

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

LETTER FROM THE GERMAIN STREET CHURCH.

We have received many valuable additions to our numerical and spiritual strength during the year. Many who were under the influence of the Gracious Spirit have been brought to decision for Christ and His cause; and some that were careless and impenitent have been awakened by the blessing of God on the preaching of His word.

Previous to Elder Knapp's coming to St. John, four were baptized; during his labors in the city, fifty were added to us by baptism, and eight by letter; and after he went to Portland, our meetings being still kept up, we had forty-one additions—thirty-eight by baptism and three by letter, making in all one hundred and three.

We pray that our zeal, activity and usefulness in the Master's service may be commensurate with our numbers and advantages.

While we deeply regret that already signs of painful declension and backsliding begin to appear among the converts, showing that some were stony ground hearers, who received the word with joy, too readily professed faith in Christ, and ran well for a time, but knew nothing of the saving power of the Gospel; still we rejoice that in many the good seed is bringing forth fruit unto everlasting life, in some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred fold; and that two young women, one about to join us, have gone triumphantly to Heaven.

LETTER FROM THE BRUSSELS STREET CHURCH.

Since we last addressed you, we have, through the Divine goodness, enjoyed an unusual amount of peace and prosperity. The members of the Church have been united in heart and effort, and the Lord has graciously heard our prayers and blessed our exertions in His cause. From time to time, all through the year, additions have been made to our number by letter and by baptism; but, during the winter months, the outpouring of the Spirit of God was thankfulness we experienced while the cloud of mercy descended upon us, and numbers varying from twenty to nearly fifty at a time, who, by letter or recent baptism, sought admission to the Church. Every night, for weeks, our vestry was crowded, and every Lord's day the ordinance of baptism was administered. Our Sabbath School shared very largely in the blessed revival. Several of the teachers who had lived without an evidence of a personal interest in Christ were now enabled to rejoice together with their scholars in a newly found Saviour. The number of converts from the Sabbath School was fifty-eight. The Lord has hitherto signally blessed the labors of our beloved pastor, and we feel especially thankful that He has so wonderfully sustained him in the discharge of the unusual amount of labor he has this year been called upon to perform.

We rejoice in the success of the efforts to clear the Fredericton Seminary of the debt which has so long retarded its usefulness, and pray that it may henceforth be attended by the special smiles of our Heavenly Father, and may effect all the good anticipated by its founders, who, while living, so earnestly labored and prayed for its prosperity. It is very gratifying to us that God has raised up among us a young brother who has the ministry in view; and who, under our sanction, is now at the Seminary preparing for that great work.

The important agency in which the Rev. E. C. Cady is engaged is one which, we believe, will be attended with the most beneficial results in the furthering of all the great objects embraced in the Union Society. We think Bro. Cady to be the right man in the right place, and as such we give him our prayer and support.

LETTER FROM THE LINSTER STREET CHURCH.

In our last letter to this Association we reported a series of special meetings held by us the previous winter, in which services the Holy Spirit was manifestly present, reclaiming wanderers and converting souls. That gracious visitation of Divine power was most edifying and invigorating to many in our Church; and nearly all of our membership participated, to a greater or less extent, in those extra meetings, and received a quickening of their Christian life. In that annual letter occurs this sentence:—"We cannot but believe that the many earnest prayers sent up to heaven in those meetings are yet to be answered