

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Fever at Cornwallis, Obituaries, &c.

MY DEAR BROTHER,

How deeply mysterious are the ways of God with the children of men, how deep are his divine counsels in reference to man's salvation, and evidently so in reference to the dispensations of divine providence. The Apostle Paul with his extensive knowledge still acknowledges his scanty conception of the sublime depths of the divine counsels. Rom. ii. 33.—"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out." Happy for those who can admire, and admit the fact upon the authority of God's revealed will, and bow in submission to His government. Much may be learned by contemplating the order of divine providence as exemplified in God's word, and our own observation. How different are His dealings with the children of men. God has chosen his children in the furnace of affliction, and "whom He loves, He chastens," but how diversified is the manner of God's dealings; with some it would seem as if all the billows of God's displeasure rolled over them—for instance, Psalm xlii. 7, Jonah ii. 8, Job. Yet others appear remarkably exempt, at least for a length of time. The family of brother John Vaughan located on the Black Rock Mountain in Western Cornwallis, to whom I am now about to refer, is one among many others who have been remarkably smiled upon in providence until about two years since, when their eldest daughter, Sarah Jane, was severely afflicted for about nine months and finally died on the 2nd August, '55, in the sixteenth year of her age. On the 29th October following, their son Nathan Manson also died, with about two weeks sickness, in the 5th year of his age; and on the 14th August, '56, their son Henry Harris died also, 15 months old. He suffered much for about ten months. This, together with the long and extreme suffering and death of the eldest daughter, had a debilitating effect upon the mother and next daughter, and their health became somewhat impaired. On the last of May, sister Vaughan was suddenly taken ill, (supposed to have originated in a cold) and continued very ill for about four months before there was sufficient grounds to hope for her final recovery. During the first part of her sickness, none supposed her disease to be contagious, hence the necessary care was not taken to prevent its spreading, and when one and another was taken ill who nursed and aided in the family, we were at last compelled to believe the fact, and finally it was concluded the fever which attended her was typhoid. As near as I can learn, there have now been upwards of 40 cases, which are supposed to have originated from her, among the number was her husband and probably two daughters, and when it will terminate no finite creature can tell. I am happy to say, however, that at present there have been but five or six deaths occasioned by this complaint. Some have recovered, others are now very low, with hopes of recovery. Brother Vaughan and family are improving. Some have had it much more severely than others. There have been several cases in this district besides the above, probably not occasioned by any of the first named. Among the number who have died was brother Charles Pincio, son of the late Job Pincio, who has left a wife, mother, several brothers, some in Canada and in the U. S., and one sister to mourn their loss. He was a member in the 2nd Baptist Church, Pleasant Valley, deservedly esteemed, and a man of unbounded hospitality and benevolence, taking his limited circumstances into the account, so that his demise will be deeply felt. His beloved companion and a lad whom they had brought up were both prostrated with the fever at the time of his illness and decease.

Another one who died was the daughter of the late Jeremiah Tupper, late of Cornwallis. She died at brother Asael Webster's, on the post road. She is supposed to have taken the fever at brother Vaughan's, while assisting them in their affliction, and hence carried it into brother Webster's family, and two of his family and her sister are now labouring under the same disease. Sister Rebecca Tupper, above referred to, was connected with the Wesleyan Society in this district, she entertained hope in the Saviour when 15 years old, and was in the 22nd year of her age. During her illness, which was short, she was in doubt in reference to her hope; still could not relinquish it. The day she died she sent for me to visit her. Her fears however were removed, and her last words were,

"Jesus my all to heaven is gone
On him I fix my hope upon."
We trust she has gone to rest above.

Before I close my remarks I would add that the eldest daughter of brother Vaughan whose demise I referred to, although much exercised in reference to her soul's welfare, usually said but little, but before her death was enabled to converse freely; and rendered satisfaction to her friends that her soul was renewed by divine grace and that she fell asleep in Jesus.

In conclusion, we see that brother Vaughan and his dear companion have had now to drink as well as others of the cup of affliction, they rest in hope that their eldest daughter is where sin nor sorrow will ever enter, I trust also that another member of their family has in this furnace experienced "redemption through the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of her sins, according to the riches of his grace." Sanctified afflictions to those who are exercised thereby do work out the peaceable fruits of righteousness. May it be abundantly sanctified to all. During the continuance of this fever besides the attendant physician and myself a number of others have been in constant attendance, and till now have escaped the contagion. Yet many others have been much alarmed, and dare not venture, and in some instances those who have been sick have suffered somewhat for want of attention, others have been more exposed in consequence of constant exertions and want of rest. There are times and seasons when duty calls for extra exertions and exposures in order to benefit their fellow creatures, especially when the band of affliction presses sore, which duty if neglected, will come under consideration at the last day when an account of their stewardship is surrendered to the Supreme Judge. Infinite wisdom and justice sometimes make us learn by painful experience the sad effects of such unkindness.

I might mention also the death of Sister Porter, wife of Brother James Porter, residing in this district, who was buried last week. She left home to go to Lake George on a visit to her daughter, but on her way was taken ill, stopped at her brother's on the Upper Aylesford Mountain and died after a few days illness. She had been a member of the first Cornwallis Baptist Church for, I think, more than thirty years, and as far as I have knowledge, adorned her profession, and I doubt not has entered the "rest remaining for the people of God." I enjoyed the privilege of attending her funeral at Bill Town on Tuesday the 7th October, instant, where her remains were interred. She left a husband, a large number of sons and this one daughter to mourn their loss.

Charles Norman, second son of Brother James C. Morse, also died on Saturday the 27th of September, in the ninth year of his age, of disease of the heart. During the summer he was somewhat better, but failed suddenly. He was very fond of reading, especially the Psalms of David. He appeared quite exercised about his soul's best interests during his illness—particularly towards the last. He was in the habit of supplicating God's throne of mercy in secret. When drawing near the closing scene of life he desired his dear mother to pray for him and to read to him some of the Psalms—his dear father being absent at the time. He was fully sensible of his approaching dissolution, and was quite calm and composed. We conclude that he is not only taken from the evil to come, but has entered into the peaceable realms of unceasing day, to dwell with Christ forever. The breach made in this beloved family is very deeply felt. May the Lord be pleased to sanctify it.

I have written the foregoing for the benefit of all concerned, and trust you will give it place, dear brother, in the Christian Messenger.

Yours truly,
WM. CHIPMAN.

P. V., October 14th, '56.

For the Christian Messenger.

OBITUARY NOTICE.

MESSRS. EDITORS,

The following brief OBITUARY of an aged and devout Christian, furnished by one of his sons, who is a valued member of the church under my care, will doubtless be interesting to many of your readers.

Ever yours,
C. TUPPER.

Aylesford, Oct. 14, 1856.

JOHN W. TUFTS

Was born in Annapolis on the 30th day of February, 1774. He was led in early life to embrace the Saviour; and was baptized by the late Rev. Thomas Handy Chipman, shortly after his taking the pastoral charge of the Baptist Church in Nictaux, where Mr. T. resided at that time.

He was united in marriage to Miss Phebe Schofield, of Horton, who survives him. Being of a rugged constitution, he commenced the settlement of New Albany, in the year 1804. They moved to that place in 1805, having then two

small children. As the distance was ten miles and the road was bad, they were obliged to camp out in the woods during a long winter's night. The next day they were conveyed safely to their new and beautiful cottage. The walls were built of logs, the floor laid with poles roughly hewed, and the roof was neatly shingled with spruce bark. Although it was a lonely, yet it was a peaceful dwelling. For eighteen months their nearest neighbour, the late Ezekiel Cleveland, of Nictaux, was eight miles distant from them.

The time, however, passed away swiftly; and at length instead of the growling of Bears, and the noise of other beasts of the forest, the sound of axes and the falling of trees told that neighbours were near. Mr. Tufts was one of the number that first marked out the road from New Albany to Brookfield.

Although they were living in the wilderness he still thought upon the lovingkindness of his God, and his house was a house of prayer, not only did he maintain family worship but as the new settlers were mostly praying men, I am informed he was the first to invite them to assemble together for prayer meetings; and the first of these was held in his house. I have known him to walk twelve miles to Nictaux, to attend conference meetings, and to hear the gospel preached.

His days have passed away; and at length, after a short but distressing sickness, we have sufficient reason to believe he has entered into rest. His sufferings were exceedingly severe; but he bore them with patience and resignation to the Divine will. Just before he expired he was asked, if he thought he was dying. His answer was, "I hope so." He longed to be with his Saviour. Thus on the 14th day of September, 1856, in the 83rd year of his age, he fell asleep in Jesus. On the Wednesday following his remains were conveyed by kind friends and neighbours to the distant grave. After the interment the congregation repaired to the house of worship, where a very appropriate and solemn discourse was delivered by Rev. Willard G. Parker, from 1 Cor. xv. 21. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.—Communicated by Mr. Gardner Tufts.

Religious Intelligence.

Ministerial Education. Canada.

We extract the following from a communication in the *Christian Messenger* from the pen of Rev. A. Fyfe.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The friends of the Theological Seminary connected with Rochester University have consulted several brethren in Canada in regard to at least a temporary connection between the Baptist churches of Canada and the Seminary at Rochester. As I believe the representatives of that Institution intend to lay before the Convention which is to meet at Waterford, the details of their plan of union, it seems proper that the churches should have some intimation of the matter, that they may be the better prepared to act at the meeting.

Nothing definite or fixed has as yet been proposed, as far as I can learn, but the general points talked of are something as follows:

1. That the Canadian churches should consent to endow a professorship in the Seminary at Rochester with the sum of \$22,000.

2. That the University authorities should enjoy the use of this money, say for ten years, giving reliable guarantees to return that sum to the Canadian Baptists at the time agreed upon between them, should they require it for a Seminary of their own.

3. That in return for this, the University authorities would give special facilities to Canadian young men sent to study for the ministry. They represent truly that we, having no Institution of our own, need to make some provision for increasing the number of educated Ministers among us, and they ask whether a union with them on a clearly defined basis, at least for a time, would not do as much to supply our destitution of Ministers as any other plan that we could carry out at present?

WEST HARWICH.—Three happy converts were baptized in West Harwich the first Sabbath in the month, in the presence of a large concourse of people, by Rev. G. F. Warren, pastor of the Baptist church in that place. Others are expected soon to go forward in this sacred ordinance. There has been a gradual increase of religious interest in the church and congregation, for several weeks past.

AFTERNOON SERVICE.—The Boston churches, with remarkable unanimity, entered, on the last Sabbath, upon the proposed new arrange-

ments for afternoon service. The bells during the winter will ring at 2-1-2, and service will commence at 3 precisely. This is preparatory to a proposed change during the next summer months to 4 P. M., giving the Sabbath scholars more time, and avoiding the intensest heat.

A new Methodist church was dedicated at Bristol, R. I., recently. The cost of the edifice was about \$23,000, and it is considered one of the finest specimens of architecture in New England. The church has been presented with a costly communion service, by a liberal Episcopalian of the town. The Congregationalists are also erecting a new church there at a cost of some \$25,000.

MORE OSTRACISM.—The telegraph to the Monday evening papers says, Rev. Charles Howard Malcom, (son of Rev. Howard Malcom, D. D.) "has been dismissed from the pastorate in Washington, Va., for unsoundness on the slavery question."

United States.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—The result of the elections held thus far in the several States for the next Congress, show a gain of forty-two members in ten States for the democratic party.

From Buffalo we learn that seventy-two vessels are now on their way from Chicago and Milwaukee, for that port, with 1,062,647 bushels of grain.

The examination of the case of Huntington, the Wall street note broker, charged with forgery, was continued yesterday. Two hundred and forty-two thousand dollars worth of forged paper was presented yesterday, making a total of three hundred and thirty-seven thousand nine hundred and forty-six dollars, in forged promissory notes, already brought to light; and it is believed the actual amount of the frauds perpetrated will reach six hundred thousand dollars.

CUBA.—Latest advices from Havana report that a formidable Spanish fleet was fitting out to enforce the claims of that country against Mexico, the previous report of the adjustment of this difficulty was erroneous. Spain was also about to send an army from Havana to St. Domingo for the purpose of operating against the republican movements for the freedom of the Dominicans from the rule of the Haytian black government.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.—During the thunder storm, Saturday night the lightning struck the residence of Mr. J. T. Moulton, on Fulton St. between Union and Halsted, shattering the front door casings and throwing the door off its hinges. The house had a conductor, but the electricity appears to have left it near the door. The corner of the Lake House was also struck. No great damage was done in either case.

The office of Ruffinot & Co., on Well St. was also struck, the electric current passing down the chimney.—(*Chicago Home Journal*.)

SUBSCRIPTION IN NEW YORK FOR ONE HUNDRED CANNONS FOR SARDINIA.—The Italians in New York, as well as those who sympathize with Sardinia in her present struggle against Austria, have opened a voluntary subscription to contribute towards defraying the expenses of one hundred cannons: to be presented to the Sardinian people, for arming the new fortress on the point of erection at Alexandria in Piedmont.

The *National Intelligencer* had under the marriage notices on Tuesday morning the marriage of the 27th ult., of Dr. W. A. Williams and Miss Susanna J. Williams, of Washington; and among the obituary notices of the same day the death of Mrs. Susanna J. Williams, on the 29th ult., wife of Dr. W. A. Williams. From the bridal to the bier in two short days.

MAMMOTH BAKERY.—A bakery has been erected, as an experiment in Brooklyn, which will turn out a hundred thousand loaves of bread a day, sufficient to supply the entire population of that city with its daily bread, by which the cost of supporting some three or four hundred separate bakeries may be saved to the public. The proprietor of this establishment, a Mr. Berdan, has arranged his machinery so as to save ninety per cent. in labor, and about seventy-five per cent. in heat; while the bread in the process of baking, absorbs all that spirit or essence, called the "gin," which now escapes, by which the nutritive quality of the loaf is increased to a very great degree—it is said about twenty per cent.

In a description of this bakery, the *Tribune* says: "It is a very large business that consumes five barrels of flour a-day, but the new bakery can use up five hundred barrels. The oven is so constructed that it may be kept in perpetual activity, and the heat is maintained at a permanent temperature by a self-regulating power of a most ingenious construction. The oven is upright, twenty feet high and eighteen feet broad by eight feet in depth. The bread is placed in iron pans or cars of fifteen superficial feet, having floors of fire tiles. There are thirty-two of these cars, which are kept in perpetual motion by an endless chain, taking just half an hour to make the circuit, during which they take in the bread, and turn it out perfectly baked.

It is rumoured that Sir Henry Holland, the Queen's physician, who was a passenger in the *Cambria*, is deputed to see if our climate is such as Her Majesty can trust her person to in the event of her paying a visit to Canada.—*N. Y. Paper*.

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