

## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

## ST. JOHN ITEMS.

**COBURG St. Church.**—Lord's day services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sunday School at 2.15 P. M. Young People's Meeting, Tuesday evening at 8. General Prayer Meeting, Thursday evening at 8. Brethren visiting the city cordially welcomed. The Ladies' Sewing Society meets every Wednesday evening at 6.

Bro. T. H. Capp, who has been laboring for this church since July, 1880, was, at a meeting held on Thursday evening (Feb. 14), unanimously elected for another year. During that time sixty-one have been added to the church—thirty-six being by baptism. Many changes have also taken place—the removal of some of our faithful brethren by death—and the removal of others to the United States. The church has sustained a great loss by these changes. Those who have taken up their abode in Boston have taken letters from this church, and united with the church in that place.

The Ninth Anniversary of the Sunday-school was held on Wednesday evening, the 13th of February. The programme consisted of recitations, songs, readings and singing by the school. The teachers had prepared a bounteous repast for the children to which they did ample justice at the conclusion of the programme. The weather being very stormy prevented many from attending, and at the request of many of the friends it was again repeated. A collection for the benefit of the school was taken up on each occasion. W. A. B.

## MARCH QUARTERLY.

This meeting will be held with the church on Coburg street, St. John, N. B., the third Lord's Day, (16th) of the present month. A cordial invitation is extended to our friends, who will be gladly welcomed and entertained should they come to our meeting.

## LE TETE.

On Monday, the 11th inst., I was called upon to immerse a man and his wife. This woman has been sick for some months and was thus led to consider the subject that is so apt to be neglected by those who have the blessing of health. We had reading of the Scriptures, singing and prayer at the house, where also we took their confession, after which we repaired to the water. I first immersed the man, after which he assisted me to bear his companion into the water, where I immersed her. They then returned to their home rejoicing in the Lord. I am happy to state that our sick sister seems to be improving in health.

On the same evening I preached at L'Etang, and two persons made the good confession. One of these was immersed on Friday of that week; the other was hindered from coming. I preached on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in Pennfield to quite a number of attentive listeners, and on Thursday at Black's Harbor to a large congregation. Last Sunday evening our new house at Back Bay was filled to its utmost capacity.

J. A. GATES.

St. George, N. B., Feb. 23rd, 1884.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

## HALIFAX.

**EDITOR CHRISTIAN.**—Dear Bro.—The brethren throughout the Provinces may desire to know how the good work is progressing here in Halifax. I came here about two months ago, and have since been laboring with the few faithful ones who are striving to hold the fort here. There is much weeding and a great deal of fencing to be done

in this part of the Lord's vineyard. Much good seed too must, doubtlessly, fall by the wayside; still the sower must go forth as even the good soil will remain barren without the seed. We must sow unsparingly, and our hearts will often be gladdened and our eyes refreshed by seeing the green blades of promise springing up, and afterwards the ripening grain, giving tokens of a plentiful harvest.

We have preaching regularly on Lord's Days—11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Prayer meeting on Wednesday, 7.30 P. M. The prayer meetings are not as well attended as we could desire, but are always instructive and refreshing, full of christian sympathy and spiritual enjoyment.

T. F. DWYER.

P. S.—Our address is No. 203 Lockman Street, Halifax. T. F. D.  
Halifax, Feb. 12, 1884.

## DIGBY COUNTY.

Since my last we have to report a good meeting at Westport, with eight additions; six by baptism, and two took the hand of fellowship who had been previously baptized.

We were greatly assisted by Bro. H. Murray, who is always a welcome visitor among the brethren here.

Good congregations greeted our brother from night to night during his stay, notwithstanding the very unpleasant state of the weather and roads, the greater part of the time.

The preaching was earnest and faithful, and was listened to with deep interest; and besides the good results already realized, much good seed has been sown which will yet bear fruit.

The Church at Westport is now using the "Christian Hymnal Revised," which gives new life to our singing. We hope soon to introduce this excellent book in the congregation at Tiverton. The singing in both these churches is congregational, and conducted with considerable interest, adds much to the life and spirit of the worship.

The Westport brethren have adopted what is generally known as the envelope system, or weekly contribution for the support of the gospel, which bids fair to prove a success; and we hope has come to stay.

Taken altogether, the outlook for the prosperity of the cause of Christ on this island of the sea is very encouraging.

I am now engaged in a meeting with the Church at Tiverton, and hope, by the blessing of God, to be able to report success in my next.

Bro. Murray is now laboring at Brighton and other points on that side of St. Mary's Bay. This is his first visit in those parts, and we trust many will improve the opportunity of hearing the gospel in its ancient simplicity, as he is so well able to preach it.

Bro. Peter D. Nowlan is still teaching school and preaching. He preaches on Lord's Days at South and North Range. We trust this good brother will, in the near future, be fully into the work of the Master in preaching the Word of Life.

Just here I would say: Our greatest need now is men, good and true, to enter the field to gather the harvest already ripe for the gospel.

E. C. FORD.

February 22, 1884.

## NOTES FROM BRO. MURRAY.

The first night after we left Kempt, Queens Co., was spent with Brother and Sister Potter in Clemmnsport. We had a very pleasant time at their home. They know how to make you want to remain longer.

The next day we went to South Range, Digby County. We sent out an appointment for a meeting in the evening. Quite a number were present, which gave us quite an encouraging meeting.

From South Range we went on to "Digby Neck," waiting at Sister George McKay's for the coach. We reached Sandy Cove eleven o'clock at night. We made our home at Bro. and Sister Eldridge's.

The next day we finished our journey, reaching Bro. Ford's, at Westport, in time for a late dinner. We were in a good condition just then to realize the force of the common saying, "Better late than never."

Here we will pause to say a few things about Westport. As Bro. Ford will give the result of our meeting there we will only need to say that it was one of the most pleasant meetings of our memory. No troubles nor differences to settle. Unity and peace prevailed. The brethren, with few exceptions, were in their place and in the spirit of work. The signs of growth are plainly seen in Westport in both spiritual and temporal affairs. Their social meetings show a very pleasing and commendable growth. They have a fine Sunday-school, of which the Elder, Bro. John Peters, is the superintendent, the mention of which is to say, the school is well managed. One feature of the school was especially pleasing, i. e., the readiness and promptness of the scholars, young and old, in answering the general questions of the superintendent. I know some schools where little or no attention is given to this important part of the work. I must not forget to mention the preacher's home—a house lately built by the brethren—a model in its arrangement, pleasant in its situation, and commodious in all its departments. The Church in Westport has certainly got the lead of the churches in the Provinces in this work of providing a home for their preacher. Bro. and Sister Ford are now in a position to realize the success of their faithful labors, enjoying, as they do, a pleasant home and a united working church.

We regretted the absence from the meetings of our Bro. Bowers. We are glad to say, however, although not able to attend the meetings, he is still gradually improving in health, and we hope will soon be fully recovered. We are now in Tiverton, of which we will have something to say in our next. We will preach in Brighton Wednesday evening (D. V.).

H. MURRAY.

## P. E. ISLAND.

## LONGEVITY ON P. E. ISLAND.

There was a funeral on each of the four last days of January in a neighboring settlement. Two men and two women were buried. At their death the women were each 86 years. One man was 92 and the other 98.

A Mrs. McDonald lives at Souris aged 105. At last report she was in the habit of walking half a mile to church. In September last with a few friends we called to see Mrs. Graham, aged 107, near Alberton. Up till last spring she had kept about house doing light work. Since then she was confined to bed. Though her hearing was impaired it was not difficult to converse with her. Her mind seemed vigorous and sound, her memory excellent. It was quite interesting to hear her relate the incidents of her girlhood. There were scarcely any Protestant preachers then on the Island. Occasionally one came from Nova Scotia. She described their preaching and what the people said and did, when eagerly walking long journeys to hear them. She spoke of the kindness of friends and most emphatically did she talk of the Saviour's great love to her.—ED.

UNDER NOTES from Bro. Murray we find: "The church in Westport has certainly got the lead of the churches in the Provinces in the work of providing a home for their preacher."

Hold on, Bro. Murray. If you don't hear from some brother of Lot 48, P. E. I., we'll be surprised.