

glad to extend the hand of fellowship to one who had crossed the great lakes and come over half the continent to engage in the work of the church. Springfield, he said, was a thriving young city and equal, in all that goes to make good society, to the best communities of the East.

In conclusion he assured the pastor that the people were not altogether uncivilized, and he would find no bears in the woods around here.

In response Mr. Capp replied that he at one time entertained great fears of bears — the four-legged ones, but later on learned that there was more to fear from some which possessed but two, but he was already well convinced that nothing of this kind would be found here.

But this was said in passing. He was conscious of being studied by his hearers, that they were weighing him, but also felt that his hearers would be with him to help in his work. He felt special gratification in the fact that the reception was under the auspices of the young people of the church. He came not so much to take care of the old members as the young. The old people would take care of themselves. He hoped, with their counsel and assistance, to be able to keep the young members at work in the right way, and through them to reach the world. He believed that the principal consideration in carrying on the Christian work was the proper presentation of the truth. This should not be done alone by preaching, but by labor at all times in the interest of religion. He expected to visit the members often, and be with them at all times and under all circumstances to promote their spiritual welfare.

Some interesting music was given, with piano accompaniment, and the evening closed with hard-shaking, sociability and a good supper. — *Springfield, Mo., Daily Democrat.*

HOW HER SCHOLARS WERE CONVERTED.

When I lived in Brooklyn I used to hear of a Sunday school teacher who was surprisingly successful in the conversion of her scholars. Class after class passed from beneath her hand to glad acceptance of the Lord Jesus and to union with this church. Finally she revealed the secret of her success. "I do not pray for my class in the mass," she said, "but always daily and also specifically one by one. I crave specific blessing on John or James or Jane, and that I may be helped in specific attempt to win each of them. I am also constant in my visitation of each of them; and in all the skilful ways I know I personally seek to bring each separate one to the Saviour." Is not her method evident enough and precisely the right method? Specific prayer and specific personal work! Can any Sunday school teacher strike a better method? The leaven in the meal imparts its quality to the particle next it; so, the whole mass will at last be leavened. Personal prayer for and personal work toward separate souls — no general praying or general enthusiasm can take the place of the heart to heart, hand to hand way of doing things. Let us be readier to attempt the winning of single souls to Jesus. — *Wayland Hoyt, D. D.*

HOME MISSION NOTES.

Sister Lamont says: "I always read with interest the monthly report in THE CHRISTIAN, and will do my best to swell the fund." We are pleased to receive such a liberal gift from Sister Lamont, and hope her good example will cause many others to give freely to this fund.

Halifax, Milton, Southville and Tiverton send good collections this month.

We would like to have all churches sent something next month. We can find use for all we can get. There are many places ripe for a harvest.

Bro. Applegate baptized one at Southville. The storms interfered with the meeting very much. He is now with the church in Halifax, and we hope to see a good work done there.

We are sorry to announce that after April Bro. Applegate will sever his engagement with the H. M. Board. We are trying to get another evangelist. The work must be kept up. The churches are eager for the work. We will put another man in the field as soon as possible.

RECEIPTS FOR MARCH.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$286 50
St. John—	
Y. P. Mission Band.....	00
Clifton, G. Co., N. B.—	
Miss S. M. Lamont.....	5 00
Halifax—	
Per Mrs. H. Carson.....	4 35
Southville—	
Per W. H. Applegate.....	3 00
Milton—	
Per Miss Freeman.....	5 00
Tiverton—	
Per E. A. Devos.....	5 00
St. John—	
Little Workers.....	40 00
Total.....	\$349 00

FROM LAST YEAR'S MINUTES.

Whereas, The census of the Maritime Provinces is to be taken before our next annual, and it being desirable that our number be correctly reported;

Therefore resolved, That every one present take an interest in this matter, and in their respective localities request our people and adherents (when called upon and asked by the census commissioner, What do you call yourself religiously?) to answer, A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST. And further, he count as such each member of the family — even though not members of the church — it being the desire of the authorities to learn the relative percentage of the people holding the different religious views.

J. E. BARNES,
Secretary.

News of the Churches.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN.

The "Little Workers" had a sale of fancy and useful articles on Friday, March 6th, and also a refreshment table at the home of Bertha Barnes. About \$40 was realized, which will be devoted to Home Missions. Even the smallest efforts of the children can help on the work of the Master.

Bro. Howard Murray, of Nova Scotia, has kindly consented to preach for the present, and entered upon his duties on the 8th of March.

The quarterly meeting commenced on the 15th of March. The meetings are interesting, and well attended, notwithstanding there are other revivals, and much sickness in the city. A half hour is devoted to social worship, and the other half hour a sermon by Bro. Murray. This is the second week and the meetings continue with unabated interest.

LETETE.

I began to think that I would have to leave here after preaching nearly five months without seeing one person submit to Christ. But two weeks ago I was called upon to baptize a young man who was sick, and last week two persons confessed Christ and obeyed Him. Last evening (March 22nd) a young man who has not been filling his place as a Christian, again took his position on the Lord's side. May God's blessing attend them.

J. A. GATES.

NOVA SCOTIA.

MILTON.

It was March third, in the evening, about 7 o'clock, if I mistake not, when there came a call at the door of the preacher, and then another and another, until the house was filled with brethren and friends, young and old. Judging from the looks of the preacher's wife, you would call it a surprise party. Looking at it in the light of the

pleasant, genial hour that was spent, you would call it a sociable, but taking a more substantial view of the affair, you would call it a veritable donation. Suffice it to say the preacher was left with a loaded table, a heavy pocket, and a light heart — about \$40.00 better off — and strange to state, but nevertheless true, his "better half" now wears a perpetual smile. I am pleased to record my hearty thanks for these tokens of substantial kindness. As it is more blessed to give than to receive, we feel it our duty to grant to our friends the privilege, at any time, of availing themselves of such a blessing.

H. M.

KEMPT.

The brethren here held a sociable the evening before the writer left them. The weather and the roads were very unfavorable; but notwithstanding this quite a number were present. A sumptuous tea was served for all, and \$19 collected towards paying the preacher for his three weeks' labor. We had a very pleasant sociable evening. We enjoyed the three weeks' labor with these brethren very much, and received a compensation for our labors. The help the home mission rendered this church has put them in a position now to help themselves. This is one case among the many where we can see the benefit of co-operation and organization. We hope the time may soon come when there will be a proper scriptural organization, when all our churches will be working together and enjoying a measure of prosperity.

H. M.

WOODVILLE.

We have been highly favored by a visit from our evangelist, Bro. Applegate. Things new and old were brought out of the "treasure store," and presented in a very practical manner. Truly we have had a "feast of fat things." Our hearts are encouraged to press forward and seek to save the lost. Present results: Two additions; one by baptism and one reclaimed. May the good seed sown be blessed by the Lord.

M. E. GATES.

Died.

RUGGLES. — At Westport, on the 26th February, after a lingering illness, Sister Sophia Ruggles, beloved wife of Bro. B. H. Ruggles, in the 76th year of her age. Sister Ruggles was much honored and respected in Westport. For many years a member of the Christian Church, her life was that of a devoted Christian. She died at a ripe old age strong in the faith once delivered to the saints. She has but stepped over the boundary of time to be with Christ, "which is far better." She leaves a large family to mourn the loss of a loving mother. They have our deepest sympathy and prayers in their sorrow. Though she has left us for a time, she still lives in the memory of many among whom she lived. Her noble Christian character and philanthropic deeds won the love and respect of all who knew her. We miss her much, but we shall meet again.

H. E. COOKE.

SILLERS. — Sister Mary Sillers fell asleep in Jesus on the 22nd of March, after a lingering illness, which she bore with Christian resignation and patience, aged 53 years. She united with the church at River John in early life, and lived a consistent and exemplary life during her pilgrimage here. The deceased was the daughter of the late Malcolm Sillers of Hodsou. She left a mother, two brothers and one sister to mourn their loss. Her end was peace.

CHAMBERS. — Brother Chambers, one of our elders in the church here, is again called to pass through deep waters of affliction. At Letete, St. George, March 17th, Lennie Levina, daughter of Jos. Chambers, passed away in the sixteenth year of her age. For one at her time of life she knew much of suffering; but we hope she is in Abraham's bosom, and will know no more of sorrow.

J. A. GATES.

SMITH. — At Tiverton, Digby Co., N. S., on the 11th March, after a long and painful illness, Sister Alice Smith, wife of Mr. Wellington Smith, in the 36th year of her age, leaving a husband and two sons to mourn their loss.

H. A. D.