

For the Christian Messenger.

Baptist Mission in Sweden.

Messrs. Editors,

A Mission has been recently commenced in Sweden by the American Baptist Publication Society. The following extracts from the "Young Reaper" for July, furnish very cheering intelligence relative to the success attending this enterprise:

"A few years since, the cherished NELSON, who went out as a Sailor Missionary, labored at Gotteburg, and a Baptist church was formed. Persecution soon arose, and the Missionary was banished. The influence of the truths he had preached, however, could not be banished. An educated and talented man (Rev. Andreas Wiberg), who had preached for eight years in the Lutheran church, was led by them, first to the Cross, and then to examine the subject of baptism. The writings of Carson, Hinton, and Pennington, published by the American Baptist Publication Society, were earnestly read. He was convinced, and desired to be baptized; but there was no Baptist minister then in Sweden or Norway. This was in 1853. He sailed for America. On his way the vessel was detained two days at Copenhagen, Denmark, where he met Bro. Nelson, who baptized him at midnight in the Baltic Sea.

"After reaching New York, he became for a time a colporteur of the Am. Bap. Pub. Society, laboring among the sailors and emigrants of that city. Then he prepared his work on "Christian Baptism," which the Society stereotyped in the Swedish, and which has been so blessed of God. Feeling a deep interest in the religious condition of his native land, he offered himself to the Missionary Union as a missionary for Sweden. They being unable to appoint him, he applied to the Publication Society, which commissioned him as Superintendent of Colportage in Sweden. The Society was led to this step by the significant fact, that while the laws of Sweden positively forbid, under heavy penalties, all preaching except by the clergy of the State Church, they give entire freedom to the press. You cannot, under the sanction of law, preach the truth, but you may print and circulate it as much as you like. Colporteurs may, without molestation, go from house to house, and from village to village, distributing books and tracts, and speaking to small companies in private houses on the subject of religion. Some of our brethren do dare to preach publicly, but it is always at the risk of imprisonment.

"Brother Wiberg arrived in Stockholm, Nov. 7th, 1855, just twenty months since. Upon his recommendation, four other colporteurs were appointed about the 1st of January, 1856.

"These were the beginnings of the work in Sweden. Since then, twenty-one Baptist Churches have been organized, twenty-four Ministers ordained, and about one thousand hopeful converts have been baptized!

"The Lord has opened before us a wide door in both Sweden and Norway! The minds of the people throughout both kingdoms are greatly agitated on the subject of spiritual religion. Every where the spirit of earnest inquiry exists. They are a people prepared of the Lord. The fields are truly white for the harvest. Shall we not trust in the sickle and gather the precious grain? These fields have been opened to Baptists; and to Baptists through their Publication Society; let them meet the responsibility thrown upon them. It is clearly the Lord's "set time to work," let us work with Him.

"The Board feel that the providence of God is calling upon them to increase greatly the number of their Colporteurs. They have had but five in Sweden. At the last meeting two more were commissioned, and one for Norway. At least seven more ought to be appointed to this field the present year. But the Colporteur Fund is already overdrawn. We shall not be able to add one more to the list until funds come."

This subject was brought before the Convention in Yarmouth by Rev. D. C. Haynes, of Boston, District Secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society. A vote was unanimously passed, instructing our Foreign Missionary Board to make an attempt to raise a sum sufficient to support at least one Colporteur in Sweden. It will require 200 dollars, that is, 52 pounds of our currency, to sustain one for a year. As the funds now in hand are understood to have been raised for the carrying on of a Mission in Burmah, where we are now supporting native teachers, means must be provided independently of these funds.

It seems to devolve on me, as Secretary of our Foreign Missionary Board, to present this subject to my brethren. In doing so, I beg to have it distinctly understood, that I am far from intending to divert either attention or funds from our Educational or other Missionary interests, which demand immediate and strenuous efforts. The small sum, however, required for this important object, may undoubtedly be raised without diminishing the amount contributed for any other.

Ministers, Deacons, and other brethren, and sisters too, in these Provinces, are affectionately requested to employ active and energetic measures for the raising of the requisite sum; and to communicate intelligence of their success, either directly to me, or through the pages of the Christian Messenger or the Christian Visitor.

Yours, in Gospel bonds,

CHARLES TUPPER, Sec'y., For Miss. Board. Aylesford, Aug. 31, 1857.

P.S. The payment of 20 dollars constitutes the donor a Life Member of the Am. Bap. Pub. Society, and entitles to a Certificate. Churches or Societies may make their Pastors, or others, Life Members in the same way.

American Bible Union Anniversary.

The next Anniversary of the American Bible Union will be held in New York, commencing Wednesday, October 7th, 1857, at 9 o'clock, P. M. The Sessions will be held, as usual, in the Meeting-House of the First Baptist Church, Corner of Broome and Elizabeth Streets.

A Committee of the Board will be in attendance at the Bible Rooms, No. 350 Broome Street, on Wednesday morning, to assign to delegates places of accommodation during the Anniversary meetings, which will probably extend through two days.

To the Editor of the Christian Messenger, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

DEAR BROTHER.—Above find notice of the Anniversary. We should like to see you at the meeting.

We mail to you advance proof sheets of the Aug. Quarterly. It is an interesting number. In regard to Bro. Oncken he writes to us (letter just received) that he has to look to us entirely this year for aid from America for Bible work. The A. & F. B. S. has resolved to give him no money grants this year. He now needs two thousand dollars. This with our great Revision work now in a most encouraging position demands the aid of every friend. Remittances should come to us within Sept. to be included in the Annual Report.

Affectionately, C. A. BUCKBEE, Assistant Treasurer.

Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, SEPTEMBER 9, 1857.

WE continue this week the Report of the proceedings of the Convention. The season enjoyed by the brethren assembled there cannot have been otherwise than interesting and instructive. It is especially satisfactory to see the same old spirit that first actuated the fathers and friends of the Denomination in originating our Institutions, deeply imbuing the minds of their successors, and affording the surest guarantee that the interests of those excellent seminaries have lost no hold on the sympathies and affections of the Baptists in both Provinces.

The stirring addresses delivered on the occasion at the Convention, have forcibly reminded us of the zeal and vigour which were wont to characterize our educational meetings in various parts of the Country some fifteen and twenty years ago.

There is, however, no part of the report which has given us more pleasure than Dr. Cramp's reference to the manifestations of Divine Grace which have from time to time appeared at Acadia College among the students and pupils there. Surely if there were wanting any evidence of the accomplishment of one of the highest purposes for which our Institutions were called into existence, we have it here, in the awakening and sanctifying the hearts of our children, and while fitting them to fulfil the most important and most sacred duties of this life, preparing them also for the rewards and enjoyments of another. In consideration of all that has been effected in this respect at Acadia College since its first institution, where is the Christian parent that will not confess that we have already been an hundredfold repaid for all our toils, our sacrifices, and our losses in its support and management?

We have not space to extend our observations in reference to the several excellent addresses made at the meeting by various brethren. Their remarks will assuredly have the weight they deserve in the minds of our Churches and people, by enlisting them more strongly than ever in the good work of helping onward the moral, intellectual, and religious welfare of those who are to succeed us in the future generation.

The duty assigned to our valued brother Thompson in soliciting the needful aid for Acadia College is a laborious and a responsible one, but we cannot but hope that he will often be cheered by the readiness of brethren and friends throughout the Provinces to make his mission a profitable and, as far as possible, a pleasant one. There are many among us who have never yet had the privilege of contributing to the College funds, but who, we are satisfied, will willingly devote, for so good a purpose, a portion of the means that God has bestowed upon them.

Of the Foreign Missionary matters transacted at the Convention, we shall have occasion to speak at a future time.

THERE appears in the Eastern Chronicle of the 3rd inst., an anonymous communication, stating the desecration of a grave at the Protestant Burying ground at Barney's River, by a party said to have been composed of Roman Catholics residing in that neighbourhood. The object is stated to have been the removal of the body of a Mrs. Robertson, an aged person, who had originally been brought up as a Roman Catholic, but her husband and family being Protestants, had little or no communication with her former co-religionists for many years. The Catholics, it seems, had demanded the corpse previous to the burial, upon the plea of her having desired to be buried in the grounds, and according to the rites of her original persuasion. It was, however, denied by her family, and about a week after her interment, the body is said to have been dug up in the night by the Catholic party, and carried off in triumph. If such a transaction has really occurred, it is deeply disgraceful to the parties implicated, and well deserves the severest reprehension.

We trust that if the facts be really such as reported, ample punishment may fall on the perpetrators of so gross an outrage. The matter is said, very properly to be under legal investigation.

The Rev. Mr. Geddie in a letter to the Rev. Mr. McGregor, gives a cheering account of the Mission under his care in the Island of Anicteum. In referring to the former character of the natives, he says:—

"You will be glad to learn from my letter to the Board of Foreign Missions, that God seems to prosper his own work on this island. The gospel has indeed wrought a great change among the poor Anicteum-se. It would be difficult for you to form any just conception of the condition in which the gospel found these islanders. To the common crimes and abominations of heathenism, infanticide, the strangulation of widows, human sacrifices to propitiate their natmases when they wished plentiful crops, and cannibalism in its worst forms, not only were enemies taken in war eaten, but it was customary to kill human beings for food, especially women. Our poor natives are ashamed of these things now, and do not like to talk about their former customs. But I believe that many who have been guilty of these crimes are now living monuments of divine grace, and they admire and praise that divine power and grace which has rescued them from the awful abyss of heathenism. The crown of our blessed Redeemer will, I doubt not, be adorned with gems gathered from the degraded Anicteumese."

Rev. Dr. Tupper informs us he purposes leaving home on the 24th inst., on a visit to Amherst. He intends going via Truro, and returning via Parrsboro'. Our subscribers, in places through which he may pass, will oblige us by making payment to him of sums due for the Christian Messenger.

A Telegraph from New York reports English dates by the arrival of the Steamer Vanderbilt, as late as the 22nd ult. The Indian Mutiny is stated to be still extending, and General Barnard, who commanded the British troops before Delhi, and Sir Henry Lawrence, one of the most talented men in authority in India, are said to be both dead. In what way is not stated, probably, if it be really true, from sickness, as the perils in this respect on active service in India are great. Delhi had not fallen, but as the telegraphic report is a very bare one, we trust it may not be correct. It is evident, however, that the dangers which threaten our Indian Empire are great and imminent, and every day that elapses without the suppression of the outbreak, adds greatly to the peril. A large British force will soon be there, probably by the end of the present month—not much less than 50,000 men. With these, if the Madras and Bombay Provinces still remain faithful, there can be no doubt but that the mutiny will very shortly be got under. Sir Colin Campbell, the new Commander-in-Chief, will no doubt, have arrived in India by this time. We look anxiously for the arrival of our own English Mail.

The Emperor and Empress of the French paid a brief visit to Her Majesty at her seaside residence at Osborne, but did not extend it further. Political matters throughout Europe seem quiet for the present, although both in Italy and Spain there are occasional intimations of a deep undercurrent of popular discontent, which may at any moment break into open violence and involve those Countries, or perhaps all Europe in confusion and bloodshed.

The crops throughout England and the Continent are said to be very abundant, although the harvests in some parts have suffered from untimely rain.

General Intelligence.

Foreign and Domestic.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, HALIFAX, Aug. 27, 1857

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the advice of the Executive Council has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

To be Justices of the Peace:—In the county of Hants—B. Smith, W. Dimock, S. Caldwell, T. S. Harding, and T. Curran, Windsor; D. Cochran, I. Sanford, M. B. Salter, M. Mosher, senr., I. Dimock, S. B. Parker, (son of Fraser), J. M. Higgins, J. MacComber, B. Marsters, (Newport) J. Eiter, (Uniacke), Esquires.

In the county of Cumberland—R. Ward, W. Elderkin, Apple River; J. Ward, Advocate Harbor, J. Hanning, J. F. Hatfield, Parrsboro' Shore, N. P. Hughes, Diligent River, A. P. Bradley, Mill Village, D. Fullerton, J. Davison, Halfway River, M. K. Pugsley, River Hebert.

In the county of Sydney—E. Cann, and R. F. Hamilton, Esqrs.

To be additional Coroners for the county of Cumberland:

Dr. J. Clark, Pugwash; R. Duncan, Esqr., River Philip; J. Suter, Esqr., Diligent River; A. Davison, Esqr., Mill Village, Parrsboro.

To be Collectors of Colonial Duties:—For the district of the Joggins Mines, in Cumberland—G. Seaman, Esqr., in place of R. B. Boggs, Esqr., resigned. At Main a Dieu in the county of Cape Breton—George Rigby, Esqr.

To be Notary Public: Alonzo White, Esq., of Sydney, CB.

To be an officer for the protection of the Revenue at Parrsborough, Cumberland—Edw. Crane, Esq.

To be one of the Commissioners of Schools in the Rural district of Halifax county:—The Rev. J. Suteliffe.

To be Clerk in the Receiver General's office:—John R. Wallace, Esqr.

His Excellency, by advice of the Council, has also been pleased to approve the appointment of Mr. J. Dimock, to be a Deputy Surveyor of Crown Lands in the East district of the county of Cumberland.

THE MONTHLY ALARM OF FIRE.—An alarm of fire was given on Tuesday, the 1st inst. Fortunately the fire was only on a roof, where a spark had fallen from a chimney. We should not have noticed the above but for the very remarkable circumstance that the 1st day of each month in the present year has been signalized in Halifax by an alarm of fire.

The object of this would almost seem to be for the purpose of reminding the city every month of the great fire on the 1st of January last. For our own part, and the share we had in that calamity, together with subsequent proceedings, we are in no danger of forgetting it for some to come.

Much distress is anticipated from the deficiency of the Mackerel fisheries all around our southern and western shores.

The Sunday Scholars of St. Paul's Church, accompanied by their Teachers, enjoyed a Picnic on the grounds of R. Lawson, Esq., N. W. Arm, on Friday last.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—As the Railway Train was leaving the Four Mile Station on Friday Evening, two men attempted to re-eh the car.—One succeeded, but the other was thrown down between the first and second class cars—a portion of the train passing over him. Those who were looking on thought the man was instantly killed; but imagine their surprise, after the train had passed, to find him picking himself up and proceeding on his way toward town, apparently unhurt:—We didn't hear his name, but we imagine he would not like to repeat the experiment.—Recorder.

Dr. Parker, so highly esteemed as a Medical Practitioner in this City, was a passenger in the last steamer to Liverpool.—Journal.

The gallant Lieut. Willoughby, who fired the Magazine at Delhi, and then escaped, has since been murdered. We understand that he was the grandson of the late Rev. Mr. Willoughby of Windsor, N. S., and second cousin to the members of several families in this city.—Id.

THE HALIFAX CITY MISSION reports that their Missionary, Mr. A. Morton, has visited 1183 families, and distributed 1543 tracts since January last. These are generally received with thanks. The present operations require the sum of £110 per annum, to meet which the Treasurer has received only about £50.

The forthcoming MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS are occupying some attention in the city papers. Much of the peace and order of the city depends on the parties entrusted with the highest offices of authority. Gentlemen of high moral integrity only should be selected to administer justice. Let the electors consider the subject in time, and use well their votes on the coming 1st.

In Lunenburg County the crops of grain are better than for several years past. Much of the barley has been already secured.

Two boys were charged for bathing in one of the docks of the city. They pleaded guilty. It was a first charge against them. Fine 5s each, without costs. We hoped that the lads would escape free of fine, in this case. It is not easy to convince boys, that to wash, in the waters of the harbour, during summer, is a crime.—Sun.