

## News of the Churches.

## ST. JOHN, N. B.

Three additions since last report—one by letter from the Free Baptists, and two by baptism.

Sister L. A. Miles has returned from Milton, and has taken up her good work in the church and Sunday-school. Sister Blenus and Gertie has been visiting on Deer Island since May 3rd. Brother Stewart went to Keswick on May 6th, and returned on the 9th. He preached once to a goodly number in a private house. Sister Tillie Freeman was here from the 11th to the 17th. Bro. Wm. Murray attended our prayer-meeting on the 16th. Bro. George Fullerton worshipped with us on the 26th.

The Portland Sunday-school went into the W. C. T. U. Hall on the 5th. This is the largest and best hall in Portland, and the change is a good one. Brother Stewart preached in it on the 27th, and will continue to do so on Monday nights. He also began his Wednesday night preaching at Silver Falls on the 29th. Good results must follow such earnest work. The Mission Band met on the 8rd. The following were elected for the year:—President, J. S. Flaglor; Vice-President, Miss L. L. Hoyt; Treasurer, Miss J. Lingley; Secretary, Miss N. Johnson. This band contributed more last year to Home Missions than in any year since its organization.

The news of Bro. Chase's unexpected death in the midst of his meeting at Lubec, made us all feel sad.

We sent Bro. J. H. Hardin \$41.50. This is more than we sent last year.

At our annual business meeting on the 14th, the treasurer reported that \$1,000.00 had been paid during the year for preaching; also that the plate collections were the largest in the history of the church. The old board of trustees were elected. A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of organizing a church in Portland. This has been in the thoughts of many for a long time, and we think in a short time something definite will be accomplished in regard to a second church in this city. At this meeting, Brother Stewart's manly letter was read, leaving the church free to engage him or not. Of course everybody voted to continue him as our preacher. We look forward to another successful year's work. We have every reason to thank God and take courage.

## CORNWALLIS, N. S.

I announced to my congregation last Lord's day my determination to close my labors with this church in the near future. My present term of engagement expires July 1st. We have been with this church eight years, and while the results of our labors have not been what we hoped, they have not been altogether fruitless. This church was not strong enough to suffer the loss of so many of its members. Since we have been here we have lost by death and removals some forty members, among whom were many of our strongest members. This loss has made the work very hard for those who remain, and has greatly hindered our progress. Still we hope the church here may see brighter days, and that the cause we plead may long live to do a much needed work in this beautiful valley.

We have made somewhat of a new departure in having a preaching service in the new hall at Port Williams, on Lord's day evenings. This will give us a much better hearing than we can get at our meeting-house, as it is so far away from the people. We began this new service last Lord's day evening with encouraging prospects. This is a field that should not be neglected, and I hope and pray some good man can be found to carry on the work to a much greater degree of success than ever before. This church owns a good home for a preacher, partly furnished, situated in one of the finest parts of this country. I never expect to enjoy a more beautiful home this side of heaven. But the time has come when I feel it my duty to make a change. It is not pleasant for me to make these changes, nor have they been very frequent

with me. I was with the churches at Westport and Tiverton for fifteen years, and with the church here for eight years; thus in twenty-three years I have made but the one change until now.

E. C. FORD.

Port Williams, May 24th, 1895.

## HALIFAX, N. S.

Collections for General Home Missions amounted to \$24.91 this month.

A young man confessed his Saviour at prayer-meeting, was baptized the following Sunday, and yesterday helped to seat the audience at the evening service. It pays to put young converts to work, and those who will work at once show the right kind of material.

We were glad to welcome in our morning service yesterday, Sister Wisdom, from St. John. It is an inspiration to meet and worship with the tried and true soldiers of the cross. God bless our veterans!

A letter from Bro. M. B. Ryan contains the glad tidings of forty-four added to the church in the Williamsport meeting. By the way, brethren, are we all praying for our evangelists in their work? In two weeks at Mill Hall, Bro. Ryan reports nineteen additions. We are glad to know that he counts on coming to the annual in August.

W. F. SHAW.

## BRADALBANE, P. E. I.

One addition by obedience at this place last month.

D. C.

## Home Mission Notes.

A PROPOSITION in regard to the collections at our next annual meeting.—In the past the collections have been divided between our preachers to help meet their expenses. It is now proposed that all collections (but one each for home and foreign missions) be given to pay off the debt on the Halifax house of worship. Will our good brethren, the preachers, agree to this? Some have, and no doubt all will. Now, as the preachers give up from \$5.00 to \$10.00 each, let every delegate that attends the annual contribute as liberally, if possible. Those who cannot attend could send at least the amount of their fare. Will the brethren in Halifax unite cheerfully in this giving? If we all join heartily in this way, a large part of the debt can be wiped out. The interest which will be saved can go towards the preaching, and the Home Mission Board, being relieved of spending that amount in Halifax, it can be used in other worthy places. What say you all?

We are glad to announce that Bro. J. H. Hardin will attend the annual in Halifax. He writes: "I have fully determined to come to your meeting. I hope to come to you in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. I will send you dates and you can make appointments for me. Hoping this will be satisfactory." This means that our annual will be a success. Bro. Hardin is just the man to arouse us and fill us with enthusiasm. Then we are to have Bro. M. B. Ryan and Bro. Blenus, besides our own beloved preachers. We look forward to one of the best meetings in our history.

Bro. Shaw reports over \$24.00 collected for the General Home Mission Fund. There has been one baptism and the interest continues good in Halifax.

Bro. Weaver reports strong opposition in Pictou. Those who have the cause at heart there are used to this, and it will only make them stronger in the faith and more willing than ever to do all they can to establish a church there.

Last month we acknowledged \$5.00 from West Gore church; it should have been credited to Bro. and Sister Josiah Wallace. We are glad, though, to acknowledge a contribu-

tion this month from West Gore and Shubenacadie. May their interest and contributions to our mission work increase as the days go by.

We are pleased to announce that Bro. Blenus will spend June in Hants County. He needs no introduction there. We ask for him the united and hearty support of the brethren while he endeavors to turn sinners to the Lord.

Bro. Blenus has spent May in Charlotte County with good results. There were 16 additions at Lord's Cove—11 baptized, 4 restored, and 1 from the Reformed Baptists. We hear nothing but good reports from this county in regard to Bro. Blenus' work. His efforts have been greatly blessed. Certainly it should be a pleasure for every Disciple in these provinces to help support our Home Mission work, when they see the good that is being done through the preachers working in its interest.

We are sorry to announce that Bro. W. F. Shaw has sent in his resignation as pastor of the church in Halifax to take place at the close of his year in September. He writes: "It is hard for me to leave here but I can not avoid it and do justice to my home people. My father and sister have been ill for months and I promised them in case of sickness I would return. They both desire me to come. The work is hard here, but I expected that and came prepared for it. I love the brethren here, and I trust they do me. I have thought and prayed much over this matter, and feel that I am guided right;—that the cause here will lose nothing, but in all probability will gain; and that only by going home can I treat those who rely on me for a little comfort in their last years as I should. Bro. Ford can take this work and do as well and I think better than I. He wants me to stay and does not desire the place unless I will not remain. All are unanimous in wanting him when I go. He has done more for this place than any preacher I know. I hope, wish, pray and urge that he succeed me." It is too bad to lose Bro. Shaw. He and his wife have worked and sacrificed for the church in Halifax. Not only Halifax but these provinces will lose an earnest excellent preacher and an out and out Christian. We pray that his relatives may be long spared to him and that he may be greatly blessed wherever he may labor.

## RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$679 76
St John Mission Band, per Miss Lingley, . . . . .	7 54
do. Y. P. S. C. E. (self-denial) per H. Buchanan, . . . . .	9 00
do. W. F. Leonard, . . . . .	5 00
Profits from CHRISTIAN, . . . . .	50 00
Halifax—per W. F. Shaw, . . . . .	25 00
do. per W. F. Shaw, . . . . .	25 00
Milton—per Miss A. Collic, . . . . .	3 62
Milton Sunday school, per Miss A. Collic, . . . . .	1 38
Lakeville, N. S., Mrs. S. Wood, . . . . .	50
West Gore—per W. H. Harding, . . . . .	5 00
Shubenacadie—do . . . . .	4 00
Fredericton—Per T. H. Blenus, . . . . .	5 00
Lord's Cove—do . . . . .	60 00
	\$880 80

J. S. FLAGLOR,  
Secretary.

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## Foreign Missions.

## Maritime C. W. B. M.

Expect great things from God.  
Attempt great things for God.

DEAR SISTERS—You will be pleased to hear the good news that we have sent \$25.00, or one half the money asked for by Sister