

John T. Rowe, the venerable editor of the *Christian Leader*, who has been quite ill for some months, writes in his paper: "Sunday afternoon, the 12th inst., Bro. A. McLean, corresponding secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society, and B. L. Smith, corresponding secretary of the General Home Missionary Society, came six miles to visit us in our misery; and this too, in view of the fact that we lash them every week in the *C. L.* This is the real spirit of Christ. It is easier to fight against argument, prejudice and perversions of the truth than against the Spirit of Christ."

From many references, in letters to the office editor, to the great loss the Coburg St. Church, and the churches generally, have lately suffered, the following by a former member, C. H. DeVoe, now pastor of the Christian Church, Richmond, Ind., is given: "With much sadness I read in last week's paper of the death of Bro. James E. Barnes. A great man has fallen in Israel, one whose wise head and loving heart will be ever missed by the churches of the Maritime provinces. Truly he was a pillar in the temple of our God. My mind runs back to the first days of my Christian life spent in and around the church on the hill, and I readily recall the blessed influence of Bro. and Sister Barnes, who now have both gone to the reward of the righteous. Those were happy days and I always recall them with pleasure."

Sister Flaglor in her foreign mission notes calls attention to a matter that should be considered. We have often thought that during our conventions the entertaining churches went to too much trouble in settling the question, "What shall we eat and what shall we drink?" And as it is the sisters who decide, they in the goodness of their hearts, and with a self-sacrificing spirit, stay at home making elaborate preparations while the visitors are enjoying and being benefited by the meetings. And it follows in consequence that the church which should be most helped by our annual gathering, misses much of the blessing that would come to it if the sisters in larger numbers could attend the meetings. We will give them a motto: Plain living for the visitors, and a larger attendance of the entertaining sisters.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

Bro. C. H. Buchanan left on the 8th September for Lexington, Ky., where he will take a theological course in the College of the Bible.

Bro. Geo. F. Barnes has been appointed superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Bro. Baker, of P. E. Island, worshipped with us on Lord's day, September 12th.

Our beloved pastor, Henry W. Stewart, has returned from his vacation and preached at both services Lord's day, 19th.

Sister James Prince, who has been visiting Mrs. Saunders, of Lynn, Mass., returned home on the 14th.

Bro. Thoma. Lambert, of Deer Island, was at prayer-meeting Thursday evening, Sept 23rd.

Bro. James Prince, of Bridgewater, N. S., worshipped with us on Lord's day, September 19th.

Sister Kimball, of Brooklyn, N. Y., worshipped with us on Lord's day, September 20th.

At a special meeting of the church, held on Thursday evening, September 9th (after the prayer-meeting), the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, in his infinite wisdom, to call from this earthly abode, to dwell with him forever, our dearly beloved brother, James E. Barnes, so long associated with this church as Elder, we cannot but feel the loss with which we have met, and words can but feebly express our feeling in losing so kind and beloved a brother. We shall miss him in every phase of Christian work, as he was ever found in his place, giving us wise counsel and words of encouragement, that should now, as he has gone, incite us to more activity and zeal in our Master's work. His exemplary life, coupled with his great liberality, will still live as a perpetual monument to his memory, and we can truly believe and say that "he fought a good fight, he finished his course, and he kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, bestows on all those that love his appearing."

To his sorrowing family, with whom we feel associated in a common loss, we desire to extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolence, with the assurance that a loving memory for his Christian character, and his many kind acts, shall ever rest uppermost in our hearts, and inspire us to greater zeal and more loving service for the Master.

Resolved, That this be entered on the minutes of the church and a copy be sent to the family of our deceased brother.

By order of the church,

W. A. BARNES, *Secretary*.

MAIN STREET.

A Junior Ladies' Aid Society was organized on Monday evening, September 13th, with the following officers: President, Miss May Hurd; Vice-President, Miss Maggie Roberts; Secretary, Miss Louise Whelpley; Treasurer, Miss Ethel Kincaid.

Bro. Frank Erb left on Wednesday, 29th, for Fredericton, where he will take the arts course in the university.

Sister Ray Currie, who has been spending a few weeks at her home in this city, returned to Boston on Wednesday, 22nd.

MILTON, N. S.

We are still on the move. Our prayer-meetings were never better, in fact never so good. We are now repairing and remodelling our church house.

We have our young Bro. Frank Ford with us now. He preached for us Sunday evening to a large congregation, and also at Summerville on Tuesday evening to a full house. All hands are much pleased with him and his preaching. He goes to Kempt for a few weeks. We hope to keep him in the county—for a while at least. We will consider ourselves very fortunate if we can secure his service in this county.

The demand for efficient young preachers is so great that our prospect for retaining Bro. Ford in this county is doubtful as soon as he is known.

We wish to express just here, in behalf of the Milton church, our profound grief in the loss of our departed Bro. Barnes, and to offer our tribute of respect and appreciation to his noble, devoted, consecrated life. We shall always remember his genial, pleasant way, even when walking in the shadow of the grave. We can never forget his work of faith and labor of love that have been such a blessing to us and to the cause we love, and we dare not regret his departure that is such an unspeakable blessing to him now. While we feel so keenly the loss of his presence, we rejoice to know that his profitable life can never find a grave. Eternity alone can reveal the great blessing his counsel and substantial aid has been to the cause of Christ in these provinces. May his departure be a voice to us all from our Heavenly Father calling us to a more devoted life and into a closer fellowship and sweeter communion with him.

H. MURRAY.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

We were favored with a visit from my father and mother recently. Both churches were visited, and had the privilege of listening to sermons by my father.

Mrs. Bolton and I accompanied them to the annual meeting at Deer Island, after which they returned to their home in Everett, Mass. Mrs. Bolton and I went to Maine for a few weeks' visit with relatives. We enjoyed our visit and rest very much. Since our return we have been quite busy. The church work is going on as usual, with nothing special to report.

Miss Carrie Payson has gone away on a visit for a few weeks.

J. W. BOLTON.

HALIFAX, N. S.

We have had one addition to the North Street Christian Church within a few days. The brother comes to us from the Free-will Baptists, and is a fine help, in our prayer-meetings especially.

A number of our young people, by request, recently aided in an entertaining meeting in St. Paul's Episcopal Mission. This mission, to the neglected and depraved of our city, is filling a great need.

Our officers elect in the Y. P. S. C. E. for the next six months are: President, Miss Gertie Wallace; Vice-president, Mr. F. Roome; Recording Secretary, Mr. Lloyd Ibson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Bessie Roome; Treasurer, Miss Stella Wallace.

Our junior Y. P. S. C. E.'s will observe their first anniversary the second week of October. Invitations will be extended to the juniors of Charles Street Methodist Church, North Park Street Presbyterian and the North Baptist juniors. Addresses, recitations, music and light refreshments will be the order of exercises.

Let no reader of these lines, who may have received a circular sent by the pastor of the North Street Christian Church of Halifax, neglect it. We intend to push, persevere in, and, if it becomes necessary, protract this effort. If you neglect us, we will jog your memory again in the near future.

During the month of September quite a number of our members have been absent from the city on brief vacations, and yet our services have been comparatively well attended. There is a constant increase of strangers at our evening service.

The thirteenth provincial convention of the Nova Scotia Sunday-school Association, a gathering of the Sunday-school workers of the province, will be held in Halifax on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 11th, 12th and 13th of October. Since the organization of this association in 1885, the Sunday-school work of this province has made great progress both in methods and development. The association is undenominational, or perhaps better, interdenominational, and has a fine field-secretary constantly travelling in the person of that veteran Sunday-school worker, Mr. John Grierson, of this city.

The meetings at Elmsdale are well attended, but the brethren there are anxious to have more preaching, and have earnestly requested the writer to visit them more often. Enfield, the next station Halifax-ward from Elmsdale, is asking for preaching also. A full Lord's day each month could be most profitably spent between these points. The prevailing "faiths" in these localities are Roman Catholic and Presbyterian, but we have an excellent hearing, and some of the very best people of the community attend our services with great regularity.

One church, with an up-to-date pastor, and with a small, but true-hearted membership, has already given us a tangible response to our circular letter. A few such answers, and there would be lost to our "annual," at least one cause, for much "spouting." Other churches and brethren are promising us. Remember, beloved, we take notes, and have an excellent memory. We cannot forget you.

T. H. BLENNIS.