

IN ST. JOHN, N. B.

"Ther. was a slight change made in the arrangements of the Week of Prayer this year in the city of St. John. Last year each day's meetings were held in a different church, and thus all parts of the city were brought into contact with their blessed influence. The good friends of one denomination were not favourable to the rotatory system, and so a compromise was effected this time. The noon meetings were all held in one place—in the Germain street Wesleyan Church; while the evening meetings itinerated as before. The plan wrought very well. The attendance was good, and the tone that pervaded all the meetings was felt to be very solemn. There was perhaps more prayer and less exhortation than usual. In the latter part of the week there were several requests handed in which produced a marked impression on those present. The requests themselves were very touching. One was from a daughter for the conversion of a father, another was from a sister for the conversion of a brother. As these were read by the chairman of the day, in one instance the request had been sent in two days previously, but owing to the absence of the gentleman who was to have presided that day it was overlooked, and so another in similar terms was sent to another gentleman, and the two came up together,—as these were read a great many heads were bowed as it were involuntarily, and the secret petition sent up to the Throne of Grace ere there was time for any one to lead the audience in audible prayer. It seemed to be the impression on the minds of all that the entire week was a blessed season. It is surely not too much to look for special answers to these prayers which were offered up everywhere throughout Christendom. H.

IN CHARLOTTETOWN.

The Union Prayer Meetings were kept up with unabated interest to the close of last week. So deep and general was the feeling that God was blessing them for good, that a further meeting was held on Sunday night in Queen Square Church, after service was concluded. The place was crowded to overflowing with an audience in which all denominations were represented. The influences felt were most refreshing to every Christian, so much so that it was resolved to continue the meetings for a few more evenings. Another was held in the same Church on Monday night, which was largely attended, and on Tuesday night the large basement of the Wesleyan Church was crowded with a similar audience. Both meetings were blessed occasions. Last night the Union meeting was to be held in Queen Square Church, and to-night another will

be held for one hour in the basement of the Wesleyan Church."—*Patriot*, Jan. 13th.

IN THE WESTERN PART OF NOVA SCOTIA.

In Yarmouth the meetings were exceedingly solemn and impressive and continued with increasing effect into the next week. We learn from a later number of the *Patriot* that the same course was followed in Charlottetown, and with similar effect.

"The week of united prayer has been observed and meetings have been held at Kentville, Canard and Newport; the attendance at each was good, and the proceedings solemn and interesting. At Windsor more than ordinary interest was manifested. A meeting was held on each evening of the week from half-past seven till nine. The numbers and interest increased till the close of the week; the largest churches were filled to overflowing; earnest addresses were given and fervent prayers offered by ministers and laymen; and from the character of the exercises and the solemnity attending them we look for good results. One new feature with us was a preparatory meeting in the vestry half an hour before the general meeting. It helped as we thought in preparing us to engage profitably in the great congregation." A.

IN THE EAST.

Having noticed in our last issue the number and earnestness of prayer meetings in Pictou town and county, we only need to say that these were conducted with increased frequency and intensity, attended by large numbers, and followed by an accession of 28 members to the Presbyterian Churches in Pictou town.

From Sherbrooke we hear, "The week of prayer was pretty well observed here, and fervent prayers were addressed to the Throne of Grace. May they be heard.—We need more life than we have. The place including the Mines is moral, but I often fear that our morality proceeds from lower motives than Christian principle. We are glad to hear of religious activity and progress in Pictou County, and I hope and pray that our thirsty ground here may be speedily and abundantly watered." C.

IN HALIFAX.

In Halifax the meetings were never larger, the most capacious churches being filled in the evenings, and nearly so in the