

## News of the Churches.

## ST. JOHN, N. B.

Since last notes were written we have had short visits from the following preachers: Brothers E. Crawford, Norton, Shaw, Miller, Cooke and Emery. The three named first gave us excellent sermons. Bros. Shaw, Miller and Emery gave us great help in our social meetings. Bro. Cooke was unable to attend any of our meetings. We understand he is engaged to preach for the Summerside church.

Brother Stewart is settled down to the work again apparently more in earnest than ever.

Again we are called to record the loss of a useful consecrated member. Sister Mary Hopley died on September 6th, at midnight, after a lingering and painful illness. I can only say what all have said, "One of our best has gone."

Both of our Sunday Schools went to Watters' Landing on August 6th for the annual picnic. It was enjoyed by all.

On September 17th the Sunday School committee prepared a programme for the prayer meeting in the interests of the schools. If the commendation of age and experience is reliable, then the Sunday School work is the most important we have. The older brethren were the most earnest and helpful in their talks on the subject. Our senior superintendent, J. E. Barnes, made a great speech on the school. Told of the time he was appointed by the elders; it was so long ago he had forgotten. The writer entered the school twenty-eight years ago; he was superintendent then, and I don't know how long before that time. At the close of the meeting a lady came forward, made the good confession, and was baptized by Brother Stewart the same hour of the night.

## HALIFAX, N. S.

Our month with the Halifax church draws to a close. No better people, no kinder people, no more anxious people, work and pray for the success of the church than compose our brethren here. We have had fair audiences during the month, with a gradual increase at the night services. The preaching has been very ordinary. We have had but one confession during the month, and we do not know that we have "almost persuaded" any others. We have not yet seen any potent manifestations that any prejudice against "us as a people" has been removed this month. No one has told us that he or she "never heard such preaching before." We cannot say that all those once coming to hear us are bound to come again and cannot stay away. We are by no manner of means fully persuaded that "we" are the man for Halifax, or that we are the right man in the right place. It is a question. We have been laboring for the past twelve or fifteen years in sections where the public mind was more mobile, and where there was vastly less conservatism and crystallization than we find here. Still Halifax religious sentiment is undergoing a transformation. There are signs of more toleration, more union in Christian effort, and a combination of interdenominational work, largely brought about, no doubt, by the Y. P. S. C. E. and kindred organizations. This church deserves the hearty sympathy and support of our provincial brethren. Out of debt, as it should be, and with a leader in whom all have the most unbounded confidence, it ought soon to be a power for good if these essential requisites can be made at once attainable. BLENUS.

## LETETE, N. B.

Brother Wm. Murray writes from Letete that the church is alive and in good working order. By trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, he hopes to help them do better than ever. Brother S. W. Leonard did a grand work here and is greatly beloved by all. They take up a monthly collection for home missions. "The brethren at Back Bay are making a new start. They met to break bread on Sunday last. By careful and faithful labor many of the members will come out to remember their Lord again. We also hope to see a number added to the saved. Next Sunday a Bible school will be opened, and we hope for success. May the dear Lord help his children to be and to do better in the future than in the past. Pray for me and the cause here."

## Home Mission Notes.

Let us all pray for Bro. Blenus and the work in Halifax. It is well that they secured a preacher at once. Now for a good man at Pictou.

Our preachers deserve credit for giving up their collections and thus helping the Halifax church to the amount of \$300.

The amount to be asked from each church is now submitted for their approval as follows: Silver Falls, Keswick and Gulliver's Cove, \$5.00 each; South Range, Southville, Summerville, Rawdon, Shubenacadie, Kempt and Back Bay, \$10.00 each; Newport, \$15.00; Letete, \$20.00; Halifax and Cornwallis, \$25.00; Leonardville, Tiverton and Westport, \$30.00; West Gore, \$40.00; Milton and Lord's Cove, \$60.00; St. John, \$175.00; total, \$595.00. This can be raised by church, Sunday-school, Mission Band, Woman's Aid, Sewing Circle or Y. P. S. C. E. If all these will help it would only be a small sum each month for each church to give. We trust these allotments will be accepted, and all will do their best to come up to the amount asked for, and if possible make it more. Brethren, this is not given as an order, but as a request in hopes that if you have a definite object before you, you will the more freely try to attain unto it.

If this amount can be raised, in addition to paying our pledges to Halifax and Pictou we can support an evangelist for half the year, in order that other necessary work may be done.

Bro. J. H. Hardin writes that the G. C. M. convention approves of Bro. Blenus for Halifax, and that they will continue the same support as they did to Bro. Shaw.

The first fruits of the apportionment has come to hand. The little church at Silver Falls, although their house is not finished and a small debt on it, yet they cheerfully paid up the sum asked at once. Who will be the next?

Cornwallis will raise what they are asked for, as Sister Ford has promised to collect it. Who will promise for the other churches?

Bro. Murray thinks Milton is asked for too much. If he had heard what a good sister said at the annual he would change his mind. Bro. Murray says he will do his best to raise it; so we feel certain Milton will give all that has been asked for.

Bro. H. Wallace reports an increased attendance at the services in Halifax; and that there has been one baptism since Bro. Blenus began work.

Are the brethren aware that the H. M. Board is in debt? Well, it is so. You know what should be done.

Those who were at the annual know how the money was pledged for Halifax and Pictou. Will they use all their influence to get us out of debt.

Let it not be said that we don't keep our pledges. We need all we can get at once. Will you give something this month for the support of the Home Mission work.

## RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, ....	\$1,083 20
<i>Received in July:</i>	
St. John, Woman's Aid, ....	70 00
Pictou, per G. D. Weaver, ....	30 00
Milton, per T. H. Blenus, ....	30 22

Total for eleven months, .... \$1,218 42

## August:

Lord's Cove, D. F. Lambert, ..	10 00
Summerville, per T. H. Blenus, ....	2 00
Annual Meeting, Halifax, ....	44 56
St. John, a Brother, ..	10 00
Lord's Cove, per T. H. Blenus, ....	20 00
Pictou, per G. D. Weaver, ....	10 00
Halifax, per W. F. Shaw, ....	25 00

## September:

St. John, Coburg Street, Sunday School, ..	13 51
" Mission Band, ....	8 55
" "M," ....	2 00
Letete, Elder Wm. Murray, ..	1 00
Silver Falls, per Mrs. E. Shellington, ....	5 00
Milton, per Miss A. A. Collie, ..	4 50

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J. S. FLAGLOR,  
Post Office, St. John. Secretary.

## FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS.

Previously reported, ....	\$36 50
St. John—	
Sunday-school, August, ....	2 30
" September, ....	2 94
Woman's Aid, August, ....	1 55
" September, ....	1 80

Total, .... \$45 09

## CHILDREN'S WORK.

Previously reported, ....	\$18 10
Upper Rawdon—	
"Cheerful Gleaners," ..	2 10
St. John—	
Wide Awake Mission Band collection, ....	58
Proceeds from a small dolls bazaar held August 8th by Maude Boyne, ....	1 05
And a present from an interested friend to increase the sum, ..	50

Total, .... \$17 20

SUSIE B. FORD, Treasurer,  
164 North Street,  
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## Married.

COSSABOOM-OUTHOUSE.—At Tiverton, N. S., September 8th, by H. A. Devos, Mr. Ward Cossaboom to Celis, daughter of Capt. Hantford Outhouse, all of Tiverton.

## Died.

STEWART.—On August 25th, 1895, of typhoid fever, after an illness of five weeks, at her home in Roseneath, Kings County, P. E. I., Eliza Gordon, the beloved wife of Mr. James Stewart. Sister Stewart was 51 years of age, and the mother of eight children—five daughters and three sons, who, with their father, mourn the death of their best earthly friend. The deceased was a faithful member of the Christian Church at Montague. Her funeral was held at the home on Monday, the 26th, at 2 o'clock, and was largely attended by her many friends. R. W. Stevenson, the pastor of the church of which she was a member, preached the sermon.—R. W. S.

DUNLOP.—At St. John, September 9th, 1895, Hazel, infant daughter of William and Alice Dunlop, passed away from the loved ones here to be with him who took little children in his arms and said: "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." She lived in the home on earth for only one year and fourteen days. She knew nothing of life's trials and temptations and sorrows. She has gone to be with the Lord and to dwell with him forever. How consoling the thought. It dries the tears of the sad hearted. May God bless the parents, and may they meet the little one on the other shore.—H. W. S.

HOPLEY.—Another of the choicest spirits of earth has been called up higher. Sister Mary Hopley, of St. John, whom God spared to be with us for forty-eight years, heard the summons on the morning of September 6th; and when it came she was quietly watching and ready to obey. The noble spirit dwelt on earth in a frail body, and during the last year the frailties increased. For several months before the end she had been confined to her bed. But while physical strength diminished her faith never wavered. With a trust that knew no doubts and no fears, she placed herself in her Saviour's hands, willing to stay if he said so, and willing to go if that were his desire. He wanted her and he took her. She was a true Christian. In early life she accepted Jesus as her Saviour and teacher, and united with the Church of Christ in this city. During all the intervening years she sought to live as becometh the gospel of Christ. Her delight was in doing good. She rejoiced in the good that others did. By the beauty of her Christian life she drew to herself many true friends, and her influence in the sphere of her acquaintance was ever for the true and the pure. The church to which she was so faithful will miss her. Her friends will sigh when they think of her departure. Her relatives, sorrowing over their loss, will think of her joy and be comforted. May God bless them all.—H. W. S.

STANTON.—At Tiverton, N. S., July 27th, 1895, after a long and painful illness, Ida H. Outhouse, wife of Joseph H. Stanton, aged 25 years. Sister Stanton leaves a husband and three young children, whom we trust will all meet her in a land where a cruel death can never separate loved ones. She was baptized, married and buried by the writer.—H. A. D.