

Tuesday evening, 18th Jan., at the conclusion of the Young People's Meeting, while the invitation hymn,—

"Now is the accepted time,
Now is the day of grace;
Now sinners come without delay,
And seek the Saviour's face,"—

was being sung, a young woman arose and made the good confession, was baptized and united with the church. This makes two additions to the church from the Sunday-School.

Bro. H. A. Devoe, who has been residing in Boston for some months past, has been on a visit to his home during the Christmas holidays. We were all glad to welcome him at the first young people's meeting in the New Year, and to hear him speak of the Master, and his desire still to do the things that are well pleasing in His sight.

Bro. Geo. F. Barnes, who has been confined to his bed through sudden illness for the past week, we are glad to say is improving, and will soon be able to leave his room.

W. A. B.

NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.

We have no additions so far to report this month. But we are not idle in the Master's cause. We are scattering the good seed around, and wherever it takes root, it is sure to grow, but it must take root in the good and honest heart before it can bear fruit to the honor and glory of God. We are not weary in well doing, for we have the promise—in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Let us then take courage and be brave, knowing we are fighting in a battle where there are trophies to be won. My advice to all who have put on the whole armour, is not to allow his or her armour to get rusty, but to keep bright. And in the language of Jesus—Let your lights so shine before men that they may see your works, and glorify our Father who is in heaven.

W. J. MESSERVEY.

FROM CORNWALLIS.

Many of your readers, I doubt not, will think that we are in Florida long ere this (as we expected to go and make it our home.) But through the earnest solicitations of dear ones, we have decided to remain (health permitting) in Nova Scotia, this winter. We have been stopping in Cornwallis the past six weeks and while here are endeavoring to stir the brethren up to the work of the Lord. We found a few of the brethren occasionally meeting together on Lord's day. We trust our being with them may be of some benefit as it is now known that the meetings will be permanent. We have a cottage prayer-meeting once a week, which is becoming quite interesting. That there are drawbacks here we know for the brethren are scattered over some twelve or fourteen miles and it is difficult for all to get to the meeting-house now in winter time. But brethren, when the heart is full of love to Christ the way is not so hard.

As our brother E. C. Ford has decided to come here and labor with this Church, we hope his labors may be greatly blessed to the salvation of very many precious souls, is the prayer of your brother in the Faith.

HENRY CARSON.

Port Williams, Jan. 23rd, 1887.

THE TIVERTON QUARTERLY.

Dear Christian: It is in order to give your readers a report of the Quarterly held with the church at Tiverton. My preaching brethren saved me the trouble of reporting their attendance and work, by remaining at home. Had it not been for our good Bro. Steele of Southville, and Mrs. Ford, we would not even have had a representative from any place. It was very much like the case we read of: "One bought a farm," another "bought a yoke," if not of oxen, of another kind; and still another "married a wife," so none of them could come. But we had looked forward to this meeting with strong hope of having a good meeting, and though we were all very much disappointed in not seeing Bro. Capp, who

had arranged to be with us, we began our meeting on time. It did appear that even the weather had conspired against the success of our work. But the Lord stood by us, and we were encouraged to work on. The brethren came up to the work in earnest, and when we had gotten fairly into the work, we saw that success was sure. Already there have been eleven baptized, and one more confession since. The interest is good, and the meetings are very interesting, and we confidently look for a number more to come to the Saviour before this meeting shall close. I thank God for the success of this meeting. It will put the church here in a better condition than it has ever been. I am the more rejoiced at this, as I expect to leave this spring, and can now do so feeling that they can do good work for a time, even though they should have no regular preacher. But wherever I may be I shall not lose sight of these dear brethren with whom I have labored so long, and who have so large a place in my heart.

When we shall have finished this meeting, I expect to go to Westport and hold a meeting with the brethren there. May the Lord bless us in all our efforts to build up His cause.

E. C. FORD.

Tiverton, Digby Co., Jan. 25, 1887.

P. E. ISLAND.

On calling lately at a carriage factory in New Glasgow, to settle for a buggy recently purchased, it was found that sixty dollars were paid on the bill, as we suppose, by friends in the place, although their names are unknown to us.

This is one of the many tokens of Christian remembrances received from New Glasgow brethren and friends during our sojourn amongst them. These gifts are increasingly valuable considering the anxiety of these people to avoid show and publicity in their bestowal. Our feelings helps us to judge of the enjoyment of the donors when we remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

D. C.

BESIEGED.

It was my privilege, about the beginning of the New Year, to attend a social gathering at the residence of Bro. John B. Wallace, senior and preaching elder of the Church of Christ worshipping at West Gore. His neighbours and friends gathered in swarms around him, literally filling the pastoral hive. But these people, although in the minister's house, under the immediate influence of his presence, were not so spiritually minded as to forget the longings of the natural man,—as many groaning but smiling tables testified.

After much enjoyable social intercourse and some excellent singing, Bro. Steven Langell, in a neat speech, presented to Bro. Wallace—not a cup—something more capacious—a *preserved dish*, containing about eighty-four dollars cash.

In response Bro. Wallace feelingly expressed his thanks, and after addressing the company in general, and touchingly alluding to the work of his calling, directed his remarks particularly to the young people, giving them some very excellent and practical advice—that in all departments of life they should carry with them true business principles, honesty, candour, good honesty and fidelity.

The church at West Gore has been signally blessed by the ministration of Bro. Wallace. Being a safe and sound Bible man, set for apostolic teaching, worship and methods, he has, with the hearty co-operation of his associate officers, steered the church clear of dividing influences, and maintained throughout a fair and steady degree of prosperity, so that last year a new house of worship was erected and finished without outside aid, regular preaching sustained and a respectable surplus sent abroad for evangelizing.

The number of heads of families in this church is not large, most of these are poor and none wealthy. This year the church is determined to do better than ever, having in its last annual meeting decided to

adhere strictly to the scriptural plan of giving weekly, as the Lord prospers, into the Lord's treasury, for the support of all the wants of the cause, and to resort to no other means for this purpose.

Concluding, we wish our Brother the bountiful blessing of kind Providence, and many returns of a Happy New Year.

D. McDUGGAL.

Riverside, Jan. 15th, 1887.

NEWS ABROAD.

A farewell reception was given Isaac Errett, Editor-in-chief of the *Christian Standard*, in the Richmond Street Church of Cincinnati, on Thursday evening, the 18th of January. The churches in the city and suburbs combined to make the entertainment pleasant in every respect, and brethren came from abroad to join in the exercises of the evening, both at the platform and at the tables that were spread for all—about four hundred in numbers. After prayer by R. S. Grooves of Hamilton, O., addresses were given by quite a number present. The speeches were all brief and appropriate to the occasion. When Dr. Joyce had finished his address, the guest of the evening was called upon to utter some parting words which he did in language befitting the occasion.

After the addresses, all repaired to the lecture room, where the ladies of the Church, aided by the ladies of the Central and the Church at Walnut Hills, had spread tables for all. Coffee and sandwiches, ice cream and cake abounded, and an hour was most delightfully spent. The large and excellent choir of the church furnished music during the evening, that had been selected with appropriate significance and sweet religious melodies gave effect to the speeches that breathed the full fervor of the bond that existed between the departing guest and the many friends who had assembled to bid him God-speed.

Bro. Errett sailed from New York Jan. 22nd, accompanied by Bro. Z. T. Sweeney as his chosen travelling companion.

W. A. B.

Original Contributions.

THE CREED QUESTION.

BY B. B. TYLER, NEW YORK.

The creed question is one of the live questions in the year of our Lord 1887. A Christian must have a creed. A creedless Christian would be an anomaly in the world. What shall be the character of the creed? human or divine? this is the question. Joseph Parker, D.D., of London, England, Congregationalist, was quoted in a late number of THE CHRISTIAN in the subject of Christian union and also in the creed question. Hear him again on the last named topic. "What is your Christianity? A letter, a written creed, a small placard that can be published, containing a few so-called fundamental points and lines! Is it an affair of words and phrases and sentences following one another in regulated and approved succession? If so, and only so, there is not one drop of Christ's blood in it! it is not Christianity, it is a little intellectual conceit, a small moral prejudice." Dr. Parker thinks that if Jesus were to appear in the world to-day while the church is divided into denominations and broken up into sects He would not meet with a warm reception from those who call themselves Christian. "If Jesus Christ came amongst us now He would have to call upon the leaders of the various denominations, and if He did not happen to begin at the right quarter He would have but scant hospitality. If He called upon the Independents first, the Plymouth Brethren would decline to see Him; and if He called upon the Primitive Methodists in the first instance the Independents would urge the claims of an earlier ancestry. He would find us in pugilistic attitude, separated by cobwebs, or bickering and chaffing with one another over high walls, and pinning