

## News of the Churches.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

## CORNWALLIS.

The Quarterly Meeting was held with the church in Cornwallis according to appointment, and was voted a success. There were visitors from Halifax, Newport and Digby Co. The preaching brethren present were: H. Murray, from Milton, Queens Co., N. S., and W. Harding, now of Newport, Hants Co., and the writer. The meeting began Saturday, June 23rd, with an interesting social meeting. On Lord's day morning, Bro. H. Murray spoke to a good congregation, and was listened to with marked attention. After the sermon we attended to the breaking of the loaf. This part of the service was presided over by Bro. H. Carson, of Halifax, and by the solemn and dignified manner in which he conducted this service was made very impressive. The meeting in the afternoon was conducted by Bro. H. Harding, of Newport, and was very interesting. It is seldom we have the privilege of attending a more interesting and profitable social meeting. At the same hour Bro. Murray was preaching to a good congregation at Steam Mill Village, one of my regular preaching stations.

At the evening service we had a crowded house, when Bro. Murray again spoke the word of life. To those who know Bro. Murray, it would be useless to say the preaching was good. Simply to state the fact that Bro. H. Murray did the preaching, is as much as to say the preaching was well done. I have heard many speak very highly of Bro. Murray's preaching since we left, and expressing an earnest desire to have him visit us again.

Thus our Quarterly meeting was practically brought to a close; for though we had appointments out for these meetings on Monday, the rain fell in such torrents that it was quite out of the question here in the country, where the people have miles to go in order to attend meetings, to continue the meetings. Bro. Murray remained with us over another Lord's day, and preached some five times; but the weather was so stormy that our meetings were too broken to do the good we had hoped to do. One young man made the confession the last night of the meeting, and was baptized the Lord's day following.

Such was the interest in this meeting, that we have no doubt there would have been much more done could we have been favored with fine weather. As it is, we thank God for the pleasant meeting we were permitted to enjoy, and for the privilege of meeting so many whom we love in the truth. We were particularly pleased to have with us Mrs. Ford's two sisters, Sister Gates and Sister Payson.

Our good Bro. and Sister Ellis Ford, too, cheered us by their presence. How glad we were to hear the voice of Bro. Ford as in days gone by. He is one of the true men of God. Wherever he is, his voice is raised for truth and righteousness.

Bro. H. Cooke, of Halifax, too, did the meeting good service. The brethren were much pleased with Bro. Cooke. We believe Bro. Cooke has almost, if not altogether, decided to devote his life to the work of the ministry. He is now following a course of study to this end. I know of no young man who, as it appears to me, is better fitted either by nature or grace for such a work. I do pray that our dear Bro. may be able to continue his course of studies, and will in the near future see his way clear to go out and preach that gospel he so dearly loves. I believe we will not make a mistake in Bro. Cooke.

Bro. W. Harding's work in Newport was highly spoken of by the brethren from there. I must not forget to say that Newport favored us with a good delegation of good brothers and sisters.

There were present with us from there Bro. Benj. Vaughan and daughter, Bro. and Sister F. Stevens, Sister Tillie Stevens, and Bro. Harding. And besides those I have named, Bro. and Sister Carson did much to encourage in the work. But my letter is growing too long and I must stop.

But I must mention one more fact which has given me great pleasure. We have just been favored with a visit from my dear Bro. B. B. Tyler, and I have no words to express the pleasure this visit has given me. Twenty years ago Bro. Tyler was with me here in Cornwallis and began a grand meeting. I say began, for that meeting was never finished. As my memory now serves me there were some eight or ten confessions the last day of the meeting and the interest just fairly worked up. Then I enjoyed another happy season in a very successful meeting with Bro. Tyler, at Montague, P. E. I., some seventeen years ago. Now to have this Bro. whom I have never ceased to love, come to my own house with his dear wife and daughter, and give me the privilege of helping them enjoy a few days in this country, is a pleasure I cannot express.

Bro. Tyler came up from Halifax last Monday, and remained with us till Wednesday evening, when he with his very pleasant company returned to Halifax. He preached for us here at Port Williams on Monday evening to a full house, and again on Tuesday evening at Kentville, in the Baptist meeting house. Both of these sermons were listened to with deep interest, and were very highly spoken of by all. I have never heard better preaching. If there is anything unsound in the preaching of B. B. Tyler, I am not able to detect it.

The meeting at Port Williams was held in the Baptist meeting house, it being larger and more convenient than our house. Words of truth were spoken in those two sermons that will not be forgotten by the hearers. E. C. FORD.

Port Williams, July 26, 1886.

## NEWPORT.

At my present writing, I am still at the above named place. I have been here longer than I expected to be. The brethren here are anxious for me to remain during the summer, but I have not yet decided to do so. The church here needs some one to labor with them right along. The meetings at the different places are very well attended, and I hope that some seed has been sown on good ground, and that, like the bread cast upon the waters, it will be gathered after many days. We have again been reminded of the uncertainty of life by the removal by death of one of our members. One of our sisters, the daughter of Bro. John Greno, having been called away just as she was budding into womanhood. And we can only repeat the words of Solomon to every young man and woman who can read and hear. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

The past month has been a busy one for me; it was my good fortune to be present at the Quarterly meeting in Cornwallis. Owing to the very unfavorable weather the meetings were not as successful as it was hoped they would have been. Through the kindness of Bro. J. B. Wallace in filling my appointments at Newport, I enjoyed a visit to the church at West Gore, spending one Lord's day there. I there met with some brethren that I had often heard tell of, and I can only say that my expectations were fully realized. My visit, though short, was made very pleasant by the warmhearted welcome I received, and I hope that I will have the privilege of again visiting those brethren ere long. On the same Lord's day I visited Upper Rawden in the afternoon. The church here is small, and they have very many difficulties to contend with; but I was pleased to meet with them. The next week I paid a flying visit to Halifax, and had the pleasure of hearing Bro. Tyler; but enough for the present. W. HARDING.

## SUMMERTON, QUEENS CO.

The new church house of the Christian Church at Summerville was opened for divine worship last Sunday, the 15th inst. The house is a neatly finished little building, seating, when the pews are all in, about 175, which is sufficient to accommodate the people on ordinary occasions. Sunday, the building was crowded—at least 200 inside beside many outside. The interior is finished in ash by Mr. Boucher; the exterior was completed by Mr. Jeffrey Thomson. Great credit is due to the yet small church at Summerville and Port Mouton for their zeal in the cause. The friends of other churches have been kind and liberal in assisting the work on the new house, and with whom they hold kindly and friendly relations. T. S. K. Freeman, of Milton, and a student of Bethany College, conducted the preliminary exercises. The opening sermon was delivered by H. Murray, of Milton. His subject was the "Mission of the Church," showing the mission of Christ was identical with the mission of the church. To be identified with Christ we are necessarily identified with His church.

1. The name of the church must be the same as Christ, hence "The Church of Christ" or the "Christian Church."

2. The creed of the church must be "The Christ."

3. The rule and guide of the church must be the word of Christ—"The Book"—nothing more, nothing less.

4. The door of the church must be "The Christ." "I am the door," says the Saviour.

5. The example is the life of Christ. "Follow me" is our instruction. Thus in exalting the church we are exalting Christ above all party and all human creeds. To be one with Christ we are to be one with the church, and must therefore be one with all who belong to Christ, as it is impossible for a number to hold its union with the head and not with the members of the body. Herein is seen the fact that the conditions or terms of salvation are identical with the terms of Christian fellowship which practically illustrates the only ground of Christian union.

After the sermon the Lord's supper was attended to, Elders Allen Minard and Jabez Freeman from Milton officiating, Richard Husking and Reuben Leslie of Summerville passing the emblems. —Selected.

## P. E. ISLAND.

## CHARLOTTETOWN.

Our work here in the city has been continued, apparently with unabated interest. On every hand the indications are favorable for the upbuilding of the Church, and with persistent effort success is sure. Since I came thirteen have united with this congregation. One of the number I baptized united with the New Glasgow Church, and one more was baptized last evening. Two others also have made the good confession, and are yet to be baptized, making seventeen in all. In canvassing the city two more have just given me their names who have been baptized with pledges to assist in the upbuilding of the Christian Church in Charlottetown. We are intending to put forth an effort to gather in all who have formerly been members of this congregation.

Our church was closed Lord's day, July 8th, in order to attend the Annual Association in Montague. In regard to this meeting an extended report will doubtless be furnished by another pen, so that I will not speak particularly. However, I must not fail to congratulate the Church in Montague with their beautiful house of worship. My house was principally with Bro. James McLauren, one of the deacons of the Church, and one of the best of men. I shall not soon forget his kindness