

for the aid rendered. Only a few of the churches gave last year, and some of those that gave, gave sparingly. Let us correct that mistake and give at least half as much as we receive. The needs of the work are great and pressing.

God is no respecter of persons. A good many preachers seem to be. They would hardly report to the world that during a meeting a very poor, despised, degraded man was converted. To be singled out a man must be prominent or eminent, or of high standing. A few weeks ago three Indiana preachers in reporting their work says. "One addition, a prominent business man of the city;" "one from the Quakers, quite a prominent man who is in the mail service at the Union Depot;" "one lady and two gentlemen added, one gentleman is an eminent lawyer, mayor of the city and post-master elect, all of high standing." Is the conversion of such people a greater triumph of the gospel's power than the conversion of the outcast would be?

Every member of a church should be a contributor to its funds. Even the youngest and the poorest should give a little. The person who depends on charity is not exempt. At any rate the charitably disposed should give him enough to enable him to give something to the Lord. Those who are blessed with plenty will find that plenty a curse if they hoard it up or spend it on themselves. Those who here will deny themselves nothing for the Lord's sake need not be surprised if in the future they need a drop of water to cool their tongues and are denied even that. Many churches that imagine they can not support a minister could do so easily if all the members were willing to deny themselves. The Lord loves a cheerful giver. He has no admiration for a miser.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B. COBURG STREET

The evangelistic meetings which commenced on Lord's day, March 7th, continued for five weeks, closing on Lord's day, April 11th. Eighteen persons made the good confession and were baptized. Two others united with the church.

The collection taken up on Lord's day evening, April 11th, for foreign missions amounted to \$50. Bro. Hermann Miller of Owen Sound, Ontario, who is in the employ of the C. P. R. and who has been in the city since last November, left for his home on Thursday, April 22nd. During his stay among us he has made many friends, and assisted us in our services, particularly in singing.

Sister Hattie Banks, one of our faithful members, has recently moved to Boston.

LETETE, N. B.

Our meetings here are interesting. Some who have not been to the Lord's table for a long time have again taken their places there. Two whom I baptized in Back Bay some time ago have taken membership here, making twenty added to our membership since I came here in January. I feel sure that if the brethren could see the importance of keeping a preacher here all the time, others would be added to the saved. My time will be up May 15th.

WM. MURRAY.

MILTON, N. S.

Our meeting closed with thirty additions, and so we feel that our efforts were not in vain. The church members were greatly interested, one hundred different ones taking part during the

meetings, something we have not known for years. Bro. Murray left this week to hold meetings at Summerville, and we hope good results will follow.

C. B. O.

HALIFAX, N. S.

Since I wrote the last notes for THE CHRISTIAN we have had one confession at the North street church. Our average attendance at the Lord's table for April has been the largest, since our coming here, of any month. We have had no removals from the church this spring, and we are expecting some additions to our members by immigration in the near future. Emigration has for years been the bane of this church, and it is encouraging to see even a little turn of the tide. We are still embracing every opportunity of bringing the church before our citizens. The writer on yesterday delivered the annual sermon to the I. O. O. F. in the "Academy of Music" to a splendid turnout of the order, and a fine audience beside, hundreds being in attendance.

Our Y. P. S. C. E. will hold a "missionary rally" on Lord's day evening, May 10th, in aid of the American Home Missionary work. This church appreciates what our brethren in the United States have done for us, and our young people are entering into the work with much earnestness.

The mission service lately held by our Y. P. S. C. E. at the "Halifax North-end mission" has been pronounced by Mr. Theakston, the city missionary, as the best meeting of the kind held there by any of the churches. It was the first time our young people had attempted such a public service, and they are to be congratulated on their success. The pastor was present and was called upon to say something as to why we call ourselves "the Christian Church." We did so.

T. H. BLENUM.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

The church in Tiverton showed their appreciation of their pastor and wife recently by a donation. We all met at the home of Bro. Norma Robbins. The presentation speech was made by Bro. D. McLean, who happened to be with us. The donation amounted to \$47 in money and useful articles. Mrs. Bolton was presented with a purse of \$9.40. The occasion was enjoyed by all, especially by the recipients.

The Young Peoples' Missionary Society in Westport held their first meeting April 2nd. A good programme was given and the efforts were rewarded by a liberal silver offering.

On April 15th the different missionary societies of the church in Westport gave a missionary-ship concert. It was given to a crowded house, and an offering of over \$7 was received. It was a very interesting concert, and will be given in Tiverton before long.

The pastor preached an Easter sermon in Tiverton last Sunday night, after which a prayer-meeting was held in which six were reclaimed, none of whom had taken part in meeting or communion for many years. One of the reclaimed was a Baptist brother, but he took his membership with us.

After the Endeavor meeting last night a Young Peoples' Missionary Society was organized in Tiverton with officers as follows; Norma Robbins, President; Mrs. Kendrick Outhouse, Vice-President; Annie Cossaboom, Secretary; and Ethel Outhouse, Treasurer.

J. W. BOLTON.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

CENTRAL CHURCH.

Since last report Bro. R. W. Stevenson, of Montague, and the writer exchanged pulpits. Words of encouragement and good cheer were given, and the band of faithful disciples was greatly strengthened by the visit of our brother minister in the gospel.

A few weeks ago the congregation was presented by one of the leading brethren with a very hand-

some and ohaste quadruple silver gold-lined communion set. The heartfelt thanks of the members were tendered to our brother for his generous gift to the church.

On account of my sickness Bro. Emery kindly filled the pulpit on April 11th. In him we have found a true yoke-fellow and co-laborer in the gospel, and this is but one of the many kindnesses which I, and the congregation to which I minister, have received.

On April 25th we intend to make another move, this time to worship in the well-known hall on Prince and Grafton streets. This used to be the old Philharmonic Hall, but it has been renovated and fitted up in a becoming manner, and is capable of seating at least 400 people. We have secured this hall for a year, having the use of it on Sundays and Wednesdays at a rental of \$150.

The first Lord's day in April we took up a collection for foreign missions, which reached the modest amount of \$20.55.

GEO. MANIFOLD.

MONTAGUE, P. E. I.

We had one addition on last Sunday evening. Bro. Geo. Manifold lectured for us a few weeks ago. It was fine. His subject was New Zealand. The attendance was good considering the roads. The writer has been laid up with a severe cold.

R. W. S.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

Since my last notes I have had the pleasure of visiting the good brethren of New Glasgow. The exchange was appreciated very much on my part, though I felt somewhat restrained before an audience so long accustomed to the teaching of so worthy a man as Bro. D. Crawford. The time was short, and I could not see as many of the friends as I would like to. Bro. Crawford's visit to Summerside was appreciated very much. Those who sat under his teaching in the past were glad to hear him again. His health is remarkably good. We hope to have him again soon, as we are to have our first quarterly meeting the 28th. Bro. Geo. Manifold, Bro. R. W. Stevenson, Bro. O. B. Emery are expected to take part in 'his meeting. We hope to have a good time and that good may result from our meeting together.

I am glad to hear of the good work in St. John and Milton, and also Deer Island. Bro. H. Murray is doing a grand work in his home church. He is very highly spoken of by the brethren of New Glasgow, P. E. I. I always like to hear the preacher spoken of in such a way, for it makes one feel at home. Of course this is Bro. Murray's record everywhere.

But while we have our seasons of rejoicing, we have our times of sadness. This time we sorrow with Bro. and Sister Major Linkletter in the death of little Arthur, a bright blue-eyed boy of fourteen months. He died of the dread disease—pneumonia. God comfort the sorrowing parents.

H. E. C.

Home Mission Notes.

Brethren, let there be a general and hearty response to the appeal from the Home Board of the United States. They are extending a helping hand to us, let us give them a good collection in return.

But do not forget our own needs. Our receipts are away below what they ought to be this month.

There is a cheering report from Halifax. The brethren are working faithfully at Pictou, and Main St., St. John, gets seven additions through the united harmonious efforts in that city. We have had most urgent appeals for help, but cannot give it on account of lack of funds.

Last month we said another house of worship would soon be erected in New Bruns-