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## ITEMS AND NEWS.

### SPECIMEN COPIES.

Any subscriber of THE CHRISTIAN who would like to have a specimen copy of the paper sent to a friend can be accommodated by sending us, on a postal card, the name and address to which he would like the paper sent.

BROTHER GORDINIER is now preaching on Deer Island.

THE amount raised for home missions by the Disciples last year amounted to \$168,050.71.

THERE is a good deal of religion in attending to your own business.

BRO. Hiram Wallace is engaged in a protracted meeting with the church at Milton, N. S.

THIS is the time to renew your subscription for next year. We are thankful to the brethren and sisters who have already responded. The paper is well worth the money.

SOME of the contributions received for this month's issue are held over for next month.

DURING the past month Brethren Murray and Gordinier have been doing good work under the direction of the Home Mission Board. Read the Home Mission Notes.

A LETTER from J. A. L. Romig informs us he is thinking of visiting the Provinces in the near future. Bro. R. will be gladly welcomed. He is a good preacher and worker.

A GOOD story is told of an old negro brother who boasted of his liberality and systematic giving. He had an acre of land which he called "The Lord's Acre," and all that he grew on it he gave to the Lord every year. "Which acre is it?" said a brother on hearing him speak of it one day. "Well, that depends," said he. "When it is a real wet year den I gibs the Lawd an acre down on de low land, and when dar comes a drouf den I gibs the Lawd an acre on top of the hill."

## "THE CHRISTIAN"

Is published in the interest of primitive Christianity.

It gives forth no uncertain sound.

It seeks to make unity of division.

It asks all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity for help.

It is satisfied with the Bible as the rule of faith and practice.

Will help all earnest inquiring souls to a knowledge of the truth.

THE brethren of South Range, Digby county, N. S., after a hard struggle, have got their house of worship nearly ready to occupy. Much credit is due this little band for the sacrifices they have made. The seating and furnishing yet remains to be done. It would be a grateful act if our brethren in the Provinces would assist these brethren in their earnest efforts to strengthen the cause of our Master. Send to Benjamin Marshall, South Range, Digby County, N. S.

A YOUNG writer in a recent number of the *Christian Evangelist* says some good things in very plain words about exaggerated reports of meetings, and similar errors on the part of Evangelists, pastors and newspaper scribes. We have thought for some time that this thing was being overdone, and are glad that even a young brother will volunteer to face boldly the great army of offenders. Really the whole thing of late has become so ridiculous that if the practice grows, our staid, religious journals will be trespassing on the grounds of the comic papers.

IN the usual column will be found the obituary notice of Elder John Smith, of Tiverton, N. S. Bro. Smith has been associated with the work in Digby County over a quarter of a century. The church will be deprived of a good man and the community in which he lived will miss him greatly. May the consolation of the glorious Gospel sustain the sorrowing family and friends in their affliction.

"If ye know these things, blessed are ye if ye do them." Jesus was always trying to promote the happiness of His disciples. A little while after he had said the above words to His apostles, he assured them that while He was absent He would not leave them "comfortless," and that He would at last receive them to Himself, that where He was there they might be also. Not only is the Christian spirit a happy one, but the Christian man is "blessed in his deed." But the sweet ingredient in the blessed cup of Christian life is the humility which Jesus illustrated, at the time of using the above words, by washing the feet of His servants. On the other hand, that spirit which is the opposite of humility is the most vexing devil that enters into man. It transforms the preacher from the happy servant of God and lover of his brethren into a jealous, grumbling misanthropist or misadelpist, if we may make a word to fit more exactly. This is all wrong. Life, like a cup of tea, should be sweetest at the last; but as it is drained nothing but Christianity can prevent its becoming bitter. Happy, blessed, are we if we do it.—*Standard*.

## THE EDUCATIONAL FUND.

At the annual meeting at Westport in September last John M. Ford and Henry W. Stewart were elected to constitute the Educational Board—the old Board, after four years of faithful service, having resigned. In that time three of our young men received assistance from the educational fund, and they are now all out in the Master's field doing work. Bro. Ellis B. Barnes is meeting with great success in Bowmanville, Ont. During the past year he had about fifty additions to the church, and the second year, upon which he has just entered, opens up auspiciously. Bro. G. D. Weayer is also in Canada. He graduated in June last, and immediately went to Ontario. Since then he has been preaching with great acceptance, and has recently closed a meeting with thirty-eight additions to the church. Four churches in Ontario are anxious to have him labor with them during the coming year, but so far he has not consented, hoping that some church or churches in these Provinces would desire his services. Bro. O. H. De Voe is also ready for work. Since college closed in June there have been few nights which he did not preach, and in that time he has added to the churches in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio more than one hundred and thirty precious souls.

I mention these facts to show that the educational fund has proved an unqualified success. But here is an additional fact to add weight to the statement, and to cause the brotherhood to take an increasing interest in the fund. Each of these three brethren has promised to pay into the fund all the money he received out of it. It thus becomes a perpetual fund, and the money paid to assist them is coming back to do a similar service for others. These also will repay in good time, and thus the money may be at work until twenty or thirty of our earnest young Christians are fully equipped to preach the word. Is not this fund worthy of the hearty support of the brotherhood? Do you say that the boys are not willing to come back? Try them and then speak.

THE amount which in four years has been paid into the educational fund is \$514.16. The amount paid out is \$599.65, leaving a deficit of \$85.49. This last amount Bro. Capp—the former treasurer—paid out of his own pocket. The new Board is anxious to repay him. It has no money on hand, except a few dollars. The brethren who were assisted cannot repay their first instalment till early in the coming year. If the Board has to wait till it receives enough from them Bro. Capp may have to be without his money for several months longer. The Board has, therefore, concluded to ask the brotherhood to remember the educational fund, so that its debts may be paid, and that it may be enabled to assist the young men who are desirous of going to college. All contributions to this fund should be sent to the undersigned, who will acknowledge them in THE CHRISTIAN.

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Whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, let all be done to the glory of God. There is no dividing between the religious and the secular. "Whatever is right is religious." All the laws that regulate and control the man, body, soul and spirit are of God; hence, the better we attend to these laws the better we glorify God.