

For the Christian Messenger. College Agency.

LETTER FROM REV. A. D. THOMSON. DEAR BROTHER, After the session of the Special Convention was over I visited Windsor, where I received a hearty welcome, and cheerful response to my appeal for Acadia.

Our beloved brother, the Rev. D. M. Welton, rendered me special aid, by accompanying and introducing me and the object of my mission. His own experience, having studied, graduated, and taken degrees at the institution, enabled him to speak from experience, and state facts that told in favour of the College. He also commenced a Scholarship in his own name, by taking a quarter himself. I anticipate his friends in Windsor will aid him to complete it.

I received about £80 in the usual way besides, from several others. The names of Curry, Bennett, Sugett, McClatchy, and Mosher, are prominent on my list of helpers.

Brother Balcom was at Windsor on a visit at the time, and has obligated himself on behalf of the church at Amherst for £100.

I attended the Western Association at Bridgetown, as you are aware. Since then I have been coursing up and down both sides of the Annapolis river, and am now on my way back to get to the Eastern Association, as directed by the Committee of Counsel.

I have received encouragement from several in Clarence, that on my return they will render aid. Bro. James W. Cornwell took £20 in addition towards a Scholarship.

Yours truly, ADAM D. THOMSON. Nictaux, June 25, 1858.

For the Christian Messenger. Acadia College.

DEAR BRETHREN, For the information of any young persons who may be desirous of entering College I send for insertion in the C. Messenger the conditions of matriculation, copied from the College Catalogue.

"Candidates for matriculation, besides an acquaintance with the ordinary branches of English Education, (including Grammar, Arithmetic, Geography, with English, Greek, and Roman history,) must be thoroughly acquainted with the rudiments of Algebra, as contained in Davies' Bourdon, as far as Quadratic Equations.

"They must also be well acquainted with the Latin and Greek Grammars, and be able to translate and parse accurately at least in one book of the Aeneid of Virgil, one of the Orations of Cicero, and any part of Jacob's Greek Reader."

The next Term will commence Sept. 1. Due notice will be given of the day appointed by the Faculty for the examination of candidates for matriculation.

Yours truly, J. M. CRAMP. June 26, 1858.

For the Christian Messenger. Bible Revision.

DEAR BROTHER, At the recent Association at Bridgetown I observed that the Rev. Dr. Tupper, in reading Heb. 12, 8, substituted the word ILLEGITIMATES for the word BASTARDS of the authorised version. I was not previously aware that illegitimate was used as a name, nor do I as yet perceive what objection there is to BASTARDS as a rendering of 12:8. But waving this, will the Rev. Dr. be so kind as to explain on what principle he publicly and frequently practices revision, and yet objects to it when undertaken by such an organisation as the American Bible Union.

May I also ask the Rev. Dr. what we are to infer from the addition which he made to Prov. 22:6, which in the Circular Letter was given thus:—"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it, AS A GENERAL RULE?"

A YOUNG MINISTER.

King's College, Windsor.

We learn from "Alumnus" in the Morning Journal, in giving an account of the recent meeting of Alumni and of the Encenia, that

"A donation to this Institution from Edward Binney Esq., of £25 being the third from that worthy and most generous friend—Also of £25, from Henry Boggs, Esq., in addition to £50, given by him to the Endowment fund, a few years ago. The election of three Governors of the College, resulted in the choice of Dr. Almon, of J. C. Cogswell Esq., of Halifax, and Harry King, Esq., D. C. L., of Windsor, by large majorities.

There was a good deal of interest excited, both in town and country as to this election, and the "state of the Poll" was eagerly watched by those present, while the result of each was hailed by

vociferous cheers. A Resolution was brought in by Rev. Dr. Grey, of St. John, seconded by Hon. M. B. Almon, that an effort should be made to raise a sufficient sum for the purpose of erecting a Building of Brick or Stone, to comprise a Library, Chapel, Hall, &c. under one Roof. This has long been required, for the safety of the fine collection of Books, the proper celebration of chapel duties, and the suitable accommodation of the annual gatherings, (always increasing in numbers) which cannot now be compressed within the narrow limits of the old Hall. The proposal met with universal approbation, and about £120, was at once placed upon the subscription list. A good Committee was appointed to carry on the business. Much will depend on their promptness and energy. Here is another proof that this one at all events of the "Colleges of Nova Scotia," is not on the "decline."

In a second letter of the 25th he refers to the Encenia, after noticing the procession, service in the church, Discourse of the Rev. Professor Hill, the baptism of a child of Rev. Mr. Bowman by the Bishop, he proceeds:—

The scene then changed to the College Hall where there was a gathering too large for the place. Four rows of ladies lined one side of the room, and the other parts, including the porch and passages were crowded by spectators, among these I observed the Hon. Joseph Howe, T. C. Kinneor, and J. H. McNab, Esqs., Rev. Messrs Freeman and Welton, (Baptist) &c. If proof were wanting of the necessity of a larger Hall, it was supplied on this occasion. Even Judge Bliss, the oldest alumnus and an honor to the University, could find but standing room. A few additional benches, however, might have been built extempore, if not a new Hall, to save the weariness to the flesh of such long trial of the feet. The usual commemorative oration by the President, was then delivered and it is needless to add that it was couched in "chaste and classical language. In the Doctor's annual list of the departed, honorable mention was made of Rev. Dr. Binney, father of the Bishop, and the first M. A. of the Institution, and of the Hon. S. B. Robie, one of its numerous benefactors.—Among the living of course was mentioned with high encomiums the Hero of Lucknow, Sir John Inglis, also an Alumni, in reference to whom the Rt. Rev. the Visitor in a pertinent address announced, that the Governors had determined to confer the highest honorary degree of D. C. L. which, among all "his blushing honors now so thick upon him" I dare say the Major General will not lightly esteem. I hope he will give us an opportunity of seeing the degree personally conferred upon him.

A remarkably excellent address was delivered by Professor Stiefelhagen on the study of modern languages. Various degrees were then conferred among them that of D. C. L. on the Rev. Jacob Mountain of Canada, and on J. Hea, Esq., Principal of an Academy at Horton,—of M. A. on Rev. F. D. Ruddell of Sherbrooke, Rev. C. Bowman of Rawdon, T. C. Desbarres and Norman Ritchie, Esqs. of Halifax, that of B. A. on Messrs Lewis Bliss, and Reverend Messrs J. J. Hill of Newport and Octavius Grindon of Lakeshills, Rev. Forsyth of Liverpool B. A. of T. C. D. was also admitted *ad eundem*.

I was glad to hear an announcement that Judge Stewart C. B., who was present, has offered a prize of £5, for the best qualified scholar at the Academy in the theory and practice of Book-keeping. Dr Hea has made a donation of £25 to the Associate Alumni."

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notices.

ELIZABETH CLEAVELAND.

Died at Bank's Mountains, Annapolis County, on the 11th inst., Elizabeth, widow of the late Major Ezekiel Cleaveland, in the 84th year of her age.

Mrs. Cleaveland was baptized upon a profession of her faith, by the venerable Bro. Thomas H. Chipman, in the year of our Lord, 1796, and united with the Baptist church at Nictaux, and for more than 60 years continued a consistent member.

For some years past she was not able to meet with the church, and enjoy its privileges, which was her delight in her days of health and strength; but the cause of God shared largely in her prayers and sympathies.

Bury the dead and weep: In sickness o'er the loss: Bury the dead; in Christ they sleep, Who bore on earth his cross; And from the grave their dust shall rise, In his own image, to the skies.

Communicated by Rev. W. G. Parker. Nictaux, June 19th, 1858.

DEACON PETER STRONG.

Died at New Minas, June 6th, Deacon Peter Strong, aged 83 years. He made a profession of religion at the early age of 16 years, and lived a consistent member of the Baptist church for upwards of 50 years. He held fast to the profession of his faith from the beginning to the end. He was "ready to every good work"—a punctual attendant on the means of grace—zealous in Conference and Prayer-meetings—holy in conversation—sound in doctrine—patient in all his sufferings—always prepared for death. He was a kind, humble, quiet Christian. In brief, his life was "a living epistle, known and read of all men."—Com. by Rev. T. W. Crawley.

MR. NATHAN MILLER.

Died at Aylesford, on the 3rd day of June, Nathan, second son of the late William and Julia Ann Miller, in the 56th year of his age.

Our departed friend's mind was deeply impressed with a sense of his ruined state as a sinner, during the extensive revival that occurred in that region nearly thirty years ago. After a season of frequent distress he obtained a joyful hope of salvation through Jesus Christ, and subsequently became a member of the Methodist Society. He ever cultivated a friendly intercourse with the pious, to whatever denomination they might belong; and evinced a warm attachment to all that gave evidence of true piety.

A great portion of his life-time was devoted to school-teaching. He was accustomed to read the Scriptures and offer prayer with his pupils daily. His example also was adapted to impress them favourably with reference to vital religion.

He frequently aided in teaching a Sabbath School, or taught a Bible Class; and was ever ready to assist in maintaining a Prayer-meeting, wherever his lot was cast.

Bro. Miller was a man of a pacific disposition, and was generally beloved in the circle of his acquaintance.

During the past winter he was much indisposed. Early in the Spring his disease assumed a more serious aspect. Medical aid, though faithfully employed, could not effect his recovery. His afflictions were endured with exemplary patience and submission. They were alleviated by the kind and assiduous attention of his medical attendant, the family where he was, and relations, to whom he was ardently attached.

Bro. Miller frequently expressed regret that he had not been bolder in the cause of Christ, and more faithful to the souls of his fellow men. He felt much concern for his unconverted relations, and lamented that he had not admonished them more earnestly, and prayed with them more frequently. He sometimes expressed a desire to survive, in order that he might, through the assistance of Divine Grace, discharge these duties, and labour to promote the spiritual good of those around him. So far as his strength would permit he imparted admonition to his friends.

He often manifested a wish to enjoy a more lively sense of the favor of God; but generally evinced a firm reliance on the atoning sacrifice of Christ. On the morning preceeding his decease he seemed depressed in mind. After a time, however, his hope and confidence revived, and he said that Christ was precious, and he could venture his soul upon Him. Thus quietly did he leave the scenes of trial here below, to join, as we trust, the happy spirits of the blest above.—Communicated by Rev. C. Tupper.

[Provincial Wesleyan will please copy]

Religious Intelligence.

United States.

NEW-YORK.—Brooklyn.—Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's ministry attracts a large proportion of the numerous converts of the Revival. We learn from the Independent, that the last two communions at the Plymouth church (May 2nd and June 6th) were occasions of the addition of one hundred and ninety, and one hundred and sixty-one persons to its membership. Fourteen of the latter were baptized by immersion, at the Pierrepont street church. Few, it is said, of these three hundred and fifty, have come in without some of their relatives in company; while in some cases whole families came in unbroken. In others, children who came in at the May communion, brought in their parents in June. The only extra meetings have been the daily morning prayer-meetings, which, as they have been sustained already for more than a year, and no thought of intermitting them under any circumstances is entertained, are no longer considered "extra," but as regular and indispensable as any other meetings of the church.

A consistent open communion was administered at the Plymouth church, Brooklyn, by the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, on the first Sabbath in June. According to the Observer's report, all Christians whether members of churches or not, were invited to partake of the Lord's Supper.

The Board of Education of the City of New-York at a recent meeting after full discussion, voted by a large majority to recommend the practice of reading portions of the Bible, without note or comment, in the public schools of the city. Of course this amounts to nothing more than an evidence of the wishes of the members of the Board, and indeed hardly to that.

EPISCOPAL.—A correspondent of the London Guardian, states that there are many cases of deserving clergy in extreme distress. He says:—"I myself knew of 400 clergymen who have in one year applied to me as secretary to the clerical fund for any assistance in money or even clothing. The bishops of our Church, whenever they speak or preach in behalf of charities for clergymen, testify to the extreme poverty of their reverend brethren. The Late Bishop of London stated that 'no one like himself could tell of the sufferings of the poor curates in his diocese; he could not effectually meet their wants.' The Bishop of Sodor and Man states 'the poverty of the clergy in his own diocese was so great that fresh meat was a luxury to many of his clergy; and another bishop lately told me that he knew many clergymen in his diocese who, together with their wives and families, seldom tasted meat.'"

MR. SPURGEON'S NEW TABERNACLE.—Mr. Spurgeon and his congregation have at last fixed on a site for the large chapel they are about to erect. The place they have chosen is the open space opposite the Elephant and Castle. The ground belongs to the Fishmongers' Company, and they are to receive a ground-rent of 150l for it. The building will be speedily commenced.—Freeman, 9th inst.

MR. SPURGEON'S NEW CHAPEL.—In our issue of Wednesday last, we quoted a statement made by The Morning Advertiser, that Mr. Spurgeon's friends had fixed upon a site for his intended chapel, and giving other particulars. We added, however, in our "Notices to Correspondents" a statement that the report as given in The Advertiser was incorrect. In that paper, appeared on Friday the following letter:—"To the Editor of The Morning Advertiser.—Sir,—A year paper was the first in which it was reported that we had obtained a site for the great tabernacle for Mr. Spurgeon, the committee trust that you will give an explicit denial to such statement, and inform the public that we are still anxiously looking for an appropriate position.—Yours, on behalf of the committee, T. Cook, Hon. Sec.—New Park-street Chapel, Southwark, May 27." It is stated elsewhere that "No arrangement with the Fishmongers' Company has been concluded. The building committee, however, have made another offer for the open space opposite the Elephant and Castle, but at present no definite answer has been received"—Freeman, 16th inst.

In the course of an eloquent sermon on Sunday morning, at the Surrey Music Hall, Mr. Spurgeon announced to his congregation that it was his intention, on Friday week, to preach from the Grand Stand to his friends at Epsom, on which occasion he also "hoped" that he would have a large attendance of "outsiders."

BAPTISTS IN SWEDEN.—The annual meeting of the Swedish Baptist Association is to be held at Stockholm, on the 11th of June and following days. On the earnest invitation of the brethren, the association will be attended by the Rev. Dr. Steane and the Rev. J. H. Hinton, as secretaries of the Baptist Union. Amidst all their persecutions, our brethren in Sweden are wonderfully supported and blessed by God. They have baptized very nearly indeed 1,300 persons during the past year. As persecution is again taking a somewhat more active form, the visit of a deputation from the Union—who doubtless will not fail to appeal on their behalf, if found desirable to do so, to the more influential persons in Church and State—may be of very great service to them.

ANNUITY TO THE WIDOW OF WALAYAT ALI.—Government has granted a pension amounting to eleven rupees a month to the widow of Walayat Ali, the native Christian, so well known at Agra, who was cruelly butchered by the Mohammedans at Delhi. A gratuity of 132 rupees, equal to twelve months' pension, is to be paid at once.—Delhi Gazette, April 17.

An extraordinary prosecution is now going on in the Sheriff's Court Edinburgh, in which a Scottish Presbyterian of the name of Cochrane has brought an action of damages for an attempt to impose the rite of the Church of Rome on him at a period of serious illness against an Irish priest of the name of Donahoe.

European & Foreign News.

The English Steamer Arabia arrived on Monday at about 1 o'clock p. m. It appears that this fine fast boat was put on this route for the purpose of competing with the Indian Empire, the first of the new Screw Steamers to run weekly between Galway in Ireland, and the United States, via Halifax.

The Arabia made the passage from Liverpool in nine days. She brings the intelligence that—

"The Indian Empire, while on her passage round from Southampton to Galway to take on board the mails, and when close on St. Margaret's Rocks, was run hard ashore by the pilot who had charge of her from Southampton. Fortunately, however, the spot where she struck was not dangerous, and the ship eventually floated off and proceeded to Galway, having sustained but trifling damage, and such as will not impair or otherwise prevent her from sailing on her appointed date. The authorities in Galway, on learning the particulars of the vessel's going ashore, caused the pilot to be arrested, and after undergoing a preliminary examination, he was committed to prison on a charge of having wilfully and knowingly run the Indian Empire on a hidden rock, the ship being in his charge at the time."

"It has been authentically announced that the screw steamer Indian Empire is but the first of a line of steamers destined to ply between the west of Ireland and America. It is understood that there are to be at least six vessels, forming a weekly line, a portion going to New York, with branches to Boston and Portland, where they will connect with the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, so that travellers and emigrants from Ireland to the States will be enabled to reach their destination in the shortest time possible, and with the least expense and inconvenience."

"Queen Victoria has shewn her interest in the welfare of the working man, by visiting Birmingham, to open a magnificent Park which they have purchased with their savings, at the cost of five and thirty thousand pounds."

A deputation had an interview with the Right Hon. Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton on the 14th inst. at the Colonial office, upon the subject of the Halifax and Quebec Railway Company limited.

The prospectus has been issued of the great India Submarine Telegraph Company, with a capital of £1,000,000 in £20 shares. The proposal is to construct a line from Falmouth to Bombay via Gibraltar, Malta, and thence by the Red Sea to Aden and Bombay.

Dr. B. Methodist year. Crops throughout commenced in vest promise. Business ing, and the quiet demerits, and ply of more. Parliament and it is fenders have not a. Mr. W. respondent on the road. The den of Fr sured the had been. A French Court, engaged before the Figar his appearance does in a preg has add the officer be smd honour of ary, "be a provinc. Lord E Shanghai and point His rule does not from such mands he before be eminent v. The mer when the nacy, the They wi though an in others and respecti and reaches to for public does not turing W the most the earth in which skill ap than a m unscintif lordship member over-trac. A con gagement Queen o gium, of same au to set up Hants. THE C Majesty disting fessor F dence at. The day, on of Pruis. Riot the oce town w element elsewhere. Papi we altu occasio ter of a club, ed in green Protest jured magist Act ha the pol step wa. The Indepen pender 29th u the bo period has rem ment. Prin progr (with plaud) self of chauc hly always of the out.