

God dwell in you" ye have received the spirit of adoption whereby ye cry "Abba, Father." Jesus Christ is the only way of passage from sin to holiness, from misery to happiness, from earth to heaven. It is through him alone that the angel of justice passes over the guilty sinner. It is through him alone that the believer is brought into his kingdom here; and through him alone he will pass the Jordan of death and enter the heavenly Canaan.

4. Kedesh, holiness; Christ is the anointed; the most Holy. The Lord our Righteousness. Judas cried, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood; and Pilate, I am innocent of the blood of this just person.

Kedesh was situated in the land of Canaan. When a sinner has fled to Bezer to escape the curse of the law, when he has heard the voice of our exalted witness and found his way by Golan he becomes an inhabitant of Kedesh and conforming to the laws of the city, has "holiness to the Lord" inscribed on his heart. The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. O what an all-sufficient Saviour is Christ. Does the curse of the law pursue our trembling souls? In our Bezer we are safe from violence. Was our mind involved in doubts and overspread with gloom in Ramoth Gilead? We heard the voice "Let not your heart be troubled, I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you." In Golan what a revolution takes place in our souls. O amazing, unutterable condescension, we have fellowship with the King of glory. Do we fear that our inward corruptious will prove too much for us. Blessed be God in Kedesh a fountain is opened? "The Lord is my rock, my deliverer and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower, my refuge, and my Saviour, thou savest me from violence."

For the Christian Messenger.

Letter from Prince Edward's Island.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Sept. 25th, 1855.

DEAR BROTHER,

On Thursday, August 14th, the thriving and enterprising settlement of Bedeque, was a scene of festivity and joy. The friends of the Calvinistic Baptist Denomination having commenced the erecting of a suitable building for the purpose of Divine Worship, after the raising of the frame and boarding of it in—they appealed to the generous feelings of a Christian community. The friends and neighbours belonging to other sections of the Church of Christ responded nobly. Between four and five hundred sat down to Tea, &c. &c., provided by the friends, in the grove contiguous to the Chapel. A building about 45x50 feet, which, when complete will add much to the beauty of the surrounding scenery.

Among the ministering brethren present, was our old and esteemed friend, the Rev. Mr. Patterson, (Presbyterian,) the Rev. M. Barret, (Wesleyan,) Brothers Burnett and Reid, in connection with Brother Ross, the Pastor.

The blessing was invoked by Brother Burnett;—and the friends did ample justice to the rich repast—a slight shower of rain disarranged the harmony of the scene for a short time. After the tables were cleared, the friends expected to have heard addresses from the different Ministers, but in consequence of the shower, they were dispensed with; and Bro. Ross announced the sum of £28, also a donation of 20s. from Mrs. W. Strong; and another of 20s. from Jeremiah Simpson Esq., of Cavendish, making in all the handsome sum of £30. A vote of thanks being unananimously passed to the ladies, the happy company departed to their respective homes, looking upon the occasion as a bright era in the annals of the Baptist denomination of Bedeque.

Sabbath Sept. 21st, Brother Burnett administered the ordinance of Baptism to two happy believers in the placid and limped stream of North River. The attendance was very large, and the deepest solemnity pervaded the minds of many during the administration of the ordinance, the day remarkably fair, a full flowing tide, and almost a dead calm; so that the broad expanse of water looked similar to John's description,—and he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal &c." Immediately after the ordinance was administered, the congregation repaired to the North River Chapel which was literally full. After the singing of the second hymn, Bro. Burnett gave the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the Church to the newly baptized.

It is but just to remark that the brother and sister thus received are among the fruits of our highly esteemed brother Eliphalet Reid's labors in the neighbourhood of Dog River.

The sermon was preached by Bro Burnett, from 1st John iii. 2. The attention was good from the commencement to its close, so much so, we would feign indulge the idea that the labor of the day was not lost on that numerous congregation. We regret deeply that we have been deprived of the services of our brethren,—the Rev'ds. E. B. DeMill and D. McKeen. The labor is not light upon the brethren here. They being so far distant from each other, that they cannot effect a change as often as would be desirable. Brother Burnett has laboured, since his return from the Association, more than his strength will allow,—supplying the friends at North River on a Sabbath afternoon, and returning to Charlotte Town for evening.

You must forgive this long epistle, imperfect as it is, and wishing you prosperity, my dear brother, I beg to subscribe myself, in sincerity, ONE OF YOUR NUMBER.

For the Christian Messenger.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

HENRY PARKER.

DIED at Newport, on the 26th of February, 1856, Henry Parker, aged 11 years, eldest son of brother Shubael Parker. From childhood the health of the departed youth had been extremely delicate, and yet between hope and fear his parents had persevered in giving him an education to the extent of their ability. But, alas, how soon was their expectations cut off when, after a fortnight's sickness and confinement to the house, the spirit of Henry departed, but not until he had left evidence of a change of heart. I visited him about ten days before his death, and, on referring to his naturally delicate state, enquired as to his expectations. O, said he, I always had entertained a hope that I should outgrow this weakness, until yesterday; but now I have no expectations of recovering my health. On enquiring into the state of his mind I learnt that he was aware of the necessity of a change of heart in order to future happiness, and that he had at times felt a particular anxiety, but had not as yet experienced the renovating influence of the Holy Spirit. Yet as God was merciful he still hoped for a manifestation of his love. We had a solemn season in prayer, and when about leaving, he invited me to come again. I visited him Saturday, 23rd February. It was evident his strength was rapidly failing, and he still seemed anxious relative to his soul's salvation, as he had not obtained that satisfactory evidence which he desired. During the following night his bodily sufferings were great, and when the family and friends supposed him to be dying, he gave them to understand that he was happy.

On Sabbath morning I went to see him, and enquired into the state of his mind. He professed to have obtained peace through believing, and that he felt the love of God in his heart, and could rest his soul's salvation on Christ for time and for eternity. There were many present on this occasion, and we had a short service, in which he seemed much interested. I saw him no more till the spirit had fled, and the body was cold in death. But it seemed as though the following sentiment was expressed in the countenance, Death cannot make our souls afraid if Christ be with us there.

I learnt that he retained his senses to the last, and died strong in faith. His funeral services were attended on the 28th February. Sermon by the writer. John iii. 36.—"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life."—Com. by Rev. J. Bancroft.

MARY JANE COCHRAN.

DIED, at Newport, on the 4th of March, 1856, Mary Jane, wife of Mr. Alexander Cochran, aged 31 years. Sister Cochran obtained a hope, and united with the Baptist Church at Chester about twelve years since, during the ministry of the late venerable Joseph Dimock. Her maiden name was Craft. She afterwards took her dismission from the Church at Chester and united with the Windsor Church, during the pastorate of brother William Hall. In April, 1854, she was married, and became a resident of Newport. My own acquaintance, which commenced since that period, enables me to believe that it is well with the departed. She left an infant child, her only offspring, to perpetuate her memory, but never spoke after her confinement. A weighty responsibility, therefore, rests upon the bereaved husband, who has been suddenly disappointed in his expectations. The Lord support him through every trial, and grant him all the grace necessary to life everlasting.

Mr. C. is a member of the Episcopal Church. Funeral 6th March. Services at the house by the writer. Sermon at St. James's Church, (at which place she was buried,) by Rev. Mr. Spike. Text, Judges iii. 20.—"I have a message from God unto thee."—Lb.

Religious Intelligence.

Report on the State of the Denomination.

Presented at the Convention, Portland N. B.

The Committee beg to report that the following is the state of the Denomination in these Provinces, as gathered from the Minutes of the Associations, viz:—

Table with 3 columns: Province, Churches, Baptized, Members. Rows for Nova-Scotia (Western, Central, Eastern) and New Brunswick (Eastern, Western).

Eighteen new Churches have been constituted during the year. Thirteen of these churches are in New Brunswick, viz.—Elgin and Mechanic's Settlements, Cape Demoiselle, Caledonia, German Town, 2nd Cambridge, 2nd Upham, Bay de Verte, 2nd Coverdale, St. Francis, Northampton, Gagetown, Scotch Town, Dumfries and Queensbury. Five of them are in Nova Scotia, viz:—New Cornwall, West Chester, Schooner Pond, Londonderry, and Jordan Bay.

The following brethren have been ordained, viz:—

Sept. 19, 1855, Isaac Judson Skinner, Port Medway, N. S. March, 1856, W. M. Edwards, Hampton, N. B.

6th, Harris Charlton, Wallace Road, N. S. April 3rd, Isaiah Wallace, Scotch Town, N. B. May 14, Thos. W. Crawley, Chester, N. S. June 3, Robert Walker, Lower Aylesford, N. S.

July 5, Stephen March, St. Francis, N. B. 25, Wm. S. Howe, Chipman, N. B.

Several new places of worship have been opened and several have been enlarged.

The committee observe that in the Nova Scotia Association a diminution of the number of members appears. The reason of this is, that in several of the Churches the lists of members have been revised, and that revision has issued in the removal of many names which ought not to have remained so long on the lists, the parties having removed from the localities in which they had resided, or absented themselves, entirely for a lengthened period from the ordinances of Christian worship. The committee consider it very important that all the churches should revise their lists of members, from time to time, that their true state may appear, and that just discipline may be entertained.

The committee further bring to the notice of the Convention the fact that the considerable increase of numbers that has taken place in our churches, in the Province of New Brunswick, has mainly arisen from the extension of the Home Missionary effort in that Province during the past two years. The result is highly satisfactory, and commends to the brethren in the other Province the propriety and importance of adopting similar measures, with a view to the evangelization of destitute districts and the wider extension of our Denominational interests.

J. M. CRAMP, Chairman.

Revival at Hammond's Plains.

SACKVILLE, N. S., Oct. 6th, 1856.

Our protracted meeting, of which notice was given in the Messenger, was attended during the day and in the evening through the past week with most blessed results.

We had no ministerial aid, except bro. Freeman on Monday evening, until Friday evening, when bro. Miller came to our assistance. He remained at the Plains over Sunday, while I returned to my appointment in Sackville, where we had encouraging meetings. I returned and continued the meetings at H. Plains. The church came up manfully to the work, and was greatly blessed. Backsliders have returned to God, and many hardened sinners hopefully converted, two of whom were Roman Catholics.

Next Saturday is our monthly conference, and there is already a number of candidates for baptism on Sunday. If some of our brethren can make it convenient to come and assist us, we doubt not but they will find it profitable. Pray for us. "That the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified."

May the work of revival spread East, West, North and South, until the earth shall be filled with the glory of God.

Yours in the hope of the gospel, T. H. PORTER.

Baptisms in Great Britain.

READING, Queen's Road.—Lords-day, July 26, was a soul-refreshing day here, when our respected pastor, Mr. Aldis, preached two powerful sermons from, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. After which he immersed eight believers in the Saviour, four males and four females.

PATTISHALL AND EASTCOTE.—On June 13, six believers put on Christ by being baptized into his death. On July 26, a young woman, who was opposed by her husband, though his father and mother are both members with us, was baptized; and on August 3, two more thus followed their Lord and Saviour. Among these were both young and aged; one of the latter was a female who, on account of advanced age, feared going into the water; but she went through the service as well as any of the younger candidates, and so did on aged man of more than three-score and ten.

W. B.

KING STANLEY.—On the evening of Lord's-day, July 27, our pastor baptized nine young friends who had witnessed a good confession before the church, and evidenced its reality by a renunciation of their former works and ways. One of them, in a short address before his immersion, urged upon the undecided part of the crowded congregation the importance of immediately deciding for God in compliance with the earnest entreaties they had just heard from the text, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve."

KETTERING.—Baptism by an Independent Minister.—On Thursday evening, July 31, the Rev. T. Toller, the highly-esteemed pastor of the Independent church at Kettering, immersed three young candidates in Mr. Mursell's baptistry in that town. In the United States immersion of believers has often been administered by Independent, Presbyterian, and Methodist ministers, and probably at no distant day this scriptural mode will become common in our own country.—Reporter.

NEWARK.—Mr. Bayly, our pastor, administered the ordinance of immersion on the last Sabbath evening in July, when five believers witnessed a good confession before a crowded and much interested congregation. We hope good impressions were made on many.

GREENWICH, Lewisham Road.—On Wednesday evening, after a sermon by Mr. W. Glanville, to a large congregation, our pastor, Mr. Russell, baptized ten females and four males into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Thirteen of these are in connection with our sabbath school, and three of them are sisters, making a baptized household.

PADIHAM.—Mr. Kitchen, of Sabden, baptized eight believers in Jesus on Lord's-day, August 10.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—On the first Lord's-day in August, after a suitable discourse by Mr. B. Wood, the pastor, seven believers were buried with their Lord in his watery grave, and then raised up with him, we trust, henceforth to walk in newness of life.

Tremont Temple, Boston.

"A stranger" giving an account in the N. Y. Chronicle of a Lord's-day at Tremont Temple, Boston, refers to the powerful preaching of the Rev. Mr. Kallioch, (the Minister of the place,) in the morning and afternoon.

He describes it as the largest audience room in America, and, although only an ordinary Sabbath-day's services, "the body of the house was literally packed, the immense galleries, aisles and platform were all occupied with attentive worshippers. What a glorious sight! Three thousand human beings to listen to the Word of God. He says:—

"I visited the evening prayer-meeting to ascertain, if possible, the spiritual effect of Bro. K.'s preaching. No sooner was a chapter read, a prayer offered, a hymn sung, and an opportunity given for conversation and prayer, than suddenly starting to her feet, stood a lady, dressed in the habiliments of mourning, and with a tremulous voice, uttered something like the following:—Last Monday evening, I appeared here an unconverted sinner, and asked your prayers—to-night I feel my sins forgiven, and my Saviour precious to my soul. I have passed through deep affliction, but I now 'know that my Redeemer liveth.'" You can scarce imagine the effect of this short speech—the tremulous voice—the mourning clad person—the smiling countenance and the humble bearing, ran like an electric shock through every member, and the tears involuntarily rolled down our cheeks as we remembered the day and the hour when God, for Christ's sake, forgave our sins. One, and another, and another, arose in like manner, and expressed a full grounded hope in Jesus. Such are the fruits."

Elder W. M. Towill writes that 42 have recently joined Matthew's church. Seven persons have professed conversion at Lyles, Fluranna. Thus nearly 300 conversions in connection with Virginia Baptist churches, are reported in a single number of the Herald.