

Irishwoman, how to keep stovepipes from rusting. Only bits and fragments of knowledge, but all of them worth saving, and all helping to increase the stock in trade of the boy who meant to be a man.—*Exchange.*

IF appealing through the paper does not raise the required number of subscribers to THE CHRISTIAN we will make some personal appeals as we propose to have the coveted number (1000) within three months.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN ITEMS.

COBURG ST. CHURCH.—Lord's day services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sunday School at 2.15 P. M. Young People's Meeting, Tuesday evening at 8. General Prayer Meeting, Thursday evening at 8. Brethren visiting the city cordially welcomed. The Ladies' Sewing Society meets every Wednesday evening at 6.

One young man united with us by obedience to the gospel since last report.

Bro. P. D. Nowlan preached for us during Bro. Capp's visit to N. S.

At a business meeting of the church a few evenings since, Bro. Capp was unanimously requested to remain with us another year.

The "Quarterly" will be held with the church here beginning third Lord's day in March. We are anticipating a good meeting.

The "Anniversary" of our Sunday-school was this year a great success. We append the following from the *Daily Telegraph* of our City:

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.—The annual entertainment of the Sunday-school of the Coburg street Christian Church was held in the church last evening. There was a large attendance, which completely filled the body of the church. The reading desk had been removed from the platform and the children were very prettily arranged on seats placed one above the other. Mr. George F. Barnes, directed the entertainment, which was greatly appreciated by the audience. The programme was as follows:—Song by the school, "Put on the Armour;" recitation, Thomas Wilson; duet, Misses Morrison and Wilson; recitation, Nellie McKinnon; reading, Edgar Emery; song, Maggie Barnes; recitation, Fred. Fisher; recitation, Barry Allan; solo, Miss Ashley; recitation, Jack Vaughan; recitation, Allie Wilson; solo, Fred. Sutherland; recitation, Wentworth Martin; reading, Emma McInnis; song by the school. Silver collection in aid of the S. S. funds. Song, school, recitation, Maud McKinnon, recitation, Eliza Hoyt; duet, Misses Murray and Lindsay; recitation, Nellie Johnston; recitation, Geo. Palmer; song, Miss Ashley; recitation, John Harris; recitation, Annie McCaw; recitation, Willie McLinnis; song, school.

After the entertainment the children were served with refreshments in the school room and enjoyed themselves for half an hour before going home.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY NOTES.

I have nothing of special interest to communicate but I will try and let the friends know that we are not frozen up altogether. The roads here have been nearly and sometimes entirely impassible most of the time since my return. There has been a fair attendance under the circumstances at my appointments both in Le Tete and Back Bay and the social meetings and Sunday-school show an increasing interest. Bro. Rideout has been at Le Tete two Lord's days and gave three discourses on week evenings, but it so happened that I had to be away through the week and only had an opportunity to listen to him twice. His last sermon on Moses a Type of Christ, was full of good instruction. He left us this morning for his home. I was called to Black's Harbor the day after my return from N. S., January 15th, to attend the funeral of our much esteemed brother Joseph Wickerson who was called from earth with scarcely a minute's warning. Bro. Wickerson was immersed by Bro. G. Garraty in the

first of his preaching in Le Tete, but was never connected with the church in Le Tete. Two years ago I found him at Black's Harbor when I went there to preach a few days and he was ready at once to stand by the preaching of the word and add his testimony for Christ. He did much to help the cause in B's H. and was always found in his place. His companion after hearing a few sermons confessed her faith in Jesus the Christ and obeyed Him in baptism. Not long after his eldest son and daughter also submitted to Christ. Bro. W. suffered a number of years from asthma and often would have spells in which one would think he would die. It was in one of these that he passed away with scarcely a struggle. Bro. W. leaves a wife and seven children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and an indulgent father. May they be consoled with the hope of meeting their loved one in the mansions of the blest knowing that God has promised to be a father to the fatherless and the widow's God. Black's Harbor and L'Etang are left without a preacher of the primitive order. I saw a communication in the *Telegraph* from "Deer Island Down the Bay," from which I learn that the roads on the Island are so blocked up that the mails cannot be carried to some parts of the Island. This is probably the reason the readers of THE CHRISTIAN had no word from Bro. Emery in the February number. We will look with much interest in the forthcoming number for some word from that quarter.

J. A. GATES.

Back Bay, Feb. 23rd, '85.

DEER ISLAND ITEMS.

The unusual amount of stormy weather this winter has very materially affected our religious gatherings. Throughout the whole Island, as a general rule, both social and preaching gatherings have been thinly attended. Another reason for this state of affairs is found in the fact that, in consequence of the sudden and almost continual climatical changes, an unusual amount of sickness is now in and among the people. At Leonardville, within the past week, two have died, and others are very sick, among which might be mentioned the names of Elder George Kay and Bro. James Teurby.

Bro. Emery still preaches to the churches at Lord's Cove, Leonardville and Chocolate Cove. His ministrations are well received by the people among whom he labors.

The interests of our social meetings are watched over and zealously guarded by a few old veterans who have grown gray in the cause; but I am sorry to have to say that the great majority of professors seem to think it a waste of time to attend such gatherings. How few of professing Christians are ever seen in the house of prayer on the night of the weekly prayer-meeting; while those whose voices are heard in prayer or exhortation are few and far between. Is it not passing strange that Christian men and women will thus starve themselves to death?

The Sabbath-school in connection with the church at Leonardville has just held a basket social, at which the sum of \$41 was realized.

Three years ago to-night, a few sisters in connection with the above-named church, met and organized a sewing-circle. It was begun in weakness and amid many discouragements, but it has ever since persevered in its mission, and, as a result of its persistent efforts, has raised and paid for church purposes the sum of \$681.46. Can any other of our churches beat that?

On account of the storms of the past week, our roads are blocked with snow, and are almost impassible for either man or beast.

Trusting to have something more important to communicate next month, I will for the present close.

TECUMSEH.

Leonardville, Deer Island, Jan. 23, 1885.

NOVA SCOTIA.

TIVERTON ITEMS.

DONATION.—At a pleasant gathering on Friday evening, 23rd ult., the neat little purse of twenty-three dollars was presented to Bro. E. C. Ford, by his friends, as a token of their appreciation.

H. M. R.

NORTH RANGE.

By reason of the stormy weather the work has not been carried on as vigorously as it otherwise should have been; still the few meetings held during the month, we trust, have not been in vain. We fully realize the faithfulness of the saying—"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him"; how encouraging for the "Christian to improve every opportunity in spreading forth the word, which is the "spiritual seed" in order to gather "Sheaves for that great Harvest Home."

We also commingle in sorrow with Bro. Benj. Sabean and wife, in the death of a dear boy, about three years old, who departed this life on the 14th inst; but we mourn not without hope, for saith the Master "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Number of meetings held during the month, ten; families visited, fifteen.

P. C. NOWLAN.

Feb. 23rd, 1885.

KEMPT.

At the request of Bro. Murray and in fulfilment of a promise made at the annual meeting, we visited the church at Kempt on the first Lord's Day in February.

Leaving St. John on Saturday morning at 7 o'clock, we arrived at our journey's end about 10.20 the same evening, and glad to find Bro. Murray anxiously waiting, at Mr. Israel Cushing's, our arrival.

Lord's Day morning was just beautiful and the roads were all that could be desired. We had a meeting at eleven o'clock, and considering there was another meeting at the same hour and not far away, it was well attended. In the afternoon we met again, and was encouraged to see even a larger gathering than in the morning. After the discourse, we, numbering between 40 and 50 attended to "the breaking of bread." Then followed a social meeting which exhibited quite an amount of earnestness in the cause of Christ. An appointment having been given out for the evening, which was not as pleasant as the morning, we were greeted with a good and an attentive audience.

Monday was a very stormy day and made it almost impossible to get around, but in the afternoon we started for Maitland, a distance of about four miles, and though the snow was deep and drifting, the kind sexton, Mr. Copher, had the meeting house nice and warm, and to our astonishment, quite a number gathered to hear a discourse.

The following day we made several visits among the friends, and in the evening preached at a place called New Grafton. The night was dark and stormy as we waded through the snow, we remarked to brother Murray,—surely we'll have no meeting to-night, the people cannot turn out on such a night, but on our arrival we found the school house crowded.

The stormy weather rendering it almost impossible either to visit the brethren or to hold meetings, we started for home the following morning. From what we witnessed at Kempt and its surroundings, we consider that Bro. Murray has every reason to be encouraged; and that in the near future much good will result to the glory of God.

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