

all the years to come, shall cherish the kindness and favors received from your hands.

Only the Lord and Eternity can reveal our deep gratitude for the Christian fellowship received from the Milton church. Our association with you so many years has broadened our conception of true friendship and formed golden ties that will never be broken. Whatever good we have accomplished among you is largely due to your united, co-operative efforts.

"Knowing your faith in the Lord Jesus and love with the brethren, we cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in our prayers, that He would grant you according to the riches of His grace to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man." "Let your conversation be as becometh the gospel of Christ, that whether we come and see you, or else be absent we may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel."

H. MURRAY.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

One addition by confession and baptism this month.

By invitation of the Main Street Y. P. S. C. E. the Y. P. S. C. E. of this church met with them on Wednesday evening, June 22nd. Bro. O. B. Stockford being the leader and the subject was "True Friendship."

The Bros. James Lord, W. H. Harding, and Sister Frank Lambert was at the Young People's meeting on Monday evening (28th).

A social was held on Tuesday evening, June 10th. An interesting programme was carried out and light refreshments were served.

The annual meeting of the St. John local union Y. P. S. C. E. was held in the Coburg Street Christian church on Tuesday evening, June 14th. Despite the bad weather, the church was filled and the proceedings marked by much enthusiasm.

W. A. B.

MAIN STREET.

Bro. Wm. Murray worshipped with us on the first Wednesday of this month. His sunny countenance, bright, hopeful and earnest words bring cheer and encouragement. He has a warm place in the hearts of the members.

The improved health of Bro. Stewart has enabled him to be with us again at the prayer meetings. His clear talks on the subject for the evening are greatly appreciated. He and Bro. Appel exchanged pulpits the 1st Sunday night of the month.

June 12th was a red letter day for the Sunday-school. The evening service was given over to the children and right well did they utilize the hour. This year's Children's Day exercises were an improvement even on last year, which is no small praise. What a power for truth and righteousness these little ones will become if the parents, Sunday-school teachers, etc., are true to the trust committed to them. (James vi. 9). Bro. J. Barry Allan assisted by singing a solo.

The Coburg Street Endeavorers visited us on the 22nd. Greater good would come of these union meetings if less politeness (?) were shown by visitors and members waiting for one another to take part.

The Ladies' Aid Society is trying to take a summer vacation but orders in hand do not permit of this just yet. The winter and spring has seen a large amount of work accomplished, but this is not surprising, for the members are like the Jews under Nehemiah "they have a mind to work." A.

PICTOU, N. S.

After considering the conditions and present prospects for a meeting here, from the data we could give him on the subject, Bro. Romig has decided to defer his visit to Pictou for a while, especially since he could only remain in the province for one meeting owing to previous engagements for meetings elsewhere.

We are being favored this month with visits and much encouragement from brother preachers. On June 1st, Bro. Crawford favored our mid-week prayer meeting with his presence and helpfulness. Last evening Bro. Wm. Murray dropped in on us and gave us one of his characteristic exhortations, and next Wednesday evening we expect Bro. Howard Murray to do likewise. This is unprecedented for Pictou to hear four of our preachers in one month.

We expect to have a large delegation to the P. E. Island convention. For the benefit of any who may wish to go *via* Pictou, I will say that we have arranged with the steambot *Electra* to carry any who may wish to attend the meeting on the following conditions, leaving Pictou Saturday, July 9th, at one o'clock p. m., we reach Montague at seven p. m., returning leave Montague Tuesday morning, 12th. Fare, round trip, two dollars.

R. E. STEVENS.

KEMPT, N. S.

The church here enjoyed the short visit of the brothers and sisters who came to our quarterly. We are especially grateful to Bros. Devoe and Murray for the interest they took and the way in which they worked to make our quarterly a success. Bro. Devoe preached for us three times, and Bro. Murray twice. It is needless for me to say that the people were much pleased with the preaching. Although the weather was not as fine as we wished, still our audiences were good, especially during Sunday services.

We were sorry not to be able to have one of the preachers remain and continue meeting for a week or more, feeling sure that much good would have been done.

F. C. FORD.

SUMMERVILLE, N. S.

At this season our audiences are not so large, many of our men being away. The Children's Day concert that I spoke of in last *CHRISTIAN* was a success, the scholars performing their part very creditably. The collection amounted to \$1.05.

F. C. FORD.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

The Westport Sunday-school observed Children's Day by rendering the exercise "America Sending the Light." Everybody was pleased with it. The sum of \$1.42 was contributed toward missions.

The writer preached his anniversary sermon in May. He reported \$395.90 raised by the two churches during the year, an increase of \$56.67 over the previous year. The mission offerings in each church were 17 per cent of all moneys raised.

J. W. B.

WOODVILLE, N. S.

We are nicely settled after a tiresome journey, but not so rough a one as anticipated. We are settled in the midst of kind friends, and we feel happy and contented.

We left Summerside the 17th of May, and arrived at Weymouth station the next day. I have crossed the Bay of Fundy quite often but never crossed so quickly as I did the 18th of May.

Our work here starts out well. We extended the hand of fellowship to two at our first morning meeting. Our Sunday-school is organized with 35 scholars. Our prayer-meetings are good and well attended, our preaching services are very encouraging. The prospect for a good work is bright.

Our friends are kind and hospitable and dwell in unity in Christ; and the blessing of God is to the church that thus exemplify the spirit of Christ. May the richest benediction of heaven rest upon them and keep them so.

H. E. C.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

CENTRAL CHURCH.

On June 5th we observed Children's Day. The young people rendered that masterpiece of Bro. Duncan, "America Sending the Light." The recitations and choruses were all good. The judgment expressed by many of the visitors present was that we should have advertised this service of the children, so that many others could have enjoyed the stirring music and inspiring pieces. The offerings amounted to \$11.20. In the evening the writer preached a special sermon to the young people.

Bro. W. T. Jelly, who has been studying for the ministry in St. Thomas, Ont., passed through on his way home to Summerside. He will remain out of college for some months. He is engaged to preach at Shubenacadie, N. S., and adjacent country.

We had the pleasure of meeting with Bro. Herb Martin, of Montague, who has spent two years in Lexington, Ky. We learn from friends that he bids fair to take honors when he finishes his course in Kentucky University.

There is no more needy field than the Maritime Provinces. In the midst of so much rank sectarianism and bitter prejudice, abundant opportunities will be afforded those entering the ministry for displaying patience and heroism of the highest kind through a noble devotion to the cause.

The Methodist Conference of N. B. and P. E. I. will begin June 21st and last several days. Nearly two hundred delegates are in attendance, fully half being ministers. May the Holy Spirit, for which they so much pray, guide them into the truth, so that in all things Christ might have the pre-eminence.

GEO. MANIFOLD.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

I am glad to announce that we have secured Bro. Henry Carson, of Halifax, N. S., to take the field for us. Being well grounded in the truth, and an elder of one of our churches, we can rely upon Bro. Carson to ably and honestly represent us in spreading a knowledge of what we believe to be true. But he is too well known to the brethren to need any recommendation from me. We hope that he will be able to take the field early in July. We ask the brethren in the localities which he canvasses to aid him as far as possible in his good work.

The brethren who are still indebted to the committee for books sold will greatly help us and aid the work by paying the amounts due to our agents as soon as possible. We need all the money owing to us to start the work again. If any other brother or sister is thinking of contributing to the fund, they will aid us most by giving immediately.

O. B. STOCKFORD,
Secretary-Treasurer.

"T. H. Blonus has been tendered a reception by the church in Jacksonville, Florida, to which he has been called as pastor. Last night, June 16th, the spacious parlors of the residence of Mr. C. B. Smith, on Monroe St., were thronged by a happy company of the members of the church and former friends of Mr. Blonus. The minister, his wife and daughter, were most warmly welcomed, and the evening was spent most agreeably, with music and refreshments as pleasing adjuncts. Mr. Blonus has a wide acquaintance in this state and Georgia, and will doubtless soon increase the membership of the new church to which he has been unanimously called."—*Reported*.

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