

not of Divine origin, neither is it designed to meet the needs of mankind;" and "Secularism is sufficient to satisfy the needs of mankind."

A Kansas church reports having given \$20 for Foreign Missions on March 5th. It also gave its minister, a short time before, a gold, diamond-set locket, with name engraved. As it can be of very little use to him, we think the church would have shown more wisdom if they had taken what it cost and added it to their missionary offering. We do not envy the preacher who wears diamonds; we pity him, and hope he will gain wisdom.

### News of the Churches.

#### ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

Bro. Robert Whiston, of Worcester, Mass., is holding a series of evangelistic services with this church. These meetings began on Sunday, March 5th, and will continue until Sunday, April 2nd.

The Lord has abundantly blessed us in the work of winning souls. Nineteen have already confessed the name of Christ, and, judging by the interest shown, others are almost persuaded.

Bro. Whiston is heart and soul in the work. He is one who not only preaches the gospel, but lives it. His preaching is earnest and powerful, and while his sermons are helpful to the unconverted, they seem to bring the Christian into closer touch with the Master, and cause him to realize, as never before, the grandeur of serving Christ.

Bro. Appel leads the singing in these meetings, and he and Bro. Whiston sing solos at the services. A short devotional meeting is held after the preaching.

On Friday afternoon (24th) Bro. Whiston gave an illustrated lecture to the children, and, notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, a large number was present. The lecture was very instructive, as well as enjoyable.

Bro. Rupert Stevens and wife, of Back Bay, N. B., were present at some of the meetings. Sister Stevens sang a solo at one of the evening services.

Bro. Whiston was formerly a Baptist, and united with the Christian church at Worcester, Mass., about six months ago. His brother had united with the same church, and he called on Bro. Nichols, the pastor, to see how he was getting along in his Christian life. As he was leaving he was handed a tract, "Our Position," by Bro. I. Errett. He read it, and it settled all the difficulties that perplexed him in the past. Having had some further conversation with Bro. Nichols, he took his stand on the Bible, and the Bible alone, having no other name but Christian, and preaches the pure gospel of the grace of God.

Bro. Winslow Richardson, of Deer Island, was present at our special meetings, as was also Sister E. C. Bowers, of Westport, N. S.

Bro. H. Murray preached for the church at Silver Falls on Lord's day afternoon, March 26th.

The offering for foreign missions on Lord's day, March 1st, amounted to \$18.00. W. A. B.

MAIN STREET.

Special Sunday afternoon services have been held during March by Evangelist Whiston. By liberal advertising the hall was crowded the first service, and the interest has been more than sustained. Notwithstanding most unfavorable weather the attendance has been from 400 to 600, or more. On one occasion numbers were unable to gain admittance. No confessions at these services

gladdened the evangelist, but the good effect is seen in the increased interest manifested by many of the members and regular attendants. No doubt these services will also do good in preparing for the week of services to be held the beginning of April.

Two ladies and one girl have made the good confession, and have been baptized this month.

Bro. Arthur Armstrong has been very sick, and is still quite weak, but hopes that by spending the summer in the country he will regain his strength. His assistance at the services has been greatly missed.

The building of a house of worship is claiming much attention and interest, and the success that has already attended the efforts put forth is most encouraging. It is hoped that April may be a phenomenal month in returns from outside the city of St. John.

The Ladies' Aid Society purpose holding a sale of work in aid of the furnishing fund the first week in June. Any friends desiring to share in this effort can send articles for sale to Mrs. Wm. Armstrong, 44 Kennedy street; Mrs. J. W. Barnes, 85 Hazen street, or to Miss Nina Whelpley, 64 Portland street. A.

#### WOODVILLE, N. S.

Mr. O. M. Sanford, the provincial field secretary for Sunday-school work, was with us on the evening of the 14th. He gave a stirring address along these lines: (1) The object; (2) The needs; (3) The benefits. Addresses were also given by Mr. Peter Wagner, superintendent; Mr. Stephen Steele, Mr. Frank Sabean, county secretary, and Elder H. E. Cooke. Mr. Sanford's business in this county, at this special time, is to organize district conventions. Our Sunday-school is progressing splendidly. We use the International Lessons, issued by the Christian Publishing Co. Our church work in general is very encouraging; prayer meetings and general church services are well attended. We will soon send you notes under the head of the new name of our village, "Danvers." Our mission work is also gaining; our collections are not large, but we hope for greater results. We are very much pleased with the tenor of the March number of THE CHRISTIAN; also that the North End mission, St. John, is being pushed towards success. Pray earnestly and work honestly, and keep close company with the great helper, "God," and the house for his glory will be built.

ORA W. COOKE.

#### SUMMERVILLE, N. S.

Our work here is progressing about as well as could be expected, considering the stormy weather. There has only been one real sine Sunday since I returned from my trip.

Last Sunday we took our foreign missionary collection, and, although the day was not fine, we received seven dollars.

We are sorry to lose some of our men folks for a few months. One of our elders, Bro. Michael Davis, has left us for a while. Bro. and Sister Davis have met with a sad loss lately; Stephen, their oldest boy, after a short illness, was called away to rest. They have the deepest sympathy of all who knew them in this their sad bereavement.

F. C. FORD.

#### HALIFAX, N. S.

Since my last report we have been made to rejoice in seeing three others consecrating their lives to Christ in obedience to his divine commands. So far we have had nine additions—all by baptism. And what has made it still more encouraging, all these have come at our regular

meetings, one at a time, in nine different meetings. We baptized three different times, expecting to be baptized two each time; but at each of those baptisms one came forward, and "was baptized the same hour of the night." Truly we have great reason to thank God and take courage.

Considering the stormy Sundays, of which we have had so many, and the continued sickness among the brethren, our meetings are well attended and deeply interesting. There is a renewed interest in our social meetings, as there is also in every department of the work of the church. We confidently look for a continued progress.

Before this will have been read two more of our members will have left us—Sister F. Stevens and her daughter Winnie, leave April 1st for Montreal, where Bro. Stevens has been since last fall. We shall miss those good sisters very much. They will be true wherever they are.

E. C. FORD.

#### WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

Foreign Mission offerings were taken in each of these churches during March.

At the meeting of the Y. P. M. S. in Westport some interesting thoughts were obtained from Bro. W. F. Ossinger and son, who have returned from a voyage to Shanghai, China. They had the privilege of meeting with our missionary in Shanghai, Bro. W. P. Bentley.

The members and friends of the church in Westport remembered their pastor and his wife very pleasantly March 16th. They came to the parsonage laden with baskets, boxes, etc., and spent an enjoyable time together. After singing "God be with you till we meet again," they dispersed, leaving behind them substantial tokens of love and respect. The pastor and family found themselves forty-four dollars richer than they were before their friends came.

J. W. B.

#### CROSS ROADS, LOT 48, P. E. I.

Our missionary collection was taken yesterday. The meeting was fairly well attended; there were some vacant seats. After the sermon we took up the offering, and was gratified to see so many giving, not dimes, but dollars. When we counted up we had about \$14 for foreign missions. This, together with what was given before, makes about \$18.90. At night we had no meeting on account of the rain. The meetings since last report have been very encouraging. Our cottage prayer-meetings are growing in interest and attendance. The questions, readings, and discussion of topics are interesting and helpful to all. The Lord is blessing our efforts.

A. N. S.

#### EAST POINT, P. E. I.

The March offering has been taken, and although no telegram was sent to announce the amount taken at East Point church, yet we are proud to say that we have gone beyond our apportionment. This church understands the full import of the Divine commission, and realizes that "missions are as binding upon the Christian as baptism upon the sinner, or the Lord's supper upon the saint." This church understands the latter part of the commission to mean, "Lo, I am with you always, as you go,"—as being the proper interpretation. If we fail to fulfil the conditions, the Lord will fail to grant us his promise.

During Miss Riach's visit to this church she was deeply impressed with the interest manifested along missionary lines, and notwithstanding the very stormy day, more money was collected than at any other meeting she had on the Island. The first Sunday in March we collected about \$30.00, and previous to that \$8.30, so that for foreign missions the amount will be \$38.30.

"We shall do more at home by doing something abroad."

A. N. S.