

## ITEMS OF INTELLIGENCE.

Brother J. Beaty, of Toronto, C. W., writes under date of January, 29, that "*nineteen* have been added since April, *twelve* by immersion and *seven* by letter."

Brother J. Ash, of Oshawa, C. W., gives a good account of the brethren in his vicinity. He says, that "*some ten or twelve* have been immersed in Pickering, *sixteen* in Darlington, and *three or four* here; and a goodly number have united who had been previously immersed. Prospects are still flattering all around us. Among those immersed are some of the most influential and worthy in our community. We receive among them two preachers of no mean abilities."

Brother Ash also gives a very interesting and affecting account of the last sickness and death of Sister Stone, the wife of Brother Marshall B. Stone. We have a very distinct remembrance of the kind and hospitable manner in which we were entertained by her during our short visit in Oshawa.

Although Brother A's. letter was designed mainly for ourself, yet we take the liberty of copying a few more sentences. If The Christian was large enough, we would give such letters entire. It produces a good effect upon our hearts to witness or hear of the triumphant exit of those who, when in the full enjoyment of all their powers and in the morning of life, consecrated themselves to the service of the Lord. In reference to Sister Stone, Brother Ash remarks: "Her last days were the most triumphant and affecting that I ever witnessed. By her request several of us visited her, and found her much composed, and in full strength of mind. She gave to each of us admonitions and warnings in a most impressive and affecting manner. She desired again to receive the Lord's supper with her brethren; after which she gave to us the right hand of fellowship, and sang a hymn in the sweetest strains. Oh to see a mother so resigned and composed, and so happy too, and at the same time leaving a disconsolate husband and a large family of children, mostly daughters, is a triumph that cannot be gained by any one while serving the god of this world. Nothing but a renewal of heart and life can ensure it." May the Lord bless all the dear brethren, and cause their afflictions to work for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

We received from Bro. James Sillers, of River John, Pictou, N. S., about the first of last month an interesting letter, from which we take the liberty of publishing the following extracts:

"We received from Scotland, about eight or ten years ago, a pamphlet published in Glasgow—a sermon, or lecture by one John M'Cartney. The subjects of this small volume are handled under the following heads: 1st. Classical learning not necessary for the discharge of the duties of the pastoral office. 2nd. No church is complete without a plurality of pastors. 3d. It is the duty of the members of the churches to contribute according to their ability to the edification of the church. 4th. It is the duty of the pastors to labour for their own support. There