DEAR BROTHER,

to Christian truth.

say, in the letter referred to, that either of ing stations, with the ability to sustain a pasthose rev. gentlemen were in the habit of taking a glass at weddings, &c., but prayed that God might forgive those who do.

JAMES A. STUBBERT. Deerfield, December 15th, 1858.

For the Christian Messenger.

College Agency.

FINANCIAL SUCCESS, -PUPILS FOR THE ACADEMY. -SPLENDID MOUNTAIN SCENERY .- MISSIONARY WORK

dated at River John, Nov. 6. Since then Cape Paint, Junr., at the Strait offers to board a mis-Breton and the following places in Nova Scotia sionary half a year, and give £10. Others have been visited-Pictou, Guysborough, and will do accordingly. So at Guysborough, bro-Canso. The total sum collected is £83 4s, 8d. ther Jost and Cunningham are pillars to the This includes £36 9s. 5d1. principal, £24 6s. 3d. church. In Manchester the brethren are generinterest, and £22 8s. 11d. for current expenses ous and will not be backward if put on the Old pledges were renewed, and the following track. The church at the Strait is becoming a notes of hand £72 19s. 7d1. In Sydney Jacob ferry to Cape Breton. It is visited by thousgaree Bro. W. Ingraham secured £2. In Anti- ship. Who will occupy this interesting field £25.

21d., including £14 9s. 51d. principal, £16 19s. their work. 3d. interest, and £13 9s. 6d. for expenses. The My course will next be to Isaac's Harbour, amount of new notes is £12-19s. 5d., and new &c., Musquodoboit, Stewiacke, and Truro. subscriptions £41 17s. This includes a written loping that all the friends will be prepared for pledge to our institutions from Donald McLean, the Agent, I remain yours in the common Esq., of Boulardrie, for £24-six pounds a year cause, for four years—the interest of a scholarship. Over and above the previous estimates, Mr. Mc-Lean binds himself by writing, to pay the principal of said scholarship or £100 if at the Truro. end of four years from next June the endowment fund shall reach fifteen thousand pounds. Including this last mentioned sum the new pledges in Cape Breton amount to £154 16s 7d1., which added to those in Nova Scotia since Nov. 6 amounts to 230 4s. 7d. in all.

The subscriptions and interest still due are to be collected by the Local Agents, and forwarded to the treasurer of the College by June nextthe end of the collegiate year. The following brethren have kindly consented to act as Agents:-Rev. D. P. McQuillan, in Mira: Elder Hugh Ross, in South Sydney, N. Sydney, the Mines, Bras D'or., Boulardrie, and Baddeck; William Hartt, Esq., in Margaree; J. L. Tremain, Esq., in Mabou and Port Hood; Bro David Blackmore at River John; Rev. A. Porter, in Antigonish and Merrigomish; Christopher Jost, Esq., in Guysborough and Manchester; and W. J. Bigelow, Esq., in Canso and Crow Harbour.

Encouragement was also given that some ten pupils would be sent to the Academy the ensuing year. This is a favorable opportunity for urging all who have it in their power to educate the talent of the country, and the denomination. To see minds that are formed by the Creator to adorn the counsels of the nation, or to shine in the church of God, confined in the filth of sordid avarice, is degrading not only to Christianity, but to human nature.

The country traversed, especially in Cape Breton, is full of romantic interest. When gazing upon the rugged scenery of winter it required little effort of the imagination to paint it with the glowing warmth and beauth of summer. One great feature in the island is the Bras D'or Lake, an inland sea, which conveys shipping in summer, and fish in abundance the year round to every man's door, and thus enhances the value of the rich soil and minerals on its shores. Another striking feature in the country is the rugged mountain chain which, stretching down from Cape North, encircles the well watered vallies of Baddeck, Middle River, and Margaree. Around the locality of the church in Margaree they rise up in nearly a perpendicular elevation to three hundred feet or more, as the mountains around the valley of Piedmont. If the brethren there had, like the Waldenses, experienced the salutary effects of persecution, the scenery would remind one of the lines of Milton-

"Avenge, O Lord, thy slaughtered saints, whose bones Lie scattered on the Alpine mountains cold."

This most important field cannot be neglected viz :-

grave? Such a position I think is repugnant for a single month without loss, being the metropolitan church of the island, embracing In conclusion, I may remark that I did not within a circuit of eight miles as many preachtor, and aid the mission cause besides. Another important field is now open from the Strait of Canso to Guysborough. A new road is now open between these places, reducing the distance to about a dozen miles, and passing through the church in Manchester, a fine rural distict. This field embraces three feeble churches, one at the Strait, one in Manchester, and one in Guysborough, as Elder Miller has left the latter place and retired to Canso. All these churches have nice chapels, and they are able and willing to sustain a good missionary My last on the progress of the agency was with but little aid from the Board. Bro. Peter new ones secured:-Subscriptions £57 5., and most important post. Here will be the great Ingraham added 14s. 5da., and J. M. Munn 5s. ands of vessels in summer, and the population 2d. to their old notes. John M. Leslie and J. are already beginning to centre there. Some D. Malony each gave a note for £5. In Mar- few are ready for baptism and church membergonish Charles Whidden, by giving a note for Like North Sydney, it cannot be neglected now £10, begun a scholarship in his father's name. without irreparable loss. The church in Traca-And in Canso A. N. Whitman and W. J. Bige- die continues to enjoy the sympathies of Elder low, Esqrs., each took a quarter of a scholarship Richardson. He has visited them lately, and will do so again this winter if the board will Your readers may be interested to have some assist. But I see in the Messenger that the special statements about Cape Breton, The funds are low. Surely we will not now close sums collected there amount in all to £44 18s. the supplies and drive our missionaries from

D. FREEMAN. Guysborough, Dec. 20, 1858.

P. S.—My address for some time will be in

For the Christian Messenger. Home Mission, Sydney Co.

To the Secretary of the Home Missionary So

DEAR BROTHER BENTLEY,

and of the interests of Zion generally are always desirous to hear the true state of of our various fields of operation, I will embrace this apportunity to afford them a brief report of what is High God, be encouraged. Yours is the most being done in this portion of God's moral vine-

Since I last wrote I have endeavoured faithfully to preach Christ and him crucified; and it hath pleased the divine Spirit, whose agency I continually seek, to dispose the hearts of a few to seek and obtain an interest in the great salvation. I cannot cheer your heart with an account of great numbers baptized. If you knew the state of society here generally you would not be surprised at this. Two weeks ago, however, I immersed one who for six weeks previously gave abundant evidence of a change of heart and life, and is now unspeakably happy in the fellowship of the little band, who are trying to struggle on in the good way, notwithstanding the persecution of the strong enemy. Others in Antigonish are waiting to come forward soon. I expected to immerse willing converts last week in Merrigomish, but the cold was so severe on Saturday that the conference was almost a failure.

A Prayer-meeting is now established at Barney's River, which I hope will be sustained upon the union principle. We have also commenced one here, which we designate by that the Village, at the harbour 7 miles down, and at the West River 4 miles south. At some of my preaching stations the meetings are very well attended and deeply interesting.

Yours in the Gospel, Antigonish. A. F. PORTER.

For the Christian Messenger.

Letter from the Rev. Samuel Boothby,

AGENT OF THE AMERICAN AND FOREIGN BIBLE Real ada Sonahu and Sand

DEAR SIR, I have been travelling in your Province for several weeks past on an agency for the Ameri- 500 miles up. The country has not been half Time will not permit to speak of the large for the information of the friends who have so field for missionary effort. The church at generously contributed to its aid that I have North Sydney is now destitute of a pastor, obtained in different places the following sums, though I have done pretty well on it.

Windsor, £2 14s. 0d4.; Newport, 16s. 3d.; "But I must tell you what it costs us for Falmouth, £1 15s.; Hantsport. 5s.; Wolfville, grub. We have to pay 16 dollars a hundred £6 2s. 6d; Canaan and N. Minas, £4 3s. 10d.; weight for flour, 50 cents a pound for baking, Cornwallis, £2 1s. 10d½.; Billtown, £1 Ms. 0½d.; 40 cents for coffee, 1½ dollars for tea, and one Berwick, £1 8s. 13d.; Aylesford, 18s. 13d.; dollar a pound for butter, and other things ac-Nictaux, £7 13s. 6d.; Lower Wilmot, £1; cordingly. But this is principally the miner's Bridgetown, 7s 6d.; Western Asso., £7 13s. living in this country, for they have a long way 10d.; Annapolis town, 2s. 6d.; Lower Granville, to bring it. We are going to stay here all this £1 14s. 92d.; Dighy town, 12s. 6d; Wey- winter, and give the country a good trial. The mouth, 16s 11d.; Sandy Cove, £3 15s.; Long weather is getting cold. It snows on the Island, £4 12s 64d; Westport, £4 8s. 11d.; mountains and rains on the lowlands. We can-Yarmouth town, £20 8s 8d; Hebron, £2 5s.; not work more than half of our time, and it Ohio, 6s 6d.; Tusket, £1 13s. 9d.; Milton, will remain so for the next five months. But Liverpool, £3; Liverpool £9 16s. 3d.; Lock's we have a good log cabin fit to stand any storm Island, £4 1s. 41p.; Sable River, 11s. 71p.; Hali- that can blow on Fraser River. fax Granville St, £7 18s. 111d; North Ch. £6 "Write as often as you can, and tell all of my 7d.; Dartmouth, R. McLearn, £1.; Onslow, £2 friends not to forget poor D-- in a strange 15s. 44d; Truro, £4 4s. 104d; Maccan, £1 5s; land. The Indians are now quite peaceable Amherst, £4 13s. 1d.

So you see that the Baptists of Nova Scotia still feel an interest in the Bible cause, and are willing to labour for its success.

I desire here also to express my unfeigned gratitude to those dear brethren and friends who have so kindly cared for me and aided me in my work. The kindness thus manifested has begotten in my heart a love for and confidence in them, that will not. I trust, be easily erased. I have also been much interested in the way and manner in which Baptists do their work in this Province, the union and harmony which prevails among the ministers and brethren, the soundness of faith, and the steady adherence to those principles and practices by which Baptist sentiments have been so widely diffused, and so successfully cultivated in this Province. With such men and such means we feel that the cause of truth is destined to prosper. Error has been successfully combated, and truth has gained many a triumphant victory. Go on then, my brethren, and God grant you may see the fulfilment of your earnest desires for your people, and that Nova Scotia may never have sons and daughters less worthy of those noble fathers who first planted Baptist principles in the hearts of her people.

But while I have been pleased with these things I have seen others that pained my heart. your sanctuaries, and seen many, especially of the young, who, as we have reason to fear, are without hope and without God in the world, my heart has been pained and I have wept over heart has longed for their salvation, and I have asked, shall these who are so kind, so respectful, so intelligent and virtuous, be forever the servants of sin and Satan, and so become filled with As the friends of the missionary enterprise evil and be the companions of the lost? No, I God has some better thing for them. Dear ministers of Christ, ye servants of the Most noble work that man can be engaged in, and God has promised you success.

This visit among you has been a rich blessing with gratitude to the Giver of all our mercies. As we leave you, we can but cast a longing look back over those pleasant enjoyments, and carry sweet remembrances of them with us on our pilgrimage.

Your brother in Christ, SAMUEL BOOTHBY. Halifax, Dec., 1858.

Letter from Fraser River Gold Diggings.

Dear Brother Selden .- I have been permitted to copy the following letter, with a few changes in the orthography, for the Messenger. It will testify to the claims of Frazer River versus Nova Scotia, upon our young men. D. F.

Guysborough Bay Dec. 15, 1858,

MR. JOHN EHLER,-

"Dear Father, - I will let you know some little news about Fraser River. This is from your son David, one that has caused you many an country. I believe I am doing about as well us the lucky crowd, and say they wish they he can live long. could enjoy themselves like us.

great deal of talk about this country and its chain boxes, as the whole eight broke close to gold. But I will tell you the truth, it is a hard the abutments on each side, throwing the whole country for a man to come to. I have spent weight on the wood work. all that I had, which was a little over 300 dollars, in coming here. I am only 150 miles up might expect." the river. We are doing as well as they are

with the whites. I must bid you farewell. Remember me to all of my brothers and sisters. and sisters in law, and neighbours. And my most humble blessings to you my dear old lov. ing father.

> "From your affectionate son, "DAVID S. EHLER."

Colonial & Foreign Kews.

New Brunswick.

An Exhibition was given at the BAPTIST SEMINARY AT FREDRICKTON, OR Friday 17th. The recitations and dialogues are spoken of as well selected and delivered with much effect.

A man named Jackson, who had been engaged as night watchman by Walker & Co., and occasionally acted as assistant policeman at St. John, was killed in a quarrel on Saturday the 18th inst., begun under the influence of intoxication ...

Bradley and Keenan, with whom deceased was quarrelling, are in custody under the charge of manslaughter.

The HIGH TIDES on Wednesday last did considerable injury to flour and other property in the stores on the South Market Whart, St. John.

The railroad is open to Hammond River, and doing a large amount of business.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT .- A young woman named Mary Jane Lewis, belonging to Fort Lawrence, who had been to the grist mills in Sackville, was returning on Wednesday last, As I have visited your FAMILIES, and stood in when the tide (which had risen so high as to cross the dykes and inundate the main road near Cole's Island), swept the pung off and capsized it, holding the poor girl fast beneath it. who was drowned before any efficient aid reached her. An inquest was held on the body, before Z. them, and tried to carry their case to God. My Tingley, Esq., Coroner, and a verdict in accordance with the facts returned .- Sackville (N.B)

DESTRUCTION OF GRAND FALLS BRIDGE. On Saturday last the people of Fredericton were thunderstruck to learn, by telegraph from Grand Falls, that the Bridge at that place had cannot think so, and hope not. I believe that fallen in. This was an elegant, and supposed to be a substantial structure, raised by Mr. Tomlinson. It had only been completed some two or three weeks, and on the day it was formally thrown open to the public several heavily laden sleds passed over it, and hundreds of people, besides sleighs, sleds, &c., stood near the centre of the Bridge while an address was presented to the Builder. The strength of the to my own soul, and one I shall long remember Bridge was then severely tested, but it stood firm as a rock, and yet within so short a time it gave way beneath the weight of two horses, one sled, and two men. Of course at this distance we cannot judge of the cause, but should suppose it to be the contraction of the iron girders by this low atmosphere.

The following account of the catastrophe was received from F. E. Beckwith, Esq., by a gentleman in this city:-

"We have had a dreadful accident here this morning. Our Bridge, which has been only a short time finished, broke down.

"Mr. Tohilinson's team of two horses and sled, accompanied by two of his hired men-Denis Hughes and --- Simpson-were crossing a short time after daylight, when about the middle of the bridge they felt it giving way; they left the sled and ran back, but too late, as it all went down in a body. The men fell on the rocks, close to this side, clear of the water; fall about 150 feet. The horses were over and went down into the river; no vestige of them has yet been discovered; they must have drifted under the ice, which had broken across the eddy, a short distance below the bridge.

"No other persons were on the bridge at the hour of uneasiness since I left home. But now time, and an half hour or more must have cheering appellation, to be held alternately in I will let you know something about this hard elapsed before people went to the spot. The men were discovered on the rocks; one of them as any one on the river, and that ain't much. making signs; he was after a time hauled up I and my three partners were making over five by ropes; he is badly hurt-leg broken, and dollars a day for about four weeks past; and also collar bone. It is doubtful if he can rewe have claims that will pay us, we think, for cover. The other man (Simpson) was stunned, two months longer. The most of the claims on both legs broken, also an arm. He was with this bar are worked out, and there are only great difficulty got up. A Tobegin was taken about 50 men that have claims left. I believe down, in which he was fastened, and then dragwe were the luckiest on the ban. They all call ged up the rocks on ladders. It is not thought

"This morning was very cold and frosty; "Dear father, I suppose you have heard a 24 below zero. This must have affected the iron

"We are all in great gloom here, as you Grand Falls, December 18, 1858.

We sincerely simpathize with the people of can and Foreign Bible Society, and wish to say prospected on these rivers, yet, dear father, I Grand falls, as the want of a bridge there has want you to tell the young men, one and all, to long been severely felt. We also sympathize take my advice and never leave home to come with Mr. Tomlinson, A telegraph despatch to Fraser River. I think it a real humbug, received yesterday announces that one of the men, Simpson, is dead .- Fredericton Head Quarters, with super such at the state of

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