

the little Church located in Barrington, occasionally visiting other parts of the township. There is an open door for Baptist preaching all along this shore. Our meetings were well attended and of a solemn and interesting character; and at times quite a revival influence was manifested. I often held service three times on the Sabbath, and from four to six times through the week. Three young persons were added to the Church by baptism, in Barrington; and at Woods' Harbour, where I spent a portion of my time, four others were baptised and united with the Church at Barrington. Thus with God's blessing our labours have not been wholly in vain. May his name have all the glory.

Thus I have spent twelve weeks in the service of the Western Baptist Home Missionary Board, and received in aid:—

In Barrington, - - -	£5 0 0
Wood's Harbour, - - -	1 0 0

	£6 0 0

There is much destitution as regards the preaching of the Gospel on these shores. Many precious souls are perishing for lack of knowledge. May the Lord graciously pour out his spirit upon our Churches, and upon all these destitute places, until all lands and every clime shall hear the glad tidings of salvation.

Yours in Christ,

PEREZ F. MURRAY.

Argyle, January 8th, 1856.

For the Christian Messenger.

Protracted Meeting at Westport.

WESTPORT, January 22nd, 1856.

DEAR SIR,

I enclose the names of three new subscribers as below which you will send from the commencement of the year if you have them.

I enclose a few remarks in reference to the result of our protracted meeting. Elders Morse and Achilles came here and commenced labouring in word and doctrine, which resulted in good. The church here had been in a depressed state for some time past, and the ways of Zion mourned, but the labours of our brethren were blessed and the members of the church began to feel the necessity of coming up to duty, and the result so far has been most cheering. Many have come forward and with brokenness of spirit confessed their departure from God and their brethren, and are now labouring for the conversion of sinners, many of whom are beginning to deeply feel their sinfulness and desire to know the way of life and salvation. God grant that the good work now begun may be carried on until every house may become a House of Prayer, and every heart a temple for the Holy Ghost to dwell in.

I hope your list of subscribers will be increased. The C. M. is highly prized by many of those who have so long made it a companion of the domestic circle. Hoping soon to have the joyful tidings to communicate that numbers have been born into the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour.

Yours in the bonds of peace,

H. E. PATSON.

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notice.

Died at Newport, N. S., June 22nd, 1855, Joseph Dimock, second son of the late Shubael Dimock. He was in his usual health until about nine days before he took his departure. As soon as he became ill he said to one of his friends, I shall never be better until my spirit takes its flight to an upper and better world. Medical aid was immediately called in, but his symptoms became more alarming.

About this time the writer called in and found him suffering in body, but composed in mind.—He spoke of death with great composure, and said that all he had to regret was, that he had not lived nearer that blessed Jesus who had done so much for him. He spoke at some length of the distress of mind this had given him, and said he had often in the silent watches of the night wet his pillow with tears, and had been led to cry out, "O! wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death;" but said he, blessed be the name of the Lord, he has shewed himself mighty to save, and hath sent deliverance to my poor unworthy soul. He then broke out in language like the following: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name; bless his name for the many precious promises contained in the Sacred Book, and forever blessed be his name that he has

enabled me to lay hold of them as my only hope on a sick bed, and in the time of trouble." He then repeated portions of the 103rd Psalm.—Although his sufferings were very great, he retained his senses to the last, and nearly all his time was spent in prayer and praise to God, and in warning those around him to prepare for death, and live near to Jesus, expressing in fervent terms his deep sense of sin, and his gratitude to God.

At one time they thought his spirit had taken its flight, but he rallied again and commenced singing those lines,—

Jesus can make a dying bed
Feels soft as downy pillows are, &c., &c.

On his brother speaking to him, he said, O, I thought I was gone. I thought I was singing with the angels, but I have come back to suffer a little longer. At one time when his sufferings were very great he cried out with great earnestness.

Come welcome Death, the end of fears
I'll gladly go with thee.

After a few moments pause, he said, Did I speak impatiently? O I would not be anxious. "All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come." He spoke in feeling terms of his aged mother. My Dear Mother, said he, I shall never see her face again in this world, tell her we shall not be parted long. O happy thought to be where we shall no more grieve that blessed Jesus who has done so much for us. Thus he continued in this happy frame of mind until his Spirit took its flight to regions above, I trust to be forever with the Lord.

Religious Intelligence.

NEW YORK.—The Lord is doing a glorious work in West Somerset. A series of meetings commenced the 13th of December. The church has been very generally awakened, and many wanderers have been reclaimed. The meetings have been largely attended, and the gracious work has rolled on with increasing power and interest from the first. All classes are being interested and blessed. Seven happy souls were baptized by the pastor, Rev. H. G. Mosher, on Sabbath, 6th inst., and a number more stand as candidates. More than fifty are already indulging hope. The work is spreading and deepening, and there are new cases of conviction and conversion daily.

PHOENIXVILLE.—The pastor writes the *Christian Chronicle*: "The revival still progresses in this place. Yesterday (Sabbath), I baptized seven more. They acted like moral heroes in being baptized amid the snow and ice. I received yesterday at our communion, twenty, as the fruits of the revival. Three more stand ready for baptism—there are yet about twenty anxious. Notwithstanding the depth of the snow, there were at least 1,000 people present to witness the delightful scene."

BORDENTOWN.—Within the last two months, about eighty conversions have occurred in the Baptist congregation. Last Sabbath the pastor, Rev. W. S. Goodno, gave the hand of fellowship to sixty—fifty-five of whom had been baptized during the previous month.

CALIFORNIA.—We learn, says the *Pacific Recorder*, that sixteen converts have been baptized, as the result of the recent protracted meeting in the vicinity of Petaluma. An excellent state of religious feeling prevails, and the young converts maintain a weekly prayer-meeting amongst themselves.

THE "JOHN WILLIAMS," belonging to the London Missionary Society, and used for the conveyance of missionaries and native teachers to and from among the islands of the Great Pacific, was originally bought, and has since been repaired and refitted, by the subscriptions of children. This ship, after an absence of several years, has returned to England for needful repairs; and subscriptions are again being raised among the Sunday scholars and juvenile members of congregations for the purpose.

A NEW MISSION.—The Rev. Thomas Wright, of the Free Church, says the *Edinburgh Witness*, left Swinton for London, there to join Dr. Bonar, of Kelso, from whence they proceed through France for Marseilles, to Alexandria in Egypt. There they are to join a party of gentlemen from Scotland, who have been traveling in Egypt for some time. The party is then to proceed through the Desert to Mount Sinai, intending to visit the ruins of Petra and other

places of interest. The principal object of the mission is to examine the Written Valley in the Wilderness, as it is called, near to Mount Jabul, as it is well known that the whole face of this mountain at its base is covered with written characters, supposed to have been done by the children of Israel during their sojourn in the wilderness. As these have never been deciphered, Mr. Wright takes out with him ample apparatus to copy them. The party is large, consisting of upwards of twenty-two persons.

CANADA WEST.

HALDIMAND.—The baptist interest in this vicinity is in a more prosperous state than it has been for several years previous; as an evidence of this, since the Spring of 1854, I have baptized into the church 27, received in all 34, and expended upon our house of worship 700 dollars. To the Great Head of the church be all the praise and all the glory!

It was but about 8 months from the time of getting up the subscription till the house was dedicated to the worship of God; and this with only seven baptists in the neighborhood at the commencement.

The New Meeting-house being completed, the 8th day of November was appointed for the dedication, when sermons were preached by Eld. W. Lacy, the pastor.

We feel to praise the Lord for what he has done for us in this vicinity, especially when we consider that in a little more than 18 months we have built two Meeting-houses, and added to the church in membership 38.

"Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me bless his holy name."

WOODSTOCK.—The New Baptist Chapel in Woodstock was opened on Sabbath last according to previous announcement. Bro. Fyfe of Toronto preached in the morning, Bro. Wilkinson in the afternoon and Bro. Hewson in the evening. The house was quite filled at each of the services.

The collections taken at the close of the services, and articles sold in the Bazaar amounted to £125.

A REMINISCENCE.—I remember on the occasion, when the Rev. Elou Gulusha was pastor of the Broad street Baptist church, Utica, a discussion arose between some members of a Bible Class, in reference to the first Christian exercises of the converted soul. One contended that it was penitence, or sorrow; another that it was fear; another love; another hope; another faith; for how could one fear or repent without belief? Elder G. overbearing the discussion, relieved the minds of the disputants with this remark: "Can you tell which spoke of the wheel moves first? You may be looking at one spoke and think that moves first, but they all start together? Thus, when the Spirit of God moves upon the human heart, all the graces of the Spirit begin to effect the penitent soul, though the individual may be more conscious of one than another."

YOUNG MEN'S RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATIONS.—In England there are 43 of these organizations, with about 7,000 members, who exercise a religious influence over at least 40,000 young men, most of whom are in business. In America the number of these associations, some months since, was 44, with 8000 members. France and Switzerland have about 100 unions; Westphalia 130, with 7,000 members. Sweden and Denmark are the only Protestant countries where they do not exist.

A lecture on Church Music was delivered last week at the Mechanics' Institute, by the Bishop of Fredericton, before the members of the Church of England Young Men's Society. Free tickets having been distributed, the Hall was crowded to excess by a highly respectable audience, who appeared much pleased with his Lordship's able and interesting lecture, and the pieces sung by some of the ladies and gentlemen composing the choirs in the Episcopal Churches in the City.—*Courier*.

THE NEW CANADIAN BISHOPRICS.—Two new sees are to be formed forthwith out of the present diocese of Toronto, the sanction of the Bishop, (Dr. Strachan) having been received. The seat of one will be at London, and the other at Kingston. It is believed that the Bishopric of London will be conferred upon the Rev. Dr. Cronyn, and the Bishopric of Kingston upon the Rev. Dr. Hincks, a clergyman at present holding a benefice in the Diocese of Down and Connor, a brother of Mr. Hincks, whom Sir William Molesworth recently appointed to the governorship of Barbadoes.—*London Globe*.

CLERICAL BRONCHITIS.—A physician, in writing to the *Western Methodist Protestant*, on "Clergymen's Sore Throat," attributes the disease to a non-use of the vocal organs on week-days and their double use on Sundays, to mental anxiety as to support, and to the use of tobacco. He recommends to the preacher to read aloud at least half an hour each day, to quit smoking and chewing, and on the membership he enjoins a more liberal support of the ministry, as the only sensible way of curing the disease.

MADAGASCAR.

THE CHRISTIAN PRINCE OF MADAGASCAR.

The Rev. David Griffiths, of Woodbridge, the only surviving Madagascar missionary, has been for more than two years engaged in the important work of revising the Malagasy version of the Scriptures. He is also the author of a Malagasy Grammar. When the New Testament was out of press, he sent copies of the sacred volume and the Grammar to the Prince of Madagascar. Last week he was favoured with the following reply in the Prince's own hand-writing:—

"Antananarivo, July 2nd, 1855.

"To David Griffiths,—I received the letter written by you on the 10th August, 1854, presenting to me the book just finished, and my heart rejoiced. I thank you in Jehovah-God, to bless you. I assure you that I am doing all that lays in my power for the people of God in tribulation, as God blesses me. May you be enabled to fulfil your promise, to be earnest in prayer to God to bless me, the Christians, and the people of Madagascar (read 2 Thess. iii. 1), that we may meet here on earth, and to eternity if it be the will of God (read Rom. xii. 12; Ephes. iv. 5). Respecting your enquiry about coming up to Antananarivo, it is true that it is the country in which you toiled and laboured hard, and I assure you that I am doing what I can, by the help of God, for your coming up. I am extremely delighted with your words when you say that you will spend your strength in the country of Madagascar, to teach us all again true wisdom. May God be merciful, and grant us what we and you desire (Rom. xii. 12). As to the articles you sent, they have all arrived safely; the razors, the spectacles, the paper, the ink, and the penknives. We are presenting to you on paper our salutations, and are enquiring after your welfare. How are you? We are all well, through the blessing of Jehovah-God. May you live long, and be blessed of God, saith

"RAKOTOND RADAMA,
Prince and Chief Secretary."

The Prince is the Queen's only son, and heir apparent. He was converted to Christianity in 1845, and has continued a consistent and zealous Christian ever since, in the midst of the severest persecutions. Though he is not at present in a position to abolish the law which prohibits all missionary effort, and even a profession of Christianity in the island, still he uses all his influence to prevent persecution, in which he is very successful, for as chief secretary, all complaints from the people to the Queen, and all orders from the Queen to the people, pass through him. Some time ago, a young officer came forward to accuse the Christians of reading the Bible and praying at a certain place, and the Prince immediately gave him a post in the southern part of the island, lest his presence in the capital might endanger the lives of the Christians. Christianity has more to fear from the smiles of princes than from their frowns; still we cannot but hail with delight the day when this intelligent young Prince shall ascend the throne of his illustrious father, the good Radama, and, like him, grant perfect liberty to the messengers of peace.

European Intelligence.

THE ARMY IN THE CRIMEA.

CAMP BEFORE SEBASTOPOL, Dec. 21, 1855. —Winter is now come upon us in reality, and we have had for the last few days some very cold weather. On the night of the 18th the thermometer went down to eight degrees below zero in the camp of the engineers, fourth division. This was by a self-registering thermometer. At 10 a. m. on the 19th it was only three degrees above zero. This is nearly, or quite, equal to Canadian cold, and as might be expected, a great number of men have been more or less frost-bitten. I have heard of no serious cases among our men. The French suffer a great deal from cold. The other night two French soldiers went into one of our guardrooms in Sebastopol and asked for some coffee, and to be allowed to warm themselves by the fire. Our men gave them coffee and biscuit, and they sat down by the fire. One of them took off his shoes (he had no stockings) and began rubbing his feet, which were frost-bitten. In about ten minutes he got up, but staggered and fell dead, to the great horror of the English soldiers. The other was taken care of, and was all right in the morning. The French are getting great quantities of sheepskin coats from Constantinople. To-day I met, on my way to Kamiqsch, some hundreds of pack