

News of the Churches.

MILTON, N. S.

The Christian church of this place has been greatly blessed for a long time by having for its pastor Elder Howard Murray, one who has labored with it the greater part of twenty-two years, during which time he has ever tried to hold up Christ as the ideal one to follow, thus trying to lead souls to the fountain of living waters and into the green pastures of God's love and mercy. As a preacher Bro. M. presented the truth in such a manner as to go home to the hearts of those who were under the thralldom of guilt, convincing them of sin and leading to an acceptance of Christ, at the same time strengthening in divine life those who had started on their journey heavenward.

Knowing that success consists not only in bringing hearers of the truth into the fold of Christ, but also in watching and caring for them after they are in, Bro M. was successful in his work. He was of a kind and genial nature, ready for the social as well as the spiritual part of life. His sermons were well appreciated, and commended by all who with willing minds, were ready to investigate by comparing with the word of God, seeing if such things were true.

His work during the twenty-two years was mostly with the churches at Milton and Summerville. Of the latter special mention is made, as but a short time ago there were very few there who met together to break bread; but by a continuance in the work of faith and by the effort of Bro. Murray a development in Christian growth was soon discernible, for many accepted the Saviour and went forward in obedience to his commands. In like manner many accepted Christ under the teaching of Bro. M in Milton, and so his labors were blessed. Although he was with us so long, our efforts were to secure his labors a while longer, but he (Bro. M) thought a change would be better. So while we miss his moving about in our circle, laboring for the extension of Christ's kingdom, we trust that his labors in other places may be abundantly blessed and at the end of life he may join the great circle above where partings shall be known no more.

W. R. McEWEN.

HALIFAX, N. S.

NORTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Lord's day services—Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday-school, 2.30 p. m.; Junior Y. P. S. C. E. 4 p. m.; fifteen minutes prayer-meeting at the close of evening sermon; Y. P. S. C. E. Monday night at 8 o'clock; prayer-meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

It will be seen in the above announcements that the North Street Christian church has a Junior Society of Christian Endeavor. This society was organized yesterday (Lord's day) afternoon with over twenty members as a beginning. The officers for the current six months are C Studdart, Superintendent; Gertie Wallace, Assistant Superintendent; Staxby Lornas, President; Winnie Stevens, Vice-President; Millie Hancock, Secretary; Frank Richardson, Treasurer; Violet Richardson, organist. This young society has started out under very favorable circumstances and with an excellent corps of officers, and we shall hope for great things. It will be under the care, oversight and direction of the pastor of the church and the senior Y. P. S. C. E.

The "O Gin San" mission band is no more, our Juniors will now do its mission work. Our young people are quite enthusiastic and will doubtless do much more in the line of missions than heretofore.

Our delegate to the Charlottetown convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. gave us on his return a very complete report of the many good things said and done at that meeting—Bro. Lloyd-Ibson showed

plainly that he went to the convention on business and not as a sight-seer.

I listened for nearly two hours last night to a burning, scathing, yet true denunciation of the Roman Catholic confessionals. The speaker's address was from a personal experience of twenty-eight years inside the Roman Catholic ecclesiastical corporation. The lecture was the fourth of a series delivered in Halifax by Evangelist Leyden, of Boston, in the presence of thousands of hearers, and yet not a line of mention or report has appeared in our dailies. Thousands of the best citizens listened to and endorsed the sentiments of this fearless speaker, and yet our daily press, purporting to give to the public the news of the day was as silent as the grave. Cowardly press, gagged by Rome, we pity such contemptible fear. For nearly a week several of our papers have been commenting on, lauding and publishing the vapourings of one Dr. Foly, a Halifax Romanist, at present abroad; and when a devoted Christian man who has had the bravery to break away from the unhallowed despotisms of the Romish church, in open discussion and from the public rostrum, warns and instructs against the inroads of such an insidious and specious system of error, not a word of approval or comment is to be found on the pages of what pretends to be the conservators of the public weal.

The crying need of the hour is for a truer and braver Protestantism. Our press, and too often our pulpits, are blinded and hood-winked by this blood-thirsty, soul-cursing, liberty-hating, hydra-headed ecclesiasticism—the Roman Catholic church. This system grinds down its followers with the iron heel of ignorance and degraded superstition. It is a stifler of conscience, and a debaser of human reasons. It degrades manhood, and outrages the tender sensibilities of womanhood. We know of no better, no surer way of warning humanity against the papal system of slavery and sin, than to tear away the filthy curtain that shuts in her abominations and let common sense and common decency be shocked by the disclosure. This Evangelist Leyden did last night with a strong hand. It was hinted that there would be trouble in Halifax if Mr. Leyden did what he promised; but the lecturer more than filled the bill, and was throughout cheered and applauded to the echo by an intelligent audience as ever greeted a public speaker in this city. If there were those present or in the vicinity of the immense audiences who came to disturb, they evidently thought discretion to be the better part of valor. Not the slightest word or evidence of dissent from the remarks of the speaker was heard throughout—but at all times a deep feeling of disgust and disapproval of the evils portrayed—frequently finding vent in expressions of shame and surprise. We hope that Rome will soon be on her trial in this country.—T. H. B.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

The work at these two points is moving onward slowly.

The pastor was absent from his field of work over two Lord's days. The first he spent at the Annual Meeting in West Gore, and the second at the same place, holding special meetings. As a result of his efforts during the week following the Annual Meeting, two souls confessed their faith in Christ, and were baptized by him. Two came out during our Convention, so that by the influence of the meetings three additions were made to the church at West Gore, and one to that at Elmsdale.

Closing up my work at West Gore on Sunday morning, Sept 13, Bro. Bruce McDonald brought me to Newport, where I preached. Bro. Martin Stevens took me to his home, and at night I preached at their school house. On Monday evening I came by rail to Port Williams, and stopped at the hospitable home of Bro. Ford for two days. The brother drove me around nearly forty miles, in order to see the "Garden of Nova Scotia." From the "Look-off" we had the finest view we ever beheld, within the same area of country. The Cornwallis Valley certainly beggars description. We saw the places made famous by Longfellow in his Evangeline. To say that I am delighted with Nova Scotia, is to put it mildly.

I was much pleased with our Annual Meeting, on the whole, and trust that its fruits may be seen in increased efforts during the present year. I was very glad also for the privilege of becoming acquainted with so many of the brethren and sisters of the Provinces. I am certainly thankful for the welcome given me as a newcomer to this portion of the Lord's vineyard.

J. W. BOLTON.

CORNWALLIS, N. S.

Since returning from the Annual we have had six additions to the church here; three by baptism and three from another communion. Five of these are from one family; the father and mother, two sons and a son's wife. These all come to our regular Lord's day meetings.

Bro. R. E. Stevens has been with us over the last two Lord's days, preaching for us at both morning and evening services, while I filled my regular appointments at Sheffield's Mills and Cold Brook in the afternoons. Bro. Stevens is always greeted with a good congregation here, and his preaching is very much enjoyed.

We also had a very pleasant and profitable visit from Bro. H. Murray just before the Annual. He preached ten excellent sermons for us at five different points; all of which were greatly enjoyed, and did us much good.

Our good Brother J. W. Bolton, of Westport and Tiverton, stopped off and spent two or three days, on his way home from the Annual, and preached one sermon at our regular prayer meeting service. As we had out this opportunity to hear him, we gladly availed ourselves of it, and were greatly pleased and profited by the earnest and instructive sermon he gave us.

Such visitations as these always do us good, and the "latch string" is always on the outside for these brethren. The outlook for still others to take their stand on the Lord's side is good. Our meetings are well attended and our social meetings are very interesting.

E. C. FORD.

Port Williams, September 28, 1896.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

Our meetings here are good. The attendance is increasing. Bro. Manifold is still working with untiring zeal. A short time ago we had the pleasure of hearing Bro. Norton preach. He showed himself to be a close student of the Bible, and presented the truths therein contained in a clear and masterly manner. Bro. Manifold and Bro. R. E. Stevens, of Pictou, exchanged pulpits a few weeks ago. Bro. Stevens preached two excellent discourses which were appreciated by all.

While Bro. Manifold was attending the Convention at West Gore, N. S., Bro. J. S. Smith of Hiram, O., preached very acceptably in the morning. We held a social meeting in the evening, as Bro. Smith had another appointment. We were delighted to have Bro. H. Murray, of Milton, N. S., present with us and leading our Wednesday evening prayer meeting a short time ago. He was on his way to New Glasgow, P. E. I., to hold a protracted meeting.

The Y. P. S. C. E. convention has come and gone. A number of our preachers were in attendance. At our rally, Bro. H. W. Stewart, of St. John, presided. The keynote of the meeting was Loyalty to Christ. The different speakers spoke of the benefit of having a C. E. Society in connection with the Church. Brothers D. Crawford, R. E. Stevens, R. W. Stevenson, D. A. Morrison, J. Smith and others addressed the meeting. We were pleased to hear from our delegate from Halifax, Bro. Ibson. The meeting was encouraging and enthusiastic.

Our hearts have been cheered and strengthened by meeting with our visiting brethren during the past few months. God grant that his richest blessing may attend our work here.

Brethren, we need your prayers, and sympathy in our work, as we have a great many discouragements.

M. L. S.

NEW GLASGOW, P. E. I.

Howard Murray is now preaching every evening and on Lord's Days at New Glasgow, P. E. I. On the 20th three made the good confession. Also two more came forward at Bradalbane and on the 28th these five were baptized at New Glasgow. The meetings at the latter place still continue.