

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET

Bro Wallace Bagnall has matriculated in the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, N. B.

At the business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E., held on Monday evening October 10th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, A. E. Conates; Vice-president, Miss Nellie Johnston; Secretary, Miss Nellie Flaglor; Treasurer, Miss Emma Lynn.

Our young people intend taking up the study of "Missions" and the "Disciples of Christ" this winter. For this purpose a number of hand-books in connection with the Bethany C. E. Reading courses, on these subjects, has been procured. The study of the "Disciples of Christ" is to be taken up the second Monday of each month by the members of the C. E. Society, that of "Missions" by the members of the Mission Band at their regular monthly meetings.

We have had Sister Wood, of Cornwallis, N. S., at our Lord's day services during the past month. She has been visiting her mother, Mrs. B. Lowe. Sister Emma Christie is visiting friends in Boston.

Bro. Wm Murray met with us in our Thursday evening prayer meeting (27th). His earnest prayer and exhortation did us all good. W. A. B.

MAIN STREET.

Bro. R. W. Stevenson began the special evangelistic services with this church on Lord's day, October 16. He has now entered upon the third week. The attendance has been large and a good interest manifest. The good seed of the kingdom is being sown. One person has made the good confession.

We are glad to welcome our young sister Ray Currie home again from Boston.

Sister Alice Purvis, one of our faithful members, has gone to Lubec, Maine, where she will spend the winter. She is very much missed in our meetings.

NAUWIGEWAWK, N. B.

I have made several visits to this place and spoke to an attentive audience each time. The people seem anxious to have occasional preaching and come long distances to the services. A Sunday School is being maintained, which cannot fail to do good.

At the last preaching service an aged sister, Mrs. Thomas Purvis, was present, having walked there and back. She is in her 94th year and had not heard a sermon for a long time. She is a remarkably bright and active old lady.

The people in this vicinity would like to have another visit from Bro. Wm. Murray.

H. W. S.

HALIFAX, N. S.

The most interesting item we have to report is the visit of Sister Rioch, our missionary to Japan, and Sister Payson, the president of the C. W. B. M. for the Maritime Provinces. These sisters arrived here Saturday evening, and on Lord's day afternoon Miss Rioch spoke to the children after Sunday school. Her talk was very much enjoyed. In the evening we gave up the regular service to these sisters, who conducted a very interesting service. Sister Payson took charge of the meeting, and after a few well chosen remarks introduced Miss Rioch as the speaker of the evening. A good congregation had assembled to which Miss Rioch spoke for more than an hour. Her talk was deeply

interesting and instructive. All seemed much pleased and we feel sure a deeper interest will be taken in this work than ever before. Sister Rioch and Sister Payson will meet the ladies this evening, when the interest of the foreign mission work will be again considered. The visits of these consecrated Christian ladies can only result in good.

We have nothing new to report as to our work here. Our congregations are encouraging, and the brethren are united; but we are feeling somewhat sad over the loss of so many of our brethren and friends. Counting those who have already left, and those who will go in about a week, we are losing some fifteen or sixteen out of our congregation, ten of whom are members of the church and among our best workers. This is a serious loss and one which we will feel very keenly. But though these brethren are leaving us, and we will miss them very much, we believe they will not forget the little church in Halifax, and will continue to help sustain the work in this city.

E. C. FORD.

Willow Park, Halifax, N. S., Oct. 24, '98.

DEAR BRETHREN.—As the time has arrived for us to say farewell to the brethren of these provinces—we leave for the sunny land of Florida on November 2nd—we ask our interest in your prayers, that God may be with us and bless us in our work and labors of love. You will have our earnest prayers for the advancement of the Lord's work, not only in the city of Halifax, with which we have been connected from its infancy, but also for the cause of Christ in these provinces. We shall always look forward with pleasure to the monthly visits of THE CHRISTIAN, hoping occasionally to drop a line, which may be of interest to its readers, and the many dear brothers and sisters in Christ with whom we have associated these many years.

Your brother in the faith of the gospel,
HENRY CARSON.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

Bro L. S. Ford was in Tiverton recently on business,

Most of the Westport brethren are over at Grand Mannan fishing.

We were pleased to have Bro. John Ford spend two Sundays in Westport and one in Tiverton. It is estimated that there are 60 men and boys, of Tiverton, working away from home at present.

The writer and family returned from their vacation Oct. 12th. They report having a good time and improved health.

Westport feels highly honored in having one of her members, Sister Carrie Payson, accompany Sister Mary Rioch in her tour among the churches.

J. W. B.

SOUTH RANGE, N. S.

Two added by confession and baptism at our regular appointment, Lord's day, Oct. 2nd.

H. A. DEVOE,

WEST GORE, N. S.

We have much enjoyed of late a visit from Bro. H. Murray, who preached for us three Lord's days, and many of the evenings of the week. The time was unfavorable for a large hearing excepting on Sundays. The discourses were excellent, and were listened to by very attentive hearers. The church was edified, sowing for the future reaping and two young men obeyed the gospel.

On the 4th of October, at the home of Joshua Wallace, the bride's father, the writer, assisted by H. Murray, united in marriage Mr. George Gay, of Gay's River, and Miss Mary Wallace. It was a

very pleasant hour which we spent there. We were reminded by the mother of the bride that standing upon the same spot her husband and she were married by the writer thirty four years before.

We are now looking for a visit from Miss Rioch, our Japan missionary, who is making a tour of the churches in the interest of foreign missions. This is a very wise thing to do, to show us a live missionary and tell us if the heathen really needed missionaries, and if we ought to have any part in sending and sustaining them.

Bro. Harding's family left last week for Deer Island, their new home. Sister Harding made a great many friends while here, and with her children will be missed from church and Sunday school.

We are now looking in the not far distance for winter and indulging in an occasional shiver in way of anticipation. H. WALLACE.

CROSS ROADS, LOT 48, P. E. I.

The meetings here are well attended, and we are glad to see the interest that is manifested by all denominations. We must get the people's ears before we can get their hearts.

We have gotten in some new furniture and expect to have our new lamps in a few days—all of which will greatly add to the general appearance of things.

At the invitation of the gospel one responded and gave her heart to the Saviour, and on the following Monday was buried with her Lord in Christian baptism.

On Wednesday evening we had the pleasure of having with us Miss Mary M. Rioch, our missionary from Japan, and Miss Carrie Payson, President of the Maritime C. W. B. M. Sister Rioch has spent nearly six years in active service with the Japanese and comes back to her home prepared to tell the churches the exact condition of an idolatrous people, and their need of a loving Saviour. This she can successfully do, for she possesses the happy faculty for presenting facts in such a way as not only to instruct and edify, but also to awaken and arouse the deepest sympathy in the hearts of her hearers.

Perhaps it will not be amiss for me to relate a part of a conversation that I had with Miss Lavenia Oldham—Miss Rioch's co-worker in Japan—in Lexington, Ky. She said respecting Canadian foreign mission work with a good deal of emphasis: "The Canadian people ought to feel proud of their missionary in Japan, for she is one of the most beautiful women that I have ever been privileged to meet."

Miss Rioch's visit to P. E. Island has been productive of much good. Heretofore the churches have been looking through a glass darkly, but now they have seen her, whom they have been supporting, face to face, and having caught the missionary spirit as perhaps never before, they will readily respond when the cry comes across the wave from a benighted people, "Send us the light, send us the light!" A. N. SIMPSON.

EAST POINT, P. E. I.

The work here is progressing favorably. The audiences are increasing, and although a large majority of the members live a long distance from the church, still I am glad to be able to report that they consider it their duty to meet in the Lord's house, on the Lord's day, with the Lord's people.

We were much pleased to have with us on Sunday afternoon Miss Mary M. Rioch, our missionary from Japan, and Miss Carrie Payson, President of the Maritime C. W. B. M. Sister Rioch, in her usual pleasing manner, gave a very interesting address on her work in Japan, emphasizing more especially the great necessity of work