

tions will take place before many weeks, at which time no doubt the freewill offerings of the Churches for Home Missions will be abundant, but let measures be taken then, if not before, to carry out the suggestions I have made, or to adopt some better way of ensuring the N. S. B. H. M. S. the means of carrying on the great work which they have undertaken.

C. H. H.

For the Christian Messenger.

New Brunswick Correspondence.

ST. JOHN HIGH SCHOOL EXHIBITION.

To the Editor of the Christian Messenger,

SIR,—On Tuesday evening the 26th ult., there was, in the Hall of the "Mechanic's Institute," St. John, an exhibition by the "High School," under the management of J. W. Hartt, Esq., A. M., formerly principal of Horton Academy, Nova Scotia.

Although the streets were almost impassable and the weather inclement, the "Institute" was well filled by an intelligent, and as far as I could judge, a delighted audience. Precisely at 8 o'clock the Platform was occupied by the Principal, his staff of Teachers and the pupils of the School, of whom, the young ladies, neatly attired in white, presented a very attractive appearance.

The exercises consisted of Original Essays, Dialogues—selected and original, and Declamation, interspersed with several enlivening pieces of music.

The Programme of the Exercises was as follows:

Music—"Student's Song," Chorus.

The Salutatory Address, Master F. Robinson.

The Charge of the Light Brigade, Master D. Berryman.

Rural Life, Composition, Miss A. Peters.

The Ocean, Composition, Miss C. A. Barnaby.

Music—"The Frothy Waves," Glee.

Hugo's Address to his Father, Master Geo. Hutchinson.

The Precocious Speller (Dialogue), Masters Purdy & Harding.

Le Choix des Compagnons, (Colloquy), Misses Schofield, Ansley, Purdy, Trueman, and Nettie Hartt.

Music—"L'Elisire d'amore (Piano Duett), The Misses Hartt.

The Soldier from Bingen, Master H. Fotherby.

The Arithmetician (Dialogue), Masters Estabrooks & Harding.

The Snow, Composition, Miss C. E. Hartt.

The Past and Present, Composition, Miss Lizzie Harding.

Music—"Gaily our Boat," Chorus.

On Curiosity (a Dialogue), Masters Durland, Jas. Estey, Le Baron Estey, and J. E. Masters.

The Scholar's Aim, Composition, Miss E. Craig.

Worth of a Purpose, Composition, Miss A. Wetmore.

Music—"Star of the Twilight," Solo, Duett, and Chorus.

Music—"Lone Starry Hours," (Piano Solo), Miss C. A. Barnaby.

Rival Orators, (a Dialogue), Masters Blizard and Santon.

The Seasons (an original colloquy), Misses Estabrooks, Blizard, Troop, and Woodworth.

Music—"Glee of the Seasons," Home, Composition, Miss Tredwell.

Music—"I Lombardi," (Piano Duett), Misses Hartt and Barnaby.

Valedictory Address, Master W. K. Reynolds.

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From the prolonged applause, with which several of the pieces were received, and the enthusiasm, with which others were encored, the Exhibition evidently gave general satisfaction. It must be very gratifying to Mr. Hartt, that such complete success has crowned his efforts in establishing a School in this city. During the quarter just closed, the number of pupils in attendance was 105. I understand it is the intention of the Principal to favour the public, on future occasions, with similar Exhibitions. May they long be continued.

St. John, N. B., April 14th, 1861.

For the Christian Messenger.

Sabbath School Concert.

MR. EDITOR,—

Do your Sabbath Schools hold monthly Concerts? If not you might publish the Programme of one held by the Marsh Bridge Baptist Sabbath School. It was our first attempt, we merely tried it as an experiment but were so well pleased with the effect, that we have decided to continue them on the last Sabbath of each

month. The Children opened the exercises by singing from their "Sabbath School Bell."

"Come let us sing,
Our youthful hearts now swelling," &c.

Followed by prayer by Rev. W. N. Slason. The Superintendent, Mr. C. G. Berriman gave a report of the number of Teachers and Scholars on the books, also the number of new ones received during the month. The children then sang in good style.

"Oh we love to come to our Sabbath home."

After which Rev. T. W. Crawley offered prayer. Rev. E. B. DeMill then reviewed the proofs studied by the children during the month on Christ our Exemplar—in his self-denial—in his contentment in a lowly position, and in his long continued private prayer. At the same time applying those truths in a very appropriate way. Next the Infant Class Song,

"Oh I'll be a good child as ever I can be,
I'll mind what my Teacher says to me,
I'll read my Bible and keep the rule
And early come to the Sabbath School—
Oh yes, Oh yes I love my teacher still,
I'll be a good child, indeed, I will."

The Superintendent gave a report of the money boxes connected with the Classes. The Librarian and Secretary gave his report, showing how many Teachers and Scholars had been present every Sabbath, the number of verses committed to memory, 1200. The children sang another of the sweet hymns.

"Around the throne of God in heaven,
Thousands of children stand."

We had then an excellent address from Rev. W. N. Slason. A collection was taken up, and the children sang,

"Rest for the weary."

Another very appropriate speech from Brother T. W. Crawley. Another hymn from the children.

"Here we meet to part again."

and all retired to their homes highly satisfied.

I am convinced that such an exercise once a month will be highly beneficial to our School. The children will receive full as much benefit from it as from the ordinary routine of lessons. It gives variety and thus keeps up their interest and is a kind of a recreation to Teacher and Scholar. It throws open the door for Church, Congregation and friends generally to enter and witness the good being accomplished by these institutions; and thus become more deeply interested in their prosperity. From my own experience I would cheerfully recommend to all our Schools the adoption of these Concerts.

St. John, New Brunswick.

For the Christian Messenger.

Donation Visit.

TO REV. GEO. ARMSTRONG.

Messrs. Editors,—With pleasure and gratitude I acknowledge the Donation Visit with which I was honoured by members of my church and congregation, and other kind friends, on Feb. the 20th.

The meeting was very pleasant and also solemn. Excellent speeches were delivered by Dea. Isaac Haley, Revs. W. G. Parker, P. F. Murray, Jas. Spencer, N. Vidito and others. Rev. M. Pickles, (Wesleyan) was present, but his duties called him to leave before delivery of the addresses. The donations presented amounted to £46; by the favours of friends who designed, but could not be present, this sum has been raised to £50; over £30 of which was in cash.

I feel grateful to my friends, and above all, to God—for this substantial and renewed token of their continued confidence, good will and sympathy. May the Lord our Saviour abundantly bless those kind friends who have so opportunely willingly and cheerfully contributed by their presence and liberal donations to support and encourage one who is conscious of his unworthiness, but yet rejoices in the hope of the Gospel—redemption through the blood of Jesus, and glories in the privilege of being, as he hopes, a minister of Jesus Christ by the grace of God.

Yours truly,
GEO. ARMSTRONG.

Bridgetown, March 28th, 1861.

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notices.

JAMES ATKINSON.

Died at Maccan on the 10th inst., aged seven years, James fourth son of Mr. James M. Atkinson.

The death of his second youngest brother Arthur, which occurred two months previously, produced a serious impression upon his mind, and led him to seek an interest in that great salvation wrought out by Christ on Calvary.

About ten days before his death he was at Sackville, N. B., and called upon the Rev. D. McKeen and conversed with him upon the subject that lay nearest his heart. He told him of his hopes and joy in believing. Mr. McK. intending to visit Maccan and spend a few days

with the people there, and anticipated the privilege of burying James in baptism in the likeness of his Saviour. But it was decreed otherwise, and instead of that he performed the solemn duty of burying the body in its mother earth, there to remain until the last trump shall sound and the graves shall give up their dead.

James was a favourite with his acquaintances and his sudden removal from his friends has produced a solemn effect upon their minds, which we hope may not be effaced, but that they may place their trust and reliance upon that Saviour that sustained their dear friend, when suffering intense pain and when passing through the valley and shadow of death.

A large concourse of people attended the funeral. The Rev. David McKeen improved the opportunity, thus afforded of preaching earnestly and faithfully to the living.—Communicated.

MRS. HANNAH FREEMAN.

Died at Brookfield, Queens County, on Thursday, 4th inst., Hannah, widow of the late Mr. James Freeman, formerly of Liverpool, one of the oldest inhabitants of the place, and much respected. She was a widow—a widow indeed, and a "mother in Israel." In the early settlement of Brookfield, before there were any churches built; her house was freely opened on the Sabbath for public worship and a preacher of the gospel was sure to find a cheerful welcome at her hospitable table, and if a stranger—a place in her comfortable abode.—Communicated.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

WOLFVILLE.—Rev. Dr. Cramp writes April 8th:—"We had a long and full Conference on Saturday. The fruits appeared yesterday. Fourteen were baptized this morning. Nine of them are members of the Female Seminary and three are youths in the Academy. The other two are residents in the place. Six young men dismissed from other churches were received at the same time making a total of twenty."

MARGARETS BAY AND TANCOOK.—Mr. Editor.—The Brethren and Sisters in one section of the Margarets Bay Church, (known as the Hubley settlement) have enjoyed of late a season of "refreshing from the presence of the Lord." Their hearts have been encouraged by the return of the wanderer and the accession to their number of hopefully converted persons.

In compliance with their request I visited them for the purpose of administering the ordinance of baptism. I arrived on Thursday the 11th inst.—held meeting at 2 P. M., after which we repaired to the water and nine persons were "buried with Christ in baptism." With one exception they were young people. Meeting was held again in the evening, when the newly baptized received the right hand of fellowship.

Although the people had but a short notice, a large number assembled, and the exercises throughout were marked by deep solemnity and attention.

Bro. P. R. Foster has been labouring with them for some time past, but has just left, and they are now without a minister. The good work still seems to be going on.

Since coming to Chester I have visited Tancook also and baptized nineteen persons. Their meetings, I am informed, are still kept up with a good deal of interest.

May the Lord's work go on till there shall not be one left to say to his brother, "know the Lord."

Yours faithfully,

I. J. SKINNER.

Chester, April 13th, 1861.

MR. EDITOR,—

Since the great and glorious Revival at Tancook Island, I have visited Margarets Bay. Being prevented from pursuing my journey homeward by a very heavy fall of snow which we had the last of March, we concluded to hold some evening meetings, and the God of every blessing was with us. The joy of God's salvation was restored to Zion. Backsliders returned, and sinners were aroused. Seed that had been sown, was watered, and it sprang into life and we saw the blade—yea, the fruit. And I trust more seed was sown that will be as bread cast upon the water which will be seen after many days.

Seven were received for christian baptism and church membership, four being previously received, making eleven in all. May Israel's God be their guide.

I can hardly bear the thought of leaving this delightful field of labor. But I must go. My axe is too dull to work with success in this forest of nature; therefore I must resume my studies, that I may be better prepared to work for my Master.

Perhaps there is some young man whose physical capacity is worn out by mental toil. If

so I would advise him to spend a few days on these shores. A few draughts of this wholesome ocean air will revive him. Go my brother—not with enticing words of men's wisdom but in the Spirit and strength of Elijah's God.

May the Lord bless the churches of the Bay. May they be preserved blameless, body, soul and Spirit until the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Yours as ever,
P. R. FOSTER.

Halifax, April 11th, 1861.

P. S.—Please allow me through the columns of your valuable paper to tender my sincere thanks to my much esteemed friend the Rev. Dr. Tupper for his interesting and instructive Letters to young Preachers. O! may I have grace to follow his rule.

P. R. F.

YARMOUTH.—Rev. Henry Angell writes, Yarmouth, April 10th, 1861:—"Dear Brother,—The good work still advances. Last Lord's-day 9 followed Christ in baptism. A large concourse assembled to witness the administration of the solemn and expressive rite. I first baptized 8, (4 males and 4 females) and Brother Normonday then baptized a French convert from Romanism. Others are enquiring. The work is quiet, but apparently deep and solemn. May its results be beneficial and lasting."

ST. MARY'S EAST.—Rev. M. A. Bigelow writes from Antigonish, April 9, 1861:—"Dear Brother,—God has revived his distracted cause at the back lands of St. Mary's, and poor sinners I trust have been converted. I have been labouring there for several weeks. Had the pleasure of baptizing 13, and hope others will follow soon."

Yours,
M. A. BIGELOW.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—One was baptized in Germain street, one in Brussels street, and one in Portland last Sabbath. Brother Wallace baptized four or five in Carleton. Rev. Mr. Hartley, Free Baptist, baptized about the same number; and Rev. Mr. Narraway we are informed sprinkled about one hundred and twenty, and baptized or immersed several. If he had immersed all he would have had quite a primitive Baptism both as it relates to number and mode.

The revival amongst our Methodist friends in Carleton has been most extensive. About 200, it is said, have united with them in the course of a few weeks, and among them are to be found several young men, who a short time ago were members of infidel clubs, and were the open opponents of the Christian faith. The difference that exists between the Methodists and us regarding the rite of Baptism, shall not prevent us from rejoicing greatly in their earnest and successful endeavors to win souls to Christ.—Baptist & Visitor.

The Marsh Bridge Church on last Lord's day morning received eleven members.

We learn that quite an interesting state of things exists in the Shediac church under the ministrations of Bro. Coleman, and that there is every prospect of a revival. Last Lord's day, he baptized two.—Watchman.

Rev. J. S. Archer has felt it to be his duty to dismiss the colporters of the American and Foreign Bible Society, in January, and to dissolve his own connection with that institution.

Rev. A. W. Sawyer, late Classical Professor in Acadia College has accepted a call to the Baptist Church at Saratoga Springs.

Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, April 9, 1860.

The Lunatic Asylum Bill occupied the morning session.

On the Halifax Railway Assessment Bill coming up for its second reading, Mr. Pryor moved that Petitioners against the bill be allowed to appear by counsel at the bar of the house. On division the motion was lost and the bill passed.

WEDNESDAY, April 10.

The second reading of the Bill for alteration of the Electoral division of Hants was moved by Mr. Cochran.

Mr. Churchill spoke in opposition to the Bill, its object being only to secure the election of the mover.

Hon. Mr. Howe said the bill took off a large portion of his supporters; that the Government had nothing to do with the bill.

Hon. Mr. Johnston objected to such division of a county for party purposes. It was not likely any bill would be prepared by one of his friends affecting his constituents without consulting him.

Mr. H. Mc. Donald spoke of the promise in the opening speech of a new Representation Bill being submitted, but did not suppose this bill would pass. Several other members spoke and