

widely circulated papers are receiving contributions for the sufferers. The *Montreal Star* acknowledges the receipt of \$33 000 in one month. Many people are giving through other agencies. No similar appeal that has come to Canada has met with such a response. We are glad to know that some of our churches have made an offering. The Disciples have missionaries where the famine rages. If any of our readers would like to aid the sufferers through them they can do so by sending to Miss Lois A. White, 160 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind., stating at the time that it is for the famine fund.

From time to time we hear of places in our home field where the ground is ready for us to sow the seeds of primitive Christianity. People are becoming dissatisfied with denominationalism, and we are glad of it if they are led to give up their divisive names, creeds and practices for something better. But it is better to belong to a denomination and serve Christ, than to give up the denomination and at the same time the service. The Disciples of Christ are largely responsible for growing dissatisfaction with denominationalism. They are in duty bound to give to the dissatisfied ones something better. Hence the importance of our churches giving liberally to carry on our home mission work. The Board could spend \$5,000 per year with good results.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

Sister R. Gibson slipped on the sidewalk and fell, breaking an ankle bone and badly injuring the foot. We are sorry to hear that she will not be able to walk for some weeks.

On the 10th Bro. Stewart drove to Burn Brae, Loch Lomond, and united in marriage Sister Jessie Robertson and Mr. B. W. Hill, of Nauwigewauk, where they will reside. Sister Robertson is one of our most faithful workers, and will be greatly missed from all our meetings. They have the best of good wishes for prosperity and happiness all their journey through.

Mrs. Eustaco Barnes is very ill; her relatives and friends are feeling anxious, but we all hope for returning good health.

Bro. Barker, of Lord's Cove, Deer Island, is attending Business College here, and is helping us in all our work.

Sister Edna Murray is visiting relatives here. She is an earnest worker and a valuable addition to our singers.

On the 19th the Social Committee of the Endeavor Society held a real social. A large number were present, and a good programme of readings, solos, etc., was carried out.

On the 26th the annual Sunday-school concert and festival was held. The church was full, a good programme was carried out, then the children were served with a rich repast. On their leaving for home they received a bag containing an orange and some candy. Everybody was well pleased and the collection was over \$91. The children look forward every year for this (to them) the most enjoyable event of the school.

MAIN STREET.

Two married ladies were baptized by Brother Appel on the 11th, and were given the right hand of fellowship on the 14th. We are expecting others.

On the 12th we held a concert in aid of our building fund. The hall was packed, over 600 being present. Over \$60 00 was realized. Bro. Appel received great praise for his share of the work.

Glad to have Bros. Currie and McKiel home again.

Sister Allie Purvis is still suffering from painful swellings on head and neck. She has only been at worship once in six weeks. Her Sunday-school class especially miss her, as indeed do we all.

We are sorrowful and mourning with Bro. Arthur Armstrong over the death of his dear mother, who, after a lingering illness, passed hopefully away on the 25th. Bro. Appel has been a constant visitor on her, and she died the death of the righteous. She will look down from the heavenly home awaiting her loved ones to meet her there.

HALIFAX, N. S.

"La grippe" had the upper hand with the writer for a few days of February. Mr. McIntosh, of the senior class of Pine Hill Theological Seminary, kindly filled my place Sunday night, 14th. He had a fine congregation and gave good satisfaction.

Bro. McLean, of Cornwallis, Bro. G. Fullerton, of Pictou, and Bro. D. Morrison, of St. John, made us pleasant calls and worshipped with us during the month. Bro. G. Fullerton travels with his pockets well filled with wholesome literature and his heart brimful of hope.

We have decided to give our Junior Society of Christian Endeavor foreign mission work as their feature of labor. They are enthusiastic, and are preparing for a fine meeting and good collection on the first Lord's day of March. The Y. P. S. C. E. members will make home missions a special object. They are already at work.

Bro. Hiram Wallace, of West Gore, preached for us the last Lord's day of January, and the writer improved the opportunity by giving the brethren at Elmsdale a Lord's day service. We preached twice at Elmsdale and in the afternoon at Enfield to good congregations, although there were other services quite near at the same time.

Buffon has said of patience, that it is genius; the power of successful men in his opinion, consisting mainly in their power of continuous working and waiting. All progress of the best kind is slow. The most beneficent operations of nature are the result of patience. The waters slowly deposit their rich alluvium, the fruits are months in their growth and perfecting. We ought to do so; but it is sometimes a difficult matter to cherish patience as a favorite virtue. Soon ripe, soon rotten. He that would enjoy the fruit must not pluck the flower. Courage, industry and patience are the graces we need.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

The series of revival meetings held in Westport have now drawn to a close. It was the longest series of meetings I ever led without ministerial aid—six weeks, besides the week of prayer in which union services were held.

During the first part of the meetings the weather hindered a regular attendance, so they did not assume much interest till the fourth week, when the interest increased to the end. The Lord blessed our efforts with ten souls coming out and confessing Christ, putting him on in baptism.

Besides these, at least six were reclaimed and brought back to the work of the Lord.

The average attendance during the meetings was seventy-two, and the average number of prayers and testimonials in each meeting was twenty-three.

Bro. Payson told me that the church never stood better in the community than it does now, showing that our people are alive to their interests and the plea they have before them.

We expect to rest a few days, then go to Tiverton and commence a series of meetings, and the Lord helping us we will have some grand times together. Pray for our success.

Bro. Graham, since his return from the hospital in St. John, has been improving steadily, and has been able to meet with us in our meetings quite frequently. J. W. BOLTON.

ELMSDALE, N. S.

As this is probably the first correspondence from our little but hopeful congregation at Elmsdale, it will not be necessary, I suppose, to report progress in detail, but merely make a bow of introduction to our brethren at large, whom THE CHRISTIAN visits monthly.

Our infant church has had, and is still having, the usual spells of colic and other infantile ailments, which in a measure tend to retard our present progress, but in the end may prove to have been blessings in disguise. It is hard to get all of our members to see the necessity of meeting weekly to break bread; consequently our meetings are small, except when our good Bro. Blenus comes to us from Halifax.

Dear brethren, we ask an interest in your prayers; for we are just now in the critical period and need all the assistance available, and there never was a better chance to do good work in this place than now.

Before I close, I wish to notice the first paragraph in Bro. Harding's letter in the January number of THE CHRISTIAN with reference to the donation at Elmsdale. I think the honor of that donation belongs to the brethren at Nine Mile River, as they managed it, and the brethren at Elmsdale had no part in it until the arrangements were completed. A. McNEILL.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

Since last report three more have put on Christ and five others were received by statement, making in all twenty added to the church since last June.

On February 8th a business meeting of the church was held, Bros. O. B. Emery and Rufus Stevenson being present, but they were debarred from taking any part in the proceedings of the meeting, which they afterwards pronounced as being the most disorderly which they had ever attended. As the outcome of said meeting, another was held the following night at the home of Bro. Dan'l Kennedy by a large number of the members of the church, who had come to the conclusion that for the sake of peace and quietness and the prosperity of the cause of Christ, it would be better to meet where they could worship without that disorder which had hitherto been manifested in many of the public meetings of the church in Upper Great George Street.

It was therefore unanimously resolved that we withdraw fellowship from the disturbing element there, so that we, henceforth, may have the opportunity of worshipping our Heavenly Father in spirit and in truth, and keeping the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

Acting on this resolution, arrangements have been made, and we are now, for the time being, worshipping in one of the halls of the Y. M. C. A. building. Our meetings are good, harmonious