

fested on the part of the brethren to make the meeting in keeping with the spirit of Christianity. I voice the sentiment of the meeting when I say, the prospects of success were never more encouraging. I am aware that talk and plans will not build up the cause of Christ, but those who were at our Annual are well convinced of the fact that we have workers among us with live hearts and pure hands, whose watchword is "deeds, not words," and who understand that "eternal vigilance is the price of success," and who intend, by the grace of God, to embrace the favorable opportunities for presenting the claims of Christ. The fact is apparent to every careful observer that there is a tide in our Mission work now, if taken at the flood, will lead on to the grandest results.

H. MURRAY.

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 meet every Wednesday evening at 6.

Have just had a new furnace placed in our Meeting House; also have had our S. S. room painted and renovated.

The Ladies' Sewing Society donated \$100 towards paying for our new furnace.

Three have been united with the Church since the Annual.

PERSONAL.—We have just enjoyed a visit from Bro. Harry Hamilton, of Keswick, N. B.

Bro. Capp has just returned from his Nova Scotia visit. He is now visiting P. E. Island.

Bro. John F. Baker passed through our city en route to his home in P. E. I.

Sister Emma Christie is visiting friends at Saco, Me.

We regret to hear that Sister Boone, wife of Elder Henry Boone, lies dangerously ill at her home, Keswick, N. B.

G. F. B.

DEER ISLAND.

MR. EDITOR.—It may be that many of our friends and your readers know comparatively little about this little Island where our lot is cast, for the time being. It is about nine miles long and three wide, with a population of, probably, three thousand.

I know of no place where the people are more intelligent, industrious and enterprising than this, as far as opportunity will allow. Education is highly prized by the inhabitants, who spare neither trouble nor expense in trying to keep good schools and competent teachers.

The chief business of the Island is fishing, which, like that of "Demetrius and the craftsmen," brings wealth to many, while more are under the pressure of pinching poverty. But, while all are diligent in business, many are, also, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

There are two congregations of Disciples of Christ here. I do not mean to say, or imply, that there are none others who are religious and who love the Lord Jesus Christ; but I do mean to say, that those congregations claim to be Disciples of Christ, and, *religiously*, claim to be nothing else. They are endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," and to continue in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers. There has been a time when there was a little carelessness and indifference, partly owing to some of the officers of

the churches having been removed by death, and the brethren thinking all was right enough, failed to fill the places thus vacated; so, for a time, the care and watchfulness necessary to the well-being of a church were wanting, and, to a certain extent, the perfect order and harmony indispensable to growth in grace were not to be found. But now the things which were wanting are being set in order, and the Lord's work goes on more steadily.

The Church at Leonardsville has been laboring under difficulties in not having a suitable place of worship. For years they have met regularly in a Hall over the school-room; but now they have erected a new house, and it is being hastened on to completion, and we hope it will be ready for occupancy in the latter part of December. The brethren at Leonardsville deserve praise for the industry, perseverance and liberality which they have manifested in preparing this new building for their future accommodation, in their efforts to build themselves up in the faith, and extend the invitations of the Gospel to others. Their meetings are interesting and profitable. Bro. Geo. Leonard, one of the Elders, has stood the test in storm and sunshine, and he is now reaping some of the rewards of his "labor and patience" in seeing the prosperity of the cause under his care. He has some very efficient co-workers, whose names I might mention with honor, but will leave that for the present. The Sunday School is also prospering under the care of its untiring Superintendent, Geo. F. Leonard, to whom it is probably indebted for continued existence. He is now seconded by an able staff of officers and teachers. The pupils number one hundred and twenty-eight, and, with continued effort in the future, as in the immediate past, under the Divine blessing, success is assured.

The Church at Lord's Cove is also growing in ability to carry on the great work which is committed to it in the community where it is situated. Now, being supplied with efficient officers, the meetings are conducted properly, whether the preacher is present or absent. This is a great improvement over some of the time past. There are many noble brethren here, but having acted on the old proverb, "What is everybody's business is nobody's business," persons who were competent failed to come to the front, or to take a leading position; but now that the officers are duly chosen, and clothed with authority, they move forward, because they understand they have a right to do so. The two Elders and five Deacons chosen by the Church are working harmoniously for the advancement of the cause at home and elsewhere.

The Sunday School has not been so zealously sustained here as at some places, but it is being carried on under the superintendence of Bro. D. F. Lambert, who is true to the cause and growing rapidly in working ability. He is now sustained in the work by a number of willing helpers, but there is room for more. I pray the Lord of the harvest for laborers.

The brethren have made arrangements for the erection of a new house in which to worship, and the foundation is now being laid. The old house, where they have been meeting for over a quarter of a century, is too small for their present requirements, and the new building will be much larger and more convenient and suitable. The drawings were prepared by the late D. E. Dunham, Architect, St. John, and appear to give general satisfaction. May the Disciples of Christ on this little Island be faithful and zealous in every good word and work.

O. B. EMERY.

WE HAVE just received a note from Bro. J. A. Gates (Oct. 26), giving us the cheering intelligence that his health has so much improved that he expects to resume his labors in Back Bay and the surrounding country very shortly.

NOVA SCOTIA.

THE CHURCH in Halifax is without a preacher.

BRO. FORD expects to spend the month of November in Cornwallis, N. S.

OUR READERS will be glad to learn that our highly esteemed brother, Dr. Lewis Minard, is very much improved in health.

SISTER ORVIS, wife of Bro. E. E. Orvis, with her daughter, has been spending a portion of the summer with her parents at Newport, Hants Co., Nova Scotia, returning to the States via St. John, spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Franklin Barnes.

WE CLIP the following from the *Christian Standard* (Oct. 20):

"For the information of many interested and cherished friends in New England and Nova Scotia, I wish to state that I returned to Cleveland Saturday evening, 6th inst., thus completing a delightful trip of about 2,300 miles without accident or mishap of any kind. By request I shall give a brief outline of incidents, facts and impressions, connected with the cause in the East, at the earliest opportunity.

J. B. KNOWLES.

A FEW days spent in Nova Scotia, visiting the brethren in the interest of the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Mission Board, the following amounts were received:

From Church collect., Oct. 14, Cornwallis,	\$3 00
Bro. D. McLean, Cornwallis,.....	5 00
" Webster, ".....	2 00
" LeCain, ".....	5 00
" Levi Clarke, ".....	5 00
" W. Jackson, ".....	5 00
Sister C. Woodworth ".....	5 00
" B. Wood, ".....	1 00
" Webster, ".....	5 00
" Huldah Reid, ".....	5 00
" Wisdom, Halifax,.....	1 00
Bro. L. Minard, Newport,.....	7 00
Church collection, West Gore,.....	7 35
John Custone, West Gore,.....	25
Bro. G. Wagoner, Woodville,.....	2 00
" S. Steele, Southville,.....	5 00
Collection, Southville,.....	2 05
Bro. G. Leonard, Deer Island, N.B.,	5 00

It is but just to state that the parties here mentioned, with but one or two exceptions, have promised to double and treble the amounts paid, so that what they and some others have promised will amount to \$270.00 and over.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

At the Yearly Meeting held with the Church at Montague, in July last, it was resolved to raise a fund to support a man for one year in preaching the gospel on this Island. The brethren generally favor the movement, and the subscriptions are so encouraging that a suitable sum is offered for an efficient evangelist, and correspondence is in progress to obtain one.

BRO. R. W. STEVENSON is about leaving the Island for a warmer clime, in the hope that Sister Stevenson's health will be thereby improved. The four years he has spent on this his native Isle (being his first field after he graduated), have established his reputation as a true Christian and an efficient and able preacher. Should the health of his beloved partner permit him at no distant day to resume his labors there, no man would receive a more joyous welcome by the brethren in general and by very many of the people who esteem him highly.

Brethren, should you have any items of interest in connection with the churches in your own localities, the Editor will be grateful if you send them along.