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Bro. Burr writes that he leaves Deer Island for his home in Ontario the first day of July.

ANYONE building a meeting-house, and not having arranged for windows, might find it to their advantage to drop us a line of inquiry.

By this time, we presume that Bro. Clarke Braden is now in Halifax. He was to leave Boston on the 26th and commence his lectures on Monday, July 1st.

THE place of holding our next Annual has not been decided, but we are in hopes that in a week or two we shall have the desired information for our readers.

BRETHREN, write us some church news. We would like the August number to have an item or two from every church in the three provinces. Who will help us in this?

A SHORT time ago we wrote to a brother, well known for his terse and practical remarks, to write us some church news. His reply was, Before I do that I had better pay what I owe, so find inclosed the amount due THE CHRISTIAN.

We have seen and heard of Christians, so called, that were no good at giving; no good at a prayer-meeting; no good to suggest or help on a good work. Well, says one, What were they good for? Why, on an argument! They were sound! Yes, sound through and through—in fact they were all sound.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of our brethren on P. E. I. will be with the church in Summerside, commencing the Saturday before the second Lord's Day in July. Although no official notice has reached us, we are safe in saying that the usual arrangements in reference to fares on the railway will be as in times past. The brethren of Summerside sendeth a hearty greeting and will welcome all who come for the cause of the Lord.

Bro. D. O. THOMAS, well known to the brethren in these parts, especially by those of the Coburg St. Church, with whom he labored for some time, writes a letter in which he wishes to be remembered to his friends of former days. Bro. Thomas and wife were, at the time of writing, in New York city, but by this time are in England, where they will remain a few months before returning home.

THIS ISSUE is largely made up of extracts from other papers. This is explained by the fact that our June number being late our contributors are tardy in sending along their articles for the July number. But it is our purpose to have THE CHRISTIAN out on or about the first of each month, even should necessity require that we fill it with clippings. Our contributors will remember therefore that to insure the insertion of an article in a given paper it must reach us not later than the 24th of the month preceding.

BROTHER MURRAY's labors in New Glasgow were earnest and incessant. He was there for three weeks, preaching nearly every night and on Lord's days; the immediate results were twenty-one baptized. Notwithstanding the unfavorable circumstances of the first part of the meetings being in the busy season of seed time and the last part being rainy weather, the meetings were well attended. The church has been revived and encouraged and a good impression made on those that are without. Four persons were baptized just before Bro. Murray began his meetings, making in all twenty-five added this spring there.

In the May issue of a paper called *The Converted Catholic*, published in New York, the statement is made: That an old lady, ninety years of age, and cousin of Daniel O'Connell, the Irish liberator, having abjured the Roman Catholic religion, has become a member of Rev. Dr. Wild's church, in Toronto, of Ontario. The O'Connells, the liberator's family, were people of good position in Ireland, and for one of them to leave the Roman Catholic church means great sacrifice. The same paper states that since its first publication, seven years ago, it had published more than 1,000 converts from the Roman faith in the United States.

OUR YOUNG Bro. WEAVER, who has been attending for two years the Bible College at Lexington, Ky., is now at home; and from Weymouth Bridge, N. S., under June 26th, writes:—

I am at home and intend to go to work in a few days. My labors, during the summer, will be confined principally to Digby County, but intend to visit other parts. Hoping to see you during the summer and with best respects, will close as ever.

Yours in Christ,

G. D. WEAVER.

We ever need minding that "death ends not all,"—that we shall live in the great future; that here we are but stewards—and the things we call *our own* are not our own, they are but trusts committed to us for improvement. This being true some one has wisely written: "It is well to keep in mind that no day leaves us just where and as it found us. We are with each departing, day older in time and nearer to the grave. Some addition for good or ill is made to the record of life. We are made better or worse. Habit becomes a little stronger. Our opportunities in life lessen. The

need of despatch in the work of life increases. We have less time to waste. The danger of delay augments."

THE following, taken from an exchange, introduces an important subject and should awaken in every parent a watch-care as to the class of literature that comes within the homes. Books, like companions, exert an influence for good or evil and give tone and character to rising generations.

What are your children reading? This is a timely query which demands the attention of every parent. You can not escape it. You are to be held responsible for the way in which it is answered. Encourage your children to read, be certain that they are reading the best books. Milton says, "a good book is the precious life-blood of a master spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond." You can give your children no better silent companions than good books; you can do them no greater harm than to give them bad ones. Be careful in this important matter.

ALTHOUGH our readers are acquainted with the terrible calamity that has lately befallen the people of Johnstown (and adjacent towns and country) of Pennsylvania, their interest and sympathy will be deepened by reading a few words from our well known and highly esteemed Bro. M. B. Ryan. Writing from Williamsport, Pa., under date of June 4th, concerning the flood, says:—

Dear Bro. Capp,—I write to give you the news of the great calamity to which we have been subjected. Our valley has been visited with the most disastrous flood in its history, within the past week, and as a matter of course, wreck and ruin are spread broadcast. The water was nearly thirty-four feet above high-water mark in our city, being about six feet higher than was ever known before. Our city has suffered beyond description; a rough estimate places the loss at \$10,000,000. The boom broke and let all the stock of logs escape, millions of feet of sawed lumber floated away, whole rows of houses went down stream, saw-mills were wrecked or floated entire, bridges were carried off, warehouses inundated and property of every description ruined. The city is now a sad spectacle indeed. Our church was under four feet of water, damaging carpets, cushions, furniture and entirely ruining all our books and our organ. Many of our brethren had their homes and business places inundated. Quite a number of lives were lost. We feel however that we are fortunate when compared with Johnstown, Pa., where ten thousand people were taken by flood and fire without a moment's warning; or even beside some of our sister towns below us on the river, where the destruction of houses must be even worse than here.

This disaster will very seriously affect our church. We had just become self-sustaining and were by hard work carrying on our own work and aiding all our missionary enterprises. Now some of the brethren are sadly crippled and all a good deal embarrassed. Several of the brethren lose heavily, and many of them who depended upon the lumber business for employment have seen their summer's work and remuneration vanish like a dream. I don't know what the outcome will be.

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