

News of the Churches.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN ITEMS.

Though we have nothing to report from the "Mission Board," still their monthly meetings are kept up.

The front of our meeting house being somewhat out of repair, a committee was appointed to see after it as soon as spring opens, which we hope will not be long.

The interest in all our meetings are very good. Not long ago we sent for the note and word edition of Popular Hymns, which are especially adapted to prayer and social meetings.

Bro. Capp, during the past month, conducted the Teachers' Bible Class in the Young Men's Christian Association rooms. The teachers from the various Sunday-schools of the city meet every Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, to study the lesson for the following Lord's day, suggested by the International Committee. Many of these meetings are very interesting and profitable.

The tenth anniversary of the Sunday-school was held on Wednesday evening, February 9th. The small children occupied seats on the platform. Bro. G. F. Barnes conducted the exercises, and Sister Ella McInnis presided at the organ. The programme consisted of singing, recitations and readings by the children; also recitations by Miss Allie Wilson and Bro. Barry Allen, and a solo by Sister Ella McInnis. The audience room was filled to overflowing, and a silver collection taken for the benefit of the Sunday-school amounted to \$20.38. The last hymn on the programme being sung, the children repaired to the school-room, where refreshments were bountifully provided by the teachers and members of the church.

Bro. T. H. Capp was unanimously chosen as minister of this church for another year.

We are reminded that the March Quarterly Meeting will be held with this church the second Lord's day of this month. We expect to have a good meeting.

Bro. J. J. Johnston and Bro. Solomon Lawson, formerly of this city, but who now reside in other parts of the Province, were at our Young People's Meeting on Tuesday evening last.

WOMEN'S AID SOCIETY COBURG STREET CHURCH.—The meeting opened in the usual way by the President. Just a dozen sisters present, and each one taking part. At the roll call each sister answered by repeating or reading a passage or more from the Scripture bearing upon the subject "work," given out at the last meeting. Among the quotations were some grand thoughts. If the sisters will only act upon them between now and the next meeting, we will have a large and stronger gathering than we have yet seen.

We had one visitor, Sister Harvey, from Fal-mouth, N. S.

A sister read an article from the pen of Bro. M. L. Streaton, which was supplemented by remarks on missionary work, expressing the wish that another one would come to labor among us who would preach the gospel and at the same time become sufficiently acquainted with the people and geography of our country so as to do a good work for the Lord. We are hoping very soon to be able to sustain such a one--can he be found and willing to come.

A committee was formed to arrange for an evening meeting during the March Quarterly. A good collection was taken, several sisters spoken of who were absent, and our small but interesting meeting closed with the hymn, "God be with you," and prayer by the presiding sister. E. C.

BACK BAY.

I held a few meetings in Back Bay last week. Result—one confession and baptism. I am to continue yet this week, and hope more will follow.

P. D. NOWLAN.

NOVA SCOTIA.

PICTOU COUNTY.

The brethren at River John, notwithstanding the many drawbacks of the past, seem determined to hold on to the work of the Lord. They are now negotiating with a preacher. N. S.

FORGET-ME-NOTS.

A few weeks since a number of our friends from this and the surrounding neighborhood spent at our home a very pleasant evening. After tea, which had been provided by the visitors, we found in our possession many useful articles to the value of over thirty dollars.

The friends at South Bay were not unmindful of our wants and contributed to our store of things about twenty dollars' worth.

When at Gulliver's Cove, Christmas-time, the friends there expressed this feeling of appreciation of our labors among them by loading us down with things useful in the family, thus encouraging us in the work and making us richer in this life by fifteen dollars.

These with many other acts of kindness tend to make life pleasant. May the dear Lord bless the family of the saved and crown their efforts with success.

J. A. GATES.

Woodville, Jan. 22nd, 1887.

TIVERTON, DIGBY CO.

DEAR CHRISTIAN:—Our meeting at Tiverton closed the first Lord's day in February, with thirty additions—twenty-seven by baptism and three by commendation. The church was greatly revived, and a number of those who had lost their first love and gone back to the beggarly elements of the world, returned to their Father's house and are now working in love with their brethren. The brethren are very happy over the results of this meeting. From the first of our meeting quite a number of the church took hold of the work in earnest. Indeed, I never saw brethren do better. Often it takes two or three weeks of hard labor to get the church at work; but, be it said to the credit of these brethren, that it was not so in this meeting. The greater part of those who had stood by the cause when everything was not as encouraging as they would like, were ready for the work, and now they are rejoicing with those whom they have helped to bring to Christ. Fully half of those brought into the church are from the Sunday-school. We cannot overestimate the importance of this work. We bring our children into the Sunday-school and teach them the Word of Life, and by the time they have come to the years of understanding, they know more of the Word of God than many older persons who have never had the privilege of this Christian education. The brethren in Tiverton have one of the best Sunday-schools it has been my privilege to visit in years. Indeed, I question whether, according to the number of inhabitants, a larger school can be found in Nova Scotia. Last Lord's day I counted nine classes, with an average attendance of seven to a class. Besides these there are always a number who come in to listen to the teaching and singing. Probably on fine Lord's days the attendance will be little short of a hundred. This, in a community of about three hundred, speaks well for their interest in the Sunday-school. As I looked over this large company of children and young men and women, I was moved to speak to the teachers on the great work God had given them to do. Here are scores of

young to be educated for eternity. May God help these teachers to give their hearts to this work. The future of this community are before them in their Sunday-school.

The church in Tiverton are now in a position to do some grand work. They have a large number who can talk well in the meetings. The leaders are all good men, and can speak to edification. During our meeting, and on my last visit to Tiverton, I heard more than seventy different ones speak in our meetings. The regular social meetings are, indeed, very interesting. May the God of all grace keep these dear brethren from the evils that are around them, that they may be faithful unto death.

This meeting to me has been a spiritual feast, and is admitted on all hands to be the best ever held with the church in Tiverton. Nor were my feelings at all hurt by the very liberal contribution made for me. Indeed, I felt very thankful to all those who contributed, both because the money was needed and because of the good will of the people thus manifested. I am not now employed by those churches, my time having expired in December last, and am only waiting the coming spring to move to my new field of labor. The brethren understanding this, gladly remunerated me for my labors, for which I am truly thankful. At another time I will give the readers of THE CHRISTIAN a chapter of the history of the cause in Digby County. Perhaps I have taken too much space for one letter. We hope to have a good meeting here in Westport, and think we shall. The brethren are united and deeply interested in the cause. We hope, by the blessing of God, to have a good report for the April number of THE CHRISTIAN.

E. C. FORD.

Westport, Feb. 22, 1887.

Original Contributions.

NOTES.

Our meetings in Milton are very encouraging. The young members are progressing in Divine life. To see the young earnest and active in the work of God is the most encouraging feature in church life. The future condition of the cause of God must be measured by the present growth of our young people. There is much yet to learn before we need expect any great advancement in the cause of Christ; as it is quite impossible to teach a fifty or sixty year old child, we naturally and anxiously look to the growth of our young for something grand in the prosperity of Zion.

The brethren and friends in Summerville, Queens Co., have their meeting-house framed and ready for boarding. They are making a faithful, worthy effort to build the cause of Christ in their locality. Their faith is the kind that works, and can, therefore, be seen. This kind of faith brings others to Christ. We are confidently looking for good things and good results from the efforts of these brethren.

The church at Kempt is moving on successfully. We had a good number out at our last meeting there, and quite a number around the Lord's table. They expect to finish the repairs on the house this year. We have many reasons for being encouraged with the present condition of the cause in Queens County, and for the hopeful outlook. May their "work of faith" be a "labor of love" that in the years before them they may see what they now hope for.

"WISE AS SERPENTS."

We are keenly conscious of the need of wisdom to win precious souls to Christ. Our wisdom must teach us to be "harmless as doves." "The children of this world * * * are wiser than the children of light." We see illustrations of this fact every day.

A book agent who was met at the door by the lady of the house, asked her kindly if she would