

food, and many of those in the churches who had been blessed in basket and in store gave bountifully. Car loads of provisions were sent to the city for gratuitous distribution. While in Cynthiana, Ky., in the home of Bro. G. W. Yancey, he told the story of his work, and when he had finished Worth Yancey, a fourteen-year-old boy, came and placed by the side of his plate three cents, with the request that a loaf of bread be purchased and given to some poor woman in the great city. The story of this gift was told to others, and they, too, wanted to help buy bread for the hungry; and from week to week the loaf increased until it has now been multiplied over twelve hundred fold. Little did the boy think when he gave his three cents to buy one loaf that he would provoke many more to do likewise. Opportunities to do good come to us all the time. They may seem to be small, and so not worth noticing, but God may intend them to be the starting point of a work that shall expand till thousands are blessed. If we cannot do much ourselves, we can at least try to do something that will provoke others to good works. One good deed may become a thousand.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

One confession this month.

May 4th the Mission Band elected the following officers: President, J. S. Flaglor; Vice-president, Miss Ada Emery; Treasurer, Miss Janet Lingley; Secretary, Miss Nellie Johnston.

Sister Milton Barnes is with us again. Sister Wisdom has gone to Somerville, Mass. Bro. and Sister O B Emery made a short visit to see sick relatives. Bro. Trout, of Toronto, worshipped with us the 13th. Sister Craig has been called to mourn the loss of a loved daughter. She has the sympathy and prayers of all in her sorrow. She trusts in him who doeth all things well.

Bro. S. W. Leonard spent a few days here. He is to preach for the Leonardville church during his vacation. He speaks highly of Lexington and its educational institutions.

We are pleased to report another Sunday-school in St. John County. Bro. John Garnet is superintendent and there are about twenty-five scholars. Garnet's settlement is about sixteen miles from St. John. The hall in which the school meets was built for the Disciples, and they wish it to be dedicated for worship. They have regular social meetings on Lord's day, and we believe Bro. Stewart is to give them some preaching. We also understand one of our young men is going to try what he can do in this line. We know he will have success, for he has the qualifications to gain it.

The Silver Falls school is growing, there was forty present one Sunday this month.

The Woman's Aid Society held their regular monthly meeting May 31—collection \$17 00.

When Bro. Stewart was away holding a meeting at Keawick, York Co., Bro. R. E. Stevens, through the kindness of the Lord's Cove church, carried on Bro. Stewart's work here. He made more friends than ever, and showed that he is paying attention to his studies. He bids fair to be one of our best and most useful preachers. We pray his success may continue and be increased.

May 8th our regular business meeting was held. W. A. Barnes was appointed an elder and J. Currie a deacon. The following trustees were elected: J. E. Barnes, J. J. Christie, J. Emery, J. J. Johnston, J. Prince, W. A. Barnes, G. F. Barnes, J. S. Flaglor, J. Currie. A committee from Silver Falls asked for advice in regard to organizing. The following were appointed to confer with them. H. W. Stewart, G. F. Barnes, J. S. Flaglor and O. B. Stockford.

From the reports we find the following amounts have been paid during the year:

Church expenses.....	\$1,347 00
Relief fund.....	77 00
Coburg Street Sunday-school	143 00
Portland.....	143 83
Preaching.....	28 14
Woman's Aid to church.....	120 00
Portland.....	59 50
Y. P. S. C. E.....	32 50
Ladies' Sewing Circle.....	100 00
<i>For Home Missions—</i>	
Church.....	\$32 00
Mission Band.....	40 41
Sunday-school.....	53 47
Woman's Aid.....	150 00
	280 88
<i>For Foreign Missions—</i>	
Church.....	\$39 63
Woman's Aid.....	21 45
Wide Awake Mission Band.....	21 98
Sunday-school.....	44 30
	127 39
	\$2,495 24

In addition to this the house at Silver Falls has been built and almost paid for.

MILTON, N. S.

Our protracted meeting of 19 days closed with 38 additions, 31 baptisms and 7 taking fellowship. A great amount of good has been accomplished, besides the additions. Much prejudice has been removed and much prejudice has been aroused. The largest congregation we ever had in Milton, except at our annual meeting. A great many have learned the way of the Lord more perfectly, some of whom will, no doubt, obey the gospel in the near future. And—this will go to show that we had a splendid meeting; one of the best meetings we ever had in Milton. Our services now, since Bro. Lhamon left us, are well attended. Our prayer meetings were never more interesting. Every department of church work has received new life and every prospect is encouraging for still further success. Bro. Lhamon has made a lasting impression on the minds and hearts of the people here. His sermons have breadth, color and freshness. They are original and intense. His pulpit dialect is the gospel message given with power and clearness and made very attractive by the "pulse of passion." He is scholarly, but not pedantic. His depth of thought and charm of expression are wonderful. While he is not deficient in oratorical graces, he does not lose himself in unnatural mannerisms, but is as easy and natural as a child. His idea of truth is not run in any sectarian mould. He preaches the Book, and the Man of the Book. His presentation of the manhood of man as found in the brotherhood of Christ is uplifting and soul inspiring. His theology is in his heart as well as in his head. He is a "Living man, living in the nineteenth century and in his own generation."

We shall always cherish with the deepest gratitude his earnest, successful labors while among us. We consider the Toronto church very fortunate in securing Bro. Lhamon as her pastor. We sincerely hope he will take the province of Nova Scotia into his diocese. H. MURRAY.

HANTS CO., N. S.

In my last letter I think I promised you a very interesting epistle this time. To me the happenings of the past month have been very interesting. I shall begin by telling you that there have been sixteen additions by baptism to the church at West Gore and one to the church in Shubenacadie. This is encouraging. There is a steady increase in the attendance at the different points, and the interest deepens. The churches are being aroused and seem to be taking on new life. But amidst all our bright prospects we find the tinge of sadness. Death has been in our midst. On Sunday, April 29th, Bro. John McDonald passed quietly away. He had been a great sufferer for several weeks before he died, but he had a strong faith and a

bright hope and was quite willing to depart. He had been a member of the church of Christ for about forty years, and was a faithful, consistent Christian. His remains were followed to the grave by a large number of friends and relatives. His widow and children, with all the mourning ones, are consoled with the thought that he sleeps with Jesus, and when we all see him again it will be in a better world. May we be faithful to the end.

On Monday, May 14th, a number of the friends gathered at our house, and my wife received a beautiful set of dishes as a gift from the sisters of West Gore congregation. A very pleasant hour was spent, and we were made to feel that we were among friends. I feel that we are among kind and thoughtful people. Tokens of appreciation and good will are being continually received and I am encouraged to work on.

Sunday, May 20th, was the day for opening the new house at Nine Mile River. The morning was a little dull, but the sun came out and we had a fine day. The first service was at half past ten. The house was packed to overflowing. The service began by the congregation rising and singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The text for the sermon was I. Cor. xv. 58. In the afternoon at three o'clock we had the next meeting. This was the largest of the day. "Who are the Disciples? What do they believe?" was the theme. At seven o'clock we had a short address and a grand social meeting, and everybody felt it was good to be there. We had hoped that more of our preachers would have been there, but we made the best of what we had. The building is a very nice one and will seat about two hundred. It is finished overhead with narrow sheathing, oiled and varnished. The seats are finished to match, with nice pulpit and fixings. The Halifax church gave us a very nice pulpit Bible. Bro. David McDonald and his three sons, Stillman, James and Hiram, with their wives, Bro. John Wright and his wife, Bro. James Fraser and his wife, are deserving of the highest praise for their part in carrying on this work. Brethren from different parts of the county assisted, and now the building is completed and free from debt. The collections at the day of opening amounted to \$49.00. We hope to hear of a good strong church being built up here.

And now about our county co-operation meeting. Sunday, June 24th is the time. West Gore is the place. We have five churches in this county and the object of this meeting is to get all the brethren in these places to come together for the purpose of planning ways and means of spreading the gospel; consolidation and organization is what we want. The programme will be somewhat as follows:

- Saturday, 23rd, 7.30 p. m. Preaching.
- Sunday, 9 a. m. Sunday-school.
- " 10.30 a. m. Preaching.
- " 11.30 a. m. Communion.
- " 2 p. m.
- Half hour devotional service for young people from the different churches. Leader—Esson McDougall.
- 2.30.....
- "The Relation of the Sunday-school to the Church." John McDougall.
- "Young People in their Relation to Church Work." Lillie Stevens.
- "Our Plea." A. L. Wallace."
- Missions. Mary McDonald.
- Afternoon session will close with a fifteen minute praise meeting.
- 7.30 p. m. Preaching.
- Monday, 10 a. m. Business meeting.

We hope that Bro. Crawford will be able to be with us at this meeting. We will gladly welcome and entertain any brethren from other churches. Anyone wishing to come will please drop me a card. You will be glad if you come, for we aim to do you good.

W. H. HARDING.

West Gore, Hants Co., N. S.