

OPENING OF THE CHURCH IN HALIFAX.

On Lord's day, February 12th, 1893, the Disciples of Christ had their new house set apart for the worship of God. The day was clear and beautiful,—all that could be desired for this notable event in the history of the Church of Christ at Halifax.

We were glad to welcome brethren from different parts of the province who had come to the opening of our house of worship; and when the hour drew nigh, many persons could be seen wending their way to the Christian Church, North street, which had been announced to be opened for divine worship. The building, seating about three hundred, was comfortably filled by an intelligent audience. The preaching brethren present were: Bro. Henry W. Stewart, of St. John, N. B.; Howard Murray, of Milton, Queens Co., N. S.; and Joseph A. Gates, of West Gore, Hants Co., N. S. Bro. H. Murray preached a fine discourse from Acts xi. 26, "The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." In the afternoon at three o'clock every seat was occupied and Bro. H. W. Stewart preached the dedication sermon from Exodus xxxiii. 14, "And he said, My presence shall go with thee." The discourse was listened to with a great degree of interest. In the evening at seven o'clock our brother preached from Hebrews v. 8, 9, "Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." All seemed pleased and delighted with what they saw and heard. This was demonstrated by their liberality; the collections for the day amounting to \$150.23. The hearts of the few Disciples who have struggled on in this city for so many years were made glad, that they now had a house of their own to worship God in. But, brethren, the erection of this house, at a cost of about \$4,500, is not the consummation of the work, but simply a means to carry on the good work begun more efficiently in this great city. Now we will have opportunities to sound out the word of the Lord more fully, and thus get our plea before the people. The ignorance concerning the teaching of the Disciples as a people is truly marvellous, and that by good honest-hearted people. Our house of worship is said to be the neatest and prettiest church in Halifax city.

On Monday evening Bro. Joseph A. Gates preached to a large congregation on "The simplicity of the Gospel of Christ," from Gal. i. 9, "If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received let him be accursed." Bro. Stewart continued the meetings through the week with good congregations and interest increasing. Two young ladies came forward and confessed their faith in Christ as "the Son of the living God."

On Lord's day, February 19th, Bro. Stewart preached morning and evening, and at the close of the evening service, the two young ladies who had confessed their faith in Christ were baptized. The congregation was very large and listened to an able discourse from Jeremiah vi. 16, "Ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." In the afternoon a Sunday-school was formed, and two Bible classes—about thirty-five present.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings our brother preached again to good congregations. There are several who are almost persuaded to become Christians, and we hope and pray that the good seed sown by our brother may be received into good and honest hearts and yield fruit to the glory of God.

We have found our dear Bro. Stewart a very faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, not only on the platform but in visiting from house to house. Just such a man is wanted to build up the Church of Christ in Halifax city. The church in St. John

have truly been blessed in having such a man to labor with them. We feel truly thankful to the Church of Christ in St. John, N. B., in sending over our beloved brother to help us on the present occasion.

I would state that Bro. Henry Harding presented the church here with a beautiful Bible for the stand, also that Mr. S. Cormack presented a silver-plated communion set, for which we feel truly grateful. And to the brethren who have contributed towards the erection of our house of worship we would tender our most hearty thanks, and unto God we would ascribe all the praise and glory.

Your brother in Christ,

HENRY CARSON.

Halifax, N. S., February 22nd, 1893.

Home Mission Notes.

The two young men with whom we were corresponding have gone to other fields; and Bro. Hardin writes us that he had two others almost persuaded, but they, too, went elsewhere. Bro. Hardin says: "I have another that I expect an answer from in a few days." Let us hope he will succeed in getting him for us. We feel that we offered as large salaries as this field should pay. We know, also, that we can't get good men to leave their homes and come to the provinces for small pay.

While we have been looking for an evangelist from abroad, we are glad to say we have done something, with the help of our preachers, at home. Bro. Devoe has held a good meeting at Gulliver's Cove. Read his letter concerning it, and especially note that those added at his first meeting were found faithful. Bro. Stewart's work in Halifax was also blessed. They wrote concerning him: "We want no better evangelist than Bro. Stewart." We hope we will be able to get one as good. Bro. Cooke has promised us to go to Kempt and hold a meeting in order to encourage the church and bring others into the service of the Master. Bro. H. Murray has gone to Halifax to continue the meetings there.

Let us all pray for God's blessing on the work in Halifax. Bro. Stewart says the church there is alive and working nobly, and are willing to do everything they can to forward the cause. This being so, we should help them all we can to build up a strong self-supporting church.

Again we ask for more interest in this home mission work. It is an unselfish work; you give that others may be blessed. You show your love for Jesus by doing all you can to win souls for Him. There are many Disciples who are not contributing to the support of any church. We ask them especially to remember this fund.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$145 64
Leonardville—	
Elder W. Murray,	2 00
St. John—	
Y. P. Mission Band,	4 20
Westport—	
Per Miss N. Bailey,	1 00
Cornwallis—	
Per Miss S. B. Ford,	2 00
	\$154 84

J. S. FLAGLER,
Secretary.

Post Office, St. John.

There are people who will trust the Lord with everything but their money.

There are people who have more confidence in the banker than in God.

There are people who believe the banks give a larger return for their money than the Lord.

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

Expect great things from God.
Attempt great things for God.

NOTES.

LISCOMB, IOWA, U. S. }
February 15, 1893. }

On November 3rd E. S. Stevens and wife, Sister Rioch and Sister Oldham landed in Japan. They began the study of the language, which is the first and most essential duty.

Japan is a most fruitful field. It is a cause of gladness to have these young, earnest workers added to our forces in that land.

During the year 1892 the writer reported eighty-two additions. There would have been more if the writer could have worked in good health and remained till the close of the year; the doctor, a member of the Canadian Methodist mission, would not comply with his request to cure him of sleeplessness and headaches. The doctor prescribed a year's rest in America, and asserted that if it were not taken the patient would find himself where it would require years for his recovery. The patient begged for a more homeopathic dose, say six months, but the medicine man was inexorable. Never was the outlook more full of promise, so the journey was reluctantly taken.

The Japanese see no sense in so many sects. They say, "One Church of Christ for Japan." They want Christianity, but not our western theology. The missionaries have been obliged to heed this request. The Episcopalians, four different churches, from England and America, combined to build only one Episcopal church in Japan. Five Methodist churches tried to unite, but the weaker ones said that the biggest wanted to swallow the others, and they were not ready to be swallowed yet. We made overtures to the Baptists, but we found that it is true, as a Congregationalist missionary wrote to the *Missionary Review*, that the Baptists have sent their small men to Japan. They wanted us to accept the New Hampshire confession of faith and close communion.

Seven Presbyterian missions wanted to form one church. The Japanese dropped the name "Presbyterian" and adopted instead "Japan Church of Christ." They threw aside the Westminster confession of faith and wrote out a short, simple creed. To Calvinism they are strangers. They laid aside the practice of infant baptism as being a senseless ceremony.

There is no other people than the Disciples who will tell the Japanese that they are right in their aim, and that sectarianism is sin. We are needed in Japan—in all the east—that we may show a more excellent way than sectarianism. We received five preachers last year. I was explaining our plea to one of them one day when he suddenly arose in his enthusiasm, and with an expressive gesture said, "Why that teaching will sweep Japan?" Yet our force is too weak to bring this teaching before forty millions of people.

We missionaries are powerless without you. Through your generosity we obtain a foothold in the east, and your prayers sustain and strengthen us. When the Lord makes up His jewels, rare gems from India, from China, from Japan, will be brilliant in His diadem, and great shall be our joy if we remember that we have sacrificed something in order to help along this good work.

Every nation, whose people worship idols, is poor. Interest in Japan is from twelve to thirty per cent per annum. The people are poor. They are not strong. Armor, in the town of London, is too small for the modern Englishman; boxes, or cages, used for carrying nobles in ancient Japan, now on exhibition in