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Since New Years day the winter has been very severe in these parts. It has become quite common to hear the old residents say: Well this is the hardest winter we have known for several years. Yesterday and to-day have the appearance of spring.

To OUR SUBSCRIBERS. — Several typographical errors have occurred in changing to our new system of mailing. During the past month we have revised our list and corrected all mistakes we can find. If any should still exist please notify us at once and we will have them rectified.

SINCE Bro. M. B. Ryan undertook the work in Rochester, N. Y., seven have been added to the army of the Lord. And among other things he writes us—“ We are pushing the work here vigorously as we can. We will purchase a lot and build this summer if possible. It is the day of small things with us now. We hope for better things soon. I am glad to know of the progress of the work in the provinces.”

The letters from Brothers Murray and Harding, concerning Halifax, are very encouraging. At our last Annual we had the pleasure of meeting with several of the Halifax brethren, some of whom we had never seen before, and then, as now, they seemed to be full of work for the Master. We trust that this call from Halifax will not go unheeded; but with our prayers and “mites” (if that be all we can spare) we will aid these brethren to carry on the good work of the Lord in this city. As to the question—To whom should we send our contributions? we would answer:—to Brothers W. J. Messerly, 127 Maitland st.; H. E. Cooke, 133 Creighton st., Halifax, N. S.; or E. Wallace, Dartmouth, N. S.

SO MUCH has been written in the secular and religious papers concerning the life and death of Henry Ward Beecher, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and of wide world fame, that nothing need be said by us—but simply, that he died on Tuesday morning, March 8th. He had passed the “three score years and ten”—this coming June he would have been 74 years old. For fifty years he had been a preacher, about forty of which was with the Congregational Church in Brooklyn. His house and church during

the funeral had no signs of mourning, such as black draping, &c. And but for the bowed heads and grief-stricken faces of those attending the services, it might have been taken for a wedding—for there were flowers here, there and everywhere. And this was in keeping with the expressed wish of the Brooklyn preacher. “Strew flowers on my grave, but let no heathenish practice prevail of draping in black as a token of sorrow when a man has passed through death to eternal life.”

IN THE *Scottish American*, of a short time ago, we found the following upon “The progress of Temperance,” which will be of interest to us all:

“The drinking habits of Scotland and England have been to a marked degree broken up. The long row of decanters has ceased to adorn the dining table. The spirit bottle no longer comes upstairs in the evening, but blushes in the darkness of the collar. It is thought disgraceful for a gentleman to get drunk, and despite the immense increase of the population, the excise shows a falling off of millions. Best of all, the medical profession have again come round to the men and women, who, in the teeth of any number of facts dared to believe in their moral sense. Doctors no longer say that alcohol is a necessary article for food. All the leading men of the profession agreed the children are better without it, and most healthy adults. The advanced guard would go a great deal farther than this. Indeed, Dr. Richardson would be ready to agree with the Scotchmen in recommending thin water gruel as the best of all beverage. It is a calm drink and wunna excite your pawsons.

THE three following reports were crowded out from the columns of Church News.

ST. JOHN ITEMS.

The Quarterly Meeting was held on the second Lord's day in March. There were no delegates present from other churches. The meetings continued for two weeks. Although the weather was very unfavorable, yet the meetings were well attended and interesting. We have no additions to report, but hope that our labor has not been in vain. Monday evening of the second week was devoted to the annual meeting of the “Woman's Missionary Aid Society,” report of which will be found in another column.

WESTPORT.

Dear Christian:—We had one addition by baptism last Lord's day. We have had a few extra meetings with the church here in Westport, some of which were very interesting. The attendance was good about all the time, and we trust the brethren are stronger for the few meetings held. The brethren at Westport are at peace, the congregations at our Lord's day meetings were never better, and the church is in a position to carry on the work to greater success if they are only faithful to the trust committed to their charge. I have not visited the brethren at Tiverton since my last report, but learn that the meetings are kept up with interest, and that quite a number of the young, as well as the older brethren, take active part in them. My daily prayer to God is, that these dear brethren may be kept from the evil around them, and that

they may continue as they have begun, that by and by we may all meet in heaven without the loss of one.

E. C. FORD.

Westport, March 24, 1887.

HALIFAX.

We were in the city four weeks, three in February and one in March. The weather was not propitious. The changes were frequent and severe.

The place of worship, on Argyle street, although the best to be had at present, is not very attractive. It will be necessary to procure a better place as soon as one can be found.

The meetings increased in interest and in numbers. Our last meeting was a great improvement on the first. The brethren were pleased and encouraged with the marked increase in the meetings. Every doubt as to the possibility of building up the church in Halifax was dispelled.

A board of officers were appointed: Bro. Wallace and Cook, as elders, and Bro. Messerly and William Harding deacons. These brethren have the cause at heart. They are deeply in earnest in the good work in Halifax, and will do all in their power to further the cause in the city. They have the confidence and co-operation of the church. We can assure our brethren throughout the provinces, they will be safe in placing confidence in these brethren. They understand the mistakes that have been made in the history of the church in Halifax, and they are determined to avoid them, and not repeat any such mistakes. Our judgment is, the prospects were never so encouraging for permanent success in the city as they are now. Their ideas of systematic work, their unity, and their co-operative strength are the best I ever saw in the history of the church. If these brethren can have the sympathy and encouragement of the brotherhood they will undoubtedly succeed in establishing the church permanently in the metropolis of our province, which would be most certainly “a consummation devoutly to be wished.”

During our stay in the city we had the pleasure of enjoying a visit from Bro. and Sister Carson, who gave us many words of encouragement. They are now helping the brethren in the great work in Cornwallis. Bro. McLean was with us one evening and gave us a good warm earnest talk. Any of the brethren who chance to be in the city on Tuesday evening let them be sure to attend the meeting on Argyle street.

H. MURRAY.

## N. B. AND N. S. MISSION.

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| G. W. Archibald, R. I., . . . . .                | 30 50 |
| J. W. Powell, Freeport, N. S., . . . . .         | 50    |
| Willing Workers, Westport, N. S., . . . . .      | 12 00 |
| Henry Hill, French Village, N. B., . . . . .     | 2 00  |
| Church in Halifax, N. S., . . . . .              | 27 00 |
| Ladies' Aid Society, Milton, N. S., . . . . .    | 5 20  |
| Sunday-school Class (Sister Dadricks), . . . . . | 2 00  |

Total, . . . . . \$49 20

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