

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

New Meeting-house at Walton.

Mr. Editor, You are, doubtless, aware that efforts are being made to establish a mission on the Bay coast of Hants County. Walton, a small village and tide-harbor, is selected as the rallying point of labor.

The few Baptists and their friends are building a Meeting-house at Walton.—The frame is erected, rough-boarded, and the roof shingled. It is 33 by 48 feet ground floor, 16 1/2 feet posts, with tower and belfry, situated in the most eligible part of the village, and commanding a fine view of the harbor, Bay, and Cape Blomelton.

BAZAAR.

A Bazaar will be held, (D.V.) at Newport, next September, for the purpose of procuring funds to build the Baptist Meeting-house at Walton, Hants County. The friends of Zion are earnestly solicited to aid the above-benevolent object.

COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. George Creed, } Halifax.
Mrs. S. Selden, }
Mrs. J. F. Burnham, }
Mrs. Thomas Wesley, }
Mrs. B. Scott, } Onslow.
Mrs. A. Munro, }
Mrs. F. Parker, }
Mrs. Thomas Woolaver, } Walton.
Mrs. — Crowell, }
Mrs. Shubael Dimock, } Newport.
Mrs. William Knowles, }
Mrs. James Murphy, } Noel Shore.

B. SCOTT.

Onslow, Dec. 1st, 1858.

For the Christian Messenger.

Funds still Wanted.

According to the suggestion of members of the Home Mission Board, I would again address the Baptist Churches of our land. Some good news we have for you,—the Treasurer has the pleasure of acknowledging Two Pounds from Acadia College, and Fifteen Pounds, One Shilling and Nine Pence from Liverpool, as a response to our late appeal.

As for our tried friends of Liverpool, they are so accustomed to do well, that really we are not much surprised at their liberality. Some among them are so much attached to finance meetings and collectings for the Lord's cause, that they would probably feel lost without them.

Permit me to commend the method and habits of this Church to others. The disposition and the means of replenishing the Lord's treasury exist largely. Promptness and system in collecting are required.

As will be seen by the Report of Bro. Nelson Baker, the Board has had to pay a pretty large sum on acct. of his mission. Some friends in Cumberland Co. had intimated that the mission would be nearly self-paying.

We still call upon the churches to send in prompt remittances. We should be verily guilty, if, without appealing to the Saviour's friends, we suffered the work to languish and cease.

We hope the missionaries will readily offer their services and send in their accounts when due. If the Board is driven to prayer on account of funds, it will do no harm. There is money all abroad in the land, and it is the Lord's. Our Treasurer will acknowledge sums monthly, as they come to hand.

Yours, in service.

S. N. BENTLEY.

Halifax, Dec. 6th, 1858.

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notices.

HARRIETT KEMPTON.

Died at Milton, Queen's Co., Nov. 5, 1858, of Tonsillitis, or putrid sore throat, Harriett, only daughter of Mr. Allen and Mary Eliza Kempton.

We are sometimes overwhelmed by a sudden calamity, and cannot for a time adjust our souls. The mind is as it were collapsed, and though piety enjoins silence because God hath done it, yet we cannot comprehend his ways.

Harriet K. was the sunshine of her parents' dwelling; but she died, and died as only the Christian can die,—full of faith, hope and joy,—and now sleeps in an early grave; nor will she awake till the earth and heavens be no more.

A member of the church, and a cousin and companion of Harriett, was a few weeks before called away, and we doubt not they are now enjoying each others society in their Father's house above, where they serve God and the Lamb for ever and ever.

EMILY KEMPTON.

Her last intelligible utterances were an attempt to answer some questions proposed by her father, regarding her hope.—"I am resting on Jesus," as she bid adieu. So died Harriet in the sixteenth year of her age.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord!"

MRS. ELIZABETH ALLEN

Departed this life May 30, 1858. She was a worthy member of the 3rd Baptist Church of Yarmouth. For many years she was the subject of severe bodily affliction, which she bore with Christian resignation, knowing that whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth: not for his pleasure but for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

Our sister has left to mourn their loss a husband and six children.—Communicated by Rev. James A. Stubbert.

LYDIA ELLEN CROSSBY.

Died, at Lake George, November 10th, 1858, Lydia Ellen, only daughter of Mr. Richard Crossby, of that place.

Through divine grace, she was led to give herself to Christ, and publicly professed the same in the ordinance of baptism and united

with the Church of Christ. She was regular and uniform in attendance at the house of God, which often cheered the heart of her pastor, brethren and sisters, as well as taught her young associates the high regard she entertained for religion.

"She sleeps in Jesus, blessed sleep!"

Her father and mother, with seven brothers and a large circle of friends, mourn their loss.—16.

DECEASE OF REV. EBENEZER STRONACH.

Messrs. Editors.—This justly esteemed servant of God was called home on the 25th ult. He had been suffering from general paralysis of the system for a length of time. His strong confidence in the Saviour remained unshaken to the end. He was 66 years old.

As it is my intention (D.V.) to furnish a brief Memoir of Bro. Stronach for the C. M., I need not enlarge at this time. Any notices of his labors abroad, communicated to me soon, will be gratefully received.

His funeral was attended on Lord's-day past by a very numerous concourse of mourning relatives and friends. Brethren W. G. Parker and R. S. Morton took part in the exercises. A discourse was delivered by the writer, from a text which was evidently appropriate, namely, Ps xxxvii. 37.—"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace."

Ever yours in Christ,

C. TEPPER.

Aylesford, Dec. 3rd, 1858.

MISS JANET C. NEWCOMB.

A SAD AND FATAL CALAMITY.—On Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., about 7 o'clock, Miss Janet C. Newcomb, who was living in the family of Mr. A. Brunell, of this city, while ironing in the kitchen, accidentally knocked over and broke a lamp, filled with fluid, which was standing upon the table beside her.

Miss Newcomb was born in the Province of Nova Scotia, in June, 1840. She came to this city to reside one year ago last summer. And it gives us pleasure to state that during the recent revival among us, she was hopefully converted, and furnishing satisfactory evidence of piety, she was baptized and received to the membership of the 1st Baptist church in this city, in September last.

"There is a happy land, far, far away."

And now that happy land is her home. Her funeral was attended on Friday, in the vestry of the church, where she worshipped, and the service conducted by her pastor, Rev. Dr. Shailer.—Portland, Maine, Zion's Advocate.

Religious Intelligence.

New Brunswick.

Rev. Mr. McLeod writes in the Religious Intelligencer, dated Fredrickton, Dec. 1st:—

"I have just returned from the first of a series of UNION PRAYER MEETINGS, to be held in the Temperance Hall daily from 12 to 1 o'clock. Not less than 550 persons were present, and better than this God was with us. A meeting of this kind had been talked about by the ministers of the several churches for several days, a committee from the Methodist, Baptist, and Free Baptist Churches met on Monday, and arrangements made to carry out the suggestion, in which also other ministers and congregations in the city were invited to join.

Last Sabbath was a day of God's presence and power in our congregation. In the morning I baptized seven persons. Attended three services, and at the close of the last gave the right hand of fellowship to eleven, and administered the Lord's supper to a large number of the household of faith. It was a time of union.

Canada.

[From the Brantford, C. W., Christian Messenger.]

THE REVIVAL IN BEAMSVILLE.—We are in possession of the gratifying intelligence of a glorious revival of religion in the village of

Beamsville. Upwards of one hundred souls have been added to the Baptist Church in that place, as the result of the preaching of the gospel and the outpouring of the Spirit of God.

Such a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, must be a source of great joy to our beloved brother Hewson—the worthy pastor of the Church, as well as to the old members of the Church who have "borne the burden and heat of the day."

The Church, we believe, have been in the habit of meeting in their new and spacious brick Chapel, since the death of the venerable Deacon Beam last Spring, although it is not quite finished. How pleasing and noticeable the fact, that when Zion "lengthens her cords, and strengthens her stakes," God causes her to "break forth on the right hand and on the left," and makes "her seed inherit the Gentiles." We trust the converts will prove faithful to their holy profession, and hope their pastor may long live to preach among them "the unsearchable riches of Christ."

BRANTFORD UNION PRAYER MEETINGS.—Weekly Union Meetings for Prayer and Conference were held alternately in the different Churches in Brantford during the past three weeks. With such united efforts much good may be expected, if not another Revival like that of '57-8.

KINGSVILLE, Nov. 5th.—Mr. Editor: I write to inform you that an Ecclesiastical Council convened at Leamington for the purpose of recognizing a number of brethren and sisters that had been dismissed from the Temple Church for that purpose. After making the necessary enquiries as it regarded their faith and practice, it was unanimously agreed to receive them as a Sister Church, after the following order: Prayer and reading of Scriptures by Eld. Corlett; Sermon by Eld. Rice; Charge by H. Fitch; Hand of Fellowship by the Chairman, Eld. S. Herrington. The number recognized was 60, and 3 were baptized the next day; making 63 in all.

I have just held a protracted meeting in Colchester, and the Lord was pleased to hear and answer the prayers of the Church, and as the fruits of these labors, I baptized 20 willing converts in the likeness of the Saviour's death, and they are going on their way rejoicing. I then went to Leamington, and spent some time there, and baptized 15 more in my favorite Baptistry, Lake Erie, and one by experience and former immersion, making 16.

Eld. Herrington baptized four in the Kingsville Church. One that he baptized was deaf and dumb, but he can write. I will write soon and give you his history; also an account of his remarkable conversion.

FENELON FALLS, Nov. 16th.—For some time past, a solemn sensation appeared to pervade the minds of the people—while God's messenger proclaimed the glorious news of salvation, in the saving of sinners—the necessity of their repentance, in the forsaking of sin, and cleaving to Christ as their living head. Sinners felt the power of God's Spirit in their hearts, and said—"What shall we do to be saved?" God heard their cry from his high and burning throne—and we trust, has forgiven their past transgressions. And on Friday last, Elder Cameron led six willing converts down to the baptismal waters of our Jordan, and there buried them in the likeness of Christ's death.

PETERBORO', Nov. 20.—BAPTISMS IN STURGEON LAKE.—On Friday afternoon six individuals, who had given satisfactory evidence of a change of heart, were, in the presence of an interesting number of spectators, baptized in obedience to their Saviour's command. Sturgeon Lake was our baptistry. I was told that they were the first ever baptized there.

BAPTISMS IN ACTON.—Mr. Editor.—It will no doubt gladden your heart, as well as others, to hear of the conversion of sinners in any part of the Lord's vineyard. Since I wrote to you in August, I have baptized four, who have given good evidence that they are born of the Spirit. Others are inquiring. We hope soon to visit the waters again. R. B. COOK.

MISSIONS IN CANADA.—The number of Missionaries who have labored in connection with the Baptist Missionary Convention of Canada West during the year, the whole, or part of the time was eleven. The amount of salary received by these men on their fields of labor, exclusive of appropriations from the Board during the year, was \$1457.00.

Average attendance upon their regular services at all stations, 2953 persons—number of stations, 50.

These eleven Missionaries have preached, during the year, and while in the employ of the Board, 1450 sermons, made 1525 pastoral visits, baptized 111 persons on a public profession of their faith, and travelled 9753 miles in the prosecution of their work. The total membership of the churches to which the Missionaries minister the word of life is 643, sustaining upwards of eleven Sabbath Schools, taught by 75 teachers, and embracing scholars to the number of 674, in connection with which there are 6 Bible Classes regularly instructed in the "things pertaining to the Kingdom of God."

United States.

BAPTISM OF A METHODIST MINISTER.—The Rev. Edward S. Zoecom, for many years a prominent Minister of the Protestant Methodist Church, was baptized by the Rev. C. C. Norton into the fellowship of the Sixth-street Baptist Church, New York, on Sabbath evening, Nov. 21. Bro. Zoecom has long struggled with his convictions of duty, and has at last followed his Saviour into the liquid grave. For many years he has preached in this city and in Philadelphia, and great success has attended his labors.—N. Y. Chronicle.