

by immersion. It gave strength to the rising cause, God looked on his despised few, sent his spirit, the work began and on June 1st a *Ruth* left her kindred and became obedient to Christ, and God gave her husband hope in the Saviour in the conference preceding her baptism. On June 8th I baptized a married daughter of the wife first named, and God I hope "has wrought a good work" upon her husband also.

An aged brother and a sister resided in Camperdown, but both without the power of communion. These were restored in Bridgewater. The same truth that converted could again heal. Here I made monthly visits. Here desolation reigned as in Beulah but God's power gave order to confusion and the aged wife of the brother last named, and 3 sons and 2 daughters-in-law living in Beulah found favour with the Lord and I had the inexpressible pleasure of leading them into the pool of Bethesda on last Lord's-day. The spirit of revival is evidently prevailing in many minds. Many of the people had never witnessed our scriptural mode of christian burial and evangelical planting. Many for the first time saw the relation of Baptism to the Saviour's death, burial, and resurrection, and had the door to the christian church made visible. May the Lord open the eyes of many to see their need of Christ! Nothing but a living Saviour can free from sin. "Christ in us the hope of glory" is the only sure foundation. "Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his."

I am, dear brethren,
in hope of immortality,
JAMES V. TABOR.
Bridgewater, August 14th, 1856.

For the Christian Messenger.

Collections for the French Mission.

Messrs Editors,
Resolutions were passed at the sessions of the Western and Eastern Associations this year, recommending the taking up of collections for this Mission on the first Sabbath in September. I can not say respecting the Central Association; but such a resolution has been adopted there in former years; and it can not be amiss for our Brethren there to act upon it in the present case.

Brethren generally are respectfully requested to bear this matter in mind, to have due notice given, and this good resolution carried into effect as extensively as possible. It can not, of course, be done in all places on the same day; but, as funds in aid of this important object are greatly needed, it is highly desirable that it should be accomplished without delay. The contributions will be taken at my preaching places—six in number—on the last Lord's-day in August, and first and second in September. An opportunity will thus be afforded to contribute in each section of my field of labour.

Yours in gospel bonds,
C. TUPPER.
Aylesford, August 16th, 1856.

For the Christian Messenger.

GAELIC MISSION.

Messrs Editors,
The following letter which I received at the Eastern Association afforded me much encouragement in my labours and I shall be glad if you will give it a place in the Christian Messenger. It shows the power of true religion in giving a desire for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, even in those who are fast hastening to another world. May our brother have the blessing of my Heavenly Master attending him through the remainder of his days and at last receive an abundant entrance into his everlasting kingdom.

Yours, &c.,
H. ROSS.
STEWIACKE, June 30th, 1856.

Dear Brother Ross—I have often thought that I would like to assist you in your arduous labour in Cape Breton, in the Great Redeemer's cause. I inclose £1, to you for that purpose and pray that God may bless you and your labour. I have failed very much since you saw me, I feel as if I was near the end of the journey of life. I crave an interest in your prayers. I have long professed religion, but my faith is very small and my sins very great and many.

I expect you will be at the Association and will receive this by brother Lawson, his labours have been blessed in this part of the country. I am, your well wisher,
JOSEPH SIBLY.

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notices.

MR. JAMES BARTEAUX.

The Baptist Church at Nictaux has been called to part with one of its best members, by the death of Mr. James Bartheaux, of Wilmot, Ann.

Our Brother was amongst the first fruits of Rev. I. E. Bill's ministry in 1829.

Religion to him was the one thing needful, not only in times of revival, but in times of declension and trial, he did not turn back to the world as the manner of some is, but held on his way. In all the means of grace he was deeply interested. The Sabbath School shared largely in his sympathies, there he toiled with delight. He carried the religion of Christ in his family and in the world. In the Autumn of '55 his health began to fail and day after day and week after week disease gained strength. All was done for him that medical aid and kind friends could suggest but with only occasional relief and benefit. We often visited him in his sickness and derived much advantage from his christian conversation and reconciliation to the will of the Lord. "He knew in whom he had trusted." There were times when the tempter would try him, but these seasons were of short duration.

He suffered much, but never murmured at his lot and the will of his Heavenly Father believing that the Lord "was too wise to err and to good to be unkind." He has left a beloved wife, 11 children and a large number of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

But they sorrow not as those without hope. In the life and death of the christian there are precious memorials left, for the survivors to treasure up in remembrance of the departed. We can see the evidence of the reign of grace overcoming the corruptions of human nature and producing a life devoted to the service of God and being made a blessing to the world. In the hour of death there is joy and peace and "hope as an anchor to the soul both sure and steadfast." Such was the life and death of our departed brother on the 2nd of April, in the 51st year of his age. The message came and he was ready; without a struggle he took his departure for the better land.

A discourse was delivered to a large concourse of friends and relatives by the Pastor. May the Lord comfort the sorrowing widow and mourning children and bring them to Heaven at last.—*Communicated by Rev. W. G. Parker.*
Nictaux, August 16th, 1856.

MR. EDWARD CRISP.

Mr. Editor,
It has been my happy privilege occasionally to give the readers of the Christian Messenger an account of the saving power of God in bringing repenting sinners into the Church militant. I now wish to give an account of what that same power has been doing among us by the hand of man's last foe—Death. Permitted as that potent enemy is to take away human life and thus deprive mankind of the enjoyments and blessings of this world yet to the Heaven-born soul destined to "a house not made with hands," death is the gate to endless joy.

Thus have we seen within a few months four of our friends pass away from this place. On the 9th and 10 of March two children of one family were taken. Also, on the 3rd of March, one of the oldest and first settlers on this mountain. A christian and a "mother in Israel." Mrs. Joshua Beales a notice of which appeared in the *Provincial Wesleyan*, some time since. And now another, Mr. Edward Crisp, of whose life and death I propose to give a brief notice.

He was a native of Suffolk, England, was born A. D., 1791. Of the early history of our esteemed friend and brother we can say but little, except that he was religiously instructed by christian parents, (Baptists we believe.) He lived without true piety until about thirty years of age. About that time it pleased Almighty God by his grace to bring him to experience that to which he had hitherto been a stranger. He united with the Baptist church in the place where he resided and continued a consistent member until about nine years since, when he left his native land for this Province. Before leaving he judiciously applied for and obtained a dismission to join a church of the same faith and order wherever in Providence his lot might be cast. On arriving at Halifax with his family, he resolved to seek a home in this country, and with several other families (all English Baptists) settled in Bridgetown and the surrounding country.

Mr. C. took up his residence for a time within the limits of the Nictaux church, but about five years since removed to this mountain. His exhortations and prayers in our meetings, and his amiable deportment endeared him to the people. The writer became acquainted with him shortly after he came to the province, and always found him the consistent, humble, strait-going christian. A few weeks before his death he spent several days at my house, in which time his fervent prayers at the domestic altar, and his very scriptural conversation showed that he was ripening for his heavenly home. From this time disease so impaired his mental faculties that he conversed but little on any subject. Amidst all his suffering he was calm and serene, not a murmur, nor a complaint was heard, but without a struggle or groan departed this life on July 29th, leaving the aged widow and family, (part of whom are still in England,) to mourn their loss, with hope we trust to meet again.

The funeral was attended by Rev. N. Vidito, the sermon founded on Proverbs xviii. 10, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe," appeared applicable and in accordance with the views of our departed brother.—*Communicated by J. W. Beale's Mountain, Ann. Co.,*
August 11th, 1856.

Religious Intelligence.

ST. MARGARET'S BAY, N. S.—Brother J. H. Douglas has been labouring here since April last to good acceptance. He has succeeded in forming two Sabbath Schools, and doors have been opened for the preaching of the gospel by him, that were never opened before to Baptist ministers. He is regarded here as a man of piety and a preacher on every day in the week, as well as on Sunday. There are evidently signs of better times approaching. May God prosper and abundantly bless his labours amongst us.

Yours in Christ,
FREDERICK HUBLY.

BAPTISMS.—Seven persons were baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist church, Birmingham, N. Y., by Rev. S. M. Stimson, pastor, on the first Sabbath in August, making the whole number of recent baptisms, ninety-one.

The church in Reading Centre, Rev. A. B. Chase, pastor, has lately enjoyed accessions to their number and they are now enlarging their house of worship.

TREMONT TEMPLE, BOSTON.—The Boston Transcript says: "This large and admirably adapted house for public worship has been secured, it is understood, by the Baptist society now worshipping there, as a free temple for religious services forever. We rejoice that so good a result has been attained, and that Mr. Kallock's ministry is so successful."

A DOUBLE BLESSING.—The missionary spirit in the Sandwich Islands is a double blessing. It has wrought miracles among the Hawaiian race, and is making that race a source of light and hope to others. The New-York Observer has received a printed sheet giving a full account of the Anniversaries of the Religious Societies of the Sandwich Islands.—anniversaries conducted after the fashion of those in London and New-York.

The Bible Society is doing a great work. The report states that in accordance with a vote passed at the last annual meeting, a Chinese colporter is engaged to labour among the Chinese in the Islands.

The Society voted to devote the sum of \$600 annually for his support, if so much was required. About one-half that amount was collected at the meeting. The execution of the business was pressed upon the Society's officers by several animated addresses.

This is something extraordinary and suggestive. Here is a people but recently Pagan, sending to China for a man to come among them and labor for the heathen of another land among themselves.—*Examiner.*

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.—The twenty-fourth anniversary of this Society was held in New York city, May 9—11. The number of missionaries employed by the Society for a part or the whole of the year, is 118. Nine collecting agents, also have been employed during the whole or portions of the year.

From the reports received it appears that 196 stations and out-stations have been supplied, and the aggregate of time bestowed upon the field is equal to that of one man for 87 years. The missionaries report the baptism of 542 persons,—the hopeful conversion of 194 others—the organization of 21 churches—the ordination of 15 ministers—the completion of 9 churches, and progress in building 4 others.

United States.

TORNADO.—The Boston papers contain an account of a destructive Tornado in Essex county, by which houses were disroofed and demolished, trees torn up by the roots and hurled through the air as if they were mere straws, stone walls levelled and everything in the path of the hurricane destroyed.

During the brief prevalence of the tornado some ludicrous scenes were witnessed. A cow, which was quietly feeding in a pasture, was lifted off the ground by the wind, and carried over a fence into another pasture, and there safely landed. A shoemaker's shop, in which there was a man at work, was carried several rods, and then demolished. The man landed in an apple tree, and escaped with but a few scratches. The roof of one house was taken up whole, and when last seen was moving off majestically through the air towards Boxford. A tree standing not far distant was then taken up, and planted directly in the roofless house, where it now stands.

STEAMBOAT DISASTER ON LAKE MICHIGAN.—The propeller Brunswick, bound from Chicago to Buffalo, founded on Friday, the 8th, in a gale, five miles from Manitou Island, Lake Michigan, and sunk in 300 feet water. Her cargo consists of 15,000 bushels of corn, 180 packages, barrels, and tierces of lard, and 40 tons scrap iron. She was to call at Racine for 10 tons of wool, but it was not known that she got it.

A tornado occurred at Cincinnati on the 10th. Trees were uprooted, and buildings blown down. One man was killed, and five or six injured.

The Russian government has just published the return of the number of accidents, which have happened on all the railroads of that country, for the year 1855. The return states that not a single life was lost, and that only three persons were injured! What a contrast between this and our own country return—207 killed and 392 wounded!—*Ex.*

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe sailed for Europe on the 23rd. Her new book, entitled "Dred, a tale of the Dismal Swamp," and which is designed to show the influence of slavery on the white population, will, during her absence, appear both in England and the United States.

We see stated that it was found on the late burning of the steamboat Northern Indiana on Lake Erie, that numbers of the "preservers" had been rendered valueless, by having been used as pincushions by lady passengers on retiring.

A man named Howard was struck by lightning at Ashland, Mass, during the thunder-storm of Tuesday evening, and instantly killed. The electric fluid passed directly through the roof of the dwelling, and struck Mr. Howard on the top of his head, making a hole, half an inch in diameter, in his skull. Mr. H. had once before been struck by lightning.

The Springfield Republican says: "According to the rain gauge at the armory in this city, the amount of rain that fell during the storm of Tuesday was very nearly 4½ inches; which is more rain than has fallen at one time before since August, 1850."

An inventory of the grain in the principal storehouses in Chicago was recently made and found to be 542,047 bushels. The two largest warehouses contained between 225,000 and 250,000.

Virginia exports twenty thousand to twenty-five thousand slaves to the remote South per annum, for which she gets from \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000.

A series of experiments, under the orders of the Secretary of the Navy, have recently been made at New York, for the purpose of testing the relative strength of bent ship knees against natural curved knees. The company established for bending timber claim that their productions are not only stronger than the natural curves, but can be furnished at a reduction of twenty-five per cent; hence the great importance of the invention.

The Committee on Streets, recently examined the petition of the American Telegraph Company of New York, to lay wire beneath the surface of the streets and were of opinion that the project is not only feasible, but much better than the old mode, as it will be the means of removing the unsightly and cumbrous posts from the streets.

The Baltimore County Advocate is printed on paper made exclusively of Southern cane of reed, the kind universally used as fishing-rods.

EXCITEMENT ON STATEN ISLAND.—Considerable excitement has existed for several days on Staten Island and Long Island, opposite Quarantine, in consequence of the supposed existence of yellow fever on board recently arrived vessels. Two or three meetings of the Board of Health, as well as public meetings of the citizens, have been held at Castleton, which is in the immediate vicinity of the Quarantine Marine Hospital, so far as to prevent further ingress or egress through the gate. Constables have been stationed along the Hospital walls, and officers placed on the beach to prevent boats from landing from the vessels at anchor in Quarantine.—*Examiner.*

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