, present at our services. His singing is a great help in our worship.

Bro. R. W. Stevenson called at the office of THE CHRISTIAN on Friday, January 19th, on his way to Lansingburg, N. Y. He regrets very much leaving Montague, P. E. I., but owing to the ill health of his wife he has been compelled to do so. Our brethren in the provinces will regret to lose him from the island, where he is so much needed. Bro. Stevenson is an able preacher of the Word, and we hope that he will some time in the future return to the island again. W. A. BARNES.

MAIN STREET.

The New Year's meeting of the two congregations in St. John was held at Coburg street on the 1st. While not as largely attended as at some former occasions, the service was helpful, and showed a spirit of earnestness and faithfulness to the Master and a general desire for the building up of his kingdom.

The monthly visit of the Coburg street Y. P. S. C. E. took place on the 3rd. We are glad that some of the members come oftener than once a month; this helps to make the services more instructive and interesting, and it also shows that they have a larger interest in their mission point.

The past month has seen the enlistment and acceptance of one of our members for South Africa. Bro. D. A. Morrison is now at Halifax with the mounted rifles awaiting the sailing of the transport. With a representative on the battlefield war does not seem the same as when all the soldiers are strangers. There is more meaning and earnestness now in prayer to hasten the time when "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." The volunteers were sent to Halifax earlier than was expected, and were away from us before we realized it. Many of the members were at the station to say good-by, but the crowd was too great and demonstrative for them to get near the men.

The week of prayer was observed in the North End as usual, but this year was unique in that all the Protestant preachers united in the services—Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Free Baptist and Christian. The interest shown was so great that the services were continued for three weeks.

Bro. Appel went to Mascarene January 18th and returned on the 20th.

Bro. and Sister McKiel's infant baby died on the 20th.

Bro. R. Roberts has been quite sick, but is now better.

Arrangements have been made with Bro. Romig to assist us in a meeting after he closes at Pictou.

J. C. B. A.

## MASCARENE, N. B.

On January 18th and 19th we preached at this church and found the work being carried on earnestly and faithfully. Although it is now several months since the members have been encouraged by a sermon, the services are held regularly. We were sorry to find so much sickness in the neighborhood, especially sad was the fatal sickness of Bro. Nelson Leland's father. All the family had been sick, but were improving when the father was attacked and died the morning of the 18th. We were sorry that our return to St. John made it impossible to attend the funeral. We saw Bro. William Murray for a few minutes and rejoiced to find that the work at LeTete was so promising. Several spoke to us of the great increase of interest and of the large attendance at the services. Standing room is at a premium Sunday nights, people coming from Back Bay and LeTang. J. C. B. A.

## SOUTHVILLE, N. S.

Our work, religiously, is still advancing. On the Lord's day of the 7th of January, by special request, I preached on the subject of "Holiness." Our church house was filled to its utmost, and according to the many expressions of approval on the part of those who were present, we have reason to believe that all were satisfied.

It is with deep sympathy and regret we have to chronicle the death of our much esteemed and beloved sister, Catherine Lewis, of Danvers, in her 85th year. She was a woman of exemplary Christian character and strong faith in her Redeemer. In all her trials and severe suffering she never lost confidence in the promises of the gospel. Her last hours were the most serene and tranquil, and as her faithful spirit neared the boundaries of the spirit land, her lips could be plainly seen repeating the words, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." From these words her funeral sermon was preached by the writer. We laid her body to rest in the old hillside cemetery (where sleeps the earthly remains of many faithful soldiers of Christ) to await the voice of the trump of God.

On the evening of the 13th inst. many kind friends gathered at the house of the writer at Danvers. According to the liberality and Christian kindness shown, the preacher and family were made to fully understand that their friends were friends indeed. After a pleasant evening's association Elder Peter Wagner presented the proceeds of the evening (with a few well chosen remarks) which amounted to \$52.31. We appreciate the grateful and generous offering as a substantial evidence of our mutual relations and Christian fellowship. Our sincere wish is, that God will abundantly bless our friends.

Elder Stephen Steele has been very sick, but we are glad to state that he is much better. Bro. Steele is one of the old faithful landmarks and earnest promoters of the cause of Christ in this section of country. H. E. C.

## HALIFAX, N. S.

Bro. R. E. Stevens remained with us over one Lord's day and preached two good sermons, which were greatly enjoyed by all who heard them.

We have also enjoyed a visit, which was all too short, from Bro. W. H. Allen and E. A. Fullerton, of Pictou. They came to Halifax to see the "soldiers of the Queen," and take a look at the city as well. While the military spirit was largely in evidence, the city was so enveloped in fog all the time they were here, but little besides the military display could be seen. Bro. Allen speaks encouragingly of the work in Pictou, and is hopefully looking forward to the coming of Bro. Romig,

who is to hold a meeting there in February. We will all pray for and rejoice in the success of the cause we plead in that town. God will certainly hear the prayers and bless the efforts that have been made, and are being made, on behalf of the cause we plead in that locality.

It was a genuine surprise to us here in Halifax to learn that our good Bro. D. A. Morrison, of St. John, N. B., was here in the second contingent on his way to South Africa. Sister Morrison is also here in the city, and probably will remain till after Bro. Morrison leaves for his long and perilous voyage. Bro. and Sister Morrison are receiving a great deal of attention, particularly from the Endeavour societies of the city. A very largely attended "at home" was given them at the home of Miss Woodill, president of the Junior Endeavourers of the Maritime Provinces. This was a very pleasant gathering. Bro. Morrison is also booked to speak at the Endeavour rally to be held the first Monday in February, if still in the city. This meeting is to be held in the North Street Christian Church.

We have nothing of special interest to report from here as to our church work. Indeed under the pressure of the military spirit, now so evident, it is about all we can do to keep up the regular interest in all our services. What, with concerts, big suppers and Sunday marches to the big churches, the city is going wild over this military display. But the end will come by and by; and then what?

I hear a preacher is daily expected in West Gore, Hants County, and I hope and pray that he may be just the man needed in that promising field. I have not yet learned the name of the brother expected, but extend the hand of welcome just the same.

I made my regular monthly visit to Elmsdale and enjoyed speaking to the friends who gather to hear and listen with so much interest.

E. C. FORD.

Halifax, January 24, 1900.

## PICTOU, N. S.

We have organized an auxiliary and a sewing circle. The sewing circle meeting here in "Jerusalem Chamber" next Thursday evening, February 1st, for the purpose of giving or holding a sociable.

Our prayer-meetings are well attended and spiritual in their influence. On Lord's day morning we have a Bible class and preaching service. The preaching service in the evening is well attended. We are going to develop all along the line, step by step, the Lord willing.

On Lord's day, December 24th, I had the pleasure of addressing an appreciative audience in the Young Men's Christian Association hall.

We expect to have a great meeting here, beginning the 3rd of March. Bro. J. A. L. Romig, one of our best and successful evangelists, will conduct it. W. H. A.

## MONTAGUE, P. E. I.

An immense gathering assembled on the evening of January 16th at the residence of Mr. D. M. Campbell, Montague, to bid farewell to their pastor, R. W. Stevenson, pastor of the Christian Church at that place for the last four years.

After an elaborate repast had been partaken of, Mr. John A. Dewart, of New Perth, was called to the chair, and after some very complimentary and appropriate remarks, the following address, accompanied by a well-filled purse, was read by Mr. Samuel Mutch:

Bro. R. W. STEVENSON:

Respected and Dear Sir.—The undersigned, on behalf of the congregation of the Christian Church,