

the past winter the Lord has highly favoured us with showers of blessing. For the past four months meetings have been held almost every night except Saturday night. At our last communion thirty-one united for the first time in examination, and at the present time many are beginning the way of salvation, and many have the calm quiet confidence of being accepted in the Beloved."

Mr. Whyte also mentions that special services are being held in Ottawa (Bank Street), and Wakefield, as well as at Osgoode. He says the prospects are bright. "There is much more love among the people, and more liberality for the cause of Christ."

Another correspondent, when remitting the missionary contributions from Duff's Church, Puslinch, writes:—"I may state that the revival meetings are still continued, and are well attended. On Sabbath evenings the church is crowded to excess, and during the week there is a good average attendance of anxious inquirers for the truth. Great decorum characterizes the meetings, and there is solemn and earnest attention to the service by the people. Many who have hitherto been careless about their spiritual welfare, are regular in their attendance on the means of grace. They assert that they experience much joy and pleasure when present, and are grieved and disappointed when by any occurrence debarred from attending. It is evident, from the regular attendance and solemn attention accorded, that the people must have learned more divinity, more intimate and personal acquaintance with the gospel scheme of redemption, and more reliance on the grace and truth of God which maketh wise unto salvation. They have more freedom in communing one with another about their spiritual welfare, and more frequency and fervency in communing with their God at a throne of grace. Services throughout the week are conducted with the same systematic order and decorum that prevail on the Sabbath day."

After describing the manner in which the meetings are conducted, he says:—"It is not for me to express an opinion about the spiritual good that has been accomplished. Suffice it to say, that the open profession and outward conduct of many are very encouraging."

Other letters refer to deepened religious interest, and the awakening of not a few to a sense of the necessity of an interest in Christ, while the writers do not wish in the meantime to say much about the good work which is going on.

WORLDLY AMUSEMENTS.

The following is the substance of an article published in a recent number of "The Presbyterian," under the title "Next Winter." The dangers which beset young people in our own cities and towns are not less than those which are experienced on the other side of the Atlantic.

"A strong tendency exists among us to concentrate on the winter months an amount of gaiety, of mere diversion and pleasure seeking, which demands the attention of thoughtful Christians. If the tendency referred to merely existed among those who do not wish to be considered as very pronounced or stringent in their religious views, the fact would be neither new nor remarkable. But the tendency is growing, particularly among the wealthier classes in our cities and large towns; and it is growing in its influence over the habits of those who make a religious profession, and who are quite entitled, on many accounts, to be looked on as well-disposed