

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Tour on behalf of the Gaelic Mission.

DEAR BRETHREN,

It will be expected by some of the friends of the Gaelic Mission that I should give some account of the agency in which I have been engaged for a few weeks.

Here I was very kindly received by dear brother Hunt and the people of his charge. Sicknes was visiting some members of the congregation at the time, and in one instance a person who was in the field to-day was cut down on the morrow.

At Biltown, much readiness was manifested to aid the Mission. The warm hearted pastor, Bro. James Parker has a large and inviting field.

Pleasant Valley is truly very pleasant; and after a week of heat and fatigue, I found it a delightful land. The good patriarch, Father Chipman, gave me a cordial welcome.

At Wolfville I had the pleasure of addressing the people on the Lord's-day. In the S. School where I once taught a class, I could find none of my old scholars.

Contributions for the objects of my mission had been already received from this church through the Association, and I did not make general application for funds at this time, leaving the rest at interest till next year.

Hantsport is a beautiful village, pretty enough to have been the abode of "Simon the Tanner"; while from the prevalence of Baptist sentiment it might be surnamed 'Antioch.'

Sabbath, but did not remain long to collect. Here a "wayfaring Levite" is in no danger of being left to wander, unsheltered "all night in the streets."

I may here just remark, that when in Pleasant Valley I had received money to the amount of making up my salary, after advice from Father Chipman on the subject, I presented the matter of finishing our little Meeting-house at Schooner Pond, and continued to do so in the remaining places which I visited.

Finally I arrived at Halifax. Here I found Brethren David Freeman and S. N. Bentley. With David and Samuel to assist them, the Halifax baptists must needs prosper.

The sums contributed in the different places are as follows:—

Table with columns for location and amount: Brother Hunt's church and congregation, Cornwallis, £9 10 34; Biltown, 10 1 7; Pleasant Valley, 16 10 6; Wolfville, 3 9 14; Hantsport, 3 2 6.

The following persons have subscribed the sums affixed to their names, to be paid yearly for the term of ten years:—

Table with columns for location and name, and amount: At Pleasant Valley, Sydney Shaw, £0 10 0; Hantsport, E. Churchill, Esq., M.P.P., 1 0 0; N. T. Harris, 1 0 0; E. Davidson, 0 10 0; A Sailor, 1 0 0; Brother Harris, 0 10 0.

Table with columns for location and name, and amount: In Halifax I received the following sums: Collection at Granville Street, £1 5 0; Rev. D. Freeman, 1 0 0; John Naylor, Esq., 1 0 0; Dr. Parker, 1 0 0; S. N. Binney, 1 0 0; W. Ackhurst, 0 12 6; R. Beckwith, 0 2 6; J. W. Nutting, Esq., 0 5 0; Hon. J. W. Johnston, 1 0 0; George Johnston, 0 5 0; Geo. Creed, 0 3 9; Jos. Kay, Esq., 1 0 0; J. McVain, 0 5 0; Hon. J. McCully, 0 5 0; Thos. McLearn, 0 5 0; A Friend, 0 5 0; E. LeMont, 0 3 14; George Thompson, 0 5 0.

The whole amount actually received by me during this agency is therefore, £52 15 104. Subtracting from this the one third of my year's salary, namely, 33 6 8. Leaves for our Meeting House a balance of £19 9 24.

Thankful for the results of the agency, for the kindness of friends and the smile of Heaven, I return to my labors greatly encouraged. "Brethren pray for us."

Yours in the Gospel, HUGH ROSS.

Halifax, Aug. 28th, 1856.

It is rumored that Rev. E. Kincaid was, according to recent intelligence, about to start from Burmah with his family, for the United States—Mr. K. having received five thousand rupees from his Burmese Majesty, the King of Ava, to be the bearer of a royal letter to our Government, inviting the establishment of friendly and commercial relations between the Court of Ava and the United States.

Juvenile Contributions.

MR. EDITOR, In pursuing my labors at Cornwallis two or three weeks ago, I was invited to visit the school at Lakeville; which request I readily complied with and found it a well-conducted institution with about 30 pupils.

Halifax, Aug. 21st, '56.

To Rev. Hugh Ross, Gaelic Missionary. DEAR SIR,

It affords us great pleasure at this time to be able to do something to aid you in your arduous labors to introduce the glorious gospel among the destitute of your own tongue.

We willingly give the small sums attached to our several names, and are sorry it is not in our power to give more, but hope you will accept the offering.

In behalf of the School, DAVID SKINNER, Pupil. Kinsman Porter, 3s. 1d.; Albert F. Porter, 1s. 3d.; David Skinner, 1s. 3d.; Charles L. Tupper, 1s. 3d.; William Parker, 1d.; Samuel Parker, 7d.; George M. Robinson, 7d.; William Morse, 1d.; Ormiston Brown, 1d.; Maria Rand, 1s. 3d.; Cassie Marchant, 7d.; Ellen Parker, 7d.; Ellen Morse, 2d.; Margaret Rand, 6d.; Margaret Brown, 1d.; Janet Brown, 1d. In all 10s. 9d.

Lakeville, Aug. 5th, 1856.

New Baptist Church formed at Jordan Bay.

DEAR MR. EDITOR, According to previous appointment an ecclesiastical Council was held at Jordan Bay, on Thursday the 14th August, to enquire into the expediency of organising a Baptist church in that locality.

After the administration of which ordinance the Council was formed by the choice of brother Hobbs, as Chairman, brother Bradford Kempton, as Clerk, deacon Joshua Chadsey, and John Williams, Jr., from Lock's Island Church, and Joseph Page from the church at Lewis Head, and after retiring for consultation, it was deemed advisable to proceed with the organization, when twenty persons, male and female, who had previously been baptized, subscribed their names, promising to walk together as brethren in Christ to uphold and promote the worship of God and to attend to the ordinances and discipline of his church, followed by prayer, charge, &c. by the chairman.

The church then proceeded to select their own officers, when the choice for Deacons fell upon brethren Jones, Cruserong, and Thomas Lock, and William Thaurne, Clerk. The Lord's Supper was then dispensed to the newly formed church, the union hymn being sung, they all extended to each other the right hand of fellowship in the presence of the congregation assembled, who were constrained to say "see how those brethren love each other."

And on the last Lord's-day at Sandy Point, five miles from the town of Shelburne, we had a most interesting baptism in presence of a very large and solemn congregation of persons from Shelburne, Lock's Island, Queen's Head, and from twenty miles around. Sermon from the baptism of Lydia; and the Lord's Supper. Preaching in the new Court house in town at 3 o'clock.

A man of the right stamp should be sent to Shelburne Town. The field is white to harvest, there is no baptist chapel in town but the Court house, which is very central, has been kindly placed at our service. A Baptist house is to be started shortly at Sandy Point, to accommodate that settlement and Jordan Bay church and congregation, and our dear young brother Kempton, who is now supplying the church

with much acceptance will shortly appeal to the benevolent of our churches, I trust not in vain, for aid to assist in the completion of the building.

Yours in the best of bonds, WILLIAM H. HOBBS. Weymouth, N. S., August 28th.

New Baptist Meeting-house in Annapolis.

MR. EDITOR, The necessity for the above mentioned house in this neighbourhood was long felt by some, at length however, some few began to think that feeling and doing were too different things, and at once began to agitate the matter.

The result was that a list of names was obtained with nearly £200, annexed. Encouraged by this to proceed, a building Committee was appointed to carry the object into effect, and on the first day of May, the first stick of timber was cut and dressed by the writer, and arrangements made to complete the house last November, but circumstances prevented.—It now stands a neat little ornament to the neighbourhood immediately in front of the public burying ground; a credit to the builders, and a source of satisfaction to the Committee, I might perhaps also say to the public, it is situated on a pleasant site in the valley called Pleasant Valley West, to distinguish from P. V., in King's Co., nearly opposite Laurencetown. The house is 36 feet by 48, 17 feet posts, no gallery, pulpit at the one end, singing seats at the other, raised about 3 feet above the ground floor, cost about £400, to which the sale of pews is fully equal. So far we have succeeded by the blessing of Him who has said, "my house shall be a house of prayer for all people."

DEDICATION SERVICES

Were held in the above mentioned house according to previous notice, on Thursday, the 14th inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M. Preaching by Rev. C. Tupper, from Psalm cxxii. 15,—"I will abundantly bless her provision, I will satisfy her poor with bread."—in his usual impressive and clear style, after which the Rev's. G. Armstrong, P. F. Murray, N. Vidito, and W. G. Parker, gave highly appropriate addresses. The address of Rev. W. G. Parker was calculated to make one review all his exercises, aims, and hopes, from the first thought about building, all through to the present and onward to the future. While the preacher was so clearly showing forth the provisions which God had been pleased to provide, and to bless. He thought how in his goodness he provided another house where he would meet the hungry poor, and satisfy them with bread. Sinners would be brought under its influence here; some would hear, receive the truth, and live, some might hear, regret, and die, and thus the gospel would prove a savour of life unto life, or of death unto death. He warned us to take heed how we hear. In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Murray preached from Romans vi. 23,—"For the wages of sin is death, &c."—and the other ministering brethren followed in exhortation, and closed by prayer by Rev. W. Parker—and he felt encouraged to hope that our labours in building and dedicating a house for God would not be in vain.

Yesterday afternoon the house was full and Bro. Parker, preached from the words: and there they preached the Gospel, Acts xiv. 7. We are led to hope that the time is not far distant when there will be a church organized here. May God direct, is the prayer of ONE INTERESTED. Beal's Mountain, Annapolis Aug. 18th, '56.

Obituary Notices.

CATHERINE C. WAMBOLT. DIED, the 19th February, 1856, Catherine C. Wambolt, aged 6 years and three months. She was early instructed by her parents in the ways of truth and evinced a great degree of intelligence, and though so young gave her parents abundant evidence of faith in Christ. A few hours before her death her mother asked her if she had a desire to get well she replied no that she would rather go to heaven and sing God's praises, after which she lingered a short time, and fell asleep in Jesus.