

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

On New Year's morning we had, as usual, the best meeting of the year. We seem to have more zeal and earnestness and a stronger determination to do more for the Master each year, and it is in this meeting it finds full expression. The collection (\$20.00) was given to the Bible Society.

At the annual meeting of this Society, held in St. Andrew's Church, Bro Stewart made one of the best addresses on the Bible that we have ever heard from him. Messrs. Carey, Macrae and Mc-Kim, also addressed the meeting. Dr. Macrae touched a patriotic chord, and it was hard to keep down the applause.

Sunday the 26th was a sad day among us. Bro. Simon Stockford's infant was buried, and Bro. Geo. Maston's infant died. How blessed the Saviour's words, "For of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

Our young Bro. Joseph Stockford, gave us an earnest encouraging talk on the evening of the 26th, and a young lady who is visiting friends here made the good confession and was baptized on the 28th, when Bro Howard Murray was present and cheered us greatly. He is on his way to Letete.

Read the good reports from our Sunday-schools.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Coburg Street Christian Sunday-school for year ending December 31st, 1895:

Scholars on roll, ..	150
Teachers, ..	18
Officers, ..	4
New Scholars, ..	22
Scholars added to Church, ..	7
Average attendance, ..	107

Collections—	
From Scholars, ..	\$114 85
From other sources, ..	45 79
For Home Missions, ..	60 55
Balance on hand December 31st, 1894, ..	81 76
	\$302 95

Expenditure—	
For Foreign Missions, ..	\$45 79
For Home Missions, ..	60 55
For New Bookcase, ..	50 00
For S. S. Picnic, ..	15 00
For S. S. Supplies, 1894-5, ..	75 00
	246 34

Balance on hand, .. \$56 61

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. EDWARDS.

MAIN STREET.

On New Year's evening a large number met in the Union Hall, North End, and organized the Main Street Christian Church. Thirty names were enrolled—twenty-four from Coburg Street, five from sister Churches, and one from the Baptists. R. W. Stevenson was elected elder; John Currie, Jas. W. Barnes and J. S. Flaglor, deacons; J. S. Flaglor, treasurer; and B. D. Lingley, secretary. The officers and D. A. Morrison were appointed an executive committee. Bro. Stevenson named the following as ushers: Bros. McCutcheon, Bagnall, A. Armstrong, and Mr. Wm. Armstrong. Bro. W. A. Barnes presided. All standing the following was read and assented to:

We, the undersigned disciples of Christ, hereby agree to form ourselves into an organization to be known as the Main Street Christian Church, for the purpose of reproducing primitive Christianity in its doctrines, its ordinances and its life, and to this end may we enjoy the abiding influences of the Holy Spirit.

During the month the attendance has averaged 70 in the morning and 200 in the evening. About thirty have communed each Sunday. The collections were over \$50.00 this month. Best of all, the collections at Coburg street and the evening attendance have not decreased.

Bro. M. B. Ryan preached an excellent sermon on the 8th. He went to Deer Island next morning. Mrs. Holden of Milton, heard Bro. Stevenson preach on the 5th.

Bro. Stevenson has been preaching every night but Saturdays since the 12th. The attendance and interest has been good. Bro. Stewart has assisted at nearly all the meetings. Miss Nellie Thomson of Rothesay, Bro. Stevenson and J. B. Allan have sung solos, which were greatly enjoyed. Bro. Stevenson has a question box; it has been well patronised. His answers have given instruction and helped the meeting very much. So far there have been two added—one from the Free Baptists,

renewing her vows, and a young man by confession and baptism—making eight for the first month, including the six who came in at the organization. Certainly Bro Stevenson has been able to hold the people, and we look for an increase in numbers as well as a growth in every way.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Main Street Sunday-school, begs leave to submit his report for the year ending December 31st, 1895:

No of Scholars on Roll, ..	285
No. of new Scholars during year, ..	49
Average attendance of School, ..	132
No. of volumes in Library, ..	224

Receipts—	
Balance on hand January 1st, 1895, ..	\$23 25
Collections from Sunday School, ..	124 74
Women's Missionary Aid Society, ..	75 00
Collections from Monday preaching, ..	35 16
Concert and Donation, ..	17 27
	\$275 42

Expenditure—	
Paid for Rent of Hall, ..	\$125 00
Paid for Sunday-school Supplies, ..	73 40
Paid for Organ (on acct), ..	20 00
Paid for Library Books, ..	29 00
Paid for Home Missions, ..	16 53
Paid for Cartage, Postage, etc., ..	1 96
Balance on hand, ..	9 53
Total Expenditure, ..	\$275 42

Yours in the good work,

J. BARRY ALLAN,
Sec'y-Treas.

St. John, N. B., Jan 12, 1896.

LORD'S COVE, N. B.

The work on the Island is moving along without anything of very special interest to report. The regular preaching services, both at this place and Leonardville, are uniformly well attended, and there are evidences of a deepening interest in the things presented, on the part of many.

We began a series of meetings here on the 20th ult., which we desire to continue for a number of weeks yet. The attendance has been good thus far, though many are hindered by sickness. The interest is deepening, and we hope for good fruit ere the meetings close. Leonardville falls into line with monthly collections for Home Missions.

M. B. RYAN.

HALIFAX, N. S.

There is a growing interest in our work here. The largest number attend our meetings in the history of the church. We have the pleasure of seeing new faces at every meeting. Next Sunday evening a collection will be taken up for Home Missions. Although the Home Mission Board asked us to raise \$25 00 a month, yet we are trying to raise more than the sum asked for.

Of twenty-seven Sunday-schools at the quarterly meeting of the Halifax Sunday-schools, the North Street Christian Sunday-school stood second in percentage of attendance.

The Local Union of the Y. P. S. C. E. of Halifax will hold an "At Home" in the Masonic Temple in February. There will be a very large attendance. Bro. Blenus is one of the committee on programmes and arrangement.

Bro. Blenus had the pleasure of holding a short prayer meeting on board a vessel at the dock this week.

An alteration on the back of our pews, and the introduction of a better heater, have made our church auditorium extremely pleasant this winter.

Bro. Blenus still preaches at Elmsdale Station to a full house. We have a few earnest faithful brethren there who are desirous of having a church built. We hope and pray that God will so bless these brethren that their earnest wishes may be fully realized.

The Christmas entertainment held by the Sunday School scholars on the 27th December, was a decided success. The programme was well arranged, which showed skill on the part of the committee.

Bro. D. A. Morrison, of St. John, worshipped with us on the 5th ult. We are always pleased to have Bro. Morrison with us; he fills us with enthusiasm.

A. B. WALLACE.

WESTPORT, N. S.

After an absence of several years, we are again with our old friends at our old home in Westport. Arriving here the 10th inst., during the week of prayer, we found the brethren already engaged in meetings, and at once took hold with them to carry

on the work to which we had been called. Our meeting is now a little over two weeks old, and has resulted thus far in two confessions, with a number of others, we think, almost persuaded. We have reason to hope for a number of those interested coming to the Saviour. Our meetings are being well attended, and quite an interest is manifest on the part of many of the brethren, while there are yet far too many who need to be brought back to their first love.

On our way here we stopped over one day at Tiverton. Our aged Bro. Robert Outhouse had fallen asleep, and his friends hearing we were on our way to Westport, were waiting our coming that we might attend his funeral. I preached to a good audience on the afternoon of the day of our arrival, in memory of this aged saint, and again the same evening to a large congregation who listened with intense interest to our talk. There was such a good feeling manifest, that I felt very much like continuing right on there. But as we were under promise to go to Westport, there was nothing else for me to do but wait our first opportunity to spend a few days with these dear old friends, and speak to them the Word of Life. This, the Lord prospering us, we hope to do as soon as we are through with our meeting here.

The hearty reception given us, both at Westport and Tiverton, assured us that the friendship formed by our fifteen years labor with these kind people, has in no degree grown cold during the years we have been absent from them. Our one desire now, is to help these brethren in the great work in which they are engaged, by stirring up their pure minds by way of remembrance, and leading some precious souls to Christ; and assisting them to settle some good man to go in and out before these churches to give to them the Word of Life, to be a faithful shepherd over God's dear children on these Islands. In all of this work we cease not to pray, night and day, that our God will direct and bless us, and make our labor effectual.

E. C. FORD.

Westport, January 27, 1896.

MILTON, N. S.

A very pleasant evening was spent in the vestry of our church home the 16th ult. About all the families were well represented. Singing, readings, and recitations, and cake, was the order of the evening. No; there was another element in the evening's entertainment that made us all happy, especially the preacher,—i. e., the collection,—amounting to \$50.15. This was on the eve of the preacher's leaving Milton for a while. This reminds us of a preacher who, when he tendered his resignation, had a good honest-minded deacon arise, and moved that they accept the preacher's resignation and tender him a vote of thanks.

H. M.

KEMPT, N. S.

We are now in Kempt. Preached here and in Grafton on Lord's day. The brethren here have sustained the worship, having Sunday School, a prayer-meeting and the Lord's Supper every Lord's day. Our young people in Grafton, who are members of the Kempt church, have an Endeavor Society, and hold their meeting in the school house. The outlook here is encouraging; they need a preacher.

H. M.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

I have lately received a letter from a dear sister, in which she writes, "I have watched THE CHRISTIAN eagerly for news from Charlottetown. As it has been some time since the readers of THE CHRISTIAN have heard from Charlottetown, perhaps a few lines from here will be of interest to more than one of the readers."

We have no regular preacher now, yet we are not standing still by any means. We meet regularly every Lord's day morning and evening, have Sunday-school and Bible-class in the afternoon. Our meetings are well attended, and the interest is good. On the 15th of December three young men and two young ladies were buried with Christ in baptism. Bro. Emery preached for us on that occasion to a large and appreciative audience, and at the close of his discourse administered the ordinance of baptism to the candidates.