

For the Christian Messenger.

Revival in Guysboro.

DEAR BROTHER SELDEN,

As your numerous Christian readers, no doubt, always feel interested in hearing of the prosperity of the cause of God, I have much pleasure at this time in giving information that a work of grace is in progress amongst us.

Brother Hall, we believe, directed by the Divine Spirit, arrived here on the 2nd of this month, and meetings were held but a short time when it was visible the Spirit of God was moving upon the minds of the people.

Brother Hurd came from Canso shortly after the meetings commenced, and will still continue a few days assisting brother Hall in proclaiming to sinners the great salvation.

The church here have been entirely destitute of the preaching of the Gospel since brother DeLong left in Oct. last, and we are about securing the labours of brother Hall for a time with us, which I feel encouraged to hope will be made a great blessing to us.

Yours sincerely, H. R. CUNNINGHAM.

Guysboro', Feb. 20, 1856.

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Letter from New Brunswick.

DEAR SIR,

I have just returned from an interesting visit up to St. Francis, where I have been for three weeks. I was much pleased with my visit. There is an interesting little Church there, and they are all labouring and praying for its increase.

Yours sincerely, THEODORE H. PARKER.

Grand Falls, Feb. 14, 1856.

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Opening of Greenville Baptist Church.

MESSENGERS EDITORS,

A Tea Meeting took place on Thursday, the 7th, in the new Greenville Baptist Chapel, Wallace Road, at 2 o'clock, p. m. Notwithstanding the badness of the road and the inclemency of the weather, the house was filled to overflowing.

Greenville, Feb. 13th, 1856.

WANTS OF THE INDOLENT CHRISTIAN.—A lazy Christian shall always want four things, namely, comfort, content, confidence, and assurance.

Religious Intelligence.

Montreal.

MR. EDITOR:—The usual anniversary meetings, in this city, were held, as usual, during the past week through the courtesy of its trustees, in the large Wesleyan church, in Great St. James street, which was filled to its utmost capacity.

Monday.—The Religious Society. Tuesday.—The Canada Sunday-School Union. Wednesday.—The Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, auxiliary to the British and Foreign Bible Society. Thursday.—The French Canadian Missionary Society.

The interest of the meetings was materially enhanced by the presence and eloquence of Rev. Mr. Scudder, who was present as a representative of the American Bible Society. These meetings are looked forward to by our religious community with a good deal of interest, as it is from these annual reports of progress that we can judge of the inroads that evangelical religion is making into the strongholds of Romanism.

The Rev. James N. Williams, late of the Grande Ligne Mission has been invited to supply the pulpit of the Baptist Church St. Helen-Street for a few months, with a view to the pastorate; and he is welcomed among us as a young brother of great worth, of a high order of talents, and sincere and self-denying piety.

We are having severe weather, with great quantities of snow, and have passed thus far on without any thaw; a January thaw is now out of date in Canada.—N. Y. Chron.

United States.

NEW YORK.—The Baptist church at Sandy Hill, Washington Co., under the pastoral charge of Rev. R. F. Parshall, are enjoying now a very precious revival. The meeting has been in progress three weeks. Twenty-four have been baptized, and God is moving in power. The work, we think, has just commenced.

GENEVA, WIS.—A very interesting revival meeting has been in progress at this place, and some thirteen have expressed a hope in Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Eleven have been baptized. The interest still continues.

CARROLLTON, ILL.—Twenty have expressed a hope in Christ, in about two weeks.

HOMER, ILL.—Twelve converts have been baptized. The church was constituted last May, with twelve or fourteen members. It now numbers fifty-two.

KATAMAZOO, MICH.—We learn from the Christian Herald that a revival of religion is now progressing in this place. Sixteen have been baptized since the new year, and about as many more are expressing hope in Christ.

IOWA.—The Rev. Wm. Elliott, of Brighton, Iowa, writes that "in the last two months, I baptized thirteen. One more candidate, and eight or ten joined by letter and experience. In the Glasgow church, twelve professed a hope, one was restored and ten baptized."

BOSTON.—Rev. Mr. Wines, pastor of the Bowdoin Square Church, Boston, is holding an interesting series of meetings, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Kallough and Burlingame. These meetings are well attended, and the promise for good is very encouraging.

We learn that Rev. S. M. Stimson, of Binghamton, has, during the winter, received twenty persons to his church by Baptism.

THE WELSH.—In the city of New York there are 9,000 of this interesting people. They have for their Minister, Rev. William Roberts, from Runcon, near Liverpool—in which he was instrumental in winning many souls to Christ. The Allen Street Church, where he now preaches, is crowded every Sabbath, and is altogether too small to accommodate the numbers who wish to worship there, not affording seats to more than 300.

AUSTRALIA.—Two Chinese Evangelists of Hong Kong have reached Melbourne, Australia, where are already congregated 30,000 Chinese, and where others are coming in swarms, and have entered on missionary work among their countrymen with the Scriptures in their hands, and hallowed zeal in their hearts.

The Hebrews, lately in session in Cleveland, have resolved to found a University for the education of their people. It is to be located at Cincinnati.

Sweden.

Extract of letter from A. Wiberg.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 1, 1856.—Dear Brother:—From the icy shores of the Baltic, I embrace the opportunity of writing you a few lines on the first day of this New Year.

The openings before me for the spread of the truth are truly inviting. The Spirit of the Lord seems to be operating upon the minds of the people. Many attend upon the stated preaching of the Word, and books, tracts, and Bibles are eagerly sought after. We have now in Stockholm two places where we meet for worship; one in the interior of the city, and the other in the southern extremity.

THE BIBLE IN TURKEY.—A correspondent of an English journal writing from Constantinople, says:—

"The other day a friend of mine saw a grave-looking old Turk, with spectacles, reading, for his own edification, aloud from the new Testament, and a crowd of Turks standing around listening to him! Is not this strange? Last week a box of New Testaments, in the Turkish Language was sent from the Bible depot to the Custom House, according to rule, from whence it was going to be shipped for Thessalonica. The Custom House officer said, that as the contents were books, they must be examined by the Government Censor before they could be allowed to pass.

JERUSALEM.—Letters from Jerusalem state that at present the European Consuls in that city hoist their flags regularly on Sundays and all feast-days—a ceremony which has hitherto been jealously prohibited by the Turkish officials throughout the Ottoman empire, excepting the seaport towns. It was first done on the occasion of the capture of Sebastopol, when the English, French, Spanish, and Austrian Consuls displayed their flags, and the Prussian Consul has since done the same. It is now becoming a regular thing for travellers to visit the interior of the Great Mosque, on the site of the Temple.

Provincial Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, Feb. 15.

Petitions were presented by the hon. Mr. Fairbanks, from the proprietors of Lequille Mills, praying for aid.

By hon. Mr. Crichton, from Donald Ross for aid in the education of his three deaf and dumb children.

By hon. Mr. Bell, from the Trustees of the Wesleyan Academy, at Sackville.

By hon. Mr. Brown, two petitions from Pictou, (one signed by males, and the other by females,) in favour of the Prohibitory Liquor Law. Each of these petitions was several yards in length.

By hon. Mr. Morton, from the Governors of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary. Also, two petitions from Aylesford in favor of the Prohibitory Liquor Law; one signed by males and the other by females. Both these petitions were numerously signed.

By hon. Mr. Pingo, from the pew-holders of the South-Baptist House, in Wilnot, praying for an Act of Incorporation.

By hon. Mr. McCully, from the inhabitants of the Head of Amherst, praying for the erection of Fog Bells, on Cape Tormentine, in New Brunswick, and Cape Traverse, in P. E. Island; and also for the erection of a Light House on Cape Tormentine. Also, from Onslow, praying for the appointment of Trustees of Glebe Lands in that neighborhood. Also, from Pictou, praying for the extension of the Municipal Corporation Act to that County.

Hon. Rec. Gen. by command of His Excellency, laid on the table a correspondence relative to the Mines and Minerals of this Province.

Hon. Mr. McCully said, I wish, sir, to call the attention of the Government to the subject of the census. According to the existing law, a census shall be taken this year. The census taken in 1851 was not considered reliable by the people of this country. These are good reasons for supposing that it was in many respects inaccurate. There is nothing more important to the development of the resources of the country, than that the people should have under their control those facts which are embraced in a correctly taken census. In all parts of the civilized world the taking of a public census engrosses the attention

of public men. It is to be hoped that the census this year will be one of a reliable character, as nothing is of such importance in guiding us in our legislation, as these statistics.

Hon. Receiver General said, a measure will probably be submitted which will remove these difficulties, as well as provide for the means of paying the enumerators. The Government think that five years is too short a period to intervene between the taking of the different census of this Province.

TUESDAY, Feb. 19.

Anselm F. Comeau, Esq., was introduced by the hon. Messrs Archibald and McKeen, and having presented his Mandamus appointing him a member of this House, the oath of allegiance was administered and the hon. gentleman took his seat.

SWORD TO GENERAL WILLIAMS.

The House of Assembly, by message, informed this House that they had passed a resolution, to expend 150 guineas in the purchase of a sword to be presented to General Williams as a mark of the high esteem in which his character as a man and a soldier, and more especially his heroic courage, and constancy in the defence of Kar, are held by the Legislature of this his native province.

It was moved by the hon. Receiver General and seconded by the hon. Mr. Fairbanks that this House concur in the above resolution. Hon. Mr. McCully said, I gladly embrace this opportunity of expressing my hearty acquiescence in that resolution. That a native of Nova Scotia should have distinguished himself as Gen. Williams has, is a matter of proud congratulation to every one who has the honor of claiming Nova Scotia as the land of his birth. I doubt not but that when the historian records the names of those who have distinguished themselves in the present war, the name of General Williams will stand high on the scroll of fame. Nova Scotia ought to be proud that one of her sons has so distinguished himself in that great conflict in which almost all the great nations of the earth are engaged. The bravery and constancy displayed by that gallant officer in the defence of Kar, are mentioned with admiration throughout the whole civilized world.

The Resolution then passed unanimously. His Excellency, laid on the Table of the House, papers on postage on books: Colonial Trade returns: Postage of newspapers: Amendment in passenger act of 1855. A despatch from Sir G. Grey, of 12th April, 1855, requesting information as to the result of the reduction of inland postage in the Province, Colonial light houses and light vessels. Sackville Academy.—From this it appears that the debt on the Institution on the 1st January, 1855, was £1749 8 5; amount of expenses for the half year ending June, 1855, £4439 7 5; there was received during the same period—from Scholarship subscriptions, &c., deducting expenses for collecting, &c., £624 9 11; from New Brunswick Legislature, £600; from Nova Scotia Legislature, £219 7 6; from Students, £3051 17 6; making the whole amount of receipts during the half year, £4495 14 11; and there being a debt still due on the Institution of £1693 0 11. It is also stated that there is £522 4s. 8d. due from Students, making the net balance on debt of the Institution £1179 16s. 3d: And on Fisheries in the Bay of Fundy. \* Nova Scotia currency, £225.

Petitions were presented by hon. Mr. McKeen, from Donald McLean McDonald, for Felling, Saw, and Grist Mills.

By hon. Mr. Almon, from Daniel Gallagher, Schoolmaster, praying for a grant of a portion of the public lands, as a means of support in his old age.

Hon. Mr. Pingo—I wish to know, sir, whether it is the custom to grant aid to school-masters in their old age. If so, there will be many such applications as this, and there is no knowing when they will end.

Hon. President—Every man has a right to petition the House. Whether the House chooses to grant him relief or not, is quite another question.

PROHIBITORY LIQUOR LAW.—Hon. Mr. Crichton presented two petitions from the county of Pictou in favor of a Prohibitory Law—one signed by males, and the other by females. These petitions were signed by 3120 persons.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

A conversation took place respecting the Public Accounts, at the close of which the Hon. Mr. Almon said—I still think that a joint committee of both Houses should have been appointed on the Railway Accounts. All the other public accounts of this Province sink into insignificance compared with those of the Railway. The Railway Commissioners have already expended £200,000, and they are authorized to go on, ad infinitum, borrowing £200,000 a year, a job which (both principal and interest) must come out of the pockets of the people of Nova Scotia.

Hon. Mr. Pingo presented a petition from inhabitants of Shinuuccas, Cumberland County, praying for a way office half way between Amherst and Pogwash.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, Feb. 19.

Mr. Munro asked special leave to present a petition for a light house between Great Bras d'Or and St. Ann's. Also, from St. Ann's praying additional postal communication. Mr. Whitman presented a Petition from An-