

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN ITEMS.

CONROG ST. CHURCH.—Lord's day services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Sunday-school at 2.15 P. M. Young People's Meeting, Tuesday evening at 8. General Prayer Meeting, Thursday evening at 8. Brethren visiting the city cordially welcomed. The Ladies' Sewing Society meets every Wednesday evening at 6.

Two additions by confession and obedience since last report.

Our meetings are increasing in interest and attendance; a large attendance of young people is noticeable.

The children of the Sunday-school are preparing for their anniversary—which takes place this week.

The Young Men's Association have lately held a debate on, "Which would be the greatest benefit, a good education or fifty thousand dollars." They decided in favor of the education.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.—It certainly would not be right to disappoint the readers of the CHRISTIAN again. We had no idea, until last issue, that the patrons, especially the stronger sex, looked through the columns for our little monthly reports. Well, we have met twice since reporting.

At our Dec. meeting it was our painful duty to request the secretary to extend our sympathies to our dear sister Sutherland, who had been called upon to lay away to rest her little boy; and since another has been taken home. We trust after a while she will feel that they are with Jesus and He can care for them better.

Our Willing Workers sent in by their treasurer their quarterly collection of over \$4.00. Zealous little workers. Sister Tennant read to us one of the DeLanny letters. I think our sisters are particularly interested in the Paris Mission. But we are reminded at almost every meeting that our efforts are for the present, entirely for home missions. A beautiful New Year's wish written by Frances Haavergal was read, after which the meeting was closed with singing and prayer.

Our January meeting was small. The streets were in a fearful condition. It was not just the commencement we could have wished for the year; and we are quite sure it is not the index for the rest of the year. We had one new member. I hope to see many more new faces at these pleasant gatherings, where our sisters can improve their talent. Bro. Capp gave us a good discourse on the subject of the talents last Lord's day. He said everybody had at least one talent. He did not say the sisters were so endowed, but we presume he wished it understood. Besides the meetings there is lots of work to do. Oh! sisters that are not organized, or are not doing some kind of missionary work, won't you be enlisted? It needs every sister in this broad Dominion of ours, and just now. But time fails me, and I close wishing and trusting that this will be a prosperous year that we have entered for mission work.

E. C.

LEONARDVILLE.

On the 18th ult., a public missionary meeting was held at Leonardville, Deer Island, under the auspices of the Church of Christ of that place, at which stirring addresses were given by Elder Geo. Welch, Jas. P. Nowlan and A. P. Wilson (Baptist) of St. John, and as a result a Woman's Missionary Aid Society was organized. At their first monthly meeting, held on the 3rd inst., the following officers were elected for the present year: President, Sister Charles H. Conley; vice-president, Sister Annie Welch; secretary, Sister George Welch; assistant secretary, Sister Annie Wilson; treasurer, Sister Frank Wilson.

Embracing, as the Society does, the *working* sisters of the church, we predict for it a prosperous

and useful career. In this as in every other department of church work, there is the exemplification of the fact that, in all churches, there are a great many useless as well as useful members. On Lord's day and week night services, a few are always found at their posts. Their voices are ever heard in prayer and exhortation, and they are ready in every good word and work. As we see such Christians day after day moving along in their God-directed way, we are led to exclaim, "God bless them," for their lives illustrate and prove the genuineness and power of the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

While our church here has not a few of such exemplary Christians, I am sorry to record the fact that we have also a number of mutes. Can it be possible that a man can be redeemed by the grace of God, and yet never speak one word in behalf of that dear Saviour whom he professes to love, or make one effort to advance the Redeemer's kingdom on earth? I cannot so see it, for I believe if a man loves Christ he will serve Him, for love and service are inseparable.

Churches throughout our land are hindered far more in their work by their own members, than by those who are outside. This should not be, and we trust the day will soon come when all the members of our churches universally, will realize that a profession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ means a loving and life-long service in His sacred cause. Then and then alone can there be a growth in the divine life, or can the church fulfil its destined mission—the redemption of the world.

We have in connection with our church here a large Sunday-school, that might be made a great blessing to the church and community, but its usefulness is crippled, and its influence lessened because we cannot find workers—teachers—for our school. Out of a church of 120 members we can only induce two brothers, and a few sisters to carry on the work of teaching the youth in the great principles of God's holy word, and as a result our classes must be instructed by non-professors or not at all. We trust this matter may soon be remedied and that our brothers may not be ashamed to be seen in the Sunday-school. I would earnestly and prayerfully crave their co-operation in this very necessary and highly important part of Christian labor. May God help us all to be more faithful, and to abound more and more in every good work, and be thus ready for an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Yours for the faith,

TECUMSEH.

Leonardville, Jan. 10th, 1886.

NOVA SCOTIA.

HANTS COUNTY.

It is hoped that the new meeting-house at West Gore will be ready to occupy soon after the first of the year. It is now very much regretted that several feet more were not added to the length, according to the original symmetrical design. I advise every congregation, able to build a good house, not to spoil it on the ground of economy. To spend not one cent of the Lord's money for useless ornament, but to make everything tend to *utility, convenience and comfort*.

As our place of worship approaches completion, persons are enquiring if it will be "dedicated." In reply I answer, I think not. The church at West Gore claims to be *Apostolic* in teaching and practice. But I suggest, instead, what might do as well, viz. That they who meet there dedicate *themselves*.

D. McDUGALL.

P. E. ISLAND.

MONTAGUE.

On Tuesday evening the 10th inst., many of the people of Montague and surrounding districts, members of the church with which we are laboring, and others, came to our house, took possession of the

entire premises, told us we had nothing to say in the matter, and Mrs. E. that she was not to trouble herself about anything.

They then brought in tables, chairs, and whatever was necessary to accommodate as far as the capacity of the house would allow the large company which occupied every available part—rooms, hall, stairs, etc.—each seeming determined to enjoy and make the time enjoyable.

The ladies arranged the tables and prepared a rich feast, which was partaken of and enjoyed by all, after which Bro. D. McDonald was called to the chair, and speeches became the order of the hour, the chairman first stating the object of the present gathering and then giving a condensed history of the church in Montague, touching briefly the trials, efforts and laborers of the past, and the present standing and prospects, under Him, who, although no respecter of persons, accepts all who fear Him and work righteousness. He then called on the brethren whose names follow: Alexander Campbell, Frederick Poole, James Aitken, Robert Dewar, John D. Bell, and James Gordon, who, in earnest, interesting, and warm-hearted addresses, bade us welcome to Montague, wishing us success and happiness. The writer then spoke a few words, but if any of my readers have ever been placed in like circumstances, they will understand me when I say that there was more feeling than eloquence.

Probably one hour and thirty minutes were occupied in this, after which prayer, thanksgiving and praise arose from grateful hearts to the Giver of all good, for lives preserved in the midst of danger, and for the blessings of society and, especially, Christian fellowship. Music and sacred song continued, the chief centre, until a late hour, but many also passed the time in pleasant conversation, until, finally, one of the most pleasant and happy parties which we've ever had the privilege of enjoying broke up, the visitors going their own homes, but leaving, *in ours*, many and substantial tokens of their good will to us, comparative strangers among them.

This, after the anxieties of the few months just past, when danger seemed to threaten and general intercourse was suspended, the good people of Montague are pleased to call a house-warming and welcome to their preacher and his partner in life's journey and labor.

It was a house warming but there was a great deal of heart warming in it also—inspiration, too, and confidence to the anxious laborer, because it contains an expression of determination to stand by and encourage him in every good word and work. May the God of all grace enable us ever to work unitedly, keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace until the sum is complete and we are called to still higher enjoyments.

Our work on P. E. I. has been greatly retarded, we think, by the smallpox scourge, but from the change manifest in the last few weeks, we are encouraged and hope good will yet be done. Our congregations at Montague are excellent, although the roads are not always good.

We now go to East Point, the roads to which have been closed to travel during the time of general fear. But we have no fears that the soldiers of the cross there are off duty. We expect to find them watching.

O. B. EMERY.

Jan. 22nd, 1886.

NOT FIT TO BE SAVED.

Said a friend to me once, "I don't think the nasty Chinaman is fit to be saved, he is so degraded." But remember, brother, where we ourselves came from. Just a very few centuries ago our very great-grandparents were wandering Scandinavians, wrapped in bear skins and fed on human flesh. You had better let that part of the subject be dropped. Jesus is the Saviour of the world, and He is the world's only Saviour. Invite all. Don't leave any uninvited.—H. W. BAYS, in *Holston Methodist*.