

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCHES
IN N. S. AND N. B.

The Annual Meeting of the Churches of Disciples of Christ in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will be held with the Church in Milton, Queens Co., Nova Scotia, on Friday, September 4th, 1885. A cordial invitation is extended to the brethren to be present on this occasion.

J. E. BARNES,
Sect'y.

St. John, N. B., Aug., 1885.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN ITEMS.

Our Sunday-school excursion to Darling's Lake took place on Tuesday of last week. We had a very enjoyable time.

Bro. CAPP has returned from his visit to P. E. Island.

Our meetings are being well attended, notwithstanding the many attractions in the city on Lord's day.

Bro. CARROLL GHENT favored us with a call on his way to Philadelphia; we also had the pleasure of a call from Bro. Stevenson en route to the P. E. I. meeting.

Bro. ALLEN MINARD, of Milton, N. S., was with us at our prayer-meeting last Thursday evening. We were pleased to hear again from one who has long fought so valiantly in the Lord's service.

Our brethren are beginning to talk up the Annual. We hope to see a good representation going from St. John.

DEER ISLAND.

The churches at Lord's Cove and Leonardville are still endeavoring to advance the cause of the Master and win souls to Christ.

At Leonardville, under the direction of Elders Geo. Leonard and Geo. Welch, the interest in the meetings and in the Sunday-school is well kept up, considering the peculiar nature of the business of many of the male members, which requires their absence from home, frequently, at the hours of meeting during the evenings of the week. There are faithful and true hearts and noble workers in the church and we hope soon to see the time when others who are not doing with all their might what their hands may find to do, may awake to a sense of the obligations resting on them, and the privileges of doing good which lie before them, and the need of "rescuing the perishing" souls by whom they are surrounded, and then, not by fluctuating, spasmodic movement, but by daily living for Christ, by daily striving for victories over self and sin; not only themselves enjoy more and more the sweets of redeeming love, but be able to help others into and in the way which leads to glory and to God.

There is no higher privilege, no greater ground of joy given to men on earth than to be allowed to be co-workers with God in the salvation of men; and he who lives below his opportunities in this respect, if a Christian, as a Christian, will droop and wither and die. Do we understand this danger?

The Lord's Cove church will soon, we hope, have their new house of worship. The work is progressing, and as it does so, the beauty of the design given by the late D. E. Dunham, architect, is being brought out, to the pleasure and satisfaction of all. When the building is completed, it will certainly be the most beautiful as well as the most substantial within many miles of where it stands; and those who are doing what they can in contributing of their means for its erection and completion, we hope, will live long enough to

know that their labor is not in vain, but the Lord is establishing the work of their hands.

We have now an excellent Sunday-school at Lord's Cove. Bro. D. F. Lambert, one of the deacons of the church, is the superintendent, and with his interested helpers, is likely to do a good work in this department.

Brethren Jas. Adams and Jas. H. Ward are the elders of the church. Bro. Adams has long borne the burden and heat of the day and is now somewhat pressed beneath the weight of years, having passed his three-score years and ten; so he seldom gets to the place of worship except, when on the first day of the week he has an opportunity of coming to the Lord's table, a place where he loves to be, and always with words of confidence, council and cheer. It is sweet to listen to the words of wisdom and experience coming from the loving heart of the Saint of God almost ripe for glory. Bro. Ward is in the strength of manhood and full of zeal for the advancement of the cause. The church is working grandly. I would like to write the name of every noble worker who has come to the front within the last two years, but their names are written in a surer place than on this perishable paper—the Lamb's Book of Life.

May perfect union and harmony prevail, and the armour of God be the safety of every Christian.

One more at Lord's Cove has been baptized into Christ, and one united with the church at Leonardville. Thanks be to our God.

O. B. EMERY.

[The above was written for the July number, but in some way got astray in the printing-office and was not found till too late for that issue.—T. H. C.]

NOVA SCOTIA.

WESTPORT.

Dear Christian.—On the 9th of June I left my home to spend five weeks laboring among the brethren in other parts. The first week was spent in company with Bros. Murray and Capp in Kempt, Queen's County, where we were holding our June Quarterly. The very pleasant meetings, the kind and Christian hospitality of the brethren, with the pleasant companionship of my preaching brethren, made this, to me, a very enjoyable season. Bro. Murray is doing a good and much needed work in that promising field. If the brethren in that locality will stand by Brother Murray, and hold up his hands, success is sure.

From Kempt I went to Newport, Hants Co., where I was engaged to spend a few weeks laboring in the interest of our Home Mission work. Four Lord's days were spent in this field, including the third in June and the second in July. The greater part of my time was spent in visiting the brethren at their homes, and talking to them in the interest of the kingdom of God. We have near thirty families in the district of Newport; but they are so scattered over the district that to meet at our meeting house the greater part of them have to come from three to seven miles. But notwithstanding this, a very good congregation met each Lord's day morning, to whom I discoursed the word of life. The afternoon and evening appointments would be at such points as opportunity would offer. The brethren were pleased and encouraged to have a preaching brother among them even for a few weeks. I believe Newport to be a very promising field for successful labor. We have as good brothers and sisters there as we have at any place, and they are ready to do what they can to make the work a success.

There was one confession and baptism. There were others who, I thought, were not far from the kingdom. Bro. John B. Wallace is to labor one-fourth of his time with the brethren in Newport, and I hope to hear of those I thought almost persuaded, fully deciding for Christ.

There are some things I want to say in reference to the work in Hants Co., that must come up at a future day. Suffice it to say now that there is no field known to me where there is so good a prospect of doing successful work as in that county.

E. C. FORD.

July 29, 1885.

RIVER JOHN.

About four weeks ago I came among the brethren in this county, and during that time have labored daily in public and from house to house. I find here a very kind, appreciative people, and the friendly welcome received at all their homes, I shall long continue to remember, and trust that the God of all grace will continue to bless them, both spiritually and temporally, until we all meet where, "Congregations no'er break up and Sabbaths have no end." I found the church in rather a lukewarm position, with a "faithful few struggling onward" in the midst of very many discouragements. During the past few years this church, seemingly, has been passing through a "furnace of afflictions," and we found some of the brethren almost ready to give up in despair. Nevertheless, our hearts were made glad in seeing them, once more filling their places in the house of God, and "coming up to the help of the Lord against the mighty." And, we trust, in the future, they will take unto themselves the "whole armour of God," and be more zealous in upholding the cause they have professed to love. Brethren, let us consecrate ourselves anew to the service of God, having our minds full of the Spirit of the Master, then may we see the church coming up out of the "wilderness," and sinners "born into the Kingdom of God."

P. D. NOWLAN.

July 18th, 1885.

WEST GORE.

The foundation, not of the church, but of a new house for the church to meet in, has been laid and a very substantial frame erected at West Gore, to be completed by contract early next autumn. The master-mason, Mr. Nelson Scott, deserves especial mention for the very excellent and faultless manner in which he has executed his work. The master-builder, Mr. Neal, must be content to wait a little for compliments, but, judging from the present progress, he will come in for his share in due time.

D. McDOUGALL.

P. E. ISLAND.

The Annual Meeting, held the second Lord day's in July, at the Cross Roads, was indeed a success. The kindness of the brethren at 48 will not be forgotten by their visiting brethren of whom there were not a few.

There was a kind of preliminary meeting on the Saturday evening to get things in order for the coming day. Bro. Knox preached on Lord's day morning; Bro. Emery in the evening.

Monday was spent in reviewing the missionary efforts of the past year, and making arrangements for the coming one, and the Christian courtesy exhibited towards each other, as various questions were discussed, is certainly worthy of high commendation.

In the evening, at the close of a sermon delivered by Bro. Stevenson, two came forward and confessed the Saviour, and the following day Bro. Crawford buried them with their Lord in baptism. Meetings were continued till Friday night. Bro. Emery, returning from Montague, preached on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, when two more responded to the invitation and the following day obeyed their Lord in the ordinance of baptism.

Bro. Stevenson commenced a meeting at New Glasgow, his old home, the 3rd Lord's day and up to Friday evening of the same week there were eight additions.

A fuller report of these meetings will, no doubt, appear in the September number.