

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

One confession, May 28th.

The annual meeting of the Young People's Mission Band was held on the 5th of May. The following were elected to office for this year: President, Mr. J. S. Flaglor; Vice-President, Miss Allie Wilson; Treasurer, Miss Bortha Barnes; Secretary, Miss Nellie Johnston. The President read the following interesting sketch:

On May 14th, 1886, at the invitation of Mrs. L. A. Miles, the following, Misses Georgie Murray, Emma McInnis, Jennie Dale, Mabel Banks, Josie Morrison, Ethel Barnes and Emma Christie, met and organized this Band. Starting with eight members it has had altogether eighty-five on its roll. Of these twenty-two have removed from the city, twenty-five have ceased to be members, thirty-eight are active or paying members. Of these five are of the original eight. For a time the meetings were held on the last Friday of each month, but now they meet on the first Friday. Any person can become a member by paying a fee of five cents, and five cents a month dues. At first the collections were paid to the Christian Women's Board of Missions. This was soon changed, and they are now paid to the Home Mission Fund of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The Band's motto is from II Peter iii 9, "Not willing that any should perish." The meetings are opened with singing, reading of the scriptures and prayer. After the minutes are read, the roll called, collection taken up and business finished, there are readings, essays, recitations, addresses and singing. Most of these are on missionary work and are instructive as well as entertaining—in fact enjoyable.

Each year there has been an increase in the membership and amounts collected. The organizer of this Band (Sister Miles) has been most faithful in keeping up its interest, and feels glad to see such a good work continued. The Band invites all, and will be pleased to add a large number to its membership. The following is a list of the officers for each year ending in May and the amounts collected:

Year.	President.	Vice-President.	Treasurer.	Secretary.	Collected.
1886	Mrs. L. A. Miles,	Miss G. Murray,	Miss K. Harris,	Miss J. Morrison,	\$ 9 10
1887	do.	Miss E. McInnis,	Miss M. Banks,	do.	13 30
1888	C. H. Devos,	Miss F. Christie,	Miss E. Barnes,	Miss R. Christie,	14 18
1889	T. H. Capp,	Mr. R. Christie,	Miss A. Emery,	Miss J. Morrison,	16 00
1890	do.	J. B. Allen,	do.	do.	18 00
1891	H. W. Stewart,	do.	Miss A. Edmunds,	Miss E. Hoyt,	24 40
1892	J. S. Flaglor,	J. S. Flaglor,	H. W. Stewart,	Miss N. Johnston,	30 78
		J. B. Allan,			\$126 32

It is well known that the Woman's Missionary Aid Society has for some years been putting their funds in the bank, where it has been drawing interest. These sisters are wise and have a definite object in view which they are determined to see accomplished. At the same time they do not let a

chance slip to do good. When Bro. Romig was here they gave a large sum to defray his salary and expenses. They contributed \$60 to the General Christian Missionary Society through Bro. J. H. Hardin when he was at the Annual Meeting. They are now aiding the Portland Mission Sunday-school. They have paid \$60 for Bibles, hymn-books, library and papers. They have also voted a good sum to the Home Mission Board towards paying the salary and expenses of Bro. Northcutt. In fact, were it not for their promise to pay, we are doubtful if Bro. Northcutt's valuable services could have been secured for this field.

Lord's day, May 7th, Bro. Stewart having a bad cold, was not able to attend the services. Elder J. E. Barnes being out of the city, Deacons W A Barnes and J. J. Johnston presided at the Lord's Supper. In the evening Bro. L. A. Miles conducted one of the largest and best social meetings we have ever had. We were made glad to see so much interest displayed although without a preacher to lead.

Sister Hattie M. Clark has been giving some interesting and instructive black board exercises and talks on temperance in both Sunday-schools. The Portland school has not yet had as large an attendance as the Coburg street school, but on the 14th the Portland collection was \$2 28, or forty cents more than the parent school.

The annual business meeting of the church was held on May 25th. The finances are in a good state. Over \$2,500 were collected during the year for all purposes. Bro. Stewart was unanimously engaged for another year. Everything looks bright and our hopes are high for the future.

A meeting was held on May 26th of a social nature in order that the members might get better acquainted with each other. A large number attended and enjoyed themselves very much.

Sisters Ramsdall and Wallis are home again.

Bro. J. E. Barnes and Miss Barnes have returned from a visit to Boston and New York. They heard Bros. Darst, Bowell and Tyler preach.

Bro. H. W. Stewart's aunt, Mrs. Dr. Knox, of P. E. Island, worshipped with us on the 21st.

The annual meeting of the Sewing Circle was held at the home of Sister W. A. Barnes. The Secretary read the following report of the past year's work:

It is with deep regret we remember at this time the death of our Treasurer, our beloved Sister Barnes, one who was always ready for every good work. Not only in the circle will she be missed, but in all our church work. Though we miss her, we remember that she is with Christ which is far better. We wish the attendance during the year had been larger; it ought to be, as the older members are passing away, the younger should get interested so as to continue this good work. In the years that have passed there was a good interest taken and a large amount of money made which has been used to make our church more pleasant and comfortable. It is the intention of the Circle to procure a new carpet for the pulpit and aisles of the church. Your secretary would suggest that we concentrate all our efforts to that end.

Financial Statement:

Received from dues,	\$25 42
" sales,	19 65
" Willing Workers,	12 00
Cash in Bank,	50 00
	\$107 07
Paid for Goods,	21 63
Balance on hand,	\$85 44

Respectfully submitted,
HATTIE E. BANKS, Secretary.

May 24th, 1893.

After the reading of this the following were elected officers for the coming year: President, W. A. Barnes; Vice-President, Mrs. M. Owen; Treasurer, Miss Ethel Barnes; Secretary, Miss H. E. Banks. We wish the sisters all success in their work.

TIVERTON, N. S.

Our church affairs are in a fairly prosperous condition, owing to the indefatigable labors of our preacher, Elder H. A. Devos, who has now gone on a well deserved and much needed vacation and rest in order to visit his parents and other relatives in Boston, the most of whom he has not seen for nearly five years.

During the past two years our home church house at Tiverton has been remodeled inside and out at a very heavy expense for our financial resources; and yet under the management of our Bro. Devos the work has been done and the debt almost wiped out. At the completion of the house at South Range, Bro. Devos undertook to build up the cause in that section, and in a very short time had a dead church re-organized and a good number baptized and added to the original number. Since then a Sunday-school has been organized there and prospects for future gatherings look good.

At Gulliver's Cove our very few brethren began to build a small house of worship about fourteen years ago, but were unable to carry out the work till Bro. Devos went there less than a year ago and undertook its completion without a dollar. This he accomplished in a few weeks at a cost of \$300 and had the house dedicated for public worship. Early in the fall he held a short meeting, gathering the few brethren together in scriptural worship and added six converts to the number by baptism. Since that time he held another meeting of two weeks, when three more obeyed the Saviour. A Sunday-school will be opened at once, and then the cause at this place will be placed on a good footing.

We all trust the present trip may restore our brother to perfect health and strength, and that he may soon return to carry out very much which still remains to be done at his or some other preaching brother's hands in these parts.

MILTON outhouse.

HALIFAX, N. S.

Having labored in this city the last eleven weeks, I would naturally feel as Elihu of old, who was so full of his subject that his spirit constrained him to speak and show his opinion, or explode like new bottles.

A number of unsuccessful efforts have been made by our brethren in these provinces to establish in Halifax the cause as plead by the Disciples of Christ, all of which show the deep interest our people have had for the work in this city.

We need not repeat the failures of the past, as we already know the obstructions and destructions that prevented the prosperity of the cause. But now we are happy to say we have for a change construction. The construction of a fine meeting-house, a good Sunday-school of over fifty members, with Bro. Harris Wallace as the efficient leader, and good excellent teachers. We have also very interesting prayer-meetings, as many as seventeen taking an active part. We have good congregations on Sunday evenings, with the best of attention.

We have been associated with the work in Halifax, more or less, the last fifteen years, and we can safely say we never saw the prospect for success so promising as at the present. We have only a few who are able to contribute to the support of the cause here, but these few are not a whit behind any church known to the writer. They average in their collections eleven dollars a week, besides a dollar a week in the Sunday-school. Much of this, however, is required for running expenses, including the interest on the church debt, leaving but little for the support of a preacher. If ever there was a reason for helping the cause in the past in this city, there are ten reasons now. There is a tide in the opportunities for doing good as well as in the affairs of men, which, if taken at the flood, leads on to victory, and now is flood tide for Halifax. If this opportunity is lost, all is lost in this city as far as the mission of the Disciples is concerned. We always felt the need of making Halifax a mission centre, and we still hold substantially to the same view, and we are confident that we are voicing the sentiment of the provincial brethren. There is no field of labor that calls more imperatively for help. We feel profoundly the need of a direct special effort for this mission. We find much that is hopeful and much that warrants us in looking for grand success. To help the cause in this city for a year, or until it is self-