

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

Bro. James Emery died suddenly at his home on the morning of 31st of March. This church has met with another loss in the death of our brother. In another column will be found a suitable obituary.

Bro. W. H. Harding, who recently held a meeting at Lord's Cove and Leonardville, Deer Island, with 125 additions, was at the Y. P. S. C. E. on Monday evening. He left for his home at West Gore, N. S., on the following morning.

Bro. John Baker, of P. E. I., was at our prayer and social meeting Thursday evening, 14th.

Sister Charles Pitt left for her home in England on the steamer Gallia on Wednesday, 27th.

The "Wide Awake" Mission Band gave a concert on Easter Sunday afternoon. One little boy, while reciting, held a large bag in his hand, containing numerous smaller bags of money, saved by the boys and girls. The amount raised amounted to \$9.75.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour of the Coburg street Christian Church elected the following officers for the ensuing term, from April, 1898, to October, 1898: Officers—D. A. Morrison, President; J. Herb Johnston, Vice-President; Miss Emma Lynn, Treasurer; Miss Bertha W. Barnes, Secretary. Committees: Look-out—Miss Ada Emery, Miss L. Hoyt, Mr. G. F. Barnes and Mr. O. B. Stockford. Sunday-school—Mr. J. E. Edwards, Misses J. Hoyt, Bertha Stockford, Laura Emery and Lillie Bowen. Prayer Meeting—Mr. H. W. Stewart, Mr. Herb Johnston, and Misses Annie Edmonds, Nellie Flaglor, Lou Clarke. Missionary—Miss Mabel Boyce, Mrs. J. S. Flaglor, Mrs. J. E. Edwards, Miss Nellie Johnston, Mr. A. E. Coates. Sick Visiting and Calling—Miss Emma Christie, Mrs. S. Dixon, Miss Emma Lynn, Miss Bertha Barnes, Mr. H. W. Stewart. Special Information—Misses Annie Edmonds, Nellie Flaglor, Emma Christie, and Messrs. A. E. Coates and D. A. Morrison. Good Literature—Messrs. O. B. Stockford, G. F. Barnes, Herb Johnston and Herb Ellis.

LORD'S COVE, N. B.

In the last CHRISTIAN a short notice appeared about our meeting at Lord's Cove. Since that time many inquiries have been made as to the result of that meeting. It continued three and one-half weeks, Bro. Harding preaching every night. The result was as follows: 87 were added by baptism, 8 from the Baptists, 7 restored, making 102 altogether. We believe this to be the grandest meeting ever held in the Maritime Provinces. The attendance and interest remained good until the last; there was no excitement to speak of, but an intense interest.

The majority of those added were heads of families, and a large number came in from the Sunday school. As a result of the meeting the church is very much strengthened, the attendance at the Sunday-school is largely increased, and now with proper teaching our church should be a power for good.

Bro. Harding labored faithfully and diligently, he was fearless in the denunciation of evil, and presented the truth of God clearly and definitely, many times using blackboard illustrations, and the effect of this preaching has been felt all over the island. The congregations were very large and attentive, and an interest was manifested that has never been equalled here. An effort is being put forth to retain Bro. Harding on the island.

J. SIMPSON LORD.

LEONARDVILLE, N. B.

As others will tell about our work at Lord's Cove, I will add a few words from this place. I preached here for two weeks, and as a result sixteen were baptized, five restored, and one received the right hand of fellowship, making twenty-two in all. Bro. S. W. Leonard was with me the first week and helped in many ways. I made my home with Bro. Buhot, where his wife and family made it as pleasant and comfortable as I could wish.

On Sunday (23rd) I preached in Lord's Cove; two made the good confession. The next morning a young lady made the good confession on the shore, and all three were immersed. This makes 125 additions in less than six weeks. During my stay in Lord's Cove I made my home at Bro. D. F. Lambert's. Bro. and Sister Lambert are too well known to need any praise as to how they treat the preachers who are willing to preach.

W. H. HARDING.

KEMPF, N. S.

Our worst month is over, and we are now ready for harder work.

Several of our members are sick, and are not expected to get any better.

We are sorry to lose some of our young sisters for the summer. They will be greatly missed in the church.

The church here has decided to have a June Quarterly, commencing June 10th and continuing till June 14th. A cordial invitation is extended to all. We promise a hearty welcome, and hope that a good number will accept of our invitation and come and help us enjoy a rich spiritual feast. Will write more next month about this. Any who are planning to come will please drop me a card.

F. C. FORD.

SOUTH RANGE, N. S.

We had four confessions at our regular service on Lord's day evening, April 3rd; one since, and one from the Baptists, making five baptized and six added to the church here during the month. No protracted meeting. These new converts are all making themselves heard in our prayer and social meetings.

H. A. DEVOE.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

May 1 closes the writer's second year's work at Westport and Tiverton.

The writer is preaching a series of sermons on "Christian Unity" to his congregations.

The brethren and sisters in Tiverton are beginning to prepare for the annual meeting to be held there in August.

Our meeting in Tiverton was a success. Bro. Devoe helped us twelve days. His sermons and labors were very much appreciated. The meeting resulted in three being baptized, a number being reclaimed, and in a deep spiritual feeling among the brethren and sisters. The church is in a better state now than any time since I have been acquainted with it.

The church in Westport cheered our hearts in a marked manner recently. On April 12 friends came to the parsonage and took possession. After spending a pleasant time together, a donation of good things and money were left for the pastor and wife to the value of \$28. Such occasions are bright spots in the pastor's life.

The "Willing Workers" Mission Band gave the Easter exercise, "India's Easter Call." Annie Titus represented America, while Leslie McDormand, Edna Collins and Bessie Gates represented the three widows of India. They were dressed in costume. Melba Peters and Lottie Ellis also ren-

dered recitations, while we were favored with a song by the quartette, besides other songs by the band. A good offering was received from the crowded house. All did well. J. W. BOLTON.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

CENTRAL CHURCH.

Bro. H. E. Cooke of Summerside and the writer exchanged pulpits on Lord's day, April 17th. The brethren and sisters here speak very highly of the two discourses given.

Quite an epidemic of sickness has broken out among the congregation. In addition to those mentioned in last report, Sisters D. K. Scott of North River has been very seriously ill, necessitating the attendance of two physicians. We are glad to say that she is now out of danger.

Sister Shaw, one of the most devoted and purest of women, always in her place at church, has been sick for over three weeks, and is still very weak.

Brethren and sisters, we earnestly desire your prayers, that in our weakness we may be made strong. GEO. MANIFOLD.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

It will be learned with general regret that Rev. H. E. Cooke purposes leaving his present charge in Summerside and returning to Nova Scotia, where he has accepted a pastorate. He will preach his farewell sermon at Greenmount church, Tignish, Sunday, May 1st, at 7 p. m.; at Tryon on the 8th, at 7 p. m., and at Summerside on the 15th, at 6.30 p. m. — *Guardian*.

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WHY AM I A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST?

F. D. POWER.

It is said, now and then, that many of our young people do not know why they are Disciples. To give them clearer ideas as to our position we devote this quarter to a study of "the doctrinal position of the Disciples in the light of the scriptures." Thirteen outline lessons are published in the Bethany C. E. Bulletin. In line with this study I take occasion to state briefly my own personal reasons for standing identified with the people known as Disciples.

I. Because they stand for *the original names for the church and the followers of Christ*. "The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch." Not only is it scriptural and right that the Lord's people should be known by his name, but human names are divisive and wrong. Disciples in no sense esteem themselves better than others, but less the "only Christians," but they would be known as Christians *only*, and their churches as "Christian churches," or "churches of Christ."

Only under the name found in the New Testament will the great body of the Lord's people become united. "I pray you," said Luther, "leave my name alone, and do not call yourselves Lutherans, but Christians. Cease to cling to these party names and distinctions. Away with them all, and let us call ourselves Christians after him from whom our doctrine comes." "Would to God," said Wesley, "that all sectarian names