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THE editor, by reason of other duties, found it next to impossible to write an editorial and in lieu thereof sent the article "A Sad Necessity."

BRO. R. W. STEVENSON, who for some time has been at Mankato, Minn., is (according to report) about to labor with the church at Syracuse, N. Y.

OUR statement in the April No. prepared our readers for the tardiness of the May CHRISTIAN. We hope to have the June issue out on time. Our correspondents will therefore write us at once.

ALL should read carefully the article in another column—"An Episcopalian on Baptism." W. H. Aitken is an Episcopalian preacher who two or three years ago created such an excitement in New York by reason of his ability, earnestness and eloquence. His power as a Missioner has attracted attention both in the Old and New World, and therefore his words have weight.

WORD reaches us from the church at Summerside, P. E. I., that four persons have just put on Christ. One of the number in all probability we know not, but three of them we remember well—two young men and a young woman (boys and a girl when we were there) belong to one family—that of James Tuplin. Our hearts rejoice at this, and sincerely trust that the time is not far distant when the news will come the whole family is now in the family of God.

THE Faculty of Bethany College, West Va., recognizing Bro. Crawford's ability as a writer, has conferred upon him the degree of M. A. This certainly is a high but well deserved compliment. And while our readers will rejoice over the above fact, they feel assured that greater honors—far above what earth can give—awaits our beloved brother for his untiring and powerful efforts to present in season and out of season the unsearchable riches of Christ and the faith once delivered to the saints. That our brother may live long to wear the honor so freely and deservedly given is the prayer of all who know him.

FROM an exchange we receive the gratifying news that the church in Boston is enjoying a rich harvest of souls. Here is what it says:

Brethren Darst and Smith still continue their meeting in Boston, and up to date there have been forty four accessions, as I understand, very largely by confession and baptism. Bro. Smith believes in *protracted* meetings, and he *protracts* them. This is one of his strong points. This has been the winning point in this Boston meeting. The meeting has been in progress over six Lord's-days now, and had it closed with the fourth Lord's day the best triumphs would not have been won. Three Roman Catholics are among those who have been baptized. Indeed, the conversion of Roman Catholics in Boston is getting to be more and more common, and there have been hundreds in this vicinity within the last few years, if the statistics which have come under my eye are correct.

PROTESTANTS who are sending their children to Catholic schools should bear in mind that Archbishop Faber has just issued a circular to the clergy that they *must warn* Catholics against sending their children to Protestant schools. This is by no means a new edict. It is one that every now and again (according to circumstances) receives special attention. The Roman priesthood has been waging war against the public schools of the United States, and here and there in our borders the same spirit is being manifested. Let us remember that if the sending of Catholic children to the *public schools* weans them away from the faith of their parents, then the sending of Protestant children to Roman Catholic schools, in all of which their religious system is taught, will lead them to renounce the religion of their fathers.

THE following, taken from a P. E. I. paper, shows that additional years of mutual service lessons not but rather strengthens the bond of union existing between Bro. Emery and the brethren among whom he has been laboring the past few years:

On Wednesday evening, the 20th ult., a number of the members and friends of the Church of Christ, Montague, met at the residence of the pastor, Bro. O. B. Emery, and partook of a supper supplied by the ladies. After partaking of the good things so bountifully provided, Mr. D. M. Campbell was called to preside, when Mr. Duncan McDonald, in a very complimentary speech, presented Mr. Emery with a purse containing a sum of money as a small token of the esteem in which he is held by the congregation. After the presentation Mr. Emery acknowledged the gift in a very appropriate and feeling speech, in which he touchingly alluded to the many substantial presents that he had received during his stay in Montague. Besides the above, the pantry and barn was well supplied with all that was requisite. The evening was pleasantly passed away, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. There was some good speeches, among which was one of Elder A. Campbell, who was listened to with marked attention. After spending a pleasant evening the company dispersed to their respective homes, fully resolved "to meet some other day."

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Miscellaneous.

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

My last notes were written from Hants Co.; these from Digby Co. I spent one Lord's day in Newport (March 24th). There I found the brethren all well and doing nicely, with the exception of Bro. Martin Stevens, who is not well and whose presence we missed around the table of our Lord.

On Sunday (March 31st), I was at Shubenacadie, where we had three good meetings, and on Monday we went down into the water and one was buried with Christ in baptism who had made the good confession. The weather was stormy and the roads bad or I would have had some meetings through the week. But having received a letter from South Range, Digby Co., urgently requesting me to come down and hold a meeting for them, I determined to go. So on Friday morning, April 5th, I boarded the train at Newport bound for Digby. I arrived in Digby about 5 o'clock the same evening, and was made comfortable at the pleasant home of Bro. Ben. Marshall. The church here was pretty well discouraged—no regular meetings, no meeting house, party feeling running high and religious matters at a pretty low ebb. Bro. J. A. Gates has done some faithful work at this place, which will not lose its reward.

I have been here a little over two weeks and have been preaching regularly every night; sometimes in the afternoons as well. The brethren have become interested and awakened, and in one of our social meetings we had nine to take part in fifteen minutes. We have had three additions and we are looking for others if we can continue the meeting, but I have caught a cold and am afraid it will stop me for awhile. Several young people expressed their desire to become Christians but yielding to the influence of their parents they went no further. I may say, their parents, although members of an orthodox body, did not manifest the spirit of Christianity.

Several years ago the brethren here (South Range), started to build a meeting house, but somehow fell through with it. Now they are going at it again. We have had a meeting. Bro. Jesse Sigler giving the land, and every brother has taken a part in providing material, and to-morrow morning (D. V.) some of the brethren are to start the foundation. Everybody is in earnest. There is no other meeting house in the place, and the prospects are good for future work when the house is finished.

I enjoyed the presence of Bro. Gates at some of these meetings; Sister Gates at them all; Bro. Gates attended to the ordinance of baptism on Lord's day afternoon.

At Southville their meeting house is almost finished and they plan to have it ready for the quarterly meeting in June. The brethren had planned on my being present at the dedication, but I am afraid this cannot be as I have promised to be at the opening of the one in Shubenacadie which will take place about the same time. We have brethren scattered all over this county in little bands, some living in districts that with permanent labor might in the course of time become self-sustaining. I have been talking to the brethren about organizing and forming a county organization for the