

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET

The members of the Main Street Church met with us in our prayer and social meeting on New Year's morning at 10 30, which was led by the pastor, assisted by Bro Appel. Although the morning was wet and the streets in a bad condition, quite a number were present and took part in the meeting. As is customary, a collect. n was taken for the British and Foreign Bible Society, which amounted to \$15 00.

Bro. G E Wallace, of Halifax, N S, who has been in our city the past month, has been attending our services on Lord's day. Brethren and sisters from abroad are always welcome.

The young people's night of meeting has been changed from Tuesday evening to Monday at eight o'clock.

The Women's Missionary Aid Society has changed the time of meeting from the last Thursday of the month to Friday at 3.30 o'clock. The attendance at the last meeting was larger than usual. The subject was the "Beatitudes." The collection amounted to \$7.70 W. A. B.

MAIN STREET.

We have had three additions by letter this month.

The C. E. Society elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Miss N Whelpley; Vice-president, Arthur Armstrong; Secretary, Miss E. Kincaid; Treasurer, Miss M. Hurd; Corresponding Secretary, Miss A. Purvis.

The officers of the Ladies' Aid Society for the year are: President, Mrs. J. W. Barnes; Vice-president, Mrs. H Taylor; Secretary Mrs. D. A. Morrison; Treasurer, Miss A. Evans.

The following officers were elected for the C. W. B. M.: President, Mrs. Morrison; Vice-President, Mrs. Taylor; Secretary, Mrs. Armstrong; Treasurer, Mrs. Robinson. N. W.

LETETE, N. B.

I have decided to spend this winter laboring at LeTete. Things are somewhat dull at present, but we are working and praying, and expecting better times. Last Lord's day we had the biggest storm of the season. The preacher and one other struggled through snow and storm to the meeting house.

Bro. Ryan was with us a week. He delivered his lecture on "Odds and Ends" in Back Bay, Mascarene and LeTete, and preached morning and evening on Lord's day in LeTete. He leaves Deer Island for Pennsylvania this week.

With kind regards to all the Lord's children. W. M.

LORD'S COVE.

Two young men have confessed the Saviour and obeyed him in baptism at this place since last report.

I expect to be in a meeting in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, by the time this appears. M. B. RYAN.

SOUTH RANGE, N. S.

At South Range the church is alive, Sunday-school at 1 30 p. m. every Lord's day. Bro. Albert Marshall has been elected superintendent for the sixth year. He makes a good one. The Sunday-school lately gave a very interesting concert, which was highly spoken of by all present.

At 2.30 p. m. the church meets for breaking bread, and a short social service immediately afterwards. This meeting is presided over by Bro Benjamin Sabean with much credit to himself and acceptance by the people.

At 7 p. m. preaching, whenever the preacher is home, which averages about two-thirds of the time. This meeting is always well attended and very encouraging to the preacher, who has now begun on the seventh year with an unanimous call and increase of salary.

On Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock we have our regular weekly prayer-meetings. One of our most earnest and interested workers came to us from a neighboring Baptist congregation a few months ago.

The writer lately preached, by special invitation, in the Baptist house at Barton. A large and very attentive congregation greeted us.

On January 1st a goodly number of friends met at our home and made us a New Year's present of \$35 00. This was supplemented a few days later by \$50.00 from a friend of another faith and order; but as the gift was worth far more to us than fifty cups of cold water, we pray that he may receive a disciple's reward accordingly.

On December 24th the Barton schooner, "Vinton," was lost with all her crew of six men. Charles Allan, brother to Bro Joseph Sabean's wife, of this church, was mate; George Bacon, a member of the Baptist congregation at Barton, and Ralph Wagoner, adopted son of the late Elder Benjamin Wagoner, of Southville, with three others met a watery grave and left very sorely-stricken hearts behind; to all of whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy. H. A. DEVOE.

WEST GORE, N. S.

Although I have not been preaching very much this winter, I find the people have not forgotten me. From all over Hants County and from P. E. Island have come substantial tokens of appreciation, and the climax seemed to have been reached on Tuesday, January 4th, when a number of the brethren and friends of West Gore met at Bro. John McDougall's and sent for us to come and have tea. When it turned out to be a donation party I was taken by surprise. A very pleasant evening was spent, and Bro. Mason made the presentation speech, and with what came afterward from those who were not present we found we were better off by nearly thirty dollars. The brethren here make real donations.

I am grateful for such marks of Christian fellowship. W. H. HARDING.

I take pleasure in reporting two donations made us during the holidays by members and friends of the churches with which I am engaged,—one at our home here, the other at Bro. Geo. Wallace's, Upper Rawdon. West Gore gave \$41.85; Rawdon and Nine Mile River, \$21.00. The greater part was in cash, excepting a fur coat, which was better than cash. H. WALLACE.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

The writer made a flying trip recently to St. John.

The pastor and wife spent a pleasant Christmas with Bro. and Sister E. A. Payson.

My New Year's dinner was eaten at the home of Bro and Sister Wesley Outhouse, Tiverton.

We are in a series of meetings at present at Westport. They are growing in interest.

Union services were held during the week of prayer. The services were not so largely attended as last year.

On January 4th the writer assisted Rev. C. E. Pinco perform the marriage ceremony which united Mr George Dakin and Miss Mary Gent in the bonds of holy matrimony. Both are from Westport. The ceremony was performed in the Baptist Church.

On Sunday morning, December 19th, the Westport church dispensed with its usual services and joined with the Baptist brethren in the re-opening of their house of worship, which has been undergoing extensive repairs. The writer assisted in the services and made some remarks.

The Sunday-school in Tiverton, under the efficient management of Bro Kendrick Outhouse, is doing finely. He lately re-graded and re-organized the classes. The young sisters are assisting in procuring supplies for the school.

Bro. Howard Titus has been re-elected as superintendent of the Westport Sunday-school, also Bro. Geo McDormand, assistant superintendent; Bro. Chas. McDormand, librarian; and Bro. Allen Moore, assistant librarian.

On December 23rd a Christmas social was held by this school. A brief programme was given, and refreshments and candy were given to all. J. W. B.

MILTON, N. S.

We are still busy here in Milton trying to do what the Lord would have us do. Many of our members are away in the woods harvesting the forest. Sister Susie Minard has gone to Everett, Mass. We are sorry to lose her, but our loss will be gain to the Everett church.

The Endeavor Society were busy during the holidays distributing tokens of friendship and

sympathy to the needy and infirm. Our last consecration meeting reported one hundred visits made by the Visiting Committee during the month of December.

Our Queens County mission is making very encouraging progress. Bro. Frank C. Ford reports the work done in Kempt and Summerville from October to January 17th: Preached 35 sermons and 25 other services, and 271 visits, with 7 baptisms.

Bro. E. C. Ford and wife are with us now for a few weeks. They are dividing their labors with their son Frank and the writer. H. M.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

Our union meetings during the week of prayer passed pleasantly, and, we trust, were productive of good. They were well attended, and all seemed to enjoy themselves. On the evening of the 21st (January), by invitation, I am to preach in the Presbyterian Church.

On the evening of the 11th Mrs. Cooke and I were invited to a reception given by the members of St. Mary's (Episcopal) congregation to their new rector. We spent a very pleasant evening.

On the evening of the 12th our home was filled with our friends. They came, as in days of yore, with hearts as well as hands full. The evening was spent pleasantly. Speeches were made by Elder Richard Murray, Elder Thomas Beattie, Bro G A Jeffery, and the writer responded. Bro. R Murray presented the writer with forty-five dollars in cash and articles. We were very much pleased to have Bro. Peter McRay, Mr. and Mrs. Robelec, also a number of members of other congregations.

We are not the least discouraged over the work in this field. Though the clouds seemed to hang heavy at the first, we thank God that these clouds have burst with blessings on our heads. "God, give us the right spirit to labor for Thee," is our prayer. Our Sunday-school is doing splendidly, and we hope to increase our numbers in every department of our work. H. E. C.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

CENTRAL CHURCH.

We have lost one of our faithful and valued members in the person of Sister Hooper, who was married to Bro. Jas. Dickieson, of New Glasgow, on December 30th. She was a constant attendant at all the church services and an efficient teacher in the Sunday-school. Her willing help and sympathetic presence will be greatly missed by both young and old.

The week of union prayer-meetings has come and gone. Instead of adhering to the stereotyped topics, as suggested by the Evangelical Alliance, the ministers of the city agreed to devote the whole week to foreign missions. The following were the themes handled: "The Missionary Outlook of the World," "The Superiority and Adaptability of the Christian Religion," "What the Church has Done," "The Duty of the Church," "The Needs of the Church." The meetings on the whole were but poorly attended. It was suggested by a brother minister that this city needs an earthquake to shake professing Christians from their lethargy and apathy.

In the exchange of pulpits the following Sunday the writer spoke in St. James' Church, Presbyterian, and in Grace Church, Methodist. Revs. G. M. Campbell and T. F. Fullerton preached in the Central Church, and each gave stirring addresses; the latter commending the congregation for the brave stand the members had taken, and assuring them of the victory and triumph that would ultimately be theirs as a result of their sacrifice and patience.

Bro. and Sister J. F. Baker, of Southport, are living in town this winter, and their presence at the services is a great blessing and a source of encouragement. We sympathize with them in their recent sad bereavement.

After a long illness and much suffering Sister Benj Stewart was laid to rest on the 19th inst. May the God of all comfort be the stay of the sorrowing family in their great trial.

GEORGE MANIFOLD.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.

The first term of the College of the Disciples here closed; about forty-five students were in attendance. The term was an instructive one and