

and that of his noble wife and family, together with his lovely horse and carriage, which would have done honor to a Prince. The people of Prince Edward Island compare favorably with the best portions of America as regards their beautiful horses and carriages. I am also under obligations to Bro. O. B. Emery, Sister Stewart, and Bro. J. D. Bell, whose kind hospitality I very much enjoyed. Bro. Bell, with his horse and carriage, gave me one of the most pleasant drives along the Montague River as far down as opposite Georgetown. I enjoyed also the acquaintance of the Campbells, the Dowars, the McNiels, the McDonalds, and many others from different parts of the Island, together with Brother and Sister James E. Barnes, from St. John, N. E. I often think that it is as near heaven as we can ever get in this life when we are holding a grand reunion, participating in one of these annual gatherings. We meet from different parts of the country as members of one family, brothers and sisters of the same fraternity. What an exhibition of love and sympathy, kindness and forbearance, affection and sincerity. Each one vies with the other in trying to be good and do good. Conversation takes a higher plane, and not a word is heard save the words of truth and love.

"How sweet, how heavenly is the sight,  
When those that love the Lord,  
In one another's peace delight,"  
And so fulfill the word."

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I began a series of meetings here July 2nd, but owing to sickness I only continued it through two days, which resulted in one addition by baptism. I then closed the meeting, with a promise to resume it after the Annual Association.

I had the pleasure of late of forming the acquaintance of Bro. Henry Stewart, who has recently returned home from Lexington University, Ky. He is a young man of excellent qualities of head and heart, and is preparing himself for the work of the ministry.

Having been requested to be present in Charlottetown at the lectures of Mr. Charles Watts, the celebrated secularist and editor of *Secular Truth*, Toronto, I accordingly availed myself of the opportunity of attending them. I was about to prepare an account of the lectures and discussion, but have not been able to find time. Bro. H. E. Cooke, of Halifax, on hearing of Mr. Watts' defeat in Charlottetown, wrote for a report of it for publication, but another pen, will, doubtless, give it to the public, as I was the only preacher present.

Our meetings are still being continued since our Annual Meeting, and thus far we have averaged a little more than one a day. Prospects look bright for a glorious ingathering here as well as in the city. Two noble young men made the good confession last evening and are to be baptized. Six have already come this week. W. K. BURR.

MONTAGUE ITEMS.

We are enjoying the beautiful summer days, but with the thought in mind that the hay-cutters will soon be in motion—the first agency in robbing this fair island of its garments of beauty—for the season. Quickly the harvest will pass and the summer will end—then the death of vegetation and the winding-sheet of snow.

By these a lesson is taught by our kind and heavenly Father: As nature sinks to repose, so we will after the summer and harvest of life are past. Will we be saved?

Our Annual Meeting, held at Montague, now stands among the things of the past. It was good and enjoyable to us, and, we trust, was equally so to all our visiting friends. We were greatly disappointed in not having the presence of our brother, Dr. Knox, whom we expected to preach

the Annual sermon, but who was unable to be with us on account of temporary suffering from an injury to one of his limbs, by reason of which he would be unable to stand and preach. I hope he has entirely recovered ere this.

I am not giving a report of the meeting, as that will come from our Secretary, but will simply say that since the meeting, three persons confessed the Saviour, and with one previously baptized, united with the church in Montague.

Some of our people think that if the impossible might be possible, it would be a good thing to have an annual meeting once a month.

Wednesday evening, July the 18th, at the home of Mr. Cameron, New Perth, son-in-law to the interested and interesting pair, we had the pleasure of attending the golden wedding of Bro. Alexander (Sandy) Kennedy, and his beloved partner in life.

Although Bro. and Sister Kennedy are not physically so active as, we presume, they were fifty years ago, they are both in the enjoyment of health of body and vigor of mind, and bid fair to reach a long distance on the way toward the diamond wedding, but this is in the hand of the Father of all, who has sustained them so long and will keep them to the end.

When surrounded by children, grand-children, relatives and friends, none were more cheerful than our brother and sister who have lovingly travelled the path of life together during a half century.

On behalf of friends present and absent, we had the privilege of presenting golden and other gifts to Bro. and Sister K., which touched their hearts and brought words of tenderness and eloquence from our brother's gifted tongue,—not because they were valuable (although they were), but because they came from loving hearts.

I think every moment of the time from that of assembling on the festal occasion to that of separating near the midnight hour, was enjoyed by all, and I hope that joy in the highest sense on earth may be enjoyed by our brother and sister, until they arrive where it is un-mixed and heavenly.

O. B. EMERY.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN ITEMS.

Our Sunday-school picnic took place last week at Watters' landing, about fifteen miles up the St. John River. We had a beautiful day and all seemed to enjoy themselves. The steamer "Clifton" was chartered for the occasion, enough tickets were sold to friends of the school to defray all expenses.

Bro. Tyler gave us a call on his way home, and preached for us last Wednesday evening.

Bro. Hughes is in the city, and spoke for us at our Thursday evening meeting.

Bro. Davoe will visit Briar Island again, where he intends laboring till the Annual Meeting.

THANKS.

To our beloved Brother and Sister Tyler:

We, the Church of Christ, at Halifax, do hereby extend to you our sincere thanks, in that when we raised our feeble cry for aid in the noble work of our Lord Jesus Christ, to aid us in extending and establishing the cause more fully in this city, you did willingly and gratuitously come to our aid; you have devoted the time that was lawfully your own, allotted to you for recreation and rest, but counting the cause of Christ of far more value than bodily rest, willing rather to sacrifice self than the cause of Christ should suffer loss. Actuated by these motives you have visited us, and you may rest assured that we, as a Church, unite heartily in acknowledging our highest appreciation of the labor you have bestowed upon us. The zeal you have manifested, the earnestness with which you have presented the Gospel of Christ with untiring effort, you have from time to time ably expounded

the truth as it is in Jesus, sowing seed we firmly believe will yield abundantly to the glory of God the Father. So clear and instructing has been your expositions from the living oracles that ears and hearts have been reached that hitherto have been groping in darkness. And not only has new light come to those who have been groping in darkness, but also to us who believe in the Christ, as we have listened to the profound message of Gospel truth spoken by you from time to time; they have awakened in us new thoughts, new desires, and have caused us to aspire after a brighter and better and closer walk with Christ our Lord. They have also aided us to more fully understand, and to more firmly grasp the beauty set forth in them, and in the living Word. Our faith has been made stronger, our spiritual strength renewed, our zeal has been made to kindle afresh, and we do not hesitate to say that when you go from us you leave us better qualified to engage in the work of the Master than when you first entered our communion. Since coming amongst us you have won our love and highest esteem; we deeply regret that you must so soon leave us, but as it is the work of the Master that calls you we would not detain you. When you go from us you may rest assured you have our sincere prayers, our sincere sympathy, our best wishes that God will abundantly bless you in whatever sphere of labor you may engage. May the smile and approval, and the benediction of God our Father rest and abide with you, and upon your labor, and we do hope that the time is not far distant when we shall have the pleasure and the honor of welcoming you back to our city and enjoy a happier season. We will be happy to hear from you at any time, and to receive any information and any counsel you may deem it necessary to instruct or aid us in the noble work we are engaged in; since you have visited us you have become acquainted with our standing, and your counsel in matters appertaining to our spiritual welfare will be thankfully and joyfully received. We remain,

Dear Brother and Sisters,

Yours fraternally,  
Bro. and Sister W. J. MESSERVEY,  
" N. GRAHAM,  
" A. CRAIG,  
" E. WALLACE,  
" H. WALLACE,  
" H. E. COOKE,  
" W. HARDING,  
Sister WISDOM,  
" S. CORMACK,  
" MCINTIRE.

Died.

McLAUCHLAN.—Bro. James McLauchlan, after years of suffering, which sometimes was very severe, but was endured with Christian patience, died at his home, on the Whim Road, near Commercial Cross, June 22, 1888. Bro. McLauchlan was an earnest member of the church, and according to his opportunities was very intelligent in the teachings of the book of God, and was ever ready to give a reason of the hope which was in him and tell others the way of life and salvation. His wife who so tenderly and lovingly waited on him during many trials, is left, also three sons and one daughter. They do not sorrow as those who have no hope. They believe "it is well." May it be well with those (with us) who follow after.  
O. B. E.

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Henry Crawford, ....	1 00
Mr. Gordon, New Perth P.E.I., ..	1 00
Mrs. A. E. Kimball, ....	1 00
Fred Jackson, ....	25
Total, ....	\$5 50

W. J. MESSERVEY,  
Treasurer.