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Eorrespondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

The business at the Associations.

MR. EDITOR,

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As the time for holding our Anniversaries is drawing near, it may not be amiss to call attention to making the necessary preparation. And as to the raising of funds, I think it is generally conceded that the Union Society is about the readiest method of doing this. We suppose, then, that every church haf its Union Society at work, or ready to go to work soon, and do not intend leaving this work to near the time the Association meets, when it must be hurried through with perhaps half the amount raised that should have been.

And, as it is well known, Mr. Editor, that at these gatherings the time is limited, and, generally near the close, business is obliged to be crowded through without due considerationwill not you, or some of your correspondents, suggest some method whereby the business of the Association may be expedited, and thus prevent so much crowding, and allow more time for religious exercises ? I would myself take the liberty to suggest to the clerks of the churches whether we cannot make some improvement in the letters, that will save time in reading, and also save the clerk and Treasurer of the association much trouble. And first I would suggest the propriety of being brief. In this age of telegraphs and stenography, people look for condensation in almost every thingeven a sermon of three hours would now be considered lengthy. State facts, but don't stop to moralize, and in any wise write legibly-don't mind the fashion-we see so much fashionable writing now-a-days, looking something like the tracks of a spider halt drawned in ink-but let us dare to be eccentric, and write plain (on brevity and obscurity, as to any thing else. such occasions at any rate) that the letters may be read fluently, and understood by the audience. Then for the accommodation of the Treasurer, and in justice to the donors, be sure and have the money apportioned (in the letter) te the different objects for which it has been ... what ordinance came in the place of circumsubscribed-not, as often is the case, sent in, in a lump sum, and left to the delegate, or Association to appropriate to whichever objects they may think proper. Then, as another accommotion, take pains enough to get the money changed into paper, as it is very tedious and troublesome to count (several times over perhaps) and transport a large sum in quarters and coppers. And then be very sure and send the letter and money by some delegate, or person, baptist peculiarities to the Indians." This to who will be on hand when the letters are called for, that they may all be read at the proper time, and the money handed over to the Treasurer to enable him to dispose of it to the Treasurers of the different funds, and also fix up his account for the Minutes. I might also suggest to those on whom devolve the duty of preparing reports the propriety of condensing. Is he not the best writer who expresses the most in the fewest words? I have observed that Doctor Cramp's reports are generally very short, and yet they contain all that need be said on the subject. And if they should prepare skeleton reports at their leisure, before leaving home, when they can obtain statistics and data, might it not tend to facilitate the business ? And if committees should not be so large as to require the same persons to serve on several, could not more time be allotted to the morning and afternoon Session ? As the subject of changing the time of holding the Association to such days of the week as shall not include the Sabbath may be brought up, would it not be well for each church to express their views in their letter ? As this is a subject of considerable moment, perhaps it would be well to refer it to the highest tribunal at once, (that of the churches) for a decision. Each church in the Association might pass a vote, for or against the change, and record their decision in their letter, and a majority of such votes would decide the question. In the Christian Messenger of May 11, 1859, " Sabbatismus" has given some strong reasons for changing-perhaps these in favour of holidays can produce stronger. Hoping the above in-

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For the Christian Messenger. "Watchman" and "S. T. Rand." "ONCE MORE, AND THEN !"

MR. EDITOR, I appreciate and desire to acknowledge the kind manner in which "Watchman" has replied to my brief and blundering epistle. should offer no observations upon his letter. were it not that it contains some serious mistakes, that require correction. The tone and spirit of the article are unobjectionable. I will endeavor to pattern after it in this respect 1. And, first, as to my motive in writing, I intended no apology for, and no endeavor to explain away, "an attempt to introduce Pedobaptist sentiments into a Baptist Sabbath

School." I simply believed that the poor gir had been misrepresented. I believe so still " Watchman's" version of the story differed in two material points from the story as related to

us. I have not the most distant idea that he intended to misrepresent, in the "slander," any more than 1 have that the school teacher referred to, intended to take advantage of the confidence reposed in her, to inculcate her own " peculiar views," commencing operations upon the Minister's son !! But " Watchman," with all his usual accuracy, zeal, and acuteness, can make some mistakes as well as other people ; and he must neither be surprised nor offended if they are kindly pointed out. And it need not seem " surprising" to any that even Baptist ministers can feel a sufficient interest in their own credit, and that of the denomination to which they belong, and in that of our common christianity, to be unwilling to see injustice done even to a Pedobaptist, by an "anonymous" brother, however highly they may esteem him.

2. My "lady friend," too, has hardly had justice done her, between us both ; but that is certainly about as much owing to my own So

Christians, in the highest and best sense of that word. Most gladly would I be the instrument of introducing five hundred of them into any of the churches represented in the Micmae Mission, could I deem them changed in heart and in life. Why should I not? Even as a Baptist. I go with the Episcopalians-the most distant sect of all from us-in about thirty six out of their " thirty nine articles." I differ from the Presbyterian in only one point and about fourfifths of another. Verily, there is ample room for Christian charity, united effort, and love. I look for a Millenium, and hope the whole world will then be Baptists ; and I pray that all who bear that herored name now, may be so eminent in piety; so kind and consistent; so free from all bigotry and uncharableness ;--so slow to take offence or to offend ; and so ready to forgive ; that they may be the means of hastening that glorious consummation.

I am, as ever,

Yours truly,

S. T. RAND.

Hantsport, March 22nd, 1859.

P. S.-1 have done with the subject of Watchman's" first communication. Should he, or any one else, however, have questions to propose in a brotherly spirit, respecting the workings of the Miemae Mission, or the nature of my connexion with it, I will be most happy to give all the information in my power. S. T. R.

For the Christian Messenger.

Home Mission Agency.

MR. EDITORS,-After having finished my work in Chester 1 left on the 15th Feb., and came to HANTS COUNTY. Visited RAWDON, NEWPORT, KEMPT, WINDSOR, HANTSPORT and UPPER FALMOUTH. In RAWDON an Auxiliary Society was formed and the Minister and people took hold of the work in good earnest. Our good Bro. Stephens has suffered much during the past winter from

questions be pondered in secret before God by every professed follower of the Lamb, and answered by a determination to employ more energetic efforts for the extension of the cause of truth among our fellow men.

Yours faithfully,

I. J. SKINNER.

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Weston, March 27th, 1860.

For the Christian Messenger.

The Manning Professorship.

MR. EDITOR,

The following sums in addition have been paid for the Manning Professorship in Acadia College:

South Sydney, C. B. Canard Mountain. Members of the Church. Mrs. John S. Baxter, 1 00 Rev. G. Richardson, St 00 Deacon J. Peters, 00 Pereaux. Samuel Peters, 00 1 00 Charles Sanford. Jane Brookman, 00 Mrs. Charles Sanford, 1 00 Albert J. Hill, 00 Roxana Sanford, 1 00 Mrs. J. L. Hill, 00 Robina E.A.Sanford, 1 00 C. H. Harrington, Mrs.C.H.Harrington, 1 00 Upper Dyke Village. Richard Dobson, 00 N. H. Dobson, 00 Mayhew Beckwith, John Peters, 1 00 Mrs. M. Beckwith, 00 Citizens. Albert Beckwith, Judge Dodd, 00 Ellen Beckwith, E.P.Archibald, Esq., **60** Robert Beckwith, 00 . Ferguson, 00 Cassie Beckwith, 00 James Jost, N. L. McKay, Esq., 1 00 Mary Beckwith, 1 00 1 00 Edw'd. M. Beckwith, 1 00 L. Johnston, M. D., 1 00 Burpe Beckwith, J. Bourinot, M. P. P., 1 00 Laelia Beckwith, 1 001 00

The last item of this list shows what may be done by an individual, the head of a family, and the first shows what may be done by a church. The action of the Sidney church was spontaneous. If all the churches would do thus the Manning Fund would soon be raised. Let these examples be followed throughout the province and Acadia College will before long be established on a secure basis. Our safety lies in investing the endowment fund, as fast as it accrues, in good securities. We hope to invest from three to five hundred pounds this year. Send in the dollars then as fast as pos

I need not notice it as it don't seem to trouble her much. I think she is, however, in the whole, a pretty sound Baptist after all ; and were she even to ask one of her own little boys, the minister's own boy," though he be eision," I would certainly feel myself bound to correct the error implied ; but I would not like to hand her over to the tender mercies of the Inquisition as a heretic. If she must be killed for it-pray-as the "old lady" is said to have pleaded in behalf, of her " pig"-" kill her easy, won't you ?"

3. But I come to graver matters. " Watchman" says I am bound in honor " not to teach me, and to the Pedobaptist members of the Committee of the Micmae Mission, and-I can hardly refrain from adding to all the world beside-though this would border in the hyper bolic-is new and strange doctrine ! ...

I certainly for one, never had the most dis tant idea that such was the case. I engaged in my present occupation with the distinct and open avowal, that I would consent to no restrictions, or limitations, in respect to teaching my own peculiar views as a Baptist. Even in the matter of translating the word baptizo about which such a storm was raised, I never did, and never would, consent to be dictated to. by any man or body of men. Neither Baptists nor Pedobaptists, have any right, as I conceive. to stand over me with a club, and say " you must and shall translate thus and so and if you readily employ men to translate for thein, who attention. The brethren here were ready and will consent that the translation may be "altered and amended," upon, the responsibility ing on the old Union plan. A Society was of others, after it has passed out of their hands, formed embracing several benevolent objects, and previous to its final publication. I can see and considerable was collected for the Home no harm in this, and never could. I made a similar concession-if concession it were, for which I have never repented, and assuredly never intend to. And as I believe in the candor of " Watchman," and that he, and perhaps others, both Baptists and Pedobaptists, may be laboring under the idea that I am precluded by which the Macedonian cry is continually my position from teaching Baptist peculiarities, coming. That cry is heard by the Pastors but to the Indians, I cannot but deem the little in- they cannot respond so as in any adequate degree cident that has led to the statement, a Provi- to meet their desires and necessities. The dential occurrence, as affording me the oppor- question arises, what is to be done ? Ought

indisposition of body; but in the midst of bodily infirmities, his mind has been firmly stayed on God. He is highly esteemed and his labour, are appreciated by the people of his charge; the only complaint is, that he is unable to labour as much as he desires. I spent one Sabbath in NEWPORT. In con-

nection with the united labours of his servants the Lord has greatly blessed his people, and a large ingathering to the church has been the result. The brethren here are favourable to the Home Mission, but on account of their present peculiar circumstances it was thought advisable to defer for the present, any extensive measures for raising funds. In the lower part of Newport a Baptist Meeting house is commenced with encouraging prospects. This indicates advancement.

In KENPT the brethren are endeavouring to " hold on their way." Bro. Vaughan has an extensive circuit involving a good deal of hard labour, yet the Lord has from time to time blessed his labours in the conversion of sinners and the edification of the church. A meeting house is in course of erection here also.

In the absence of Bro. Welton I spent one Lord's day in WINDSOR. The cause of God here is steadily advancing. The Pastor enjoys the confidence and affection of his people. They have an Auxiliary Home Missionary Society,-formed some two years since,-and in the hands of the systematic, energetic Pastor and brethren, it will doubtless be worked well, so that valuable assistance may be expected. HANTSPORT and FALMOUTH next claimed my willing to aid the Mission, but preferred work-Mission. Bro. Burton's field is very large and his labours frequent and abundant. He has had some encouragement of late in holding extra meetings. May the Lord carry on his work. In connection with all the churches above mentioned there are " regions beyond" from

sible.

I would also repeat the necessity of forwarding all pledges for teachers' salaries, at the earliest possible date. Will the local agents also be careful to state what is for principal, what is for interest, and what is for extra subscriptions, giving the names of parties paying, legibly written so that every name and every sum may be correctly reported.

> Yours in the Lord. D. FREEMEN.

Wolfville, March 16th, 1860.

For the Christian Messenger.

Horton Academy.

DEAR EDITOR,

The exhibition in the Horton Academy on the evening of March 21st, has already been noticed in the Messenger. 1 am happy to be able to furnish a programme of the exercises, which I doubt not will be read with interest by the friends of the Institution and of the Students.

MUSIC.

PRAYER. "Souls or Books."

John F. Godfrey.

"TRIUMPH OF JULIUS CASAR." Seth D. Shaw, C. Webber, W. Boggs, Johnson Mosher.

"THE LIFE BOAT." Isaac Chase, John Carroll, Lowis Shaffner, Noah Jones, B. Beckwith.

"INTELLECTUAL DISCIPLINE," (original essay.)

George E. Tafts. MUSIC.

"WILLIAM TELL ON THE ALPS." Geo. H. Clark.

"NOT ASHAMED OF HIS OCCUPATION." Geo. Freemen, John Cunningham.

. " CHOCUR D' ATHALIE." ewis Burps, C. H. Whitman, Mr. Johnson, J. W DeWolfe and Wallace.

" THE DILEMMA, (original Colloquy). Lothrop Caldwell, H. Bligh, A. Caldwell

MUSIC.

" PEDANTRY." W. Miner, S. Harris, Geo. Borden, Isaiah Shaw. "THE IRISH SAILOR IN FRANCE." E. Dimock, T. Blackadar, G. Freemen. THE INDIAN-WHAT HE WAS, AND WHAT HE IS," (Original essay,) J. A. Chipman. ADDRESSES

tunity of their disabusing their minds of the not those cries to be responded to, and wealthy By Rev. D. Freeman, Professor Sawer and Dr. Cramp. nuendos will elicit suggestions from abler pens error. In justice, too, to my Pedobaptist places to release their Pastors occasionally, in THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. 1 am, &c., friends, I beg to say, that they have never made order that the destitute may chjoy similar pri-The prosperity of the Academy is indicated WILLIAM CHURCHILL. any such demand. Whenever the subject has vileges with themselves ? Ought they not to Yarmouth, March 20th, 1860. been incidentally mooted, the reply has been give more of their worldly substance to the Misby the following extract of a note 1 have just received from the principal, J. W. Hartt, Esq. readily and prompt, " Mr. Rand in these res- sion cause so that more permanent missions might be established ? Ought we not all to "I am happy to say that the quarter on pects must be left untrammelled." The Christian is one who, if a shipwreck or a which we have now entered appears to have opened very propitiously. My hopes that some who found it impracticable to attend last I do not know that it is necessary to protract pray more earnestly that God would inspire us fire were to take all luxuries away, could dethese remarks. I am certainly, not so anxious, with more missionary zeal-more love to the scend, without being crushed, into the valley of -I would be very sorry to be-that the In- souls of our fellow men-more willingness to existence. He could say, " My all was not laid quarter would return, and that there would dians should be Baptists, as that they should be spend and be spent in his service ? Let these be some new recruits this quarter, have been there."