

the virtuous and benevolent cantatrice who achieved such wonders a short time ago, and she will be received as a first-class favourite.

"Honour to whom honour is due." Many a martial eye becomes dim, and firm-set lips quiver with emotion, when two names are uttered—Florence Nightingale—the devoted, the self-sacrificing, the—'tis no use writing what she is: every Englishman feels it and the English army bow to her as to one of a superior race. Florence, the Nightingale who sung so sweetly through all the last long, bloody, dreary, deadly winter—Florence is to have a memento. Dukes, Nobleman, clergy, gentry, and commoners, are on a committee for the purpose. Miss Nightingale, however, refused to acknowledge anything of the kind, unless it were some charitable institution to be raised on her account, and to bear her name. God bless thee, Florence; and may the good Physician own thee, for ever, minister of Him as thou was to the sick and dying!

The ex-bankers are in Millbank Prison, undergoing their sentence in the usual course of justice. Great exertions are being made in behalf of the junior partner, Bates, on the ground of his being nearly or altogether a salaried clerk instead of an active partner, ignorant of the worst parts of the fraud, and having remonstrated against them with Sir John Dean Paul. A memorial has been addressed to Her Majesty on the subject.

The Rev. Robert Montgomery, of Percy chapel, one of the most eloquent preachers in the metropolis, and eminent for his literary productions, has died suddenly.

The length of my letter precludes account of an important judgment in the consistory Court, relative to Puseyism. Perhaps my next may give details of it, as well as more decisive information on the all-engrossing topic of peace or war—Palmerston or Russell.

For the present, therefore, Mr. Editor, vade. YOUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

For the Christian Messenger.

Chronology of 1855.

- Feb. 3. Shock of an earthquake in Nova Scotia.
10. John Ferguson, Esq., died, aged 65.
20. Joseph Hume, Esq., M. P., died, aged 78.
March 2. Nicholas, Emperor of Russia, died, aged 59.
3. Rev. W. Innes, D. D., of Edinburgh, died, aged 84.
10. Don Carlos, of Spain, died, aged 67.
26. W. B. Gurney, Esq., one of the Treasurers of the Baptist Missionary Society, died, aged 77.
April 16. The Emperor of the French arrived in England.
21. The French Emperor departed.
May 15. The Paris Universal Exhibition opened.
June 8. Rev. T. S. Harding died, aged 82.
18. Unsuccessful attack on Sevastopol.
28. Lord Raglan died, aged 66.
J. S. Buckingham, Esq., the celebrated traveller, died, aged 69.
July 12. Rev. Eustace Carey, formerly Missionary in Bengal, died, aged 63.
Aug. 9. Bombardment of Sweaborg.
16. Battle of Tchernaya.
18. The Queen entered Paris.
28. Rev. Dr. Cone, of New York, died, aged 71.
The Queen returned to England.
Sep. 5. Sevastopol taken.
10. Rev. Dr. Gilly, (author of works on the Waldenses, &c.) died, aged 66.
12. Jubilee of Rev. J. A. James, at Birmingham.
16. Inauguration of Don Pedro V., King of Portugal.
18. Professor J. Johnston, (author of important works on Agricultural Chemistry,) died, aged 59.
29. Defeat of the Russians at Kars.
Oct. 17. Fort Kinburn taken.
22. Sir William Molesworth, M. P., Secretary for the Colonies, died, aged 45.
Nov. 11. Lord Truro, formerly Lord Chancellor, died, aged 73.
13. The Paris Exhibition closed.
19. Admiral Bruat died.
24. Count Mole, formerly Prime Minister of France, died, aged 74.
30. The King of Sardinia arrived in England.
Dec. 6. The King of Sardinia departed.

Mission to Dartmouth, &c.

Mr. Editor;

A few days before the completion of my course of study at the Newton Theological Institution, I received a letter from brother David Freeman, stating that Dartmouth was without a settled laborer, and would be glad of my services as soon as possible. I hastened away from Newton immediately after the Anniversary, but upon my arrival in Halifax, I found that brother James Stevens had been appointed by the Missionary Board of the Central Association before they were aware of my for six months coming to labor in this field. Consequently I went elsewhere in search of ground unoccupied. But notwithstanding this appointment, I received from brother Freeman, and a number of brethren an invitation to take a share in the extensive field of labor, which had been appointed to Brother Stevens. Seeing that many were anxious, and held out to me every encouragement to commence my ministerial duties in Dartmouth and the places adjacent, in the latter week in August, I spent the Sabbath there, and visited a few families. Spent the following Sabbath morning in the Sabbath School at the 9 mile House. I preached in the afternoon at the Windsor Road Meeting-house, attended a meeting in the evening, and visited a number of families on the following day. Preached on the five following Sabbaths at Dartmouth, attended Conference meetings, and visited several families during the week. Oct. 11th, went to Jeddore, preached on Friday evening, and twice on the Sabbath. On Monday, proposed to take passage for Halifax in a vessel, but being detained by contrary winds, two or three days, I travelled the distance on foot. Spent three weeks at Dartmouth, attending prayer-meetings, visiting families during the week, and preaching at Dartmouth in the morning, and Tuft's Cove in the afternoon. Spent the last week of November in another Missionary tour on foot over a distance of about fifty-two miles. Went up to Preston on Saturday, and preached twice on the Sabbath. Went next day to brother Floy's in Lawrence Town, rested there all night, and preached the next evening at Three Fathom Harbour, and visited some sick people. Wednesday went up to the head of Porter's Lake, proposing to hold a meeting at Brother Verge's in the evening, and on Thursday evening at the School-house, but on account of bad weather, and difficulty in circulating notice, the people were unable to convene. Visited a few families, and went the next day to Jeddore. Preached at both sides of the harbour on the Sabbath and returned on Monday to Dartmouth. Several members of the Church at Jeddore and a few friends subscribed £9 15 0 towards the support of a missionary who would visit them once a month throughout the year.

Table with financial details: Collected in aid of the Mission: At Jeddore £1 18 11, At Preston 0 2 6, At Dartmouth 5 0 0, At Halifax 10 0 0, A Friend 0 1 3. Total 17 2 8. Expenses during three months 16 5 8. Balance 0 17 0.

The spiritual condition of the little Church at Dartmouth is very low. When Bro. Hunt was their Pastor, the Church was active, and flourishing; but since his departure, its numbers have sadly decreased, and the few that remain often mourn over their languishing interests. May they unitedly offer up the fervent prayer of faith, and soon witness the bountiful and fresh supplies of grace, which shall descend "like dew upon the mown grass."

At Tuft's Cove we have been much gratified to see many young persons punctual in their attendance at the meetings, and manifesting an interest in the preaching of the gospel. If a minister could labor steadily, and faithfully in this place, in Dartmouth, and in Preston, he would find enough work for one man to perform. We may say the same of Cole Harbor, Lawrence town, Musquodoboit, Porter's Lake and Jeddore. In these places Bro. Pineo was accustomed to labor some years ago, with much zeal and interest. We think, until a proper division of the Eastern Missionary ground can be made, mere occasional visits from missionaries will avail but little in strength-

ening the feeble, instructing the ignorant, and reclaiming the wandering.

The missionary tours along the rocky shores, although performed with much fatigue to a not traveller, have always been attended with a high degree of interest. It was gratifying to see people at Jeddore, on the Sabbath morning, coming from every direction far and near to hear the gospel. Some crossing the harbor in boats, loaded to the water's edge, and others scattered in little groups along the shore, appearing at intervals from among the rocks on the hills. It was encouraging to see their large and willing congregations on the Sabbath and through the week. If some of our faithful Christians could have attended some of these meetings in the midst of pouring rain; the size of the congregations, composed mostly of women and children, who had come from water and land, would have proved to them the truth of the old saying, "Where there is a will, there is a way."

When the affections of the heart have become kindled with the hope of possessing some fondly loved object of earth, which is best is only composed of crumbling dust, how the mind will labor to devise the most ingenious plan, and what fatigue and sacrifice the body will endure to possess at last, perience the fascinating toy. If such be the diligence of the natural man to gain an earthly reward, how much greater diligence ought to be of the Christian whose reward is heavenly and eternal. Yea, if he had but half the zeal of the worldling in his spiritual duties—what rejoicing change there would be through the whole Church of Christ—How soon would the life of vital godliness, which has been smoldering so long like the spark in the blackness of ashes, be kindled to a flame. What a mighty standard would be raised against the powers that war against her—how fertile would be all their thrusts without her walls, and how triumphant within would be many a victory! It is this sad lack of zeal in pressing on towards that incorruptible crown of righteousness that causes so many to live at a poor dybrate; faith to become wavering; prayer, stifled breath; and hope, the flickering flame. Only let each Christian feel that the religion of Jesus is the new life of the soul, and that requires to be nourished, exercised and refreshed as regularly as does the natural life, as religion would soon be felt and made manifest to the world to be not a mere profession; an extraordinary joy once felt in a life-time may again to be as fully experienced, and afterwards a gloomy system of doubts and fears but the real possession of that good part, which Mary had, and which the world can never take away; a joyful hope growing bright as the noon-day, with an unyielding tenacity of purpose and an unshaken confidence which would finally bring off the soul more than conqueror thro' Christ Jesus.

T. W. CRAWLEY. Dec. 26, 1855.

For the Christian Messenger.

Local Missionary Board in Halifax.

According to previous arrangement, a number of Brethren met on Monday evening, Nov. 26th, in the Vestry of the Baptist chapel, Granville Street, for the purpose of organizing a Local Missionary Board in Halifax, and vicinity.

The following brethren were present:—J. W. Nutting, John Witman, S. Selden, W. Tapper, Thos. West, J. C. Hume, M. D., D. McN. Parker, I. D., J. McVean, and Revs. R. McLearn, an Miller, A. W. Sawyer, and D. Freeman.

Rev. J. Miller opened the meeting by prayer. The following resolutions were then passed:—

1. Resolved—That great Religious destitution prevails in this section of the county of Halifax; and as our General Missionary Board at Wolfville, is too distant to superintend the missionary operations in these parts—a Local Missionary Board should be formed for this purpose, comprising members of the Baptist churches in and around vicinity. This Board being subordinate to the Board of the Central Association, making reports to them, and acting by their consent.

2. Resolved—That the following Brethren constitute the members of such Local Board. R. McLearn of the church in Dartmouth, Rev. J. Miller, and Hor Samuel McCully of the North church in Halifax, and Rev. D. Freeman and J. Whitman, Esqr of the Granville Street church. Also, the Rev. H. Porter of Windsor Road church, and Deacon John Thomas of the Hammonds Plains church, and Deacon Harpell of the

church in Jeddore, were nominated as members of this Board, trusting that the appointment of the three Brethren last mentioned will be ratified by their respective churches.

3. Resolved—That Brother Richard McLearn be the Chairman of this Board, and that Brother D. Freeman be its Secretary.

4. Resolved—That Brother Thomas W. Crawley be engaged by this Board for the present year as a Missionary to Dartmouth and Jeddore, and the intermediate places, the year commencing, Sept. 1855.

5. Resolved—That the Chairman and Secretary of the Board be a Committee to advise with the missionary as to the operation of his labors in different parts of his field, and that they be empowered to call a meeting of the Board whenever it is necessary.

6. Resolved—That our Missionary receive a salary £125 a year, of Nova Scotia currency, including all expenses, and that he be authorised by this Board to collect monies in all parts of his field on behalf of the funds of the Board, rendering an account of such monies to the Secretary.

7. Resolved—That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the "Christian Messenger," and be liable to modifications by the General Missionary Board, at their next meeting in Wolfville.

After prayer by the Rev. A. W. Sawyer the meeting adjourned.

D. FREEMAN, Rec. Secretary.

Halifax, Dec. 24, 1855.

For the Christian Messenger.

Testimonial to Dr. Cramp.

On Christmas Day, a testimonial of esteem was presented to the Rev. Dr. Cramp, on account of his pulpit labors in connection with Father Harding, and since his death. We insert a copy of the letter sent to Dr. C. on the occasion, with his reply.

WOLFVILLE, 25th December, 1855.

Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.

DEAR SIR,—We the undersigned, members of the First Horton Baptist Church and Congregation, desire to express by some small token the deep feeling of obligation under which we are placed by your unremitting labours in the pulpit and in the church generally, as well as in our families and in our neighbourhood, during the last four years; and more especially through the past year, both while our late venerable pastor was laid aside by the illness which issued in his death, and since that event. We therefore request your acceptance of the accompanying purse (containing £31) as a small testimonial of our continued esteem and regard.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season, and trusting that you and your beloved family may be spared to spend many a happy Christmas with us, we remain,

Your sincerely attached and gratified friends. (Signed by Simon Fitch and Charles Randall Deacons, and thirty-four others.)

Dr. C's Reply.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—In thanking you for your kind present, I beg to say that my services have been very cheerfully rendered. It was a special gratification to me that by those labours I had the privilege of assisting and relieving our late venerable Pastor. He repeatedly expressed the pleasure which the arrangement afforded him.

In whatever way I can promote the interests of the church, by co-operation with the Pastor, I shall be happy to do so. We must all unite in christian effort, for we are "stewards of the manifold grace of God," and "members one of another."

May every blessing rest on you and your families!

I am, dear friends, Yours faithfully, J. M. CRAMP.

Wolfville, Dec. 25, 1855.

For the Christian Messenger.

Letter from Rev. A. W. Barss.

MR. EDITOR,

I think it is important that every Baptist minister in Nova Scotia should give thro' the pages of the Christian Messenger, frequent statements respecting the cause of our Master in their particular fields of labour—it tends to call forth sympathy for one another—creates gratitude to God for his benefits, and the objects of prayer are thus brought before the mind; these particulars shall be my theme, at present.

Our sentiments are looked upon by many as a dreadful delusion, and we consequently are dangerous people to associate with. This is in thousands of instances an insurmountable barrier