

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

CORBURG STREET.

On Lord's day, April 2nd, the series of evangelistic meetings in the Corburg street Christian Church closed. Much good work appears to have been accomplished. There were 19 confessions, and the members seem to be revived and encouraged in the Christian work.

Minister Howard Murray preached an eloquent and instructive sermon on "Spiritual Growth." This sermon was to new converts. Four young persons were welcomed to the communion of the congregation through the right hand of fellowship which was extended to them by the pastor on behalf of the Church.

The Lord's Supper was then partaken of. After this a young man was baptized.

A very large audience was present in the evening to hear Evangelist Whiston's farewell sermon. The evangelist preached an able and eloquent sermon on "The Lament of the Obdurate." In an earnest manner he appealed to the unconverted to heed the call of mercy before it was too late. An impressive devotional service closed the exercises of the day. Many members expressed their pleasure at the success of the meeting.

On Tuesday evening (April 11) a social was held in the Sunday-school room for the purpose of getting acquainted with the new members, and at the same time to say farewell to Bro. Whiston. During the evening, a short but interesting programme was carried out, after which cake and coffee were served.

We shall miss Bro. Whiston very much. He has done a great deal to strengthen the church in this place. One member remarked, during the special meetings, that he studied the Bible now more than ever before. That is only one result of our good brother's work among us. Our prayers go with him that he may be abundantly blessed in his work elsewhere.

Evangelist Whiston will hold a meeting with the Central Church at Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Sister Carrie Payson, of Westport, N. S., worshipped with us on Lord's days April 16th and 23rd. Bro. Kendrick Outhouse, of Tiverton, was present at the social Tuesday evening.

Bro. H. Murray preached at Silver Falls on Wednesday evening, April 12, to a good audience.

Our readers will be glad to hear that our beloved pastor, H. W. Stewart, is feeling well and looking well. He is now in Hickory, North Carolina, and he is expected (D. V.) to be in St. John on June first. W. A. B.

MAIN STREET.

For one week we had the assistance of Evangelist Robert F. Whiston, and the interest manifested was most encouraging. Could he have spent a month with us there is little doubt but what there would have been a large ingathering. There were three confessions during the week, and another since.

At the last Sunday afternoon service a collection was taken for the Building Fund, and at the evening meeting one for the evangelist. Bro. Whiston proved himself a liberal giver as well as a devoted preacher. He contributed to the Building Fund half of what was given him for his services,—a strong proof of his faith and good will to the North End work.

We are very sorry not to report Bro. Arthur Armstrong convalescent. He has been suffering greatly, and is still quite sick and very weak.

We have lost another of our active, whole-hearted workers. Sister Venie Frizzell has removed to Boston, and her place in the work is

hard to fill. She was a willing, helpful member, doing with her might what her hands found to do, without needing constant urging and persuasion. Her absence is especially noticeable as organist and Sunday-school teacher.

Bro. and Sister Torsay, with their three children, also leave for Boston this month, and expect to make that their home.

At the business meeting of the Endeavor Society Sister Maggie Roberts was elected secretary in place of Sister Frizzell.

The plans for the new building are being altered, and we expect that soon after this is read, work on the foundation will be commenced. A.

SILVER FALLS, N. B.

Bro. Howard Murray, acting minister of the Corburg Street Christian Church, preached on Lord's day afternoon, March 16th, and also on Wednesday evening, April 13th. Evangelist Whiston preached on Monday evening, April 16th. There was a good attendance, and the members were all delighted and benefitted in listening to their very excellent discourses. W. A. B.

MASCARENE, N. B.

Our little band of workers have been standing faithfully by their work here during the winter months, and as a result have seen their working force nearly doubled during the past five months.

Early in March a young lady sent for me to come and see her, and expressed a desire to be buried with her Lord in Christian baptism. She being an invalid, a portable bath-tub was secured, and she was baptized in her sick room. She then told me that her father and mother had promised her that they too would obey the gospel. And on April 1st, as a result of Bessie Leland's example and influence, together with a few special meetings held about that time, we met at the water to bury with their Lord Bessie's parents and five other young people, four of whom were young men.

The little church, which only numbered eleven members when I came here, now has twenty, and is in many respects a model church. The members, so far as is practicable, all attend every meeting, and all take part in the social or prayer services. They have a good working Sunday-school and a fine working Union Christian Endeavor Society, and their meetings do not depend on the presence of a preacher, or the condition of the roads or weather, but are constant in season and out of season. R. E. STEVENS.

LETETE, N. B.

We have been preaching here nightly for two weeks with a good attendance and an increasingly deepening interest in our meetings. We usually spend fifteen or twenty minutes before the sermon in prayer and social service, and our meetings have been largely participated in. We have not been cheered yet by seeing sinners turning to the Lord, but realize that much sowing is necessary in order to reap an abundant harvest. Brother Matthews, our senior elder, has been confined to his house with a grippe and not able to attend many of our meetings. R. E. STEVENS.

BACK, BAY, N. B.

Our meetings continue to be interesting at this point, although since I have been holding special meetings in Mascarene and Letete during the past four weeks, I have not been able to give it so much time or attention as heretofore. Last Sunday night we had a large local attendance and on Thursday evening a very good prayer-meeting. R. E. STEVENS.

HANTS COUNTY.

The April number of THE CHRISTIAN, with its usual measure of good reading from editor and contributors has come to hand. We, however, miss the letter from the South, as we only consented to Bro. Stewart's absence on condition of a good letter each month from his interesting pen until his return.

The best news I can report from this part is the prospect of the near coming of spring. There is a good deal of gladness in at least one cold heart, that winter is so nearly "over and gone." O, but it was cold for several weeks! Then we had bad roads and a superabundance of stormy Lord's days. Indeed, for some months, we learned to look for storm on that day and were seldom disappointed. Now it is changing from cold and snowdrifts to sunshine and mud; but pleasing hope helps us to look forward to the coming of summer which will bless us with its flowers and fruit.

La Grippe has been making its annual tour through our county; there has been much sickness and several deaths, chiefly among the aged. We have much reason for gratitude that our churches have suffered so little. The yearly exodus for the States has set in and we will lose a good many members or attendants from our churches for the summer, if not longer. But an opposite tide will bring others home to fill their places and encourage us, for a while at least. We are looking for some revival of business soon. Mines are opening up and preparation is being made for the summer work on the Midland Railway, which will be vigorously pushed forward toward completion.

We have taken our collections for foreign missions, and have received much more than any previous year. But we have done nothing yet this year for the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick work. This will receive attention as soon as practicable.

Bro. B. Vaughan has sold his fine farm in Newport and purchased a few acres of land near Windsor, on which he intends to erect a comfortable residence and remove there in the near future. Over thirty years ago he bought a nearly run-out farm, and by industry and good management, has succeeded in making it one of the most productive and remunerative places in that community. There is a lesson in this case which ought to be studied by some of our young men who are leaving better opportunities and going to other countries, believing they cannot succeed here. While we can hardly consent to Bro. Vaughan locating so far from the Newport church, we will hope that the Lord's hand is in it. Windsor is our County seat. No effort has ever been made by the Disciples to even get a hearing there. As there are a few brethren moving into the town, or near it, the Lord may before long have a work for them to do.

Our County meeting will be held, the Lord willing, with the Newport church, commencing Saturday, June 25th at 2 p. m., and closing Monday. Preachers are expected to be with us, and measures will be considered for the advancement of the good work in our county. We look for a good attendance from all the churches in the county. H. WALLACE.

West Gore, April 14, 1899.

HALIFAX, N. S.

The church in Halifax sent eighteen dollars to F. M. Rains for foreign missions, and will do still better for the May Offering. These are our opportunities to express our appreciation for the help that has come to us in the past and our gratitude to God for his many blessings. I have no doubt but an expression of gratitude in dollars,