

to meet on each first day of the week to remember their Dear Lord, and also as often as possible on week day evenings for Bible reading and study under the direction of our Bro. Carson.

A hall was engaged and the Word proclaimed to those who would come to hear. We have seen no direct result from the meetings yet, but we believe the good seed will bear fruit in some honest heart. In the midst of our joy and rejoicing our hearts were made sad by the hand of death. Our brother and sister Hume were called upon to part with a dear little lad, their first born, about seven years of age. He was a child of more than ordinary intelligence and it was a sore trial to give him up; but thanks be to God they do not sorrow as those who have no hope. They believe the separation will be for a little while only, and that the Lord doeth all things well. Our Bro. and Sister Carson start for Florida, via New York, on Monday 21st Dec., leaving behind them a little flock who will ever thank their Heavenly Father that He put it in their hearts to visit Galt. The preaching brethren of Ontario have promised to help us, and we trust we are but the nucleus of a great work for the Lord in this place. The prayers of the little church here will go with Bro. and Sister Carson wherever they may be, and we trust that in Florida they may meet with that benefit they expect, and that in God's mercy they may long be spared to carry on the good work of preaching the Gospel and gathering in souls for the Master.

Yours in the one hope,

GILBERT A. SMITH.

Galt, Dec. 19th, 1885.

### MISSION.

The former letter relative to mission work in Hants Co., closed with a remark concerning the church in West Gore. We would say in addition to that, that the meeting of eight evenings closed with three baptisms, and a fine prospect for other accessions. "Did you not make a mistake in leaving there so soon?" Undoubtedly; a mistake the like of which we hope will never be repeated. The cause in West Gore is well established. The brethren there have every chance for prosperity; their faith and love warrants a hope of grand success in every good word and work.

The meeting in Shubenacadie was a failure. The roads were so bad and the weather so stormy, it was quite impossible to get much of a hearing. It was thought best not to protract the meeting longer than a week. The church numbers eighteen. They have faithfully continued the Lord's day meetings, from house to house—having no meeting-house. We were very much pleased with these brethren. We received a hearty welcome, and our heart was keenly touched with their "good bye" and "God bless you." We most heartily desire and pray for their prosperity, and that their love and devotion may increase until they have succeeded in building a suitable place of worship. This is absolutely necessary for the further growth of the church. They undoubtedly feel their inability to accomplish such a work; but let them commence the work, and they will find as the house advances, their feelings and ideas will expand, and what seemed hard at first will become easy and delightful. We know it is hard to commence. We know, too, that it is harder to stop until the work is completed. For this reason we are very anxious for them to begin to build. We shall look and listen with intense interest to hear that the Shubenacadie church has begun their house of worship.

Bro. John B. Wallace was with us through the week, and by his kindness we were able to visit the people. He was willing, and his horse was able, to take us from house to house.

We were in Newport seventeen days. Preached in six different localities, *i. e.*, Scotsville, where the meeting-house is located, Ashdale, Union Corner, Mosherville, Gravel Point, and Belmont. We had a good hearing in all these places. In Belmont

the Methodist friends admitted us into their church house, just once; after this we held the other two meetings in the homes of Bro. Greene and Mr. Benedict. We received warm invitations to continue our meeting in that locality—other friends opening their houses for meetings. Bro. Bailey did a fine thing for the mission in letting us have his horse and carriage during our stay in Newport. It gave us the opportunity of visiting all the brethren. I would mention right here the kindness of Bro. Harris Wallace in assisting us on our journey from place to place while in West Gore. We can say of Newport, that it is an extensive and promising field of labor—so many places where opportunities are offered for preaching the Gospel, and many who are anxious to hear the truth. The brethren are able and willing to support a preacher part of the time.

The County is well able to employ a man all his time in addition to what they are already doing. It would be encouraging to Bro. John B. Wallace to have a preacher working with him in that county. We found the brethren in Newport exceedingly anxious for some one to come among them, to work in that inviting field. While their pastures are clothed with flocks, and their fields yield abundantly, their hearts are also enlarged—"for the liberal deviseth liberal things, and by liberal things shall they stand." We were not a little encouraged by the prospect for a future work in that county and the readiness of the brethren to enter into the work. The immediate results of our meeting in Newport were five additions, three of whom were baptized. Bro. and Sister Benjamin Vaughn took their place in the church; their interest in the cause of Christ will contribute largely to the good work in Newport. Thus ended our labor of seven weeks, resulting in eleven additions, five hundred miles traveled by carriage, one hundred and sixty-one visits, and fifty-one sermons preached. H. M.

## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

### NEW BRUNSWICK.

#### ST. JOHN ITEMS.

Two additions to report this month. One by confession and obedience, and one united from another congregation.

At a regular meeting of the Young Men's Association, held Monday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: J. E. Edwards, President; D. A. Morrison, Vice-president; Walter Trueman, Secretary; J. E. Dinsmore, Treasurer; T. H. Capp, Critic.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

#### HANTS COUNTY.

Bro. Murray has, in this county, helped us much this Fall. Some nine or ten have been added to the churches where he labored. We were greatly pleased by his visits; but, as he will report through the columns of THE CHRISTIAN, we shall not use, at present, any more space. J. B. W.

#### HALIFAX.

In answer to a communication received a few days ago from one of our preaching brethren:—He expressed great surprise on learning that the church in Halifax still maintained an existence, and continued to keep up the weekly meetings. He also states that he told several that there were no meetings of our brethren in Halifax now. I therefore take this opportunity to disabuse the minds of any who are thus informed, that such is not the case. While it is true the number is very small who have proved faithful to the charge committed to them, yet these few meet every week. We meet now in the basement of National School, opposite Grand Parade. On Tuesday evening for Bible reading; on Lord's day at 11

a. m., Bible Class; at 7 p. m. for exhortation and breaking of bread. Although our efforts are very weak, yet God has blessed them by adding some to our numbers in the past year. Since the 28th of December, 1884, there has been ten added to the church—three from the Methodists, one from the Roman Catholics, one from the Baptists and five from the world. There are others also anxious to learn the way of the Lord more perfectly. We have therefore great reason to thank God and take courage to go on in the work of the Master. Many of the brethren throughout the Province have expressed themselves, and very truly too, that Halifax is a very hard field of labor, surrounded as we are by an almost impenetrable wall of opposition which can only be broken down by a continuous fire from the gospel gun, manned, as it must be, by unflinching soldiers of the Cross.

Brethren, let us not be discouraged, remembering that the darkest hour is just before the dawn of day. Let us ever keep before us the cheering thought, that if the Lord be for us who can be against us. Now, as we are soon to enter upon a new year of labor, we would ask the united prayers of the brethren on behalf of our struggling few, that the Lord may continue to bless our feeble efforts in the capital. Should any of our preaching brethren, or others, have occasion to visit the city, we would be happy to have them remain over Lord's day with us, in order that we might receive from them words of encouragement whereby we may be stimulated to greater efforts to win souls for the Master.

Since writing the above I have learned that two others have expressed themselves as on the Lord's side, and in a few days, no doubt, will be added.

Let us therefore be faithful in holding up Christ before the sinner as their only hope of glory.

E. W., Clerk of Church.

December 19th.

#### KEMPT.

The second Lord's day in December was devoted to Kempt. The congregations were good and encouraging. The Ladies' Sewing Circle is still increasing in interest. Some repairs are to be made inside of the meeting house.

Quite a pleasant evening was spent the 15th inst., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Cushings; about sixty-four of the friends came with their hearts and pockets full, making us all happy, especially the preacher—who was left twenty-five dollars better off. Just imagine his feelings, you preachers!! "Honor to those whose words and deeds thus help us in our daily needs." The ladies provided the pie and cake, etc., giving us a feast of good things. While we enjoy these happy occasions of love and friendship, we are called to remember the sadness of life upon which the shadow of death rests. Two of our number have left our homes for a better home above. Bro. Henry Minard passed away after a few days of dreaded paralysis. He maintained his Christian integrity to the last. We remember his exhortation in the house of God during the quarterly meeting; his desire to continue faithful to the end. He is gone, and in the evening of his days is laid away to rest from the toils of life. To the widow and daughters we extend our deepest sympathies, trusting that the grace of God may prepare them for that home that knows no sorrow, and where partings are unknown.

Sister Sophorus Freeman departed this life after an illness of a year or more. When it seemed she might be recovering, she was taken suddenly worse, and, after a few days of severe suffering, breathed her last. She was ready to die. Death had no terrors to her. She was respected and loved by all who knew her. Her life was one of peace. Life, to her, was too short for any bitter feelings. "Too short for spite, but long enough for love." She was a kind, loving mother, but she is more precious now, and is waiting on that beautiful shore for her loved ones to come over. May the God of all grace comfort the hearts of the afflicted family, and may her partner in his lonely walks in life's journey, find in his Saviour—who will never forsake—a healing balm for all his sorrows. H. MURRAY.