

MONTAGUE, P. E. I.

Since the last letter from Montague we have had all kinds of weather, some very good meetings and six more confessions and baptisms. Our special meetings did not continue very long. We were stormed and frozen out and we thought it best not to continue the meeting at that season of the year. So we have reserved our force for another effort when the weather is more favorable.

We took up a collection for the India famine sufferers which amounted to \$38 55.

There has been a great deal of sickness in the church during the winter. Many of those who were sick were down with inflammation of the lungs. There have been several deaths in the community, among them Mr Joseph Dewar who died on the 1st inst. On the day of the funeral his wife and son were very sick with the same illness that caused the death of the father. It was a sad house. Not a member of the family was able to attend the funeral.

Bro. Geo. Manifold and the writer will exchange pulpits on the 28th of March. The Ladies' Aid Society have succeeded in securing Bro. Manifold to give a lecture on New Zealand. We hope for fine weather and a full house.

Bro. Manifold seems to be prospering in his new work in Charlottetown. He is a good man and a splendid preacher. He is well equipped for his work and gives himself to it.

I have visited New Perth and Cardigan and had excellent congregations at both places, and have arranged to preach at these two points once a month. Cardigan is strongly Presbyterian. There are a few of our brethren living in that locality.

I neglected to mention that Bro. George Manifold was ordained by Bros Crawford and Emery a few weeks ago. I was invited to take part in the services but the very bad travelling and having a funeral to attend the next day prevented my being present. R. W. STEVENSON.

Home Mission Notes.

Halifax reports one confession, and Portland gets one from Bro. Stewart's meeting where Bro. Appel is assisting.

We are made glad by the receipts this month. The preachers have helped greatly. Some have paid their pledges at a great sacrifice—others have promised to. Some churches are going to take up collections who have not yet done so.

Brethren, we thank you one and all. Keep up this good work. We will soon have another church building in New Brunswick, then we must send a preacher to organize a church there. Next month, particulars will be given. J. S. FLAGLOR.

"What shall the harvest be?" That depends on how we sow. Paul says, "He that soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly." It is about giving to the Lord's work Paul is speaking when he makes this statement. This being true, can we hope to reap bountifully in our co-operative work this year. As yet, our sowing has been somewhat sparingly. Already half of our missionary year is gone. The receipts thus far have been comparatively small. We must not forget that certain amounts were voted at our annual meeting for our mission points, and that the maintenance of the work at these points demands that we make our promises good. True, times are hard, but let us make the greater sacrifice. We must not neglect what we have already planted, nor lose what we have already gained. Halifax, Pictou, and Main St., St. John, are looking to us to help hold the ground and sow the seed. The men who represent us at these points are faithful and worthy. We must hold up their hands. Let the churches raise their apportionments, and send to the treasury. Let individual subscriptions also be sent to this work. The money is needed. Let us be prompt. Remit to J. S. Flaglor, St. John, N. B. M. B. RYAN, Pres. of the Board.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$357 60
Lord's Cove, M. B. Ryan, . . . . .	2 00
St. John, Mission Band, . . . . .	3 40
"    Coburg St. S. S. . . . . .	15 52
Tiverton, per T. Ossinger, . . . . .	10 00
Letete, Wm. Murray, . . . . .	1 00
Charlottetown, G. D. Manifold, . . . . .	10 00
South Range, H. A. Devoe, . . . . .	3 00
"    per " . . . . .	4 00
West Gore, Wm McDougall, . . . . .	
per W H Harding, . . . . .	5 00
River John, John McNabb, . . . . .	5 00
Milton, per Miss Freeman, . . . . .	3 60

\$420 12

J. S. FLAGLOR,  
Treasurer.

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

Expect great things from God.  
Attempt great things for God.

Lord's Cove, Deer Island, Auxiliary meets the first week in each month. We meet one month at Richardsonville, the next at the Cove. The attendance has not been what we would wish. The last meeting, however, was better attended than any previous one since our last report and a greater interest manifested. No. of members enrolled, 28; No. of copies of "Tidings" taken, 4; amount of money raised for the two quarters ending March 1st, \$12, regular dues.

Mrs. M. B. Ryan, President; Miss Alva Lambert, Miss Annie Harris, Vice Presidents; Miss Dora Lord, Secretary-Treasurer.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$167 96
Lord's Cove, Ladies' Aid, . . . . .	6 00
St. John, Coburg St. S. S., . . . . .	3 47
Westport, Ladies' Aid, . . . . .	1 00
Tiverton, Ladies' Aid, . . . . .	2 00

\$180 43

SUSIE B. FORD, Treasurer.  
Waverley,  
Halifax Co., N. S.

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Lord's Cove Mission Band re-organized August 16th, 1896, with twenty-eight members. Present number, 75; gain, 47; number of Junior Builders taken, 11. We meet every second Lord's day afternoon. We have raised and forwarded to Treasurer \$30.00. We have a good attendance and fine interest. We have new members at almost every meeting. We elect new officers quarterly.

MRS M. B. RYAN, Superintendent.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$17 82
Lord's Cove, Mission Band, . . . . .	23 00
St. John, Wide Awake Band, . . . . .	1 12
Nellie Emery's Star, . . . . .	1 00
Kildare, Maude Irene Rayner, . . . . .	1 00

Total, . . . . . \$73 94

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MAIN STREET BUILDING FUND.

Halifax has kindly helped us. Will all the churches follow this good example?

A brother and Sister at Rolling Dam sends the second contribution. A wise act, how many will do likewise?

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$752 51
Halifax Church, per W. J. Messervey, . . . . .	10 00
Rolling Dam, a Brother and Sister, . . . . .	9 00

\$771 51

J. S. FLAGLOR, Treasurer.

Neil McLeod, who is so well known in these parts, and whose contributions have so often enriched the columns of THE CHRISTIAN, is now doing mission work in the Island of Jamaica. C. E. Randall writes to the *Christian Evangelist*, "The advent among us of Bro. McLeod has been a great help;" and added, "Bro. McLeod will baptize some eight persons next Lord's day."

Married.

LESLIE-CHAMBERS.—At Back Bay, N. B., on March 6th, by William Murray, Edward Leslie to Delia A., daughter of Mr. Joseph Chambers, of LeTete.

Died.

BOND.—At East Rawdon, March 5th. James Bond, in the 85th year of his life. Deceased leaves three children, thirty grandchildren and thirty-five great-grandchildren to mourn his loss. Many of these are active members in the Church of Christ.—W. H. H.

KENNEDY.—At their home, Kinlough, Lot 48, March 10th, 1897, Alexander Tupper, the dearly beloved infant son of Bro. and Sister Alexander and Elizabeth Kennedy, after a somewhat protracted and very severe illness passed into quiet rest, having lived a little earth-life of five months and seven days.

"They are going—only going—  
Jesus called them long ago;  
All the wint'ry time they're passing,  
Softly as the falling snow."

"Little hearts forever stainless—  
Little hands as pure as they—  
Little feet by angels guided,  
Never a forbidden way!"

"They are going—over going—  
Leaving many a lonely spot;  
But 'tis Jesus who has call'd them,  
Suffer and forbid them not." O. B. E.

STEWART.—Bro. John Stewart died at his home—and the home of his son, Bro. Daniel Stewart, Glenannan, Lot 35, P. E. I., February 24, 1897, aged 77 years, leaving three sons and three daughters, with a large circle of other relatives and friends, who deeply feel the loss of a loving father, a true friend, and a generous, obliging neighbor. Bro. S. lived in a community where several of the "creeds of Christendom" (in a measure, at least) antagonistic, each to the others, wielded an influence for discord rather than harmony, and many of his neighbors were opposed to him in matters of faith, and, sometimes, in matters of opinion; yet, the writer has never conversed with one of them who, when Bro. S. was spoken of, would not testify enthusiastically to his integrity, his sterling worth and the nobleness of his character. Roman Catholics and Protestants alike sorrowfully followed his remains to the last earthly resting place among the silent dead, close by the old Christian meeting-house, at Cross Roads, Lot 48. Bro. Stewart united with the Church of Christ in the old days in which Dr. John Knox so powerfully and eloquently held forth the word of life—proclaimed the blessed gospel to the multitudes who eagerly gathered from the thickly settled neighborhoods around to hear him, before emigration had carried to the United States, and other places, so many of P. E. I.'s noble sons and daughters. A Christian in profession, Bro. S. was also a Christian in life—the Christian character reached out into his business, and thus, quietly, the light would shine out among men, and our Heavenly Father alone knows how many who, through such influence, may be led to "glorify our Father who is in heaven." May the friends bereft, and we who wait, be ready to meet him in a fairer clime, "when the storms of life are over."—O. B. E.

STEWART.—The church at Cross Roads, Lot 48, has suffered another loss in the death of our aged sister, Mrs. Christina Stewart, relict of the late Bro. Malcolm Stewart, who died at the home of her son, Benjamin Stewart, Esq., near Forbes' Mill, Lot 43, P. E. I., Mar. 1, 1897, aged eighty-five years. Sister Stewart was for many years a member of the church, always anxious to attend the meetings, and being of a vigorous constitution, she often preferred to walk rather than ride to the old house where, for so many years, she had been in the habit of meeting with those who loved to speak of the loving-kindness of Him "whose mercy endureth forever." In a good old age, and in the full assurance of faith, she has passed "over the river." She has left one son and five daughters in this world of trial, temptation and conflict—where sometimes the sun shines and often the shadows gather; but where all is fleeting as the vapor or the early dew. There is nothing in this fleeting life, or pertaining thereto, which can make amends for the blighting influence on the human soul of cherished envy, hatred, or inordinate ambition. These are of the earth, earthy; if not worse. Our sister's mind and affections, being more and more "placed on the things which are above," unkindness had no place in her life, nor hatred in her heart. May our Heavenly Father help us who remain to avoid the mistakes and imitate the virtues of those who have gone before, so that, by-and-by, beyond the changes and the shadows, we may all be forever united in the home of eternal love.—O. B. E.