

## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

## BACK BAY BRIEFS.

In common with our brethren in other parts of the Maritime Provinces, we rejoice in the advent of THE CHRISTIAN, and trust that the brotherhood will give it a hearty support. In order that our plea may be more fully known, and the truths which we advocate be disseminated, such a medium is indispensable; and we hope that the day is not far distant when the monthly visitant shall of necessity give place to a weekly one. Such eventually must be the outgrowth of the present movement.

Our new house of worship is nearly ready for occupancy, and is a standing memorial of the perseverance of the brethren and sisters of our little church. Bro. Gates is still with us one-half of the time, and his labors are appreciated, not alone by the church, but by the community in general.

Our social meetings on Wednesday and Saturday evenings, and on Lord's day afternoon when we meet for breaking bread, are well attended, and the worship of God fully maintained. There is no church in the land where a greater percentage of its members are more fully alive to their responsibilities as professing Christians than in our little one here. We have among us brothers and sisters that you can always rely upon, and who never shirk from their duty, no matter how hard it may be. But though this is the state of the church, all around us are many young men and young women unsaved. There is need of a great ingathering of souls here into the Kingdom of God. We need more laborers. The harvest truly is plentiful but the laborers are few. Cannot the way be opened whereby another man can be sent into this field? Never was there a better opportunity than the present for enlarging our borders and strengthening our cause in this section of the Country. Brethren and sisters, help us now with your prayers and your means. Our young men and women are perishing for the Bread of Life, and we have no man to carry it to them! Cannot something be done? Let us arise in our might and go up and possess the land.

We have the truth; let us spread it abroad. Let us never be ashamed of the principles we advocate, for they are as true as God himself. Brethren, pray for the cause in this section of the country.

J. P. N.

January Quarterly will meet the Friday before the second Lord's day in this month, when we hope to see a goodly number of our friends with us.

We expect to open our new house for worship Come to the Meeting one and all. Parties coming by the Grand Southern R. R will please drop me a card, and I will arrange for teams to meet them at St. George.

J. A. G.

## LE TETE ITEMS.

I would like to begin by saying that the cause of Christ is in a prosperous condition, in this locality, but my love of truth forbids. This I can say, however, that peace and harmony prevails so far as I know, and there are indications of better times.

The ladies, a few weeks ago, organized themselves into a sewing circle, the object of which is, I understand, to build a suitable house in which to worship God. This is much needed, as the house we now occupy is not large enough to hold the congregations on ordinary occasions.

Last evening we had quite an enjoyable time around a tree. This tree was fruitful in gifts of various kinds for parents, children, brothers, sisters and friends; and those assembled I hope went home to think of the great gift of God which caused the angels to sing "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."—God's unspeakable gift.

J. A. GATES.

Le Tete, December 25, 1883.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

## DIGBY COUNTY, N. S.

Bro. T. F. Dwyer spent about four weeks preaching for the brethren at Westport and Tiverton. The brethren enjoyed his visit, and were much pleased with his preaching, and feel confident that he will be a valuable accession to the ministry.

Bro. E. C. Bowers is home again, after an absence of about eight months. Bro. B's health is somewhat improved, and he has strong hopes of a complete recovery. That this hope may be speedily realized is the earnest prayer of his many friends.

In the good providence of God our brethren are again at home, after buffeting the rough waters these long months without the loss of one. How many during these same months have left their homes "to go down to the sea in ships" never to return till the sea gives up her dead? May we prove our gratitude to God for His tender watch-care over us, and for the many blessings we enjoy, by consecrating our lives unreservedly to His service.

THE CHRISTIAN is well received by the brethren in these parts, and we hope to have it read in every family. Indeed we shall not be satisfied till we know its bright face and Christian spirit are cheering every family of our brethren in this county. For this we shall work.

The sisters at Tiverton have held a social, which we learn was quite a success. The Westport sisters have their "bill of fare" out for next week.

We hope to be able to report some earnest work for the Master in these churches this winter. Now that we are at home there is nothing to prevent us having good meetings, as we have but little else to do but attend them.

Bro. P. D. Nowlan is still teaching school at North Range, but is hard at work preaching as well. We hope this good brother will soon be able to devote all his time to the preaching of the Word.

The last Lord's day in the year 1883 will complete my twelfth year's labor with the churches at Westport and Tiverton. Many have been the changes in this time, but we can mark a decided growth.

A Happy New Year to all the readers of THE CHRISTIAN.

E. C. F.

Westport, December 21, 1883.

## NEWSY NOTES.

We are having an old-fashion winter down here, and very old-fashion at that. The white drifts are piling up all around us. As Whittier says, "The clothes-line posts are looking now like sheeted ghosts." Old Nature's geometric signs forebodes ice and snow in abundance.

Last Sunday (Dec. 23rd) was a very cold day—14 degrees below zero according to Fahrenheit's thermometer. This means 46 degrees below the freezing point of water; and notwithstanding this our Sunday-school had every teacher at their post except one, and she was sick.

The church in Milton is still alive, and we have good reasons to hope will survive the holidays. The Wednesday evening prayer-meetings are very interesting. We have at least thirty of our young members who are active in the meetings, and consequently are growing in the grace of God.

Our last visit to North Queens was in the midst of stormy weather. We preached in the morning at Grafton, in the afternoon at Kempt, and in the evening at Maitland. The interest on the part of the brethren and friends is still growing, which warrants still better times.

Since our last report we have preached again in Summerville, and also in White Point; in both places we had a full house and the best of attention.

We are happy to hear that Bro. James Nowlan is faithfully engaged in the good work at Back Bay, N. B. We shall expect now to have good news

from Charlotte County, N. B., as Bro. Gates and Sister Gates and Bro. Nowlan are all workers.

My brother William of Albion, Maine, who has been confined to the house with rheumatic fever for several weeks, is out again and into the good work with renewed zeal. He writes me that he is "very much pleased with THE CHRISTIAN."

The lumbermen and the college boys are getting home again to spend the holidays; to enjoy the beauty and smiles of wives and sisters, and somebody else's sisters—"the angels of home."

H. M.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

In August last Bro. R. W. Stevenson held a meeting of three weeks with the church at Tryon. Bro. Sheppard, of Bowmanville, who was on the Island at the time and preached at different points with much acceptance, assisted Bro. Stevenson a few evenings at Tryon. The meetings were well attended, and it is believed that much good seed was sown, which will in future appear. Four persons were immersed at the time. One man was immersed a few weeks after the meeting. The brethren were much encouraged and strengthened in their efforts to spread the gospel in that locality.

In New Glasgow one person was recently baptized. The church is living in peace and hoping and expecting more prosperous times. Bro. D. McLean has been preaching here, at Summerside, and Tryon, since his return from the West last summer. The brethren are highly pleased with him, and are hopeful that through the blessing of God his health may be restored and he become a very efficient preacher of the Gospel of Christ.

We have not yet heard of a man for this mission field. Many are enquiring if a good man is likely to be secured. Such a man would meet with many a hearty welcome from friends, where the fields are ready for the harvest. It is our prayer to God that we will not be disappointed in this matter.

As far as we travel THE CHRISTIAN is well received, and few we speak to refuse to take it. We hope for its success and usefulness.

The brethren at 48 have started a weekly prayer meeting from house to house. These meetings are growing in size and interest.—[Ed.]

The following extract from the *Christian Herald* of Monmouth, Oregon, Nov. 30th, will interest many of our readers, especially the church at Summerside, P. E. I., who, though now deprived of the labors of a preacher, are struggling nobly to keep up the public worship of God. Bro. Morrison is one of the preachers across the line who heard the gospel in Summerside, turned to the Lord, and became a member of the church there. Last summer he went to Oregon, and is now actively engaged in preaching the gospel in that distant land. He was conducting a grand meeting in Monmouth, and at last date (Nov. 27) had 36 additions.

"As our associate editor is comparatively a stranger to many of our readers on this coast, we take pleasure in quoting the following paragraph from our esteemed brethren of the *Christian Evangelist*,—'H. T. Morrison, recently of Waupun, Wis., is located at Eugene City, Oregon, and has become associate editor of the *Christian Herald*. Bro. Morrison is known to us as a good and true man, and our Oregon brethren will always find his voice and pen, and, what is better, his life, on the side of righteousness. We devoutly hope that he and his faithful helpmeet may find a pleasant home and a useful field of labor in the Sunset Land.' We have accepted Bro. Morrison not so much on what others have said of him as on his real worth among us. We have tried him and know what he is capable of doing."

For the information of the P. E. I. brethren we would say efforts are being made to find a suitable man for the Island. To accomplish this it will, of course, take time and patience. We are in hopes, however, that the efforts will be crowned with success.