

We are glad to see that the educational feature is to be given more prominence in our young people's societies. Hand books on the Bible, missions, and the origin, principles and history of the Disciples of Christ are to be prepared by brethren specially qualified. This is well. Our young people need just such a course. In the days of our fathers, when to come out and stand with those pleading for apostolic Christianity meant persecution, the converts could generally give a reason for the hope that was in them. They knew their Bibles and also the origin, principles and history of this reformative movement, as many of the converts of later years do not. There are good reasons for our existence, reasons supported by the Word of God; and our young people need to be well acquainted with them, else they may think we are a denomination among denominations. If you want to know more about these reading courses write to J. Z. Tyler, Cleveland, O.

Correspondence.

WEST GORE LETTER.

Churchill Moore, a Congregational minister, at present stationed in the Province of Quebec, came here two years ago and carried off one of our best young sisters. I have not told you in any of my letters that during the summer we had another visit from him. He preached here several times, and all who heard him were highly pleased. For my own part I hope to get better acquainted with this brother.

Neither did I tell you that we had a very pleasant visit from Brother and Sister Jaffrey, of Summerside, P. E. Island. He stayed with us only a week, but she remained and helped us with the annual meeting. We hope they will come again.

Two of our members have passed away since I last wrote. Sister Mary Lockhart, relict of William Lockhart, of Newport, passed away on October 15th. She loved her Saviour and her end was peace. She was for years denied the privilege of meeting with the Lord's people, but she was faithful. How many there are who have these privileges and yet do not embrace them! The Lord's day comes and goes, and they grow colder and more careless. When they are face to face with death they will be sorry. Too late, too late.

The other was Bro. Thomas Wallace, an elder in the church at Shubenacadie. I cannot tell you all I would like to about him, for my heart is full as I write. I loved him as a father - everybody loved him. The large funeral procession showed the high esteem in which he was held by the public at large. He will be very much missed, but we know it was well with him. Both of these saints were in the 74th year of their age.

Our provincial Sunday-school Association met in Truro this year. We had a three days' convention. How I did wish all our teachers and officers could have been there. If you are a worker in the Sunday-school, let me advise you to attend the next provincial convention if you possibly can. I may write and tell something about some of things I saw and heard at that convention. A very interesting district Sunday-school convention was held in Elmsdale, November 15th. The people here look forward with pleasure to the monthly visits of Bro. Blenus. May these brethren soon have a good house of their own to live in. W. H. HARDING.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B. COBURG STREET

Two young ladies were baptized this month. Bro. S. A. Stevens and wife worshipped with us on the 8th. They returned to Port Williams the next day.

Our collection for the Portland lot on the evening of the 22nd was \$40.00. Considering that most of the members had given previously for this object the sum raised was large.

At the quarterly meeting of the local union of Christian Endeavor, which was held in the Portland Methodist Church, Bro. Stewart, before a packed house, made some telling points in favor of union, and truly said that "the religious world was the slowest to see the necessity and benefit of union." There are now about twenty-five societies and about one thousand members in this Union, and these quarterly meetings are most interesting.

Our Society is going to take up the course as planned for at the Springfield convention, namely, "The Bible; The History of Missions; and The Origin and Growth of our Religious Movement or Reformation." The study of these subjects will be most interesting and instructive, and an effort will be made to get every member to take them up.

MAIN STREET.

Bro. Wm. Murray preached for us the 1st and 8th. His audiences increased each night, and demonstrated that our preachers can get a good hearing in Portland.

Bro. J. Chas. B. Appel arrived on the 14th. He took charge of the services on the 15th, and preached as though he had been here a long time. He seemed to fit in every place and do every thing just as it ought to be done. He has made a most favorable impression and we look for a successful work under his leadership. Bro. Appel is not a rapid speaker, neither does gesticulate; he is reverend and impressive, makes you feel he is handling an important subject that ought to engage your whole attention. He has a strong, clear voice, with a sympathetic chord running through it. He is a good singer, and leads in song. This is one of the useful things with us. Bro. Manifold has our thanks for sending him to us.

Our audiences have been large this month, and more money has been collected than in any month since we organized. As you will see we have bought our lot. Will you help us pay for it?

Bro. Wm. Murray came in from Silver Falls on the 18th, and went to Letete on the 19th. He left the names and addresses of those he had been visiting for Bro. Appel, and on the 19th he took him to every home. This was a kind and wise act on Bro. Murray's part, and was of great assistance to Bro. Appel. Bro. Murray knew what a hard time he had to find them out, so he determined that his successor should have the benefit of his knowledge in regard to the whereabouts of those whom he had interested in our work in Portland.

We had a visit from the C. E. Society of Coburg Street on the 18th, and had a most delightful meeting. We expect to return the visit soon.

Our sisters are talking of organizing an Aid Society.

SILVER FALLS, N. B.

Bro. Wm. Murray preached afternoon and evening, Lord's day, November 15th. The brethren and sisters at this place are much pleased with Bro. Murray, and would like to have him with them continually.

On the evening of the 16th (Monday) a successful convention of the Sunday-schools of the Parish of Simonds, St. John County, was held in this church.

Bros. David Garnett and O. B. Stockford drove out to Willow Grove and Garnett Settlement, Lord's day, November 1st, and spoke to the people in these localities during the afternoon and evening. Bro. John Garnett is superintendent of a Sunday-school, meeting at Garnett Settlement and is doing a grand work there.

Bros. Garnett and Stockford receive warm invitations to go out again, and will probably make one or two visits this month.

CORNWALLIS, N. S.

Since my last report four more have been added to the church here by baptism, making thirteen additions since our return from the annual in West

Gore. We are very much encouraged with this measure of success, and thank God for his blessing upon our humble efforts to lead precious souls to Christ. There are others still very near the kingdom whom we hope to see coming to Christ and consecrating themselves to his service.

E. C. FORD,

Nov. 26, 1896.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

In our mid-week prayer-meeting we are using the prayer-meeting topics given in the *Christian Standard*. We find them very helpful and instructive, and many good thoughts are brought out in the comments on those topics.

In each church we have started a Normal Bible class, using the lessons prepared by B. W. Johnson and W. W. Dowling, published by the Christian Pub. Co., St. Louis, Mo. We are using Part I, *The Book*. It promises to be quite interesting.

The society of Christian Endeavor was re-organized in Tiverton, Nov. 16th, with Annie Cossaboom, President; Alpheus Handspiker, Vice-President; Bessie Cossaboom, Secretary; and May Cossaboom, Treasurer. The meetings will be held on Monday nights. The church at Tiverton was favoured with preaching every Sunday during the month of October, as the former pastor, H. A. Devoe, preached two Sundays and the writer two Sundays. This church was without a pastor about a year before the writer came.

Instead of preaching on Sunday morning, Nov. 8th, at Westport, and the following Sunday morning at Tiverton, the pastor occupied the time in giving a condensed account of our National Convention in Springfield, Ill., thus showing not only our own members, but others what we as a religious body are doing.

Mrs. Bolton has returned from her visit of seven weeks in the State of Massachusetts and Maine. Her health is much improved.

Mrs. Chas. McDormaud met with a severe accident last Monday. She scalded her face badly, thus causing her considerable suffering.

We are pleased to see Miss Carrie Payson with us again, after an absence of two and a-half months with her friends.

Mrs. Ephraim Buckman has returned from Massachusetts, where she was visiting with her daughter and others. Her health is better than when she left.

Miss Annie Porter has gone to Yarmouth to spend the winter. She is one of the converts who came out last winter under Bro. Ford's labors.

Mrs. Herbert Outhouse, Tiverton, still lies quite low with consumption. J. W. BOLTON.

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SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

We are still contending for the spread of our Master's kingdom. There is much work to be done in this large field. The work in Summerside is moving on as usual. I regret very much that our efforts cannot be more concentrated. My last visit to Tryon was indeed a short one, yet I enjoyed it very much.

The recent Provincial Sunday-school Convention at Summerside was a grand success and a mighty uplift to that department of religious work. Professor Hamill, the world's renowned Sunday-school worker, was with us and gave some very helpful talks. Mr. Lucas, of N. B., was also present, and in his enthusiastic turn and practical manner, added much to the success of the Convention. Bro. George Manifold, of Charlottetown, was present and took an active part in the exercises, and from his pen I hope to see a more graphic report.

The Christian Endeavorers of the Summerside Church, recently held a social at the home of Elder Thomas Beattie, and a very enjoyable time was the experience of all. Bro. Manifold was with us and added much to the evening's enjoyment.

On the 8th I exchanged with Bro. Manifold, and for the first time met with the good brethren of Charlottetown. I made my home with Bro. Wm. Harris, and I hope I shall soon have the pleasure of enjoying their Christian fellowship and hospitality. The brethren in Charlottetown are doing a grand work. Bro. Harris and Bro. M. Stevenson have stood firm to the cause when the way seemed hedged about. Bro. Lemuel Harris, superintendent of the Sunday-school, Bro. Bowyer who sings with his soul, and Bros. McLeod and Hammal, are men of Christian piety and devotion. Bro. Manifold is well spoken of among those brethren. Beside this, there are a number of