

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

This has been a missionary month. Coburg street Sunday-school for home missions, \$20.00; for foreign, \$6.39; church for foreign, \$30; Portland Sunday-school for home, \$3.43; Woman's Missionary Aid for home, \$11.50; for foreign, \$3.25, and for Portland, \$25.00; Mission Band for home, \$7.00; Total, \$106.48.

Sister Burns left for her home in Shelburne on the 6th. We shall welcome her back, as she was of great help both in church work and social circles. Brothers H. and L. Hill, of French Village, made short visits during the month; also Miss A. Freeman, of Milton, who was on her way to Haverhill, Mass. Bro. Blenus stayed over night on the 25th, and made an earnest appeal at the close of Bro. Stewart's sermon. He went to Lubec on the 26th to hold a short meeting. Two young brethren, H. Leonard and T. Livingstone, have removed to Halifax, and we are glad to know are attending to their Christian duties.

Bro. Fielden came over from Halifax and was united in marriage to Sister Louisa Anderson on the 25th. We wish them all joy. Halifax thus gains four members from us who will be of great help to them.

Our March meeting began on the 1st and continued until the 29th. Bro. Stewart doing all the preaching. Bro. Stevenson, part of the time, making earnest appeals at the close of the sermons. Bro. J. B. Allan frequently sang solos. Bro. Stewart's sermons, as usual, were practical, earnest, persuasive, impressive and convincing. We were made glad in hearing sixteen make the good confession, who were baptized into Christ. This has been one of our most successful meetings, the house on Sunday evenings being full, sometimes extra seats having to be brought in. This shows we did not organize too soon in Portland, as Bro. Stevenson had full houses over there also, and the hall will hold more than the church. A goodly number of the additions were from the Sunday-school—a good sign, and speaks well for the teachers. One came from the Christian Endeavor Society at Silver Falls. She was an associate member, but is now a member of the Church of Christ. Whatever agencies we use should be for the purpose of "winning souls for Christ."

Bro. Frank Gates, having finished his course at Business College, returned to his home at Woodville on the 28th.

MAIN STREET.

Three additions during the month; Sunday-school and prayer-meetings well attended; many strangers taking part. Bro. Steveson has preached three sermons on the Sabbath, which were published in the St. John Sun. They created much interest, and the hall was filled by attentive listeners. We have been organized three months, our collections during that time have been over \$200, or nearly double what we counted on. A committee of sixteen has been appointed to solicit funds to pay for a site and build a house of worship. Any of our readers who wish to help in this good work will please remit to the treasurer, J. S. Flaglor, St. John. Let everyone help and the burden will be light.

On the 16th, after Bro Stewart's meeting closed, about sixty of us surprised Bro. Stevenson by taking charge of his home. We had found out it was the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage, and we came to congratulate them. On behalf of the company Bro. L. A. Miles presented our gifts in an excellent speech. One of the most striking remarks he made was this: "Seeing that this pastor is so happily surrounded after fifteen years of married life, he would say to other pastors, go thou and do likewise." Bro. Stewart was called on to speak, but excused himself on the ground of want of experience preventing him from doing the subject justice on such occasions as these. We spent a pleasant evening and left wishing Brother and Sister Steveson many happy returns of their marriage anniversary.

BURTT'S CORNER, N. B.

The work here is moving along without anything of very special interest to report. We meet every Lord's day for breaking of bread and for prayers. Our meetings are very well attended. There is a number who have made up their minds to take membership with us. We hope to soon be able to support a preacher. We are going to try to get our house completed this summer. We want the prayers of the brethren that the Lord may bless us in all we do in his name. G. H. BOONE.

DEER ISLAND, N. B.

The meeting at Lord's Cove closed with one confession and baptism. We had stormy weather, sickness, poor preaching, and other obstacles to success. Yet we had good audiences and evidently a deep interest throughout, and ought to have had many additions. Perhaps our faith needed testing. The result is with the Lord, and we believe his word which has gone forth will be prospered in the thing whereto it hath been sent in due time.

We are now in the fourth week of a meeting at Leonardville, with eleven confessions and one restored to date. The interest is deepening, and we look for others to come. M. B. RYAN.

WESTPORT, N. S.

We closed our meeting in Tiverton the second Lord's day in March, having held twenty-seven meetings in twenty-two days. While the immediate results are not all that we had hoped to see, we rejoice to know that much good has been done; much that cannot be reported. The church has been greatly revived, the Woman's Missionary Society re-organized, a very interesting Children's Band organized, and a very serious difficulty which had threatened the life of the church, amicably settled, and harmony again restored. For this we are truly thankful to Him whom we serve, and from whom cometh our help. We expect to return to Tiverton before leaving for our home in Cornwallis, and labor yet a little longer with these dear brethren, with the hope that before we shall have left them a faithful man will be secured to take charge of the fold of Christ; for they are now without a shepherd, without which no church can prosper.

From Tiverton we returned to Westport to continue our labor here, that we might reap from some of our sowing in the earlier part of the winter. At this writing, two of our young friends have made the good confession, and we feel confident that there are more to follow. The working members of the church here have heartily cooperated with us in this work, and seem greatly encouraged with the results, though they are not what we had reason to expect.

Bro. W. H. Applegate has been with us for a week or more, and preached two or three good sermons to good congregations. His talks, too, in our social meetings were very instructive, and were received with much interest. He and sister Applegate were up to Tiverton over last Lord's day. Sister Applegate has been with us all winter and helped all she could in our meetings. They expect to leave about the first of April.

We are now hopeful that a good man will be secured to labor with these churches, as we are in correspondence with a brother, who we think, will visit these parts with this in view. Our prayer is, that God will send the right man for this field.

This has been a very busy winter: for, from the day we landed in Tiverton, Jan. 9th, we have been steadily at work holding meetings, and visiting the brethren, making these visits as profitable as we were able to do. I am under promise to write a few short articles on "first principles," and have hoped to begin before this, but my time has been so taken up with our work, that I have found it quite out of the question to find time for this much needed work. But I shall try and do more along this line as soon as I return to my work in Cornwallis, which I now plan to do in the early part of April. Though we have been at work at all times, and in all kinds of weather, still our health has been equal to the work, for which blessing we daily thank our Heavenly Father, the giver of all our blessing. E. C. FORD.

HALIFAX, N. S.

The first Lord's day of March was a thorough mission day at the Halifax Christian church. Bro. Blenus preached a very able missionary sermon in the morning and the children of the Sunday-school, the Y. P. S. C. E., and O. G. In. San Band gave an interesting missionary entertainment, which was followed by some fitting and pointed remarks by the pastor. The church was prettily decorated with mission mottoes; and the American and English flags draped, bespoke the sentiment of a united brotherhood in the work of world-wide evangelization. It was the first direct Foreign Missionary collection ever made by the Halifax church, and was a large increase over the apportionment of the Foreign Board.

The following officers have been elected by the Y. P. S. C. E.:—President, Lloyd Ibson; Vice-President, Violet Richardson; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Bessie Roome; Rec. Secretary, Stella Wallace; Treasurer, Bessie Fulloch.

A large number of the members of the church meet regularly once a week for practice, and already a great improvement has been made in the church singing service. Miss Leona Ramsdell presides at the organ.

Bro. Blenus started for Lubec, Wednesday 25th, to assist Bro. Minnick in a special meeting.

Bro. D. A. Morrison, St. John, worshipped with us on the 15th inst. Bro. H. Leonard and T. Livingstone, two young men from St. John, find themselves at the Sunday-school and regular services since coming here.

We are pleased to report that Bro. Fielden, who has been suffering from throat trouble, is well again.

A sacred concert was held last month in the church building. Every seat was taken. The programme, consisting of fifteen pieces, was ably rendered. Many thought the concert was one of the best of the season.

During this month, Bro. Blenus by special request, preached once at Enfield station. At the close of this service, a gentleman introduced himself and made the remark: "The last preacher of the Christian church to whom I listened before to-night, was Alexander Campbell. I also heard him in his debate with Rice." A. B. WALLACE.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

We are moving along quietly in our work here. The interest in the meetings still continues. On the first Lord's day in March one sister received the right hand of fellowship.

Besides the departure of Sister Martha Kennedy whose death was reported last month, we have been called upon to mourn the departure of Bro. T. Warren, one of the veterans in the church. He was a consistent earnest Christian. The word of God was his constant delight.

We have lately held the semi-annual business meeting of the Young People's Society. The following officers were elected: Pres., Mr. L. W. Harris; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Hamil; Recording Secretary, Miss G. Bovyer; Treasurer, Miss H. Stewart; Corresponding Secretary, Miss M. L. Stevenson. Our prayer-meetings are interesting and profitable. M. L. S.

TRYON, P. E. I.

I have recently had a very pleasant visit to the above mentioned place, and preached on five different occasions. The weather was fine and our congregations were good. The prospects are encouraging, and now the summer season is coming we will be able to settle down to more regular work. This is my second visit here. Certainly there are discouragements connected with every issue in life, and we must not think to sail to heaven upon a sea of glass—others have passed a stormy sea and entered into rest. Others have fought and won. "So we would fight if we must win." God will reward the faithful.

In visiting the brethren at the different parts of the field the preacher receives many words of encouragement. This is a source of strength to any Christian worker.

The Gospel is the power of God. The Gospel is Christ translated into words, and one of the heaviest of those words is *encouragement*. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." * * * This is the soul of the greatest