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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

WORDS OF WARNING.—"Woe to them that are wise in their own eyes." "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." "Woe to them that devise iniquity."

SHOULD any of our churches in either one of the three Maritime Provinces be desirous of knowing the terms upon which the labors of our young men now in college can be secured for these parts, and will write us, the information will be forwarded. Write at once if you wish to know.

The *Methodist*, a four page religious weekly paper is to be published in St. John, N. B. Its first number will appear on or about the 7th of the present month. Sample copies will be sent free to all who will send their address on a postal card. Address, "The Methodist," 99 Germain street.

THE hearts of the brethren in Lubec, Me., must be rejoicing over the success attending the recent efforts of Bro. Minnick to win souls for Christ. At South Lubec thirty-one were added to the church, and at Lubec, where the meeting is still (Dec. 29th) in progress, nineteen more have taken their stand on the Lord's side.

DR. A. T. PIERSON, when addressing a number of intending missionaries, and advising them as to what books to read, said:

"The most important book of all, and the one you must read if you become a successful missionary, is the Acts of the Apostles. In this book we have an account of the early missionaries, their methods of work, etc."

FROM our Halifax letter, found elsewhere in this issue, our readers will learn that we were a little astray in our December number in suggesting the cause of the silence of our Halifax brethren. But word reached us that the preacher had arrived. While apologizing somewhat for the mistake, still we are not grieving over it, seeing that it called forth such an encouraging letter from our brother Carson. We hope to hear from him again soon.

THE weather during the past month has been the severest known here for over 20 years. Not that the fall of snow has been anything out of the usual, but the high winds, the sudden changes from heat to cold, and the number of times the mercury

has reached and passed below zero, are facts the likes of which the oldest residents are puzzled to find. If in relation to the past month the present one sustains its wintriness, then we may expect, indeed, one of the severest winters known in these parts.

IN our December issue we inserted a few of the many words of encouragement found in letters intended only for the editor's eyes. We gave them to our columns, that our readers may know that we highly prize these words of appreciation and tokens of deep interest in our work. Only last week another correspondent wrote: "The CHRISTIAN has gradually improved ever since its birth. The last one was fine. It had the most variety of any. It has become a necessity now. We would be lost without it. I hope it may grow into a weekly, and think it will in time," etc.

THE church at Lord's Cove, Deer Island, N. B., has been made to rejoice in seeing sinners turn to the Lord. The meeting is thus referred to by Bro. Overbaugh:

I came to this Island on the 16th of November, since which date I have been in a series of meetings at Lord's Cove. The meeting closed last Friday evening. It was the grandest meeting I ever conducted. We had seven accessions by baptism.

I began a meeting here (Leonardville) Saturday last. Lord willing, I shall remain here for several days, when I expect to taken my departure for my home at Selkirk, Ontario.

I have engaged with the churches on this Island for one year, and expect to move here some time in February next. I thank God I am permitted to labor where the "fields are white and the laborers few."

THE following is going the rounds of the papers as an exact copy of a will left by a drunkard, of Oswego, in the State of New York. Some one may feel like asking the question, Do you really think he wrote it? Well, if he did not, still it aptly describes the state of things frequently left by such characters.

"I leave to society a ruined character and a wretched example. I leave to my parents as much sorrow as they can, in their feeble state, bear. I leave to my brothers and sisters as much shame and mortification as I could bring on them. I leave to my wife a broken heart—a life of shame. I leave to each of my children poverty, ignorance, a low character, and a remembrance that their father filled a drunkard's grave."

BRETHREN, the claims of the Educational Fund are before you. This can be made a great feature in our work. The noble resolve and ringing words of a correspondent are worthy of wider circulation than he intended; and here they are: "I enclose for the educational fund as a New Year's gift. I have about made up mind to do what little I can't help every good work my brethren are engaged in. I want some share in our young preachers, as well as in the souls that may be saved by our evangelistic work. If the work is the Lord's (and I believe it is) it will go on whether I help it or not; and then at the great day of accounts I should feel ashamed that I had done nothing to assist this glorious work. I feel that it is so very little that I can do at the best, that one should do that little cheerfully. The older I grow the more I see the need of our coming young men being educated. So, I am disposed to make this a speciality.

MANY are the schemes put forth to fill with people the houses of worship. The services of men that can and will preach nothing but nice things—smooth things are sought and obtained. Everything within and about the building has been studiously selected and arranged so as to give it tone of a high order! The cushioned pews, the stately choir, the superb music, the forms and items of worship, and the haughty bearing of the worshippers, all go to form what might be called a semi-religio-theatro performance. Yes, and notwithstanding all this the drawing power is slight. Does any one ask, What is needed to draw? Our answer would be several things—perhaps free seats, fewer collections; to give, if possible, everyone attending meeting five or ten cents. Ah! while that would certainly draw, still it would be impracticable, says one. But we are not so sure about that; but we cannot stop to discuss now its feasibility. There is needed a closer adherence to God's word, an earnest, devoted preacher that feels, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel," and a brotherhood that has the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory, with respect of persons.

ANOTHER scholar adds his testimony as to the meaning of the verb baptizo. From an exchange we learn that the Rev. C. G. Jones, of Lynchburg, Va., wrote a letter to Dr. A. Diomedes Kyriasko, Professor of Church History in the University of Athens, Greece, as to the meaning of the word baptizo. The following is the Doctor's reply, as published in the *Co-Worker*:

ATHENS, August, 1890.

Dear Sir: The verb baptizo in the Greek language never has the meaning of to pour or to sprinkle, but invariably "to dip." In the Greek Church, both in its earliest time and in our days, to baptize has meant to dip. It is through this process that our church baptizes and always has baptized both infants belonging to Christian families and adults turning from any other religion to Christianity, i. e., by dipping them thrice into water. Thus also (meaning by dipping) used the apostles to baptize. Were it not so, St. Paul could not have compared baptizing to the death of Christ, saying that in baptism we are buried with Christ and are risen with him; that is to say, the old man in us has been buried, and the new man fashioned according to the likeness of Christ risen again. Since baptism, therefore, by the cleansing of the soul, this idea can only be clearly represented by the entire dipping of the body into the water, and not by sprinkling or pouring. Yours truly, etc.

DR. A. DIOMEDES KYRIASKO,
Professor.

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