

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Letters to a Young Preacher.

LETTER II. PERSONAL PIETY.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—

That the labors of an unregenerate preacher may have been the means, in some cases, of the conversion of a sinner, as also of the edification of a believer, is not inevitable. But that no man can be in reality a minister of Jesus Christ who is not truly one of His servants, is self-evident.

It is evident, then, that the idea of setting apart a youth, and educating him for the gospel ministry, irrespective of piety, is both unscriptural and preposterous. Undoubtedly there have been instances in which persons so educated have been subsequently renewed in heart, and divinely called to preach the gospel.

In the Baptist denomination, however, no man can be admitted into the ministry without giving satisfactory evidence of an experimental knowledge of Christ; since this is indispensable to admission into any of our churches as a member.

There is not one kind of religion for ministers, and another for ordinary Christians. The former, however, are required to be examples to the flock, and every one of them should be able to say, with Paul, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."

If, then, my dear young Brother, you would enjoy peace of mind, honor God, and be useful to your fellow men, do not fail to cultivate personal piety with diligence and constancy.

Yours in gospel bonds,

CHARLES TUPPER.

Aylesford, Dec. 27th, 1860.

For the Christian Messenger.

The Kings and Queens of Great Britain, in rhyme.

MR. EDITOR,

Thinking it might subserve some useful purpose, I have, in a brief historical manner, versified, but seldom at greater length than in a mere couplet, the names and order of the English sovereigns as they succeeded each other to the Throne, and this I have done in order to facilitate, quicken and refresh the memory of such as desire at a glance to ascertain their succession and more permanently to fix and imprint on the memory the required information.

If you therefore think it will tend to any useful purpose you will please to insert it in your Periodical.

Respectfully yours, SIMON FITCH.

Horton, Dec. 26th, 1860.

Of England's Kings I now proceed to write, And in succession bring them forth to light; EGBERT (alone) first filled the English Throne And gave to her the name till then unknown,

Next EDWARD the FIRST a brave English King, Who left to ETHELRED his Crown and care Who much did covet such a load to wear,

EDWARD THE SECOND Ironsides we call, CANUTE succeeds and by this Prince did fall, Conquered all England and the Crown he gains,

By dint of conquest makes the Crown his own; WILLIAM the SECOND next the Crown possessed The Clergy's power with rigour he repressed;

RICHARD the FIRST begins his tiresome reign And while besieging Chalons he was slain;

Next fills the Throne, few are his equals since; EDWARD the SECOND's conduct weak and vain,

EDWARD the THIRD a valiant Prince is seen He conquers France, while Scotland owns his Queen,

In his best reign true piety emerged, Great Wickliffe rose and much the nation purg'd;

HENRY the FIFTH next mounts the kingly stage, And with success a war with France did wage;

HENRY the SIXTH next ascends the English Throne His reign unprosperous is at length o'erthrown;

By blood and slaughter he the same doth wear; HENRY the SEVENTH next ascends the Throne,

He drains the public store to fill his own;

HENRY the EIGHTH, a most despotic King While of his bloody deeds those times did ring;

EDWARD the SIXTH though but a child is crown'd In this short reign religion gained ground;

MARY a Papist Queen the Throne ascends Her reign begins with blood, with slaughter ends;

ELIZABETH did next possess the Crown And she the Papal power at length put down;

Now GEORGE the FIRST is placed upon the Throne All Europe's system alter'd with his own;

His son the SECOND GEORGE did him succeed His lengthen'd reign was crown'd with glorious deeds;

Then GEORGE the THIRD a gracious King did reign, Great Britain's dignity he did maintain;

Next GEORGE the FOURTH the British sceptre sway'd

Loved by his subjects and by them obey'd;

WILLIAM the FOURTH next reign'd the nations voice

To him was rais'd, he was the people's choice, Our gracious QUEEN VICTORIA, lov'd by all,

Sways Britain's sceptre. At her gentle call, Statesmen respond, their counsel freely give,

S. F.

For the Christian Messenger.

DONATIONS.

MR. EDITOR,—

I beg to acknowledge through your paper a nice little donation visit paid me by our kind friends, at the house of Mr. William Longmires of Hillsbourn, a settlement on the Bay of Fundy, near Parker's Cove, Dec. 6th.

We meet to greet our pastor With words and acts of love, And emulate in union

In mutual love and union Six summers have we dwelt, In fellowship most holy,

In love we'll be united To quell the powers of sin, Till those who Christ have slighted

We pray his arduous labors May be more richly blest, And Jesus' name, by sinners,

The donation presented amounted to \$50. Good speeches were delivered by Rev. George Armstrong, Deacons Litch and Edgett, and several others.

JAMES SPENCER.

Lower Granville, Dec. 26th, 1860.

The DONATION VISIT to Elder E. Marsters came off, pursuant to notice, from the friends of the Union Society, reflecting credit on the donors.

EYE WITNESS.

About eighty of the friends of Rev. David Lawson made him a DONATION VISIT on the 26th ult. The time was agreeably and profitably spent.

Point de Bute, N. B., Dec. 26th, 1860.

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Obituary Notice.

CAPT. CHARLES W. FOSTER.

Died at Halifax on the 12th December, 1860, Capt. Charles W. Foster of Port Medway in 46th year of his age. He professed religion some 18 years ago and was baptized by the Rev. David Harris.

After a voyage to the West Indies, during which he suffered constantly from severe illness, he left Port Medway in a very feeble state of health for Halifax. On the way the vessel struck a rock which so injured her that he was obliged to put into a harbour and repair.

During his last illness he manifested a peaceful resignation to the will of God, and a confident reliance on the atonement of Christ for salvation. In this happy state of mind he continued until the deathless spirit took its departure, we trust, for the "better land."

He has left a surviving companion and eight children to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and father. May God comfort the widow and take care of the fatherless children.—Communicated by Rev. I. J. Skinner.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

YARMOUTH.—Though we cannot report the same number of accessions to our church this year as last, a healthy, harmonious and progressive state is very apparent. Tokens of the Divine favour have marked the month now closing.

ADDRESS :

TO THE REV. EDWARD N. HARRIS.

Beloved Pastor,—As this is the last Conference of the third year of your labours among us, and as we learn you propose being absent a few weeks, we take much pleasure in bearing our united testimony to your christian deportment, and to your very acceptable and faithful ministrations, both in public and among our families.

Be assured, dear pastor, that you have our confidence, sympathy and prayers; trusting that God will continue to own your ministry, in uniting his people, in the conversion of sinners, and in the still wider diffusion of light and truth.

By order and on behalf of the Church.

- Deacons: J. PATTEN, W. CROSBY, J. ROGERS, C. COOK, W. SANDERS, C. STRICTLING, N. PATTEN. Brethren: J. RAYMOND, R. CROSBY, W. DURKEE, J. CROSBY, W. DOTY.

Standing Committee of the second Baptist Church of Yarmouth.

JAMES CROSBY, Church Clerk,

Hebron, Dec., 1860.

GERMANY.

Extracts of a letter from Mr. Oncken.

WORMS—MONUMENT TO LUTHER.

"But I need not linger at these various smaller oases which the Lord's hand has planted in this part of Germany. I must ask my readers to accompany me to Worms, the city hallowed to the mind of every Christian by that famous testimony to the truth which resounded through Germany to the salvation of thousands, but of which, alas! nothing but the tiles on the roof, as having elicited the great Reformer's fearless declaration, now reminded me. Cold formality or indifference prevail in the city, where once a heart glowing with ardor for God's holy cause, gave utterance to truths of which history now bears the chief record.

My own mission to Worms was an humble one,—a small beginning,—yet, I trust, one of those small beginnings which our divine Master delights in making the precursors of great results. My visit was to four persons who desire fellowship with us. Two of these I soon believed to be converted, and recommended them to the church at Frankfort, where I subsequently had the pleasure of baptizing them.

REMINISCENCES—APPEAL.

"During the week of my sojourn in Hesse, I visited many cities and numerous villages that lie scattered over the country in picturesque regardlessness of the rules of architecture. Everywhere I preached to numerous congregations,—not to languid, satiate listeners, but to men and women whose eager, hungry aspect incited the speaker to bring forth the best of his stores.

Dahlheim—as its name indicates, a home in a valley,—was also interesting to me as the place where br. Grothefend some years ago was hospitably sheltered, when driven from his mountain home at Spangenberg. The good man who took him in was subsequently converted, with his whole house. Br. Grothefend is a devoted laborer; his enemies, indeed, say they do not know whether he did not do "less mischief" on the mountain top than in the valley. At Cassel I finally held a meeting at which many Jews were present, who listened with