

Ontario, and hope to be in a position to do much more in the near future. They have helped nearer home than that. They sent Bro. Northcutt to us last year, and besides paying his travelling expenses contributed largely to his support while he remained with us. The good work which he did is patent to every one who has looked into it. They have promised to help the brethren in Halifax to the amount of \$250. The board is willing to do more for us when it is in their power, and we should try to put it in their power by doing more for them. The dollars we send will come back to us with compound interest. Who will help in this good work? Will you? S.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

Bro. E. C. Bowers and Bro. Hicks, of Westport and Bro. Outhouse, of Tiverton, have worshipped with us during this month.

The Portland Sunday-school continues to grow. The average attendance for March was 160

On the 7th Coburg street Sunday-school held its anniversary at which a fine programme was carried out, and the scholars given a feast. The collection amounted to \$21.00,

The March quarterly began on the 13th with a good prayer meeting, one of the best we have ever had. Bro. W. J. Lhamon, of Minneapolis, arrived on the 14th, and preached his first sermon the same evening; has been preaching every evening since, four afternoons each week, and three times on Sunday. The attendance has been good and a deep interest manifested. So far six have made the good confession. A number have expressed their intention of doing so, and we look for more confessions before the meeting closes.

The meetings on Lord's day afternoons in the Mission Hall, North End, have been very encouraging. Last Lord's day the hall was crowded, when Bro. Lhamon preached a fine sermon on the Conversion of the Eunuch.

Bro. A. McLean wrote of Bro Lhamon as follows: "He is a gentleman, a man of God, and I consider him the peer of our best preachers." The writer fully concurs in this for he has given us grand sermons which will bear much fruit in the future. Good must follow from such loving yet profound preaching of the Word. He has the walk and conversation of a true Christian and lets his light so shine that others will be led to glorify God.

Outline of our work on Lord's day.— For many of our young people the Lord's day is a busy one. Some of them are teachers and officers of the Mission school, which meets at 9.30 a. m. They then attend the morning service of the church and communion at 11 a. m. Sunday-school again at 2.30 p. m. A Bible study again at 4 p. m. Preaching service at 7 p. m., and social meeting of the church at 8.15 p. m.

LORD'S COVE, N. B.

Owing to the bad state of roads and weather attendance at our meetings has not been as large during the month of March as we might otherwise have expected. Still our meetings are all very well attended and interest good. Our Sunday-school has kept up very well during the winter months. We had sixty-nine present yesterday, and expect to reach a hundred in a few weeks.

One young man made the good confession on the evening of March 7th and was immersed on the day following.

Bro. H. Minnick, of Lubec, is at Leonardville holding a meeting for them. Commenced last Monday, but his meetings have been somewhat broken by last week's big snow storm. He had one confession last evening, and will continue the meeting this week. R. E. STEVENS.

WESTPORT, N. S.

The recent meeting at Westport was a decided success. We sent for Bro. H. Murray to aid us in our meeting, and he promptly responded to the cry, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." He came in good order and well condition, for his preaching was to all that heard him a feast of good things from the store-house of God. There seemed at first to be some things to retard our work, but the victory attests the truth of God, and our hearts were made glad to see precious souls coming to Christ. Bro. Murray's clear, forcible and sympathetic manner in presenting the precious story of Christ proved the power of God to save. Bro. Murray did his work well and deserves the highest credit. May he be long spared to the church of Christ, for his ability as a soul winner is of great value. We had ten confessions and baptisms; four by relation or letter, and five restorations. Our hearts are made glad and we give God the praise.

We have organized the Christian Endeavor Society here last evening, the 21st of March, with twenty members. We are looking forward now to accomplish greater work, because it brings a stronger working force into the social work of the church. We expect an enrolment of forty or more.

H. E. COOKE.

HANTS COUNTY, N. S.

NOTICE.—The new church building at Nine Mile River will be opened for the service and worship of God on the first Lord's day in May. A general invitation extended to all. A special invitation to preachers. Services as follows:

- 10.30 A. M. Preaching opening sermon.
- 11.30 A. M. Lord's Supper.
- 3 P. M. Preaching, "Our Belief."
- 7 P. M. Preaching.

Special collections at each service.

The meetings will be continued for a few evenings during the week.

At the present time we find it a difficult matter to get around just as we would like, owing to the soft state of the crust of the earth. It almost appears as though Jack Frost were a disorganizer. Notwithstanding the bad roads, the attendance at the different places is above the average. I notice the harvest is ripening fast, and I am convinced that soon some will need gathering in. I have always thought that the way the people accepted Christ on the day of Pentecost was the best way. It says that "they gladly received the word." So I think that if we can present the truth, so that it is gladly received, it will bring forth more fruit. We must offer ourselves as a free-will offering to God through Christ the great free-will offering. Paul speaks about our being "constrained" by love, the "bonds" of love. In a recent work, entitled, "The Larger Christ," I came upon this sentence: "Christ did not come so much to increase the census of heaven as to increase the status of earth's righteousness." What do you think of it? Speaking of books leads me to say a word about another work which I have just received, "The Standard Dictionary of the English Language," by Funk & Wagnalls Co., of New York. This first edition is in two volumes. The second volume is yet to come. This work is looked upon as the most complete of its kind, and receives the highest commendation both in America and England.

While I am on this subject of books, let me say a word about a series that is becoming popular at the present time. It is called "The Present Day Tract Series," and is published in eleven volumes. It consists of a series of "tracts" on living themes of the day. Anyone desiring information about points advanced by sceptics and other "advanced" thinkers will get it here. Spurgeon, just before he died, in looking over some of the first of these "tracts," said that every student should have them.

I have received the first number of *The New England Disciple*, Bro. E. W. Darst, editor. It is about the size of our CHRISTIAN, and is to be issued monthly, except July and August. It is devoted principally to church news.

There should be a strong affinity between the *Disciple* and the *Christian*.

What an amount of good we should do with so much to help us and so many of us to work!

From private correspondence I learn that the brethren both in Summerside and Tignish (my old field of labor) are meeting regularly on the Lord's day to remember their Master. I look forward with the hope of being able to run over there next summer and see them all.

The church at River John is anxious to have some one labor with it for a while this summer, so I am informed by Sister Carruthers. Who will go? W. H. HARDING.

West Gore, Hants Co., N. S.

HALIFAX, N. S.

There is nothing of especial interest to report from here this month, more than to say that the work is going on encouragingly, and the outlook is hopeful. The congregations continue good, particularly at the Lord's day evening service. The morning congregation is largely made up by the members of the church, and it is due them to say that more regular attendants it would be hard to find. I never labored for a church where its members are so prompt and regular in their attendance as here in Halifax. You may safely count on all being present at the morning service who are able to come.

The Sunday-school, too, is very interesting, and almost weekly there are new scholars being added. As soon as the weather and roads get in a little better condition we hope to form one or two new classes.

Just now we are getting ready for the meetings to be conducted by Evangelist B. Fay Mills. The greater number of the churches in Halifax are uniting their efforts in view of these meetings, and are organizing for the work. Our brethren have been asked to co-operate, and being ready for every good word and work are gladly doing so. We hope to reap some good results from these meetings. For this we shall work and pray.

The work here is continually growing on our hands. New hearers are coming in to our meetings, and now homes are being opened for us to visit. In fact the work in a city is unlimited. Every day brings new duties. If the little church here can only be fortunate enough to secure the labors of the right man, the success of the cause here is sure. The Lord has certainly blessed their efforts in the past, and we can confidently trust him for future success.

We trust that the friends of the cause in Halifax will not forget that there is still a debt on their meeting-house, and will forward to the treasurer any amounts they may be able to give. The sooner this debt can be paid, the sooner the church here will be self-sustaining. The money that it now takes to pay interest can then be turned toward the support of the preaching of the gospel.

The brotherhood have done grandly in assisting the little church here, for which the church in Halifax feel deeply thankful.

But let us not stop here, but continue our offerings till the last dollar is paid on this meeting-house, when, by the liberality of the brotherhood, the church in Halifax can worship God in a house of their own unencumbered with debt.

E. C. FORD.

Halifax, March 26th, 1894.

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