

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Letters to a Young Preacher.

LETTER IX. PUNCTUALITY TO APPOINTMENTS.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—

Punctuality is of great importance in every department of life. The want of it occasions an immense loss of precious time; and deranges business of every kind.

The ministers of religion should be especially "ready to every good work." Their example may do much toward effecting this necessary reform.

It ought to be duly considered, however, that the preacher who adopts this course once, will be naturally expected to continue it.

In the early part of my ministry I received a beneficial rebuke for delinquency of this kind. I had made an appointment for a meeting in a private house, on a week day, at 6 o'clock, P.M.

As a regard for veracity evidently requires every preacher to fulfil his appointments, which are promises, with punctuality, so likewise justice to punctual attendance demands it.

In those country places where the people have no common standard of time, it may be requisite to make a little allowance for diversity in keeping it.

These remarks apply also to all who lead in religious meetings, Sabbath Schools, &c. Every person, indeed, should invariably make timely arrangements so as to be present, unavoidable hindrances excepted, precisely at the time appointed.

Now, my dear young brother, though this Letter has especial reference to punctuality in fulfilling appointments for public worship, yet it may not be amiss to offer a few remarks with re-

ference to it in other respects. A preacher ought to be careful to avoid contracting debts. He should never do it without a moral certainty of being able to meet his engagements.

With regard to appointments for preaching I would advise you not to undertake more than you can reasonably hope to accomplish without injury to your health.

May divine assistance be afforded you in this, as well as in any other part of your duty!

Yours, as ever,

CHARLES TUPPER.

Tremont, Aylesford, March 20, 1861.

ERRATA.—Letter vi. C. M., March 6th, p. 77th, par. 7th, for "become, read became; 9th, for "when," read where. Letter vii. Mar. 20th, p. 93rd, par. 8th, for "honored," read learned.

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An Aboiteau across the River Avon.

MESSRS. EDITORS,

SIR,—Having a little time on hand unemployed, I thought perhaps a glance at what I have considered would be for the interest of the Township of Windsor, would not be uninteresting to many of your readers.

Nor is this all the good it would effect: what a splendid site for mills to manufacture the plaster to be sent to the United States, and saw and other mills for every purpose required, which could be for water or Steam as deemed most expedient.

I may be wrong as to the quantity of lands &c., as I have guessed at it; but I am inside as regards the value. Much of the dike land here is worth sixty pounds per acre.

I could easily give more arguments in favor of said scheme, but must close knowing I have occupied already too much of your valuable columns.

Windsor, April 8th, 1861.

For the Christian Messenger.

Acadia College.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

The friends of Acadia College are doubtless aware that that Institution is at this moment in perilous circumstances. At a meeting of the Board of Governors held on the 3rd inst. it was found that £350 will be needed on the first of

June to meet the current expenses of the College up to that date; and that unless provision be made to increase the present annual income while the Endowment Fund is reaching the necessary amount, consequences of the most disastrous kind must follow to our Institutions of learning, and to our Denominational work, to which they stand so vitally related.

A committee was appointed at the meeting of which I have spoken, to devise some scheme for raising the amount needed for the present year. And it is hoped that such scheme, when proposed to the Churches, will meet with their approval and elicit from them a golden response.

Permit me to reiterate the suggestions so frequently thrown out by our College Agent and others, that Collections be taken up in all the churches towards meeting the salary of the Theological Professor. Would it not be well for the churches to make these collections on the first Lord's day in May, or at least before the June Anniversary? And let us not fail to remember the "child of Providence" in our prayers.

I have several things to say about Acadia College, which, with your permission, I will say in future numbers of your paper.

Yours truly,

D. M. WELTON.

For the Christian Messenger.

Our Foreign Mission.

LETTER FROM REV. A. R. R. CRAWLEY, TO THE SECRETARY.

My Dear Dr. Tupper.—My last date to you was, I think, New Year's Day. I now herewith send you something in the shape of a Report of the mission here, for the year 1860.

In your last letter to me you intimate that your Board are thinking seriously of sending a missionary or missionaries to Burmah. In my reply to that letter I remarked that I conceived the American Baptist Missionary Union could not otherwise than rejoice in the prospect of a re-inforcement to the Burmese Mission, sent by a Baptist Society, whether that Society be in the British Provinces or elsewhere.

The English Baptists, with a mistaken courtesy, have agreed to consider Burmah as peculiarly the Mission field of their American brethren, and consequently have not a single missionary here.

If the Union had now, or if there was a prospect that they soon would have, in Burmah a number of missionaries, even approximately adequate to the demand, then I would say, by all means send your labourer to some other field. But I have shown that such is not the case. And when it is remembered that, from the first, Burmah has been the one field in which your churches have ever been most interested.

Let me, then, refer you to the Missionary Magazine, (the organ of the Union) No. for November, 1860, page 387. Under the heading "Mengyee—who will preach there?" read the sentence commencing "will not our brethren in Nova Scotia, &c. You see there that I'm not alone in my opinion. Observe also, that the authorities at the Mission Rooms, Boston, have endorsed the views of Bro. Thomas by publishing them. I trust, therefore, your Board will feel that there is no difficulty whatever in the way of their sending missionaries to Burmah just as soon as they are prepared to do so.

If your missionary comes to any part of the country within the limits of the Henthadah Mission, of course I shall make over to him at once half of my native preachers, as he will divide my parish with me.

May the God of Missions fire the church with holy zeal in this work.

Faithfully yours,

A. R. R. CRAWLEY.

Henthada, Jan. 17, 1861.

REPORT.

Henthada, Jan. 16, 1860.

My Dear Dr. Tupper.—The beginning of a new year reminds me that it is time to send you for presentation to your Foreign Missionary Board, and through them to the churches, some account of the Mission, for the year that has just

closed. As all my papers were lost in the recent fire, I am unable to refer to my copy of the report sent you for the year 1859. There has not, however, been any very material, or rather observable change in the state of the Mission since then.

The number of native preachers at present employed, is six, stationed as follows:

Ko Eing.....at.....Henthada.
Ko 'hoke.....at.....Donabew.
Moung Long.....at.....Itnerant.
Moung Wike.....do.
Moung Kyaw.....at.....Tounglongzoo.
Moung Yan Gin.....at.....Taingdaw.

Accompanied, generally, with one or more of the assistants, I have made long preaching tours among the villages, and more than the usual amount of time has been spent in this most profitable way of preaching the Gospel to the people in their own homes.

Baptized during the year,.....4
Excluded do. do. ....1
Whole number at present.....25

of whom,—
5 are from the Taingdaw Church.
6 " " " Tounglongzoo "
12 " " " Henthada "

the remaining 2, an assistant and his wife, are stationed at Donabew.

During the last season the assistants were instructed in Genesis, Exodus, Romans and Hebrews, and in History, Geography, and Natural Philosophy.

A few words are necessary respecting the projected girl's school. It is impossible now to fix a time when this enterprise will be initiated. The late disastrous fire destroyed our chapel, which it was intended should be used as a school room. Various considerations make it necessary to delay re-erecting mission buildings.

Let none be discouraged on account of the small number of converts. This mission has been established six years. More than 30 converts from heathenism have been baptised. Of that number 4 have died in the firm hope of Heaven. Others have removed to places within the limits of other missions.

ARTHUR R. R. CRAWLEY.

For the Christian Messenger.

Donation Visit.

TO REV. S. W. DEBLOIS.

Dear Sir,—I beg leave to acknowledge the kindness of friends in Wolfville and vicinity, members of my Church and others who paid us a donation visit on the evening of the 20th of Feb. last.

Excellent speeches were made by Dr. Cramp, Rev. T. Angwin, Rev. E. O. Read and Rev. T. A. Higgins. The gifts in money twenty-five pounds, and substantial to the amount of twelve pounds more, were cordially presented and vorthily appreciated by

Yours very truly,
S. W. DEBLOIS.

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Obituary Notices.

IDA MAY ELDERKIN.

Ida May, second daughter of Jephtha and Nancy Elderkin was born Aug. 30th, 1856, died March 26th, 1861, aged four years and nearly seven months.

I desire to write these few lines in the testimony that God's Spirit often works in a mysterious yet unmistakable manner even upon very young minds. How young we dare not say, but enough is revealed for our encouragement in the blessed and holy duty of training our infants for Heaven. On a bright day last summer as her mother was standing in the open air enjoying nature in its simple beauty, with this lovely child by her side. She said "Mamma I do not want to stay here." Her mother was struck by the remark, and thinking that she desired to make some earthly visit, said "where do you want to go, Ida?" She looked up and replied "I want to go to Heaven, Mamma."

During her illness which was protracted and severe she often spoke of death and Heaven and always with pleasure. Death, to her infant mind was some kind messenger waiting to bear her to heaven, where she said she would watch for her mother. She often with much feeling