

For the Christian Messenger.

Donation Visits.

TO REV. T. A. CRAWLEY.

MR. EDITOR,

On March 8th, after very short notice, and during unfavourable weather, members of my Church and Congregation, together with friends of other denominations, honored me with a Donation visit. The amount contributed was £21 5s. 0d., which has since been raised to £26 5s. 0d. by the present of a handsome sleigh from a young man, member of the Church, who had gratuitously lent it to me for two years.

Considering the notice, the character of the times, and that a very neat and comfortable parsonage has recently been built.—I think the people have contributed nobly,—indeed, their kindness, during the two years of my charge, can never be forgotten.

It gives me much pleasure and gratitude to acknowledge publicly this donation visit. May the Lord out of His immense fullness richly reward them.

Yours truly,
T. W. CRAWLEY.

New Minas, April 27th, 1860.

Religious Intelligence.

GUYSBORO.—Rev. A. F. Porter writes, April 16th, 1860:—"The good work advances. I baptized 2 yesterday, and 1 Sabbath before, making in all 25 since I came here."

New Brunswick.

THE REVIVAL IN RESTIGOUCHE.—Accounts of the revival in Restigouche have been given in several of the New Brunswick papers, mainly confirming the statements of a letter in our pages three weeks since.

The *Christian Visitor* of the 12th ult., contained a letter from Rev. Isaiah Wallace, giving an account of a visit he made to Restigouche. After noticing the peculiar character of the manifestation, and the labours of the two brethren Crandal, he says:—

"On Wednesday last it was our delightful privilege to baptize five rejoicing converts in the lovely waters of the Bay Chaleur. At the close of the baptism we repaired to Brother Piper's, and proceeded to organize nine brethren and sisters into a Baptist Church. An appropriate sermon was preached on the occasion by the writer. Brother William Pride was unanimously chosen Deacon, and Brother Asahel Wells, Clerk. After a suitable charge to the newly formed Church had been given we separated to meet again in the evening, when two others gave evidence of conversion and requested baptism. On Thursday morning we baptized and added to the Church four rejoicing converts. One of these was my own sister in the flesh, the subject of many prayers. After delivering a farewell address I proceeded homewards. This Church has been organized under very favourable circumstances. The officers are greatly beloved and respected, and the members pious, intelligent and united, and there are encouraging prospects of a large addition."

We have received further information from a letter dated April 12th. The letter was not written for publication, names are therefore omitted:—

"Would not your heart glow with thankfulness to see and hear, without any undue excitement, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians, all arising in the same meeting and praising God for his goodness, in the most beautiful spirit of union? One old man in particular, affected us very much, a member of the English church. He arose and told how he had lived all his days in a self-righteous spirit, endeavouring to work his way to heaven, and, with tears streaming down his aged cheeks, declared that he felt he had never been converted, nor known anything of conversion until the present; that he was heavily burdened with a sense of his sins and utter helplessness, and desired the prayers of all God's people in his behalf. He still has his doubts, but thinks he has, as he terms it, a "new hope" in his Saviour. I could occupy several sheets in describing cases of "physical manifestation," but one or two instances must suffice for the present. A man by the name of —, a very drunken, swearing, bad man who scarcely ever went to a meeting of any kind, was induced by curiosity to go to one of the meetings in the upper story of a new house. While in the meeting the power of conviction came upon him, utterly prostrating his strength. He saw his utterly helpless and lost condition. His whole life rose in review before him and he felt himself just ready to perish. He asked two men near him to assist him down stairs. They did so. When he got out of doors he fell prostrate to the earth, crying out, "hold on!" "hold on!" "hold on!" His friends got him on his sled and carried him home. They put him to bed and there he remained powerless till nearly morning suffering the most excruciating anguish of mind, as you may judge by its completely prostrating his physical

strength. Towards morning his Saviour appeared to him with the pardon of his sins and he found joy and peace. His bodily strength returned and he has become a new man. He arose in a meeting, a day or two after, and related his experience, of which the above is a brief history. He said that when he cried "hold on" he thought—"there was a war going on between the Good Spirit and the Devil and he thought the Good Spirit was going to leave and so cried out "hold on." He has since joined the Baptist Church. Another affecting incident occurred in a meeting of, we judge, 500 persons. No less than four were struck down powerless, so far as the body was concerned and almost instantaneously, each crying out at the top of his or her voice, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Judge the effect of such a scene. One of these after a little time, a young, ignorant girl commenced to speak of the sufferings of our Saviour and for more than an hour spoke with the most thrilling eloquence, riveting to the spot all who could get within the sound of her voice."

The N. B. *Colonial Presbyterian* thinks the former letters giving an account of this revival should have had some more definite locality than Restigouche, as that is the name of the county, but not of any particular village or town. The Editor also complains of remarks being made that no ministers were among them, (the converts) whereas he gives the names of four Presbyterian ministers residing in different parts of that county.

By a letter in the last number of the *Visitor* dated Durham, April 19th, we have later accounts. We make the following brief extracts:

"The revival seems only just commencing, from the fact that it is now extending up and down the Bay, from the head of the Restigouche to Belledune. At the last mentioned place Mr. Crandal baptized two willing converts in the likeness of their Saviour, and many more have expressed a desire to follow their Lord and Master in the ordinance of baptism.

At a meeting at Mr. Nair's last evening, preaching by the Rev. Mr. Nicholson, a Presbyterian, the feeling was more intense if possible than on any former occasion. Numbers were stricken down for the first time, losing all bodily strength, but the mind more vigorous than common. After continuing in this state for some time, they came to rejoicing in Christ their Saviour, with a burning and unconquerable desire to declare his glories and love to all around. Many of them spoke of the sufferings of our Saviour and his condescension and mercy in the most touching, impressive and truly eloquent manner, causing tears to start from the eyes of many hardened sinners.

Mr. Crandal is not now in this part of the country, his field of labour is very extensive, and the place is very destitute of ministers. I trust the Lord will send more faithful labourers into this part of the Province, as the harvest is truly great and the labourers few."

THE REVIVAL IN St. JOHN.

Our readers have occasionally had their attention directed to the work of the Lord in St. John. We have received the "good news" from time to time with thankfulness. The blessings so given are not confined to the particular body on whom they are bestowed, but are intended, we believe, for the general good and for the encouragement of all: They should therefore be made known far and wide. In this spirit, the Hon. Mr. Kinnear, on Lord's-day last, after a baptism in Granville Street Baptist Church in this City,—gave an interesting account of the work in St. John. It has afforded us pleasure since to receive from that gentlemen the following sketch of his address:

Halifax, 27th April, 1860.

MR. EDITOR,

As I have no doubt, to hear of the work of the Spirit, which has been going on among us for sometime past, will be gratifying to you and your numerous readers, I will give you a brief account of its nature and results.

Like yourselves in the City of Halifax, we began our Union Prayer Meetings of the various Christian Churches, at the call of the far-distant Lodianna Mission of India, on the second week in January last, and at the same time had Union Prayer Meetings alternately in our two Baptist Chapels in Germain and Brussels Streets in the evening. The first result of the general Union Prayer Meeting was the awakening of a young man, the son of an esteemed Deacon of Germain Street Church, who had been absent for some time, and on returning home, and attending at Smith's Hall, was there awakened by the Spirit, and gladdened his father's heart and the hearts of the members of that church by coming forward and being baptized. This gracious work of the Spirit was speedily followed by no less than four sea-captains, who, at different times were brought to confess their Lord. The first one had seen written over many of the pulpits of the United

States the dying declaration of the son of the Rev. Dr. Tyng, an Episcopal clergyman of the United States, "Stand up for Jesus." This he said had struck him very much at the time, but he had not become decided until he attended the preaching of the Rev. Mr. Bill and the Prayer Meetings. This declaration of Mr. Tyng became the watch-word afterwards at many a meeting,—to guide and to lead to Christ, as the Captain of our salvation. Our meetings were now becoming more and more crowded, and more deeply interesting, and these cases were soon followed by the conversion of two Roman Catholics, husband and wife,—the wife first, and the husband afterwards; and again, amid many other instances of a most gratifying character, by a whole grown-up family,—a pilot of Saint John, his mother and his two sisters,—all of them intelligent and well-informed; the pilot having been exceedingly opposed, and one of the sisters a great reader of infidel works. Then there was a young man, who was rescued from the saloon,—as he himself often mentioned—the gambling house, the midnight revel, and in fact from everything but the commission of murder. This young man has often addressed, in the most simple and affecting manner, those who came in numbers to hear what he had to say, and has told them that he had experienced more happiness in one hour since he gave himself up to the Redeemer, than he had during all his days and nights of revelry and foolish infatuation. Other young men also from time to time address their young companions, whose society they have now renounced, and most earnestly and affectingly call upon them to forsake their evil ways and come to Jesus; and as I have remarked, use the watch-word,—"Stand up for Jesus!"

The Rev. Mr. Bill has been most remarkably blessed in his preaching, his exhortations, his prayers, and his visits; and the Rev. Mr. Robinson can refer in like manner to distinct cases of conversion, following his preaching. One in particular,—a member of his congregation in Brussels Street,—who, after sitting most negligently, under many a powerful sermon for many a year, was at length brought to a decided stand, and shortly after to become the Lord's by a sermon from the text, "My son give me thine heart." But space will not permit me to go into further particulars. I will only say that it has been a most blessed time; that now for nearly four months we have kept up these meetings every evening at one or other of the two chapels; that for most of the time they have been crowded to overflowing, and so much so, that in Mr. Bill's Church, where the Sunday School-room is smaller than in Brussels Street, we were obliged to resort to the body of the building to receive the numbers of people that flocked to witness or partake in what was going on. There was no "getting up," as it has been termed, of a Revival; we had but gladly and thankfully to follow the nightly, but generally speaking, calm workings of the spirit of God on all hearts; for we who had long been grappling with the great power of sin and its great agent, the God of this world, experienced this blessedness in a large measure. The waves of the Holy Spirit seemed to flow over us, and noiselessly but majestically accomplish His work on all hearts with greater or less power. Brother Bill was at times almost carried away in spirit with the depth and earnestness, and intensity of his feelings, and often with a felicity of language and copiousness of thought that were absolutely thrilling and astonishing. Both churches have been greatly blessed, and many have felt that with their whole heart and soul they must mingle in this gracious work of our God, and as much as possible lighten the arduous but happy labours of their esteemed Pastors. To Brother Bill's Church has been added during this time altogether, 108 by baptism, and 11 by letter; to Brother Robinson's, of whose church I am a member, 50 by baptism and 13 by letter. We have used no mechanical contrivances, nor resorted to any means but what the Apostle calls "the foolishness of preaching," to prayer, exhortation, and singing; and greatly as I have always valued the "spiritual songs" and the sweet old tunes of Zion, I never before felt more powerfully what a means they were, intermingled with prayer and the other exercises of these meetings, of stirring up, reviving, and giving a heavenward tendency to this gracious work of our most merciful God. We live in hopes that we have received but the "mercy drops," as compared with the "showers" promised. That your churches and all the churches of our respective Provinces, and that the wide world throughout, may be thus visited, is the prayer of many trusting hearts, and of

Yours in the Lord,
W. B. KINNEAR.

The receipts of the Wesleyan Missionary Society for the past year have amounted to £140,000 within a few shillings. The exact amount is stated to be £139,999 5s. 11d. This amount includes the munificent legacy of the late Mr. Pooll, of Road, Somerset, the net proceeds of which were £9,000. Compared with the receipts of the previous year, there is an increase of nearly £11,000.

REVIVAL IN SCOTLAND.—*Anstruther, April 2, 1860.*—A great work of revival has begun at Cellarsdyke, a fishing town, contiguous to Anstruther, on the banks of the Forth. For a considerable time past there has been prayer made almost without ceasing unto God that He would revive His work here. These prayers are at length answered, and in a way and to an extent that has taken even the praying by surprise.

THE REVIVAL IN IRELAND.—A very remarkable and extensive renewal of the Revival manifestations has taken place at Ballymena, and the neighbouring districts and villages, within the last fortnight.

REV. J. G. ONCKEN OF HAMBURG.—Extract of a letter recently received from the Rev. J. G. Oncken of Hamburg:—

"As to the glorious enterprise in which we are engaged in this and the adjacent countries, we continue to meet with much success. We continue to bring the glorious Gospel within the hearing of millions annually, and the Spirit of the Lord brings his own truths home to the hearts of many to their eternal salvation. About 700 precious souls have been added to our churches as a clear increase in 1859. But whilst we rejoice with angels over these reclaimed prodigals, we weep over the millions around us who hasten on to an awful eternity for which they are unprepared. We have about 100 missionaries and colporteurs employed in the mission, and a large number of brethren render much service in preaching at our stations without any remuneration, but the spiritual destitution of the people is so great, and the fields opened before us so inviting, that we ought to have 100 additional labourers! but, alas! we can hardly maintain our present position, as the aid received from England and Scotland this year has greatly diminished.

Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, April 23th.

Hon. Mr. Johnston presented a petition from the Central Baptist Association for Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths. Also a Petition from the same body praying for the prohibition of the manufacture, importation and common sale of intoxicating drinks.

Mr. Esson presented a petition from distillers and others relating to distilleries.

Mr. H. McDonald presented the report of the committee on the Lunatic Asylum, &c.

Mr. Longley reported on the Penitentiary. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor attended at the Council Chamber and gave his assent to several Bills.

TUESDAY, April 24.

The Committee on the case of Mr. Churchill reported that gentleman duly elected.

Conversation arose respecting some reports injurious to the post office.

The House went into Committee on the Bill to amend the Militia Law, and relating to the Volunteer Force, proposing to appropriate \$8,000 to be expended on that service.

Eloquent and patriotic speeches were delivered by several gentlemen in favor of the grant. Two or three spoke against it as not requisite or warranted by the circumstances of the case.

The bill passed and the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 25.

Mr. Pryor introduced a bill to incorporate the Chebucto Marine Railway Company. Some bills were advanced a stage.

Returns and Papers on various subjects were submitted.

House in Committee of Supply. The grant of £500 to the Eastern State was moved by Mr. Killam. The majority of the Committee on Navigation Securities were in favor of £250. After considerable discussion, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Young, the question was allowed to remain for future consideration.

Several other ordinary grants were agreed to. Dr. Tupper asked for returns respecting the arrival of railway trains.

THURSDAY, April 26.

The Railway returns asked for by Dr. Tupper were laid on the table.

Mr. Henry brought forward a bill for regulating Distilleries.

Mr. Tobin submitted a resolution to exempt Officers' Wines from duty.

The Debate on the Railway Resolutions was resumed.

Hon. Mr. Johnston handed to the Hon. Mr. Young the letter book of Mr. Moses which had been asked for on a previous day.

Mr. Munro moved an amendment to Dr. Tupper's resolution.

Hon. Attorney General addressed the House and was followed by Mr. Wade.

FRIDAY, April 27.

Hon. Mr. Johnston introduced a bill relating to townships and township officers. Also; A bill relating to bribery and corrupt practices at elections.