

News of the Churches.

N. B. AND N. S. MISSION.

RECEIPTS SINCE ANNUAL YEARLY MEETING.

West Gore, Hants Co., N. S.	\$16.09
Sister H. Eldridge, Sand Cove, N. S.	2.00
D. Fullerton, Pictou, N. S.	10.00
Church (collection), Kempt, N. S.	3.05
Summerville (collection), Queens Co., N. S.	10.13
Port Mouton (collection), Queens Co., N. S.	1.66
Lord's Cove, Deer Island, N. B.	11.00
Leonardville, Deer Island, N. B.	20.00
Back Bay, Charlotte Co., N. B.	2.00
Young People's Mission Band, St. John, N. B.	3.60
Henry Hill, French Village, N. B.	2.50
Total	\$82.03

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN.

COBURG ST. CHURCH.—Lord's day services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sunday-school at 2.15 P. M. Young People's Meeting, Tuesday evening at 8. General Prayer Meeting, Thursday evening at 8. Brethren visiting the city cordially welcomed. The Ladies' Sewing Society meets every Wednesday evening at 6.

The prayer and social meetings during the past month have been of more than usual interest—especially the Young People's Meeting held every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The young brethren in turn preside at the meetings. While these meetings are in progress, Bro. Capp preaches at a place called Nauwigewauk, about seventeen miles from the city on the line of the Intercolonial Railway. There are quite a number of the brethren at that place, the attendance is good, and the prospect is brightening for good results.

Last Thursday, 18th November, was declared a public holiday for the Dominion by the Governor-General. The people all over the land have been blessed with a bountiful harvest, and a bountiful autumn to gather in the golden grain. Then how appropriate that such a day should be appointed for that purpose,—that the people may remember the blessings that God has bestowed upon them. In the words of the Psalmist "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

W. A. B.

DEER ISLAND.

On Saturday, 27th ult., I had the pleasure of meeting with a goodly number of the brethren and friends at Lambert's Cove, Deer Island, N. B. After singing and prayer by Bro. James Adams, I addressed them for a short time upon the necessity of entering through the door that Christ opened for all to enter. At the close of the meeting we repaired to the water and immersed one precious soul into the death of our Lord Jesus Christ. A deep interest was manifested by all present, and many were moved to tears. It was truly a very solemn occasion as the young brother was very much out of health, and if a change for the better does not take place, and that before long, he will soon go to receive his reward from that blessed Saviour he was so willing to obey. My prayer is that it may be the beginning of good days in that place.

From what I could see and learn I am led to believe that Bro. Murray's labours was not in vain in that place. The good seed sown by him will spring up and bear fruit to the conversion of many precious souls. How true is that saying, "One sower and another reapeth." How blessed is that promise,—That if we sow to the Spirit we shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

A. W. RIDEOUT.

Nov. 29th, 1886.

LE' TANG.

Our hearts are once more made to rejoice in sinners coming to Jesus. Yesterday we had the great happiness of immersing two more happy converts in obedience to the commands of our Saviour. We trust more are soon to follow.

P. D. NOWLAN.

NOVA SCOTIA.

NOTES FROM DIGBY COUNTY.

Many of the readers of THE CHRISTIAN will be pained to hear of the very serious and painful accident that has befallen our good sister Harvard Eldridge, of Sandy Cove, Digby Co. In going from her store to her home, a dark evening about three weeks ago, she either slipped or stepped into a hole and broke her leg badly, in consequence of which she has had to have her leg amputated above the knee. At last accounts Sister Eldridge was doing as well as could be expected, and our daily prayer has been, since hearing of this serious accident, that her useful life may be spared yet for many years. Our sister, and her family, have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in this their great affliction. The faith and Christian courage of our sister have maintained her in this trial.

The time for holding the Quarterly Meeting at Tiverton will be changed from the second Lord's day in December, to the second Lord's day in January. This change has been made in the interest of the cause, believing the time named will be more convenient for all concerned. We are expecting a good meeting. For this we shall work, hope, and pray. The brethren in Tiverton will be glad to welcome a number of the brethren from other parts who may favor us with their presence. We would all be rejoiced to see a good representation of the brethren on this occasion.

Bro. J. A. Gates has been laboring a month in Queens Co., N. S., in the interest of our mission. He reports good meetings, and growing interest, with seven additions.

In speaking of our mission work we are led to ask, What are the brethren in these provinces doing toward maintaining this work? The one great need now is, more laborers. The harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are indeed few. If all the brethren would co-operate heartily in this work, and contribute of their means as God has prospered them, we would to-day be able to have good men at work where the cause is dying for the want of labor. "It has pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them who believe." Men will not be saved without the gospel, and they will not hear it unless it is preached. It is our duty as Christians to see that the word is preached.

E. C. F.

Westport, Nov. 23rd, '86.

NOTES BY THE WAX.

My last was written from Kempt, Queens County, but was too late for the November CHRISTIAN. I will, therefore, begin where I left off. From Kempt I proceeded to Brookfield, where I spoke in the evening to a few friends. This is the home of Bro. Frank Morton, and his sister wife, who always make you feel at home with them. May the good Lord bless the means being used to the restoration of his health. On Wednesday I drove to Milton, where I met with the brethren in the social meeting, which I enjoyed much. While there, the early days of my Christian life passed before my mind. I thought of many who since then had crossed over the river, but we hope to meet them again. On Friday evening I began work at Summerville and Port Mouton, preaching every evening, and three times on Lord's days, until a week from the following Tuesday evening. Twice I was called to attend to the appointment of our Saviour, which troubled the waters of Broad River. In all, seven happy converts were buried with Christ in baptism. We had a very happy meeting, some were heard speaking the praises of the Lord whose mouths had been sealed for years. The attendance and attention more than good, and seed was sown, which I have no doubt will yet result in the salvation of souls. There are good prospects to build up a strong church here. There are about thirty persons who, I think, would now stand together on the Bible alone, simply to be known as Christians or Disciples of Christ. There are good men here to take the lead. There was one

drawback to our meetings—the want of a good place in which to meet. This, we hope, will soon be remedied, as a meeting was called to make arrangements to build a house in which to worship God. The Free Baptist brethren kindly invited me to preach in their house in Port Mouton, which I did twice, and I had large congregations and good attention. There appears to be a very good feeling between the Free Baptists and Disciples in these communities. I would like very much to visit this place again, and spend at least a month with them. They appear very dear to me for the short time I was among them. Wednesday morning I bid them farewell, and bent my steps homeward, calling at Milton, Brookfield, Grafton and South Range. At Grafton I listened to Bro. Kinney, of the Free Baptists, discourse on the "Holiness doctrine." From a remark made by him, it appears that that church is very nearly divided on that doctrine. How strange that any one would rather ride their hobby than preach the glorious gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ. Saturday noon I arrived home, where, by the blessing of God, I found my wife and children in good health. Lord's day I met the home congregation glad, once more, to unite with them in the worship and service of our God. Very dear to me are the good brethren of Southville church. Yesterday I spent with the church at South Range. Here, too, are brethren who are endeared to me by our long continued associations in the service of the Master.

Lord's day morning it was my privilege to listen to a sermon by a Regular Baptist. It carried me back to the olden time when I had not learned the way of the Lord more perfectly, and I wondered then as now how men of ability could present so many contradictions in one short sermon, showing first that men could not move, and then telling them they could move. "The entrance of Thy Word giveth light." May the time soon come when the Word of God shall be held to be above the feeling and imaginations of our deceitful hearts.

J. A. GATES.

Southville, Nov. 22nd, 1886.

Original Contributions.

BECAUSE HE LOVES ME SO.

VERSE 3.—Why does He wash my sin-stained heart,
And make it white as snow?
Why does He make His home therein?
Because He loves me so.

A very erroneous doctrine is prevalent which says that all persons are sinners by nature, even at birth; and if at birth, why not before? They call it original sin. I have learned that any thing which is properly original is the first of the thing. These articles are my first on this theme and are original, but should they be re-published by any other paper, they, to them, cease to be original. Adam's first sin was his original sin. He was guilty of transgressing a positive law, but that did not make Abel, his son, a sinner, and guilty of transgressing that positive law, before or at birth. John says, "Sin is the transgression of the law, and where there is no law there is no transgression." The Prophet Isaiah lix. 2, says, "Your sins have separated between you and your God." Therefore every sin a person commits stands between him and his God, and the more sins committed, the further apart the parties, the offender and the offended, are. We have seen, in a former article, that the great sacrifice for sin was made, and is perfectly competent and all-powerful to take away sins from the heart of the offender. Every sin a person commits leaves a deep stain upon his heart. In Isaiah i. 18, 19, he says prophetically of the Christian age and the work of Christ, "Come now, and let us reason together," saith the Lord, "though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool if you be willing and obedient," &c. It is said by some of the most eminent chemists, that there is no chemical in nature which