

## Pictou, N. S.

Bro. J. A. L. Romig began his meeting here on Lord's day, March 4, and closed April 1, with these results: twenty-one baptisms out of twenty-eight confessions (seven being hindered by reason of pedo-baptist shepherds) and seven from other communions.

Our church, with forty-one members, was organized April 1st with the following officers: Elders, D. Fullerton, W. H. Allen, Deacons, Albert McKean, John D. Fullerton, John Carr, Jas. O'Hara; Clerk, E. Fullerton. On April 8th we organized a Sunday-school with forty-three members, and next Lord's day our young people's prayer-meeting begin operations at 6 p. m. One more year's labor in Pictou will bring yet greater results. May God in his wisdom see fit to establish the work permanently in Pictou.

Sunday services: Preaching, 11 a. m.; Sunday-school, 12.30 p. m.; Y.P.S.C.E., 6 p. m.; preaching, 7 p. m.; Wednesday evening prayer-meeting, 7.30 p. m. Seats free; all are welcome. Brethren, salute the George Street Christian Church of Pictou, N. S.

Bro. David Fullerton gave the church here its hall. The American Christian Missionary Society has enabled us to sustain preaching. We have just held a meeting with J. A. L. Romig. Bro. Fullerton's youngest son made the good confession, and now all his family are in the church. Surely his prayers and offerings have come up as a memorial before God. We are happy. We will take a liberal offering for A. C. M. S. work the first Lord's day in May.

W. H. ALLEN.

## SUMMERVILLE, N. S.

Monday, April 2nd, the writer commenced a meeting with the church here. The meetings continued for eight days, and was cause for joy; not only was the church benefited, but outsiders showed their interest by coming over bad roads and walking sometimes through rain, a distance some of them of three or four miles. One young lady made the confession and was baptized Monday evening, April 9th, and received the hand of fellowship the following evening. The church here deserves credit for the way they have kept together and conducted regularly the church services without the aid of a pastor. This church will be worked with Milton, and it is the prayer of the writer that the union may be a source of strength to Summerville, and a means used and owned of God in the salvation of many precious souls. Pray for the work here.

Your brother in Christ,

WILLIAM STIFF.

## MILTON, N. S.

It is but a short time that I have been with the church here, and yet in that short time the unwelcome visitor—death—has entered five homes, two of these belonging to members of the Christian church. The last to be taken by "the brother of sleep" was Sister Hope Kempton, who fell asleep in Jesus' arms, Wednesday, April 11. The life of our departed sister was one filled with love for Christ and his work, and she indeed inherited the blessing of the fifth commandment, her days being long in the land, for had she lived until the 13th of June she would have attained the full ripe age of ninety-four years. The funeral services were held in the home of the deceased's daughter, and were attended by a large company, then the procession wended its way to the grave, where we left the remains of our loved one in God's keeping. All the bereaved ones have the sympathy and prayers of the church in their sad bereavement.

Our Easter services were largely attended, the choir's selections were very ably rendered, reflecting great credit on Prof. Merry, their instructor.

April 22nd Bro. L. Morton, of the Coburg street church, St. John, worshipped with us.

Our Christian Endeavor meetings of Wednesday evenings and our Saturday evening conference meetings are well attended, giving us cause to rejoice.

We are now preparing for our home mission Sunday (May 6th), when we hope to do our share towards supporting our home mission stations.

Preparations for Children's Day, June 3rd, is now occupying the minds of the Sunday-school superintendents, teachers and scholars.

It is earnestly desired by the members of this church that our brother, Evangelist Romig, visit us. That he may do so is the sincere wish of your brother in Christ.

WILLIAM STIFF.

## CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

## CENTRAL CHURCH.

Several months have passed since last you heard from Charlottetown, so this epistle will be of sufficient length to make up for seeming delay. We are still alive, and much livelier than ever before. God has indeed been gracious unto us. We have but thirty eight members, yet we raised thirty-nine dollars for our foreign missionary offering. Last year Charlottetown gave seventeen dollars, giving us a gain this year of over 100 per cent. This is the largest offering in our history. That is the first sign of growth which we offer. Our audiences have been on the increase. We meet in a hall in the midst of the church district, yet our audiences are large, enthusiastic and intelligent. Our prayer-meetings are often larger than our membership. Last Sunday morning (April 15th) we were delighted to see the largest number out since I came here. This is most encouraging to those who understand the condition of this field. The results of the winter's work cannot be estimated until we have our new house of worship, as I have twelve or fifteen in mind who will come in then. Lowe Bros, who have the contract, have begun operations. I assure you it does us good to realize that at last the construction of our church is under way. The contract was signed several months ago, but until now the weather has not been conducive to breaking ground. We are to have the completed building by August 25th, and we will probably dedicate the first week in September. The church will be of brick, with stone facings, and modern in every particular, raised floor, gallery, etc. It is most fitting that in this city of beautiful churches, the capital of the Island, with a population of over 12,000, that our people should have an edifice which will honor the cause and largely augment Christian effort. I know of no field where our plea ought to have a larger hearing than in this city, and I feel assured that every cent spent here for the cause of Christ will bring forth ten-fold. The church has sacrificed and prayed, and not in vain. Many heart-aching incidents might I relate, showing the sacrifice and self-denial of individual members. It has not been in vain. Nothing has made me so determined to remain and labor with this people as their sacrifice and earnestness. We have labored quietly and steadily for recognition and standing, and with our new building we expect the advent of greater things. God, indeed, has been gracious unto us.

Bro. Harlow has arrived to shepherd the flock at Summerside. One of our people who heard him speaks most highly of his earnestness and power. He will be a valuable addition to our

force on the Island. I attended the meeting at Pictou. Bro. Allen received exactly what he worked for—great things! Bro. Romig declared the "whole counsel of God," and Bro. Allen said "Amen." They did not shrink to mention "baptism," and to tell "all" the truth. Hence the result. The great trouble with ministers in other pulpits is not that they don't tell the truth, but rather that they don't tell "all" the truth.

We miss Bro. Stevenson. Our loss is Lansingburg's gain.

I hear that J. A. Reinl, of Brockton, Mass., and other brethren from the States, anticipate attending our annual in July; also Bro. Ray. We will be glad to see them. The Island is a beautiful spot in July. We hope to see many from the mainland at that time.

In closing, allow me to say that we earnestly solicit any sums, large or small, toward our new building. Read Luke vii, 5, and then give, give, give. Our treasurer, M. N. McLeod, will acknowledge every gift. Thanking you for space and requesting your prayers, I remain,

R. F. WHISTON.

Through the kindness of Mr. Charles Chandler a *Guardian* representative was permitted to look at the plans of the new Christian church which will be constructed during the coming summer, and which will be finished by the 1st of September next. The new church will have a fine elevation on the lot of land facing on Kent street, a short distance west of Messrs. Mark Wright & Co's factory, and will have a beautiful southern aspect.

The building will be 30 x 65 feet, and will be built of brick, with stone trimmings. The tower will be situated on the south-west corner facing Kent street, and will be circular. The main entrance will be through the tower—the door facing the south. There will be a projection on the western side of the north end, which will contain two rooms to be used in connection with the baptistry. On the west side of the platform is the baptistry, with door leading into the robing rooms.

The seating capacity of the auditorium will comfortably accommodate nearly 400 people. The seats in the centre will be parallel with the platform; those on the side aisles have been arranged with a view to economy of space, and will enable the audience to have a good view of the platform.

The northern end of the building is octagonal. The platform is also octagonal and will be thirteen feet deep. The ceiling will be grained and finished in wood.

In the southern end is a gallery, which will also be finished in wood, and is seated to command a good view of the platform. Directly above the entrance in the tower is a class-room and the pastor's study is above the robing rooms.

The windows will be of stained glass (leaded), and will be of suitable design.—*Guardian*.

## SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

The church here has engaged Bro. F. W. Harlow, of London, Ontario, as pastor. He is a graduate from the Christian College, St. Thomas, Ont., class 1900. On Lord's day, April 15th, Bro. Harlow began his work here. Although the roads were very bad, good audiences were in attendance both morning and evening.

G. A. JEFFREY.

## RAINY RIVER DISTRICT, ONT.

M. P. Hayden, of Portage La Prairie, Man., is assisting Bro. Joseph Keevil and the Rat Portage church in a series of evangelistic services. Bro. Hayden, I hear, is preaching ably. The meeting has been well advertised. I hope to be able to make an encouraging report next month.

Since last report I have spoken at the Sultana Mine on Faith, Will a Man Rob God? True Manhood, Repentance, The Perfect Law of Liberty, and Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth, to very good-sized audiences.

O. B. STOCKFORD.