

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

The Sunday-school anniversary was held on Tuesday evening, February 8th. Owing to the very stormy day the attendance was not as large as other years. There was a good programme carried out by the children, and also a reading by Miss Mabel Boyne. There were refreshments provided for the children.

Bro Barry Allan, after an absence of some weeks at Pictou, returned home on the 14th.

Our special meetings are now in progress, having begun on Feb. 20th. Bro. Stewart preaches every evening. Bro. Appel leads the devotional exercises which precedes the preaching service.

A Missionary Rally was held in the school room on Monday evening, Feb. 14th. The addresses and speeches were calculated to stimulate all who are interested in the work of missions. The following is the programme:

Hymn No. 237, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."
 Scripture Lesson—Psalm 62, and Acts 1: 8.
 Prayer of Thanksgiving for past mercies, Mr. A. Barnes.
 Hymn No. 190, "Joy to the World."
 Introductory address by the Chairman, Miss Mabel Boyne—"The object of the Rally is to impart information, and not to raise money. The people must know before they will feel or give."
 Talk on the Wide Awake Mission Band, Miss A. E. Emery.
 Talk on the C. W. B. M., Home and Foreign—Mrs. I. Morton (Foreign); Mrs. L. A. Miles (Home).
 Talk on the Mission Band of Coburg street C. C., Mr. L. A. Miles.
 Prayer—For blessings upon the Missionaries, Mr. O. B. Stockford.
 Solo, Miss Florrie Thomas.
 Address—1, The World's Need of the Gospel; 2, Salvation Only Through Christ.—H. W. Stewart.
 Solo, Mr. J. B. Allan.
 Short Addresses—
 History of Foreign Society, Miss A. Edmonds.
 The work in India, Mrs. J. E. Edwards.
 The work in Japan, Miss Emma Lynn.
 The work in China, Miss E. Hoyt.
 The work in Turkey, Miss N. Johnston.
 Africa, Mrs. Dixon.
 Scandinavia and Eng'land, Mr. J. H. Johnston.
 Address—Home Missions, Mr. J. S. Flaylor.
 Hymn No. 27, "Far, far away; In Heathen Darkness Dwelling."
 Hymn No. 417, "Ho! Reapers of Life's Harvest."
 Prayer—For larger gatherings in the present year; and Benediction.—Mr. H. W. Stewart.

Bro. Barry Allan has accepted a lucrative position at Springhill, N. S. and left for that place on Saturday, Feb. 26th. While we all wish him prosperity, yet he will be very much missed from all our meetings and from both Sunday-schools.

Bro. Chas Leonard passed away suddenly on Lord's day morning (20th). He had been sick for some time, and for the past few months was unable to come to the house of the Lord. He was always interested in the cause and gave largely for its support. This is another great loss to the church.
 W. A. B.

MAIN STREET.

During last month we have had one addition. We are very sorry to lose Bro J. Barry Allan, who has been secretary of our Sunday-school since its organization. He left for Springhill, N. S., on Saturday, Feb. 26th.

The Sunday-school anniversary was held on Tuesday evening, Feb 15th. Refreshments were provided by the teachers and members of the church, to which ample justice was done; after which a very interesting programme was carried out by the school,

On Friday evening (25) an excellent concert, with a special feature entitled a Winter Port drill, was held in Union hall, north end, under the auspices of the young people of the Main Street Christian church. The attendance was large, and the programme, which was most successfully carried out, an excellent one: Selection, Temple of Honor Band, reading, Mr Salmon, vocal solo, Miss Florrie Thomas, reading, Miss Blossom Baird; vocal solo, H. Holder, reading, Mr Sullivan, vocal solo, J. Salmon, winter port drill, 16 young ladies, reading, A. W. Baird, duet, Messrs. Salmon and Holder, reading, Mrs. Gibson, vocal solo, Miss Thomas; reading, J. Barry Allan, Selection, Temple of Honor Band.—Sun.

TIVERTON, N. S.

On February 23rd quite a number of the members and friends of the Church in Tiverton, also some of the Baptist and Advent brethren, met at the home of Bro. Norman Robbins. The purpose of the gathering was made known to the pastor by Bro Alpheus Handspiker, who, in a few fitting words in behalf of the above mentioned friends, presented him with a donation amounting to \$32. Conspicuous among the presents was a fine tea-set and other dishes. The pastor responded in behalf of his companion and himself. The evening was pleasantly enjoyed by all. The sisters and friends of this church succeeded in raising over \$30 recently for church purposes.
 J. W. B.

HALIFAX, N. S.

We have commenced the use of the black-board in our ministrations in the North Street Church. Eyes and ears are both direct roads to the heart. The work is commended.

Our children's service last night was pronounced by very many as the best this church ever held. There was not a flaw nor a break in an "order of exercises" over 20 numbers long. We love these little ones. Lord help us to be more child-like.

We have one of the best Junior—mind you, I write Junior—Endeavor societies in Halifax. In size, average attendance, mental calibre, faithfulness, and good hard-headed common sense, the North Street Juniors stand A1.

The Salvation Army have what they call a "knee-drill." We rather like that. It is the drilling on the knees that makes steady, stalwart, sturdy and substantial Christians. Reader, how often on your knees? Oh for the Daniels three times a day upon their knees. What a refreshing thing it would be in an average modern prayer-meeting to hear a man get up and say, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

Bro McNeill, of Elmsdale, was the writer's guest, and worshipped with us Lord's day the 20th. The brethren at Elmsdale are a unit and are holding their services regularly. We had a fine audience on the occasion of our last monthly visit there.

A pathetic communication is before me, in which an intelligent Christian bewails the death of ministerial labor in one of the most beautiful portions of our province. And yet the field seems to be presumably pre-empted, so much so at least as to make it extremely dangerous to come even a squatter. One of our little junior men admirably recited last night, "Who will go, Who will go? It came to my mind as I read this letter.
 T. H. BLENUS.

PICTOU, N. S.

Closed a successful three weeks meeting February 1st, conducted by R. W. Stevenson, of P. E. I. Bro. Stevenson preached twenty-five excellent sermons, made a fine impression on the community, and we believe sowed much good seed.

During the meeting we put in a very fine baptistry, in which it was our privilege to bury five penitent believers with their Lord a baptist.

These are the first immersions that have taken place in this town for more than forty years, and I have learned of but two before in the history of the town.

J. Barry Allan, of St John, came to our assistance and stood by us till the meeting closed. His presence, influence, prayers and songs proved a most valuable aid.

Audiences were beyond our expectation. The house was often fairly well filled, on one occasion at least being so crowded that a number were unable to get admission.

Attendance at our regular meetings since has been encouraging, and prayer meetings very interesting. Last Wednesday we had twenty-seven present, eighteen of whom took part in the meeting. Pray for us.
 R. E. STEVENS.

During the month of January, assisted by J. Barry Allan as gospel singer, I was to Pictou, N. S., helping Bro. R. E. Stevens in a meeting. Knowing that the town is quite conservative, we had no plans for any length to stay, but purposed if we could not to secure a hearing to return by the end of the first week. But the attendance continued to increase and we were encouraged to stay for three weeks, with very good results—5 were baptized, and the prospects for others to do likewise are very bright.

Pictou is a hard place but not too hard for the old Jerusalem gospel. There is plenty of material there to work on if you can succeed in getting at them. Bro. R. E. Stevens and wife are showing admirable courage and most commendable consecration in staying by the work under the trying circumstances. Many would have become discouraged and given up the fight. But by holding on and working away they now begin to see the fruits of their labor in the Lord. But they have the very best kind of backing in Bro D Fullerton and family. These are pure gold—thoroughly consecrated to the work, God will surely bless the efforts these brethren are putting forth. If there is anything in faith and works they are going to succeed in building up the cause of Christ—(primitive Christianity)—in Pictou. The cause we have espoused is the greatest in the world. It is most surely the cause of Christ. The people are ready for the truth. They are wearied with sectarian strife. They fear God—many of them—and want to keep his commandments. God bless this worthy band. To help Pictou now will surely pay. Let us pray for them and help them in every way.
 R. W. STEVENSON.

DIGBY COUNTY, N. S.

We were much interested in reading Bro. J. S. Lamar's description of his "Sunday Bible School" in a late issue of the *Christian Standard*, as he conducts it on the very lines of our own little school here at South Range. One of our reasons for abandoning the international lessons was the same as stated by Bro Lamar; the scholars of a neighboring school who had gone over the same lesson in the morning came in to our school in the afternoon, so we struck out on the lines named by him.

Young men and maidens, old men and young children come to our school. Bro. Marshall opens with a hymn. Then the chapter is read by the whole school responsively, after which prayer is offered by one of the brethren. Then the whole school becomes one class, while the superintendent goes over the lesson, bringing out as many of its truths as possible, while questions are freely asked and as freely answered. At the close of the lesson as many stand up as have memorized a verse of scripture containing a word announced the week before and recite the same. In our last lesson the word kingdom was used and Master chosen for the next. Perhaps these might be called "golden texts," as they become of more value when implanted in the memory.

Circumstances have compelled us to stay over two or three Lord's days at Tiverton during the last six months. On some of these we listened to excellent sermons by Bro. Bolton, the present pastor, and otherwise enjoyed meeting with the dear old congregation where we spent nearly the whole of the first eight years of our ministry, and where we left two of our own darling children asleep in Pleasant Hill cemetery.

We had an appointment at Gulliver's Cove for Lord's day, Feb 13th, but owing to the impassable state of our roads did not get there. The brethren there with their friends lately raised \$15 10 on their church debt, which only leaves a balance due of about \$16. When this shall have been paid, two churches in this county will be free from debt, viz: South Range and Gulliver's Cove.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

Our work here is progressing favorably. Our Sunday-school and mission band are growing features. At our last general service one of our Sunday-school scholars confessed Christ, and will be baptized next Lord's day evening. By that time more are expected to follow.

Practice has commenced for the foreign mission rally, to take place the first Sunday in March. The mission Band also will have a concert the second Sunday in March in aid of Miss Rioch's work in Japan.
 H. E. C.

MONTAGUE, P. E. I.

As this appears to be a time for reporting donations and social gatherings, it becomes me also to recite the good things we have received. The brethren of the church at Montague, and some of their friends, made a visit to the parsonage on the 10th inst. and brought with them many expressions of their good will. I need not enter into details, but there was flour, butter, blankets, and feed for our horse, and a purse of money to our daughter Gertrude, a kindly recognition of her