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doing good to his fellow men and perhaps receive remuneration for his services also.

The state of the Baptist denomination in this Colony is not what it ought to be. This is true likewise of the Colonies of Tasmania, Queen's Land and New Zealand. This Colony—New South Wales—is divided into a large number of Counties, but all, save Cumberland—which is a Metropolitan County—are destitute of Baptist interests, and here the cause is far from flourishing. Parramatta is a large town of some 15,000 inhabitants, 15 miles by rail or 18 by water from Sydney, is destitute,—the Pastor, Rev.—Carey being dead for some years,—the church is scattered, the chapel is there still, a fine brick building and baptistery, already filled, but the glory is departed. This is true of Liverpool, another town not far from P. Their house has departed or gone to waste. Bathurst, a large town of 20,000 inhabitants, with a climate second to none in the wide world. Persons afflicted with Asthma or Pulmonitis in the old country have found to their joy that the distressing affliction had completely left them. This is a great country for sheep and horses. Bathurst is the centre of a large farming district. There is said to be from 12 to 15 millions of sheep in New South Wales. Hundreds of horses are sold every week at public auction at Sydney. They are brought from Bathurst county in a wild state, and sold from the horse paddocks. They bring from 20 to 40 dollars, besides those sold at the horse bazaars every day, which are broken to harness. These bring a higher price, but are still very cheap. Thousands of them run wild in the bush. This is true also of horned cattle. There is no stall fed beef here, they are always fat enough, and are brought in great droves from the interior daily, so that we have the very best of beef at a very low figure.

There are many other towns in this colony of considerable importance, which present inviting fields for Baptists to cultivate, but there are no laborers. Queen's Land is a new colony, formerly a part of this colony. There are some half dozen Baptist Churches, and a great cry for more laborers. In Victoria there are a number of Baptist Churches, and I am happy to say that in Melbourne, Geelong, Portland, Ballarat, Sandhurst, Brighton, Pharan and Emerald Hill, there are churches of some influence. The Revs. Mr. Taylor and New are Pastors in the city of Melbourne of large and influential churches. Mr. Taylor publishes *The Evangelist*, a Baptist paper, which is doing good. I hope it is amongst your numerous exchanges.

Tasmania, or Van Dieman's Land, is an adjacent colony,—a perfect Paradise, as far as climate is concerned. It abounds in fruits of various kinds. The only place where the Baptists are operating or are supplied with preaching, is at Hobart's town; so you perceive that the Baptists have not been very diffusive. They need some of the Yankee element amongst them in more departments than one. I am very much pleased with Englishmen, however, and would not exchange them for any Yankee church I know of. They are sterling good members, although a little prejudiced against organs and bells in churches; but never mind, their prejudice is coming down, and we expect to have an organ in our new chapel, if all is right. Outdoor preaching is the order of the day in this colony. On the race course you may see some half-dozen every Sabbath, spouting, each one with a crowd around him. Wesleyans, Primitives, New Jerusalem Beardies, Campbellites, and Infidels. Opposite our chapel on the green, there is Campbellite preaching every Sunday, but their influence for good is not very great, and we should not cry, if they should all leave for parts unknown.

Yours truly,
W. HOBBS.

Sydney, N. S. W., Feb. 14th, 1861.

For the Christian Messenger.

New Brunswick Correspondence.

MR. EDITOR,—

'These are strange times in which we live. Verily strange things are taking place in our day. A writer once said "the world is composed of two bodies—the powers that be, and the powers that would be." There is a branch of each of those great powers in this small province of ours, and strange to say while the former is perfectly satisfied the latter is quite dissatisfied with their position, and exceedingly anxious to exchange. Next summer they will both take the field and the grand question will be decided as to which shall hold the reins the next four years. The latter party, feeling there is power in the press and not fully satisfied with those that have been working for them, decided to get up a paper

themselves, consequently a committee was appointed, money subscribed, an office fitted up and *The Colonial Empire* sent forth in all its strength and beauty. The Committee also made an arrangement with the present proprietor of the *Christian Visitor* and the *Temperance Telegraph* by which both of those papers are published in the office under new names, the mechanical appearance of which they have much improved.

But your readers must not think this all the news we have to tell them, there is a stir in the Church as well as the State. The Episcopal body are erecting two places of worship, one in Carleton, the other on the East side of the harbour. The Free Will Baptists are building in Carleton. The Baptists contemplate building another meeting house in the city. The Young Men's Christian Association continue the noon prayer meetings. The German and Brussels Street Churches have been holding union meetings through the week for the last two months; they commenced earlier this year than usual, hitherto it was about the first of March, the result is they are now reaping when in former years they were only sowing. Brother Bill had the pleasure, last Sabbath evening, of baptizing one in the name of his master, Brother Isaiah Wallace in Carleton was engaged in the same happy work, he baptized three on the last Lord's day and expects to be engaged in a similar way next. He has decided to hold extra meetings, and by that means if possible to fan the spark into a flame. Brethren Cady and Crawley will render him what assistance they can consistent with their other duties.

RESIDENT.

St. John, N. B.

For the Christian Messenger.

New Meeting House at Walton.

DEAR BROTHER,—

The Baptist Meeting House at Walton was finished on the 1st inst. Notice of the fact being given to nine ministers of the gospel, with the request that they would attend on the occasion of the dedication of the House which would commence on the 7th inst., and services would be held for four days in succession. We regret to say that we only had the pleasure of seeing one out of the nine who were kindly solicited to attend on that occasion (the Rev. J. Bancroft). The answers of our brethren to our notes of invitation reminded us of the parable in Luke xiv. 17-20 Notwithstanding this great discouragement, we bless God that our meetings were approved of—there was a large attendance at all the services, and particularly on the last day. The House was crowded, (a circumstance that was not supposed would have occurred for many years to come)—with a congregation that appeared to take great interest in the preached Gospel. At the close of the meeting a man came forward and wished to take up his cross and follow the example set us, by our blessed Saviour in the ordinance of baptism. Brother Bancroft when Pastor of the Rawdon Church, gave Walton a portion of his ministerial services, and he became very much endeared to a large number of the people. His re-appearance amongst us at this time was hailed with great delight by nearly the whole people; the consequence is that he has now been induced to say that he will give Walton a part of his ministerial services.

Ever yours, &c.,

F. PARKER.

Walton, March 12th, 1861.

For the Christian Messenger.

Donation Visit.

TO REV. J. F. MCKENNE.

Dear Sir—I wish through the *Messenger* to acknowledge my sincere thanks to the members of the Young Ladies' Sewing Circle at Greenfield for a Donation made me on the 5th of February, consisting of Robert Hall's Works in 4 vols. which are a valuable addition to my small library.

JOHN F. MCKENNE.

Greenfield, March 6th, 1861.

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notices.

ABRAHAM BILL,

Son of Jacob and Charlotte Fales, of Stronach Mountain, died on the 23rd day of January, 1861, aged 10 years and eight months. He had been attentive to religion, and known to be frequently engaged in prayer. A few days before he was taken sick, his mother having admonished him from fear that he was becoming remiss. He subsequently went to her and said,

"I have made up my mind to commence my life anew." When he was first attacked, he seemed quite aware that he was going to die; and manifested composure, resignation, and steadfast reliance on the Saviour. He gave particular instructions with reference to the disposal of his clothes.

As he was supposed to die of diphtheria, he requested that a glass should be put in the lid of his coffin, so that his young associates might look upon his corpse. He quietly bade his parents, the children, and other relatives farewell. When he saw them mourning, he entreated them not to mourn; and expressed a hope to meet them in that happy world."

On the occasion of his death and that of Emma Jane Stronach, who died on the 22nd, (as stated in another notice) aged 7 years and 10 months, giving pleasing evidence of piety, a discourse was delivered by the writer from Matth. xxi. 16,—"Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise."—Communicated by Rev. C. Tupper.

MRS. MARGARET MCALPIN,

Died at Locke's Island on the 15th inst, aged 33 years. She was the second daughter of Duncan and Margaret McDonald of Millbrook Middle River, Picton. She came to Locke's Island in 1851, and resided with her brother who was the only near relative here to follow her to the grave. She thought that she experienced a change of heart previous to her coming here. In the spring of 1857, she was baptized by the Rev. W. Hobbs, and added to the Church, which connection she retained till death. On the 4th of February, 1858, she was married to Capt. Robert McAlpin, but this union was not long to exist on earth. On the 8th of February, 1860 he sailed for the West Indies in the schooner "Land Ho!" and neither vessel nor crew have been heard of since. The loss of her beloved husband caused her untimely grief. Her slender constitution gave way under it, rapid decline set in, and in one short year from the loss of her husband she followed him to the spirit world.—Communicated by Rev. A. W. Bass.

SAMUEL H. TRASK,

Died, at Ohio, Yarmouth, Jan. 18, 1861, Samuel H. Trask, son of Elias and Mahitable Trask, in the 28th year of his age.

Our departed young brother was a deaf Mute, yet he was a very interesting young man. About 8 years ago during a revival of religion, in this place, he came forward and expressed a desire to be baptized. The reasons which he gave of hope were satisfactory to the church, and he was baptized by the Rev. James Ried, since which time he has walked very consistently.

With great patience and resignation he bore a severe illness of more than three years, and as his end approached he appeared very calm and happy. When asked by his pastor, a few days before his death, how he did, he replied, no better, and then added with an expression of joy that he was soon going up where all good people were.

At the time of his death he bade all his friends an affectionate farewell, and then quietly passed, as we hope, to the mansions of the blessed.—Communicated by Rev. Jos. H. Saunders.

CHARLES LENT,

Second son of James and Sarah Lent, of Long Island, was lost overboard on the 20th of December on his way to St. John, he was helping to work a vessel owned by his father. They left Westport on the morning of the 20th for St. John, they got about half way across the Bay when the wind came ahead and blew a gale. Charles with another young man were called to reef the mainsail, when he fell from the quarter. He came up and a rope was thrown out, he caught it but the vessel was in so much motion with the heavy sea that all efforts to save him failed. He sunk to rise no more. Our brother was in his 21st year of his age. Charles when very young professed religion, and was a member of the church of Long Island and also a member of the order of the Sons of Temperance. He was loved and esteemed, and is deeply lamented in the country at large. The body has not been found, but we know that it shall come forth at God's bidding when "the sea shall give up its dead." On the 30th of December the Division walked to and from the house in procession, a large assembly was present, and a sermon delivered on the occasion by the writer from Psalms xxxix. 4.—Com. by Rev. H. Achills.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Hantsport Revival.

DEAR BROTHER,—

Intimations have been given respecting the work of Grace which has had such an extensive and salutary influence at Hantsport and the surrounding localities. Last Lord's day I baptized eleven professed believers in the Lord Jesus Christ whose ages varied from nine to forty-five years. It was an affecting sight to see so many youths in the morning of life giving their hearts to God. Upwards of sixty have been baptized, and still the work goes on. Husband and wives, and children are pressing into the Kingdom, one is compelled to adore the mighty power of that Holy Spirit who has effected such a change in the hearts of so many.

Two of Brother Rand's children have been baptized. Our young Brother Langille has been signalized by God in arousing the minds of the people. There are indications of good in Falmouth, and we are not without encouragement to hope that a time of refreshing will come from the presence of the Lord.

I remain yours in Christ Jesus,
W. H. HALL.

Falmouth, March 9th, 1861.

HANTSPOORT—*Dear Brother*,—The gracious work of the Lord, still continues at this place. I had the privilege of baptizing 22 persons to day, a good number of them heads of families. We had a baptism last Monday, and a large and attentive congregation assembled at the water side, and six candidates were baptised. About 90 have been received into the church since the work commenced. There seems to be no abatement of the interest. There was a baptism at Lockhartville last Lord's day, and a number of those baptized to day belong to that place. The work is extending powerfully there also.

There was a very large crowd at the water side to-day; the morning was fine and the utmost order and decorum prevailed. The Avon River formed our Baptistry. I feel much more reconciled to its turbid waters, since I learned from Mr. Poole's lecture, lately delivered in Halifax, that the waters of the River Jordan, in which "John" and "the disciples" of Jesus, dipped the men, women, and children, who flocked to them, confessing their sins, and which river Mr. Poole had lately visited, and also bathed in the Dead Sea; are also turbid and muddy. Some manifest advantages arise from this, and no detriment.

Yours truly,
S. T. RAND.

P. S.—The remains of Capt. Dorman, who with five others, lately perished in the wreck of the *Quickstep*, bound from New York, to St. John, N. B., were received here a week ago last Saturday, and interred in the following day. This deep affliction has spread mourning and sorrow through our village. But grace can sustain the afflicted, and turn the chastisement into a blessing.

S. T. RAND.

After the publication of our last issue, we were surprised to find that a letter from Mr. Langille had been crowded out. As we have accounts of a similar nature from the brethren Hall and Rand, we omit that portion of Mr. L's letter. The following interesting part will, however, be read with pleasure.

HANTSPOORT.—*Messrs. Editors*.—It is indeed a solemn time. While the Lord is calling sinners by Mercy's winning voice. He also calls by awful deeds of providence. While some are weeping over their lost state as sinners against God, quite a number are mourning the loss of dear and dear friends who have been suddenly called into eternity, in consequence of the late catastrophe in connection with Hantsport, viz., the loss of the *Quickstep*.

It was highly pleasing to us to hear, on the return of some of our captains from sea, of a revival of religion which took place in January last among the sailors at some port in the Island of Cuba. They rigged an awning when a large number met three times on Sabbath and twice during the week for prayer and exhortation. There was a general revival among professors, and about ten, as they say, were converted to God. The congregation must have been large, as there were about eighty vessels in port.

May the Lord still continue to pour out His Spirit.

Yours in Christ,

I. H. LANGILLE.

Hantsport, March 4, 1861.

GUYSBOROUGH AND CANSO.—*Dear Editor*,—The Lord is blessing his Zion here and, at Canso.

There the brethren have been holding prayer and conference meetings and sometimes attending a series of meetings held by the Wesleyan friends, and many have been converted. I was down 2 weeks ago and baptized one promising young man. Now a number are waiting till I go down again to follow their Redeemer in the ordinance of baptism. They have been holding meetings here every night for 3 weeks and God has truly visited us in mercy. I have never seen the church in a more healthy state than at the present time. They speak and pray with earnestness. Several have been truly converted. And many hardened sinners are now deeply anxious about their state. Last Sabbath I baptized four I hope the work has just begun. Dear brother pray for us.

I am nearly worn down with labor and unrest, having had sickness in my family. I wish I could procure help. Bro. Whidden of Antigonish would assist but he is unwell this winter.

We expect to get a minister for Canso soon.

Yours &c.

A. F. PORTER.

Guyssborough, March 15th, 1861.