

ven, and their anchor cast within the veil. It is not alone by the number who enlist in Christ's service that we are to measure success; it is largely by the number who remain faithful to the end. Hence the importance of careful training for all who have recently become Christians. Here comes increased responsibility upon the preachers and older members of the churches. They should see that each one who has come into the fold be safely sheltered there, and be not allowed to go out, and especially not be driven out into the cold cheerless world again. Watch and pray.

News of the Churches.

St. JOHN, N. B.

The third annual meeting of the St. John branch of the Christian Endeavor union was held April 10 in Waterloo Street Free Baptist church.

In the absence of the president, Rev. H. W. Stewart, Rev. J. W. Clarke was elected to the chair. After routine, encouraging reports were read from representatives of the different societies in the city.

The following tabulated statement shows the general standing of all the societies in St. John:

Name of Society.	Active.	Associate.	Honorary.	Total.	Increase.
Germain St. Baptist.....	80	13	..	99	15
St. John Presbyterian.....	44	11	..	55	8
Union St. Congregational.....	35	18	..	53	2
Coburg St. Christian.....	84	17	3	104	23
Carleton Presbyterian.....	14	25	4	43	6
Reformed Presbyterian.....	16	15	3	34	3
Carleton Methodist.....	20	36	0	56	-8
Exmouth St. Methodist.....	85	0	0	85	10
Centenary Methodist.....	44	1	0	45	-52
Carmarthen St. Methodist.....	28	23	1	52	16
Carleton F. C. Baptist.....	38	49	4	91	1
Carleton Baptist.....	30	13	1	44	-29
St. John Presbyterian, jr.....	30	0	0	30	15
Waterloo St. F. C. Baptist.....	45	22	5	72	56
Main St. Baptist.....	45	15	0	60	60
Queen Square Methodist.....	34	2	4	40	50
St. Stephen's Presbyterian.....	36	45	0	81	81
Brussels St. Baptist.....	45	25	0	70	70
Carleton Baptist, jr.....	25	17	0	52	42
Fairville Baptist.....	23	9	0	32	32
Fairville Methodist.....	20	30	0	50	50

C. J. Morrison, secretary of the union, submitted his annual report, of which the following is a synopsis: At the annual meeting held last year in Centenary church reports were received from 13 societies, showing a membership of 460 active, 299 associate and 40 honorary, a total of 799. To-night we receive a report from 21 societies, two of which are missions, showing a membership of 827 active, 336 associate, 40 honorary, a total of 1,228. There has been an increase of 53 per cent. during the past year.

The maritime convention will be held this year in Moucton during the first week of August. The outlook for the St. John union is most favorable; the success of the past year has been very gratifying, but it is hoped that even a greater amount of success will be achieved this year.

The following are the names of the officers elected for the ensuing year: Rev. J. W. Clarke, president; J. W. Cassidy, vice president for the northern division of the city; W. O. Slipp, vice president for the west end, and Rev. James J. Gordon, vice president for the north end; C. J. Morrison, secretary; D. Hunt, treasurer.

A vote of thanks was tendered those persons who held office last year.—Sun.

The following report from the Coburg Street Society was read at the above meeting:—

St. JOHN, N. B., April 10, 1894.

To the Local Union of Christian Endeavor:

The Y. P. S. C. E. of Coburg Street Christian Church begs leave to submit the following report:

Since our last annual report we have increased our membership by the addition of two honorary, twenty-six active, and one associate members (two changing from associate to active membership).

Our enrolment now stands:

Honorary.....	3
Active.....	84
Associate.....	17

Total..... 104

We have nine committees, viz., Lookout, Prayer Meeting, Social, Sunday School, Sick Visiting, Calling, Music, Missionary and Tract.

The prayer meeting committee procured topic cards for the year, and appointed leaders for each meeting, having such appointment announced from the pulpit the Sunday previous.

The social committee fulfilled its work in introducing strangers to our members and officers.

The Sunday school committee secured upwards of fifteen scholars between our own Sunday school and the North End Mission Sunday school. Our North End Mission Sunday school enrolment (which numbered about sixty at our last annual report) now numbers one hundred and seventy-one. This committee visit those who are irregular in their attendance. They also have frequent black board lessons on temperance and missionary work.

The sick visiting committee report having made 393 calls in the past year; twenty-five of these were to the hospital. They have distributed flowers, fruit and delicacies; written letters for the sick and have taken several convalescents for short drives. At Christmas, cards and Christmas baskets were distributed among sick children.

The calling committee made a special point of calling on those who habitually attend our church, but are not church members. We think much good for the cause of Christ can be done in this line. In the past year 554 calls were made by this committee.

The music committee's work is to lead in the singing, and help in practising new hymns. We intend holding a fifteen minutes service of song before the opening of the meetings in the future.

The missionary committee helped both our Home and Foreign Missions. They hold monthly missionary concerts the second Sunday in each month, at which an average collection of \$3, for the support of our missionary in Japan, is taken up. This committee also distributes missionary literature in our own city and to different Mission Bands in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

The tract committee distributed tracts among both the church members and those who are not Christians. Some were also sent to Keswick, New Brunswick, by our pastor; and religious papers were given away as well.

Submitted in C. E.,

R. A. JOHNSTON, JR.,
Secretary.

The following officers were elected at the last meeting: President, Byron Lingley; Vice-President, Ada Emery; Treasurer, Oscar Dinmore; Secretary, Lily Fenwick; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. A. Morrison.

Bro. Stewart has resumed the Wednesday night's preaching at Silver Falls, and the Monday night's at Portland.

April 9th, the attendance at both Sunday schools was the largest yet, 159 at Coburg street and 171 at Portland.

During this month twenty-seven have been received into the church and two baptized who will be taken in next Lord's day. Twenty-three of these came forward in Bro. Lhamon meetings. One other came, but has not yet been baptized. The following from the St. John Globe in reference to Bro. Lhamon and the meeting is most appropriate.

Rev. J. H. Lhamon, who has been holding special meetings in the Coburg street Christian church, left this morning on the Monticello for Nova Scotia. To-morrow evening he is to begin a meeting in Milton, Queens County. His labors in St. John were very successful, not only when measured by the large number brought into the church, but also by the increased earnestness and consecration of those already members. Mr. Lhamon proved himself to be a scholarly gentleman and an eloquent preacher. His reputation in other parts was fully sustained here, and those who heard him are not surprised that articles from his pen appear in such magazines as the *Andover Review* and *Joseph Cook's Our Day*. A young man yet—on the sunny side of forty—his friends confidently ex-

pect to see him occupy a prominent place among the leaders of religious thought in the church of which he is a member. From Milton he goes to Toronto, having entered into a five-year engagement with the Cecil street Christian church in that city. It is to be hoped that during his vacation he may be able to spend some weeks in St. John. The many friends whom he has made among our citizens will gladly welcome him.

Our women's aid society gave \$75 to help support the meeting.

Twice since Bro. Lhamon was here has the church been so crowded that people have gone away. Two things are whispered—enlarge the house or divide the church. Some think Portland is large enough for another congregation. We have found room for a fine Sunday School over there and why not a church.

HALIFAX, N. S.

Since my last report from here we have seen much cause for encouragement, our congregations have steadily increased both in numbers and interest. Last Lord's day there were six added to the church, four by baptism, one reclaimed, and one from the Free Baptist. The brethren are greatly encouraged, and very hopeful. Just at the present time we are in the midst of the meetings being conducted by B. Fay Mills. The Christian church is being benefited by these meetings because we are taking advantage of the religious interest awakened, and are encouraging those in whom we are interested to attend them, and at the same time we are trying to instruct them "in the way of the Lord more perfectly." The preaching of Mr. Mills, for the greater part, is good as far as it goes. As some have said, "if he would add the second chapter of Acts, he would be a Disciple." But there are some things besides the conditions of salvation that the Disciples cannot endorse. But there is so much that is good, and his preaching is such an improvement on the theology of the day, that I am very thankful that he came to this city. He does not profess to bring people into the churches, but he does try to lead men to decide for Christ, and plainly teaches them that this means to obey Him in all things. He gives no word of encouragement for those who say they will accept Christ, and go no further. But he leaves it for the several preachers to show those who have decided for Christ what the Lord would have them to do. If the teaching on this point could be as near the truth as that of Mr. Mills as far as he goes, much more good would be done than we can now reasonably expect. But we are spreading our sails to the religious breeze, and, by the blessing of God, hope to be much strengthened in the grand work in which we are engaged.

I want now to say a word in reference to the May collection. The appeal in the last CHRISTIAN was just what was needed, and should be repeated in the coming issue. Just now this is the one thing to which we should all turn our attention, and by word and deed try to get every one to contribute something to this fund. If any have failed to read what the last CHRISTIAN has said as to the assistance the American Board gave as in these provinces last year, and what they are still doing, let them be sure and read it now. All this they are doing on the conditions that the churches in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia take one collection a year in the interest of the general work. In the kingdom of God we know no material boundaries, and our strong brethren in the United States are willing to assist us in these provinces if we are willing to help ourselves. I do sincerely hope that every church in these provinces will take this collection, and every church will be ready to do so if the preachers will bring it before them and explain the matter to them. There are many Disciples who are greatly interested in the work who are so situated that they cannot meet with the congregations; and will not be able to take part in the collections. Let such