

News of the Churches.

St. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

Bro. Wm. Stiff, late pastor of the Christian Church at Milton, N. S., preached on Lord's day morning, Nov. 18th. He will preach for the churches at Northwood and Harwicke, Ont., while he is attending the College of the Disciples at St. Thomas, and hopes to return to the Provinces again in May.

Sister Henry Hill, of Nauwigewauk, N. B., worshipped with us several Lord's days during the month of November.

Bro. James Prince, one of our respected deacons, has been quite ill the past few weeks. For some time past he has not been able through ill-health to be present in the assembly of the saints. He was always at his post in season and out of season while health permitted. We hope him a speedy recovery to health.

Bros. E. C. Bowers, of Westport, N. S., and Lyman Outhouse, of Tiverton, N. S., was at our prayer meeting on Thursday, 29th. W. A. B.

DOUGLAS AVENUE.

On the first Sunday in November, at the night service, Bro. Appel preached a sermon, "The Name; What does It Matter?" It has been printed in an abridged form and a number have been circulated in the hope that the seed may bear a more abundant harvest.

Bro. Wm. Stiff, late of Milton, N. S., spent a few days in St. John en route for Toronto. He worshipped with us at the Wednesday (14th) prayer meeting, and also the following Lord's day evening at which time he preached, taking for his text, "They watched him there." Matt. xxvii, 36. We were glad to have had the privilege of his presence and helpful words.

George H. Archibald, of Montreal, held a week's series of lectures upon "Child-Training." He came under the auspices of the St. John Sunday-school Association and did splendid work. It is unfortunate that there were not more of the teachers of our Sunday-school to attend, nought but good could have resulted from the deep, God-honoring study of the child. While it is true that we have much to teach the denominational world, the acquiring of which would greatly benefit the whole religious world, yet it is also true that there are certain lines of work which have been sadly neglected by us about which we would do well to profit by the studies and researches of others. Wherever prejudice is allowed to insinuate itself, you may expect loss. Let us seek knowledge from every available source in order that the Church of Christ may correctly represent the cause of Christ in all things.

Miss Maggie Roberts has returned from Boston much improved in health. She came by boat and had a narrow escape from an unpleasant, if not dangerous experience. The careful prudence of the officers kept the steamer at Portland instead of pushing on in the storm that brought so much sadness to numerous homes as a result of the loss of the "Monticello."

Mrs. Appel entertained her Sunday-school class on the first Tuesday of the month. Needless to say they enjoyed themselves; boys of that age will have a good time if given the opportunity!

It is reported that D. A. Morrison has been invalided from South Africa and is now in England. This has not been fully confirmed; however, we hope it is true for it is encouraging to feel that he is at last off the battle field and on his way home,

also that he has so far recovered from his sickness as to be able to travel.

At a business meeting of the congregation on the 28th, Bro. Appel received a call to remain another year.

The painters have been at work on the outside of the church building and have greatly improved its appearance. The contractor is finishing up the work of the section of the contract under construction. Soon will come the final settling of accounts and the treasurer has not sufficient to meet them. Have you given anything or as much as possible to this work for God? If not send your contribution before Christmas in order that we may pay all debts before the new century dawns upon us.

What are we going to do in the Maritime Provinces to celebrate the birth of the Twentieth Century? God has richly blessed the feeble, half-hearted efforts put forth in the past few years. Shall we enter into a new covenant with him, promising better service, more loyalty, real sacrifice in return for what he has done and will do? "The fields are white to the harvest."

HALIFAX, N. S.

Since my last letter from this city we have had stirring times. What with reception given the returned soldiers, and the general election, the people have had but little time or inclination to think or talk of anything else. From both of these instances we may learn important lessons. It was well that these brave boys who had done honor to this Dominion of ours, should receive a hearty welcome on their home-coming. It was well that the people should show their appreciation of the grand work they have done in behalf of the empire of which we are proud to form a part. But why be so enthusiastic over these comparatively small matters and seemingly so indifferent to those of supreme importance? This question came to me again and again when witnessing the elaborate preparations for the reception of the men who had done so nobly in South Africa. The people, too, came from all parts of the Dominion at considerable expense and loss of time, to take part in and witness this reception, the greater part of whom seem to be making but little preparation for the coming of our Lord, to be ready to receive him and to be acknowledged by him.

When we consider what the Captain of our salvation has done for us in his glorious victory over "him that had the power of death, that is the devil," and "delivered all them who through fear of death were all their life-time subject to bondage," all else falls into insignificance when compared with the mighty triumph of our Lord over death and the grave, in which he brought "life and immortality to light." If the home-coming of our boys, who had done us honor, deserved suitable recognition, what should we not do to make the necessary preparation for the coming of our victorious Lord, when he shall come "with the angels of his power in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that know not God and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus; who shall suffer punishment, even eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be marvelled at in all that believed in that day."

We have still another lesson from the earnest workers in the election just passed. One of the city preachers said to me election day while we were noticing the deep interest taken by the different parties, that he thought he would preach the next Lord's day on "making your calling and election sure." Here, too, is food for thought. We may not ask the people to take less interest in

these necessary things, but certainly it is not too much to ask those who profess to be the followers of Christ to be at least as earnest to make a success of the cause we plead in our several localities, as the politician is to make a success in a political campaign. As important and honorable may be the things of this world, the trust committed to us is of far greater importance and the results grander and more glorious than anything with which it may be compared. Would that these lessons may be impressed more deeply upon my own heart and upon the hearts of all who may read these lines.

We have a glorious plea, one just suited to the demands of the human family and the desires of the soul. Our religious neighbors may be doing much to make men purer and better, but as it appears from our view point, none of them are in a position to give to the world the simple, unadulterated gospel as we are. While we thank God for the good that is being done, and admire the deep spirituality we see in many whom we believe to be in error, at least, in some respects, we can but feel that a great responsibility is on us who claim to have the simple gospel untrammelled by the humanisms that have gathered round the great religious bodies during all these ages. Having, therefore, such great responsibility, let us heed the word of the Lord, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith. Quit you like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." E. C. FORD.

KEMPT, N. S.

Our general church work is progressing favorably. Our Sunday-school is in good condition; our congregations are good, and all of our prospects for future good work are bright. The concert given under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. and B. Y. P. U., at the Christian church, was a grand success. The church was packed with an attentive and intelligent audience, and all were perfectly satisfied. Miss Gracie Freeman took the lead, assisted by Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Hardy Freeman, Miss Jennie Freeman and Miss Florie Freeman. Miss Florie Freeman presided at the organ, and the programme was filled and executed splendidly. A solo by Miss Gracie Freeman, and one by Mrs. Cooke, were well received. A quartette by Mr. Reuben Cushing, Mr. Hardy Freeman, H. E. Cooke and Mr. Maurice Freeman, was well rendered. Recitations by Miss Lulu Dukeshire, Mrs. Hardy Freeman, Miss Enalla Christopher, Miss Holdright, Miss Violet Cooke, Miss Alda Freeman, Miss Nellie Freeman, were all timely and well done. Recently, at the home of the preacher, a surprise took place in the way of a friendship party. There were sixty persons took part; a very fine friendship quilt was presented to Mrs. Cooke, and five cords of nice wood for domestic use put in the wood house. We heartily thank our friends for expressions of good will. We deeply regret to have to record the death of our most worthy and esteemed brother, Eld. Manley White, of Lake May, Annapolis Co. Bro. White was an Elder of the church at Kempt for many years, and well known to the entire brotherhood. He was a man of rare ability, possessing a strong personality and wonderful memory. A man of upright, honest integrity, of deep convictions, and strong faith in God, and the work of redemption as consummated by the Son of God. Loved and respected by all who knew him, on the evening of the 7th of November, as the polls were closing the great conquest for earthly honors, Bro. White took his election and passed in to take his seat in the great confederate home of the soul, with the great majority; where the government is perennial; where no more dissolution shall take place; no more nominations; no more depression because