

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

Sister Kimball, of Brooklyn, N. Y., worshipped with us on three Lord's days during October.

Bros. L. Outhouse and J. Ossinger, of Tiverton, worshipped with us Lord's day, Oct. 21st.

Bro. W. H. Harding was at our Young People's meeting Monday evening, Oct. 22nd. He was returning from Keswick, N. B., where he has just closed a meeting with 15 additions.

The Woman's Missionary Aid Society held their regular monthly meeting, Friday afternoon, October 26th. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Sister J. E. Edwards, president; Sister Dickson, vice-president; Sister L. A. Miles, secretary; Sister Ethel Barnes, treasurer. The collection amounted to \$8.00.

We are glad to learn that Sister Winnie Flaglor, one of the nurses in the General Public Hospital, is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Sister Wisdom worshipped with us Lord's day, October 27th.

DOUGLAS AVENUE.

One addition this month—a young man made the good confession on the 14th and was baptized the following Thursday (at Coburg Street Church.) This is another instance of God blessing faithfulness.

On Wednesday, the 10th, St. John was visited with a big rain storm, and it did not seem as if there would be anyone to attend the prayer-meeting. The unpainted doors of the church were so swollen that they could not be opened until after considerable effort. But at 8 o'clock, six adults and two children were present and the meeting was held. After the benediction, the only adult who was not a church member spoke to the minister, and expressed his desire to become a Christian. The next Lord's day, this desire resulted in the confession of the young man—George Titus. Moral: Never miss a service on account of bad weather!

The baptism was held at Coburg Street Church on account of our present inability to put in the baptistry. It is a source of regret that this ordinance cannot be observed here, so that the example may be before the people attending Douglas Ave. The effort is now being made to pay off the floating debt of \$500, and the officers feel that no further expense should be incurred until this debt is liquidated. Are there not some churches or individuals in these Provinces with sufficient love to God and desire for the upbuilding of his kingdom who will raise \$150 or \$200 in order that the ordinance of the Gospel may be worthily observed in connection with the services at this place? Who will forward \$10, or \$5, or more or less, for this purpose?

The report of the receipts of the Building Fund published this month are from February 2nd to October 31. Month after month the report has been crowded out, and doubtless our friends thought that this fund was completed. Now that you know differently, come to the help of the Lord, and see that before the dawn of the 20th century this congregation shall be placed in a position to properly observe the ordinances of the Gospel.

This month two of our members have been quite sick. Robert Roberts was unable to be in his place at some of the services, and was greatly missed. We are glad that he is better now. Mrs. Curry is quite sick, and probably will not be able to attend church for some time. There is an improvement in her condition, and we hope the crisis has passed.

The S. S. is recovering from the effects of the vacation season. Miss Alice Purvis, Miss Annie Evans, and Jas. W. Barnes, have returned. Miss Maggie Roberts is still in Uncle Sam's dominion.

Sister Robinson has returned from P. E. I. and is loud in praise of the new building at Charlotte-town. We rejoice that our brethren have succeeded so well, and pray that the good work of the past may become the best of which they are capable, that the Lord may be glorified.

On the 28th Bro. Appel preached on "Christian Citizenship, or the Duty of a Christian Voter."

Mrs. L. A. Miles entertained her S. S. class this month, much to the satisfaction of the boys.

Mrs. Wisdom, of Halifax, and Lyman Outhouse, of Tiverton, visited us this month. They were heartily welcomed. We are always pleased to see and hear from the Lord's people in other parts of his vineyard.

Bro. W. H. Harding was in the city this month, but could not be at any of our services. In spite of many obstacles, God gave him great success at Keswick and the prospect of building up a good congregation seems very encouraging. There are many similar struggling bands, in these Provinces which would be much encouraged and helped by the visit of an earnest evangelist. Our Home Mission Board should be kept supplied with funds so that they may prosecute the work of building up the small congregations in the best way possible.

LETETE, N. B.

The church here is still keeping up the Christian warfare. Our numbers are few, as the men and some of the women are away, but we hope when the fishing season is over that we shall turn our attention to the saving of souls. Business is very dull here, as fish is very scarce, and I fear that some of us, if we do not trust in the Lord for bread as well as salvation more than we do, will lose both. May the Lord help us to know that he has a care for our bodies as well as our souls. May he help his poor erring children to learn more of the lessons of his love and care that we may love him more and serve him better.

WM. MURRAY.

PICTOU, N. S.

Three baptisms at our regular prayer meeting since last month.

W. H. ALLEN.

MILTON, N. S.

We have nothing startling to report at this writing. Our meetings are fairly well attended. What we need is a deepening of the spiritual life.

The writer enjoyed a trip to Boston and had the privilege of meeting with some of the brethren there, also at Everett and Swampscott.

WILLIAM STIFF.

MURRAY HARBOR, P. E. I.

At our regular monthly visit to Murray Harbor on the 7th inst., three persons made the good confession and the same hour took the name of Christ upon them in Christian baptism. The service at the water was most impressive, everything combining to add intensity to our religious feelings. The time, for it was early morning, the beauty of the scene, the sun shining brightly on the calm, clear water, of the Murray river, converting them into a sheet of gilded canvas under its pencilled rays; the fishing schooners and little boats anchored at intervals in the bay and river; the sinuous lines of the shore, now bold and precipitous as if bidding defiance to Neptune's angry march, now low and receding as if inviting the waters into the meadows and on to the uplands; the little congregation standing with uncovered heads

upon the pebbly beach, now bowed in prayer, or now singing praise to Jehovah; the newness of the act, for many in that small group, and perhaps all of those who looked on from afar, saw for the first time Christian baptism administered—all these combined to add beauty and solemnity to the occasion, and while the candidates were being led from the water it cannot be wondered at that strong men wept, for the day, the hour, the act, the song and the prayer pointed to the risen Lord and to the future when that same Lord who came from the tomb as conqueror of death, will by his power bring from the grave, even as were brought from the waters of baptism, all those who have been buried in his name. G. NELSON STEVENSON.

MONTAGUE, P. E. I.

On the third inst, at our regular prayer meeting, three young women confessed Christ. Two of these have been baptized.

At our Sunday night service on the 14th inst., two others made the good confession and were baptized on the following Wednesday night. The Lord has many people yet in this place and we believe that the gospel will soon discover them and draw them to him who is the author of life.

Believing that the young people must come more directly in contact with the vital Head of the Church than they generally do through the channels of the usual church exercise, I have asked the young people to meet on Sunday evening one hour before our regular service. They have responded well and we hope to make this Young People's Meeting interesting and edifying both to the saved as well as the unsaved, and also a means of strengthening the church in general.

The Ladies' Aid Society which, by the way, is an important factor in our church work here, is beginning its regular winter campaign. Plans have already been mapped out for the holding of a grand bazaar in the near future, and the women are now hard at work collecting and preparing the articles necessary to make it a success. With women such as we have here, unselfishly devoted to the church and possessed of keen business-like qualities, we have no fear for the future of the cause in Montague.

Already we can see a strengthening of stakes and a lengthening of cords in our parsonage free from debt, our auditorium fittingly painted and frescoed, and some of the burden taken from the shoulders of the few faithful brethren at Murray Harbor by a substantial grant towards the lifting of their church debt. You will hear from this society again. G. NELSON STEVENSON.

To have laid up treasure on the earth only and none laid up in heaven, is a mistake that thousands are making to-day. A great many people can never be wealthy although they may work hard for to gain riches. Even if they should gain them and enjoy them, when the time comes for them to go hence, to be no more seen of men, being rich in a worldly sense, will avail them nothing. "Nothing but leaves, the spirit grieves over years of a wasted life."

Mr. John Eliot was once on a visit to a merchant; and finding him in his counting house, where he saw books of business on the table and all his books of devotion on the shelf, he said to him, "Sir, here is earth on the table, and heaven on the shelf. Pray, don't think so much of the table as altogether to forget the shelf."—*Whitecross*.