

## News of the Churches.

## ST. JOHN, N. B.

Bro. J. E. Barnes was called away by telegram on December 18th, to attend the funeral of his youngest brother Andrew, who died after a brief illness at Somerville, Mass. Miss Ethel Barnes went with her father on this sad errand.

Bro. Ryan spent the night of the 30th in St. John at Bro. Stevenson's home. He speaks hopefully of the work on Deer Island.

Brothers Oliver Stockford and Frank Erb spent Christmas here.

Brother A. B. Wallace has removed to Halifax. We shall miss him, but Halifax will be stronger. Bro. Frank Gates is attending business college here. Bro. Bowers and wife spent Sunday, the 9th, in St. John. Sister J. Leary, who has been seriously ill, is improving in health. Bro. Robert Christie has had a severe attack of typhoid fever, and is not yet able to do business. Miss Thomson, of Rothesay, sang a solo in the Portland hall on the first Sunday, afternoon and evening, in December. Large numbers were present to enjoy the singing and to hear Bro. Stevenson preach. Brothers R. A. Christie and J. E. Edwards have been receiving congratulations on account of added blessings. On the 22nd, the young ladies of Brother Flaglor's Sunday-school class presented him with a handsome inkstand. The Endeavor Society of the Coburg Street Church presented the Main Street Church with a communion set. On the 17th, the C. E. Society had an unusually good meeting. It seemed like old times to have Brothers Banks, O. Stockford, and L. A. Miles present, and speak so well as they did.

At the November meeting of the Woman's Missionary Aid Society, the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. W. A. Barnes; Vice-President, Mrs. Jas. Emery; Secretary, Mrs. L. R. Morton; Treasurer for Home, Miss E. Barnes; for Foreign, Mrs. J. S. Flaglor. This society is the financial power that makes the work in Portland possible. As they freely give, so may they freely receive.

On the 8th the hours of meeting in Portland were changed. We met at 11 a. m. and enjoyed our first communion. Ninety were present at the preaching and thirty remained to commune. About this number have communed each morning since. The evening congregations are large, they pay great attention, and Bro. Stevenson's preaching is worthy of their best thought. Our daily papers have published several of Bro. Stevenson's sermons. One of them was on "Who we are and what we purpose doing." This sermon was all that could be desired, and has attracted a great deal of attention to our work.

At a business meeting of the Coburg Street Church on December 28th, the following resolution was passed: "Resolved, that we organize a second church in this city, to be known as the Main Street Church of Christ or Christian Church, and that the secretary of this church give letters to all in good standing, who desire to withdraw in order to become members of the second church." After the passing of this resolution, twenty-four names were given to the secretary; and it is expected the new church will start with about forty names on the roll. Brothers Stewart and Stevenson made strong speeches on the subject, and this important step in our history was taken with solemn determination to accomplish great things for God and His truth. The organization will be effected New Year's evening. We know the Maritime brethren everywhere will eagerly watch the outcome of this effort. We know they will give us their best wishes and prayers for success. St. John has taken a heavy financial load on its shoulders, and if any one would like to help, it will be gladly received. Sunday evening, the 29th, Brother Stewart had a full house, and Brother Stevenson had the largest evening audience he has yet had. Brother Stevenson preached on "Esau's Repentance"—an old gentleman made the good confession. On Tuesday evening, December 31st, a young man made the confession at the prayer-meeting in the Coburg Street Church, and was baptized the same hour. So the work goes on.

## SOUTH RANGE, N. S.

We have not much to report from the above point at present, save that the good people have not grown weary of looking after the needs and welfare of their preacher, as shown by the fact that

on Christmas eve over fifty persons met at the parsonage to show us their good-will and fill us with good cheer. The tables were loaded with good things brought by the ladies, and when all had satisfied the inner man from the bountiful supply the rest of the evening was spent in cheery conversation and music, ending with a presentation speech by Elder B. Sabean, and a poor reply by the writer, reading from the word of God and prayer. Then followed the good old hymn, "Life is the time to serve the Lord," sung to a tune which the older people had learned in youth, but now seldom heard. The organ was not used, as they sang it as in olden times, but it was the song of the evening, and seemed to get to the right place in head and heart. "Good night and Merry Christmas" and our dear friends were on their way to their homes, leaving us a donation of \$41.80 in useful goods and cash, besides payments on regular subscriptions, running the receipts of the evening up to about \$80.00.

May God continue to bless these dear people and make us more useful is our prayer.

H. A. DEVOE.

## TIVERTON, N. S.

Sunday evening, December 15th, we had the pleasure of preaching to a good congregation in the dear old house at Tiverton, where for nearly eight years we tried to speak the truth as it is in Jesus, and had the great joy of seeing many precious souls turn to the Saviour of men.

We were joined on the above occasion by the Baptist pastor, Mr. Allaby, who made a very encouraging address and otherwise assisted in the service. Before the sermon Bro. Allaby and Prof. Fox, leader of Tiverton brass band, sang a beautiful duet in an effective manner, and at the close of the sermon another. Just before the benediction Prof. Fox sang a solo, "The Old Wayside Cross," in a very impressive manner. It was a very pleasant and, we trust, profitable service.

The brethren at Westport and Tiverton need a good earnest preacher to locate with them, and to a man who is earnest, faithful and fearless, we believe there is a good opening, and trust to soon see such an one at work with us in Digby County.

H. A. DEVOE.

## SOUTHVILLE, N. S.

We have just begun laboring with the above church, preaching every third Lord's day. We have made three visits up to present writing, have been met with fine congregations, and were well remunerated. We trust before long to make a special effort and to see more souls won for Christ at this point.

H. A. DEVOE.

## SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

On the 28th of November I took the train at 4.50 p.m. for my first visit to Tryon. I arrived at Cape Traverse station 8.15 p. m., where I met Bro. Freeman Colbeck. In a short time we were seated in a comfortable buggy and moving off towards his home. Bro. Colbeck is a genial and pleasant man, zealous for the cause of Christ. We arrived home about 9.30 and found a well provided board awaiting us. After partaking of the food that pertain to the sustenance of the outer man, we spent the rest of the evening in talking of the things that pertain to the building up of the spiritual man. Sister Colbeck is a sister of Bro. E. E. Crawford, now studying at Bethany college, Va., and a woman of reason and culture, and a zealous Christian, deeply interested in the cause of the Master. I spent several days at this home, and was made to feel that I was welcome. I also had the pleasure of visiting the home of Bro. and Sister William Colbeck. This brother is the deacon of the church, and a man of excellent character and Christian deportment in the community. He is the father of Bros. Freeman and James Colbeck. Bro. James Colbeck is another earnest, zealous worker in the Master's vineyard. From this we repaired to the church Sunday morning, where I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Sister Lord, the devoted wife of the late lamented Bro. John Lord. Many of my readers will understand of whom I speak. Bro. Lord was a man of Christian integrity and of marked devotion to the cause of Christ he loved so well.

From Church I went to the home of Elder John Crawford, who put on the mantle that Bro. Lord laid aside. Here I found a model Christian home—this is the home of Bro. E. E. Crawford. Bro.

and Sister Crawford, with the daughter Hattie, constitute the household members now. One boy has fallen asleep in Christ: one is in Bethany College preparing for a field soldier for Christ, and one is in the far west engaged in business pursuits.

I spent several evenings here, and enjoyed myself very much indeed. We talked of Christ and his word most, and how I enjoyed the moments! Sister Hattie Crawford is a noble Christian girl and deeply interested in the work of the blessed Master. I spoke in the church morning and evening. Congregations were good. I came away very favorably impressed, and will look forward to my second visit with delight. Sister William Colbeck, a true and devoted woman, was unable to attend church on account of illness.

My next letter will be concerning Summerside work and workers for Christ and the church.

H. E. COOKE.

## Home Mission Notes.

We are receiving urgent calls for help. Some are advising us to employ preachers and trust the churches for their support. We would like to have a good sum to our credit first, then we could promise to pay without fear of breaking our pledge.

We are pleased to report so much this month. Some have not forgotten the Lord's work when they were making presents. Presents; no, that's the wrong term when we give for the salvation of man; we are only paying a fraction of the debt we owe. Brother, sister, how does your financial account stand in heaven? You are beginning a new year; settle up what you owe. The time will come when you will have to give an account of the money received in the body, that is in the church. Those in the church must give as they are prospered, not as they think or feel. Bro. Jackson, although far away, remembers us in a liberal manner. Thanks, Bro. J. May you never forget us, and may we always be worthy of your remembrance.

Good reports come from Halifax. Bro. Blenus is making us known through the daily papers. That's the way the wise business man calls attention to what he is doing, and why should not the people who have such a plea and purpose make them known far and wide through the daily press.

In December Bro. Blenus, besides his regular preaching, preached in the Y. M. O. A. building, in the Rock Head Prison and at Elmsdale. He will preach at the last named the first Monday in each month. We are glad he is keeping up the work began by Bro. Shaw. The church continues to grow; a gentleman made the good confession on the 29th and will be baptized New Year's night.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

J. S. FLAGLOR,  
Secretary.

## RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$302 55
St. John, Coburg Street Sunday School, . . . . .	17 05
Main Street Sunday School, . . . . .	8 39
Mission Band, . . . . .	6 15
A. B. Wallace, . . . . .	1 00
"M," . . . . .	1 00
Letete, Elder William Murray, . . . . .	1 00
Gulliver's Cove, J. S. Hines, . . . . .	1 00
Nictaux Falls (no signature) . . . . .	2 00
Milton, per Miss A. A. Collie, . . . . .	4 00
Westport, per E. A. Payson, . . . . .	3 00
Pomeroy, Iowa, R. Jackson, per E. C. Ford, . . . . .	5 00
Leonardville, per Wm. Kay, . . . . .	5 00
Halifax—regular—per T. H. Blenus, . . . . .	25 00
Special— . . . . .	10 29
Sunday School, " " . . . . .	8 11
	\$390 54

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