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Our Annual Meeting will be held with the Church at Tiverton, Digby County, N. S., commencing Friday evening, September 6. Arrangements with the Nova Scotia Steamship Company, will enable brethren and friends to cross the Bay and return for one fare. Reduced rates are also promised from Digby to Tiverton and back. The brethren of Tiverton give a hearty welcome to all.

Bro. P. D. Nowlan called in on us the other day en route to River John, where he expects to remain for a Lord's day or two.

Our contributors will please call to mind the fact that to insure the insertion of an article in a given number of our paper it must reach us not later than the 24th of the month preceding.

Bro. Ford writes: Bro. T. H. Blenus is with us, and preached three times yesterday, August 25th. We had fine congregations and fine sermons. The afternoon service was at Sheffield's Mills.

We are glad to hear and congratulate our young Sister Ford—daughter of Bro. and Sister E. C. Ford—that at the recent provincial examination she was successful in obtaining a B. license; and at the Normal School, Truro, a first-class diploma.

Word reaches us that the Brethren of Charlottetown and Lot 48, P. E. I., have secured the services of a preacher. His name, former field of labor, or how long he has been on the Island, are questions we are unable to answer at this writing, but we welcome him into these parts, and pray that God's richest blessings may attend him in his efforts to win souls for Christ.

Our correspondents must remember that no article can appear in the columns of THE CHRISTIAN unless the name of its author is known to the editor. We have now two or three articles on hand that have been withheld from our readers from the fact that the real name is not written on the manuscript. As soon as we receive the desired information the articles will appear in our columns.

From the Summerside Journal, of P. E. Island, we learn that Bro. Braden commences on August 24th a series of lectures in the Market Hall of Summerside. Subjects: A Defence of the Law

and Work of Moses; What all should know about the Bible; Who Wrote the Books of the Bible? Fallacies' Follies and Falsehoods of Infidelity; The Great Ideas of Christianity; Can Progress Out-grow Christianity?

During the evening at a large dinner party, Daniel Webster was requested to state the greatest thought he ever had. He looked around for a moment at the company and asked, "Whom have we here?" "None but friends," was the reply. Pausing a second or two, he said slowly and impressively, "The greatest thought I ever had is the thought of my personal accountability to God." He then arose and amid the silence of the company left the room.

Bro. James Millard Philputt and wife, of New York, have been, during the past five or six weeks, with the brethren at Lubec. Their earnestness in cause of the Master has gained for them a warm place in the hearts of the brethren. Bro. Philputt preached each Lord's day, and during the week, by his godly walk and conversation, did much good. We had the pleasure of seeing them for a few moments at Eastport last Monday morning, 26th. They were about to take the boat for Boston.

Bro. H. Minnick, now of Norfolk, Va., is visiting the brethren of Lubec, Maine—among whom and with whom he labored for a year or more to hold forth the word of life. This visit was looked forward to with pleasure, both on the part of Bro. Minnick and the brethren and friends of Lubec, where he is highly esteemed by those commonly called "outsiders" and deservedly loved by the brethren. He is looking well, but not as fleshy as when laboring in these parts. We should judge that this climate agrees with him, and should he return, which many are urging him to do, he will be gladly welcomed. He has promised to help us in the work of THE CHRISTIAN.

Our young Brother DeVoe, who left St. John a year ago for the Bible College in Kentucky, is now spending his vacation in preaching the word of the Lord. He writes under date of August 21st:

Since writing you last I have been in two meetings of two weeks each. The first was at Milford, Kentucky, where we had sixteen additions; some in the blush of youth, and others whose heads were gray with age. I preached my first, second and third sermon in Milford, at the beginning of the meeting, and was joined the next day by Bros. Hester and Stafford, who continued with me during the meeting. During the Milford meeting I went to Moseo, Ohio, and in Bro. Hester's stead on Lord's day morning and evening preached, and returned to Milford on Monday. On the following Saturday I left Hester and Stafford in Milford to close that meeting, and on Sunday night came to Corinth, and began a meeting there, which closed last Lord's day evening with nine additions. Last Lord's day I had to return to Milford and again fill Hester's appointment, leaving him to close the Corinth meeting on Sunday evening. I came from Milford yesterday, and intend going to Powersville the last of this week, where Bros. Spion and White are holding a meeting.

Certain scribes have been and are discussing in the columns of an exchange the question, "What is to become of the pious unimmersed?" The Christian Evangelist suggests another question: i. e., "What about the un-pious immersed?" That we have a

great number in the latter class none will deny. That whatever our view may be concerning the former class, there surely can be but one view as to the fate of the latter. For to this class is attributable not the pious affections of the former, but that the pious unimmersed are so numerous. Do you see that man, he will argue a whole day on baptism, he will argue against missionary societies (so called), Sunday schools, prayer meetings, paying the preacher, etc., etc.; of him, concerning Christian work, it can be said, his right hand knoweth not what his left hand doeth—for the reason it does nothing. The man never gives a cent for missions, whether home or foreign. The person appointed to solicit from him a subscription for needy repairs on the meeting house in which he (un-pious immersed) has a seat, would, though poor, rather pay the twenty-five cents he might receive than lose a half day in arguing the matter. And yet a ten dollar bill would not meet his tobacco bill for the year! Such men are but brackmen that do nothing but put on and keep on the brakes, and find fault with the train that it runs so slow. Slow it may be. Sad, if such is the fact. But sadder still is the fact that such slowness is largely due to the action, or want of action, of un-pious immersed.

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In reference to the above it may be well to offer a few words in explanation. We have among us pious young men who are anxious to gain an education to better fit them for preaching the gospel, to which work they are determined, with the help of God, to devote their lives. In the meantime we are in great need of preachers, and find it next to impossible to be supplied from abroad. Many are under the impression that while it is our duty to be always ready to support and encourage worthy men who can be induced to come here and preach the gospel, we ought also to encourage and assist our own young men who are struggling to work their way on to usefulness in the Master's work, and that we should do this for at least two reasons: 1st, That these young men may the sooner be prepared for the field. 2nd, That they may be the more encouraged to labor at home where they receive the sympathy and assistance of their brethren.

It is the desire of the brethren that those who wish to pay into this fund will hand it to the elders of the churches, or any person or persons whom the churches may appoint, and that it be reported in THE CHRISTIAN. D. CRAWFORD.