

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

Lord's day services: Preaching 11 a.m.; Lord's Supper 12 m.; Sunday school 2 30 p.m.; Preaching 7 p.m. Week-night services: Young People's Meeting, Tuesday evening at 8; Prayer and Social Meeting, Thursday evening at 8.

As our churches are incorporated by the province of New Brunswick, we have to elect our trustees on the 2nd Tuesday in May.

The St. John churches met on that date and elected trustees as follows:

Coburg Street—Jas. E. Barnes, J. J. Christie, W. A. Barnes, G. F. Barnes, Jas. Prince, J. J. Johnston, Jas. Emery, L. R. Morton, J. Beamish.
Main Street—J. W. Barnes, J. Currie, D. A. Morrison, Robt. Roberts, F. Biddiscombe, J. Leary and J. S. Flaglor.

The church at Silver Falls elected the following trustees:—T. Garnett, E. Shellington, H. Shellington, J. Arthurs, D. Garnett, D. A. Morrison, O. B. Stockford, J. S. Flaglor, W. A. Barnes.

L. R. Morton and Herbert Ellis were elected deacons in Coburg Street Church.

The following is the year's accounts of both churches:

Coburg Street, Expenses	\$1,400 00
" " " Sunday School,	150 00	
" " " Home Missions	541 00	
" " " Foreign	192 00	
Main Street, Expenses (including S. S.)	445 00	
" " " For Land	218 00	
" " " Home Missions	19 00	
" " " Foreign	10 00	
Total	\$ 2975 00

The following shows by whom this large sum for missionary work was raised:

	HOME MISSIONS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.
Womans' Aid	\$327 00	\$29 90
Sunday School	64 96	57 98
Mission Band	60 94	
Children's Band,		11 72
Church	41 50	31 50
Individuals	38 00	61 55
C. E. Society,	9 00	
Main Street	10 00	19 00
Total	\$560 40	\$202 65

This is a most excellent showing, and compares favorably with churches of larger membership and greater wealth.

Every one will be glad to know that Brother Stewart was engaged for another year. We could not part with him, and we hope he will be spared many years to lead us in every good word and work.

During his five years here, about 200 have been added to the church. Two churches have been organized from our membership.

The writer of these notes has endeavored to give the names of brethren passing through or visiting St. John.

Sometimes names are omitted because the writer did not know them. We are always glad to have our visiting friends come to our meetings, especially if they give us a word of cheer, besides it shows their interest in the good cause. If a man's heart is in a prayer meeting his body will be there also, if possible.

We have seen visitors stay in our meetings until they just had time to get to the train to leave here, and we have known them to come from train or boat without their supper, because they did not want to miss the meeting. Then we have known others who spent one, two or three days here and never came near us. Perhaps they had good reasons for it. However, come and we will be glad to see you.

At the Annual Meeting of the Mission Band, the following officers were elected: J. S. Flaglor, President; Miss L. Hoyt, Vice-President; Miss Mabel Boyne, Secretary and Treasurer. As will be seen by above report, this Band contributed a goodly sum for Home Missions.

Brother Stewart spent four days at Keswick this month and baptized two converts. Brother Ryan was here on the 4th and 19th. He attended the yearly meeting of the local union Y. P. S. C. E.,

which was held in the Germain street church. Our societies were well represented; 10 from Silver Falls, 15 from Main Street and 50 from Coburg Street. Rev. G. O. Gates led the meeting, which was one of the best yet held by the Union. There are now twenty-nine societies in the Union, with about 2,000 members. Rev. G. O. Gates was elected President and J. S. Flaglor, Secretary, for the ensuing year.

Bro. O. B. Stockford has decided to practice law in St. John. This will give us another good worker.

Sister Carrington and her son Charles, of Halifax, arrived here on the 17th, from Bermuda, where they had spent four months for the benefit of his health. It was a blessing to visit them, for although he is an invalid, by his happy look and cheerful conversation, he made us feel the influence of a hopeful soul, which gave us a feeling of joy and gladness.

Mrs. and Miss Thomas have removed to New York, and Miss Rae Currie has gone to Boston. We will miss them very much, as Sister Currie had charge of the large infant class in the Main Street church.

MAIN STREET.

Lord's day services: Sunday school 9 30 a.m.; Preaching 11 a.m.; Lord's Supper 12 m.; Preaching 7 p.m. Week night services: Bible class on Wednesday at 7 p.m.; Prayer meeting, Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The work moves on very well indeed. Brother Stevenson's evening sermons have been on the heroes of the Bible. So far, he has told of Moses, Noah, Joseph, Joshua and Gideon. As usual with all city churches, the attendance has fallen off some. We are glad to know that contributions are keeping up.

Some of the young men got up a fine concert on the 8th, which was well attended; they cleared \$20, which will go towards the building fund.

So far, \$253 00 has been received for this fund, and about \$200.00 more promised.

We are waiting to hear from our sister churches who feel like helping us in the good work.

On the evening of the second Lord's day in May, after our regular collection was taken up, Brother Stevenson made an appeal for the Armenian sufferers, and we got \$10 00 for these persecuted people. They are suffering for their faith in Christ and we rejoice in being able to minister to them even in a slight degree.

DEER ISLAND, N. B.

There is nothing of special interest to report in the work here. The regular meetings have been held throughout the month at both Lord's Cove and Leonardville, and the interest has been good. I spent the second and third Lord's days and the week intervening, with the little band of Disciples in Pictou, N. S., preaching, in all, ten sermons. The audiences were fair most of the time. Our plea is comparatively new in that town, and immediate results are hardly to be looked for. The work there needs a man to give his whole time to it to build it up. We have a most devoted and faithful band of brethren and sisters there, who are ready and willing to render any service in their power to build the work up. We have also an excellent place to meet, in the hall which has been provided by the generosity of Bro David Fullerton. It is rarely that we can undertake a new work in so important a center as Pictou, with so good a nucleus and so sufficient an equipment. It would seem a great mistake to neglect the opportunity thus presented to establish our work in northern Nova Scotia. It is to be hoped a competent man can be secured without delay, to enter that field. This was my first visit to that part of my native province, and was a very pleasant one indeed. I trust sometime to be able to renew the pleasant acquaintances made, and to help on in the good work of establishing the primitive faith in that important town.

M. B. RYAN.

BURTT'S CORNER, N. B.

The writer visited the church at this place during the first week in May, and remained there three days. He was pleased to see the harmony that prevails, and the earnestness that is manifested in the work of the Lord. The faithfulness of the Church may be judged from the fact that several had been led to know the Lord, and were waiting

for an opportunity to be baptized into His death. The Church sowed the seed, the preacher entered into their labors and both rejoiced together. This shows that a church that is too small to support a preacher can nevertheless do a good work in winning souls; but such churches too often fail to make the attempt.

The Church is putting up a commodious meeting house in a central place, and hope to have it completed this fall. They have given liberally of their time and labor, and are trying to put up the building as cheaply as is compatible with thorough workmanship and desirable attractiveness. The membership of the church is small and not rich, and after they have done all that they can, they will need about \$500 to complete the house. Is it too much to ask the brethren and sisters in N. B., N. S. and P. E. I. to aid this young and worthy church in its undertaking? We think not; and hence urge upon the Disciples of Christ in these provinces to send what they can, that they may fulfil the law of Christ, in helping to bear this burden. Any amount will be thankfully received and judiciously expended. Send your gifts to the elder, George H. Boone, Burt's Corner, York Co., N. B., and with them send your prayers.

When the house is completed the church wants to have some one who can spare the time, go up and hold a meeting with them. The outlook is splendid for a good ingathering. The people are intelligent and give thoughtful attention to the preaching of the word, and seem to be impressed by the simplicity of the gospel of Christ. This is a promising field and it should not be neglected.

H. W. STEWART.

HALIFAX, N. S.

At Bro. Blenus' last regular appointment at Elmsdale three made the good confession and were baptized the following morning. At this place regular meetings are held for Bible study.

In the absence of Bro. Harding, Bro. Carson addressed the church in Newport at their regular meeting, May 24th.

Bro. Blenus preached on Lord's day, May 17th, to the inmates of Rock Head prison. At the close, two women wished to take a pledge to live a better life.

The church here has lost one of its promising young members by death. Bro. Charlie Carrington passed away on the morning of the 24th.

Our young brother, Albert Verge, is slowly recovering from a severe illness.

Four united with the church by letter during the month of May.

Bro and Sister Alonzo Wallace, Sister Weir of Shubenacadie, and Sister Alberta McPhee of West Gore, have worshipped with us during the month.

The members of the church informally visited the pastor, Bro Blenus, at his home on May 12th and presented him with a purse. Sister Blenus was presented with a handsomely arranged bouquet of flowers. A very pleasant evening was spent after the presentation.

A. B. WALLACE.

WESTPORT, N. S.

It is said that "man proposes but God disposes." When the churches at Westport and Tiverton invited me to come and pay them a visit, I came with the intention of remaining a few weeks, then returning to visit the brethren once more at Brockton, Mass., but the grip made me a prisoner and, the church also imprisoning me, I was elected to stay.

I am slowly regaining my strength and hope soon to be able to work actively in the Lord's vineyard.

My special thanks are due to Bro. and Sister Hicks, and the many others who administered to me in my sickness and prayed for my recovery. May the Lord bless them.

At Westport, the work is moving along nicely. On Sunday evening, May 17, one soul confessed faith in Jesus Christ, and will be baptized as soon as I am strong enough.

The Christian Endeavor Society will soon be re-organized, and other work is being planned.

I spent the fourth Sunday in May in Tiverton. Here I found a noble band of Christian workers. The services were well attended, and seemed to be enjoyed by all. We hope to see much good done here in the future.