

she devoted herself, with characteristic conscientiousness and energy, to the duties devolving upon her. In the autumn of 1859, and the spring of 1860, accompanied by her infant children, she cheerfully crossed and re-crossed the Atlantic, to England and back again, in obedience to domestic duties. In 1858 she followed her Lord through the baptismal stream, and became a member of the Baptist church at Charlottetown.

A few days before her removal, she gave birth to her third little one. For a time she seemed to be doing well. But unfavourable symptoms set in, and death stared her in the face. Yet she was free from fear. "She knew," she said, "in whom she had trusted, and therefore she was not afraid." She would repeat portions of hymns which she remembered as having been loved by her uncle, the excellent deacon T. DesBrisay, and seemed to relish them much on that account. Aware of her approaching end, she bade farewell, with Christian affection, to her domestics and those about her. Her children were brought to her. To her first-born she said, "Come, dear Kate! kiss your mother. I hope I am going to heaven." To her husband she said, "Weep not for me—Cleave to the Saviour, and grieve not on my account." She sent farewell messages to various friends. "Cleave to the Saviour!" was the burden of her exhortations. From time to time she seemed to be engaged in mental prayer, herself flying and cleaving to that Saviour to whom she would that others should cleave. Neither the presence of her children, nor of any others whom she loved, appeared to interrupt her composure. Grace reigned in her experience; and nature, in its fondest affections, was absorbed and subdued.

It was the privilege of the writer to witness her departure. She listened with fixed and pleased attention to some Psalms which were read for her, and joined with peculiar fervour in the prayers that were offered at her bedside. She rose on the wings of prayer towards the land of praise. Almost her last words were, "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord!" And so, trusting, obeying, bowing to the will of heaven, and with "a good hope through grace," she entered upon the "rest that remaineth for the people of God."

Charlotte Town, Feb., 1861.

MISS AMELIA BLAIR.

Died at Wallace on the 24th of December, 1860. She was the eldest daughter of Mr. Alexander Blair, of Onslow, and was born March 13th, 1823. Though the subject of early religious impressions she was not baptized until the 9th of April, 1843, when she united with the Baptist church at Onslow, of which she continued a consistent and worthy member until removed to the heavenly Paradise.

She was very solicitous for the conversion of souls to Christ, took a deep interest in all the labors of the church, and was always ready to sympathize with the poor and afflicted. She was subject to indisposition and suffered much at times for several years, but with calm resignation to the Divine will. The religion which she professed during life sustained her in the trying hour of death. After some six days of excruciating pain, she fell asleep in the arms of her Saviour without a groan or struggle, in full assurance of a glorious resurrection. Her mortal remains were interred at Onslow on the following Saturday, upon which occasion a discourse was delivered from John xiii. 7, by the writer to a large audience.—Communicated by Elder B. Scott.

JOHN HORTON.

Died at Guysborough on the 2nd inst., after a painful illness of 5 weeks which he bore with true christian fortitude Mr. John Horton, aged 61 years, long a consistent member of the Baptist church in this place. His moral and religious character was unblemished. His loss will be deeply felt. He did much for the cause of God. Though poor in this world he was rich in faith. His end was peace. He had not a doubt through all his illness. He has fallen asleep in Jesus. A widow and 2 children are left to mourn their irreparable loss. May the Lord sanctify this bereavement to them and the church which he has left to join the church triumphant.—Communicated by Rev. A. F. Porter.

For the Christian Messenger.

Donation Visits.

TO REV. A. P. PORTER.

Dear Brother.—Permit me through your valuable paper to express my gratitude to our numerous friends here for a valuable donation and pleasant visit made us, on the evening of New Year's day. After enjoying an excellent tea we were agreeably entertained with appropriate vocal and instrumental music—during the performance of which we were repeatedly disturbed, but not annoyed, by the hall doors suddenly flying open, and a heavy shower of dark specie raining down in copious showers making a great noise. This gave delightful employment to the juvenile visitors, who "searched diligently" with lighted candle until they found quite a sum. We have not yet been able to ascertain who were the mysterious donors. Then a purse and various valuable articles, amounting in all to about 60 dollars, were presented, with a suitable speech by Deacon H. R. Cunningham, to which a reply was made and then followed cheering addresses from Deacon C. Jost and Bro. W. M. Hutchinson.

Prayer being offered by Bro. Hutchinson the

company dispersed, evidently well satisfied with the enjoyments of the evening.

All realized the truth of the saying of the Lord Jesus.—"It is more blessed to give than to receive." This is but one of many expressions we have received from our friends since we came among them of their sincere regard for our welfare. Though this is the first donation visit ever made to a Pastor in this place, the friends have determined it shall not be the last. May the Lord reward them abundantly with the blessings of this life and a fulness of life eternal!

TO REV. W. BURTON.

Mr. Editor.—The Rev. William Burton having with his family moved to South Yarmouth, and accepted a call to the pastorate of the church the brethren and friends met at his house on Monday, January 28th, to pay him a Donation visit. Some friends from the 1st Yarmouth and Tuskent Lakes also met with us, ninety-four persons besides Mr. B.'s family, sat down to tea, after which the Rev. Mr. Boothby, being here on his agency for the American and Foreign Bible Society, was called to the chair. After a statement of the amount raised was made, the chairman gave an appropriate address, followed by the Revs. Angel, Stubbart and Saunders. Mr. Burton made an appropriate reply expressive of his deep feeling in consequence of a former acquaintance with the people. The company separated about 9 o'clock, realizing "how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," leaving with the family in useful articles for family use to the amount of £20 6s. 6d. and in cash £9 5s. 9d., in all £29 12s. 3d.

NATHANIEL HOLMES.

P. S.—We welcome the return of our beloved pastor, with his amiable partner in life. He has the prayers and sympathy of a large circle of friends in this part of the land. May his life be long spared to preach the glorious gospel of the blessed God.

N. H.

HOME MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

MONTHLY MEETING OF HOME MISSIONARY BOARD.

Members present at the last meeting, Feb. 4th.

Rev. W. H. Humphery, Brethren J. W. Nutting, S. Selden, D. McN. Parker, M. D., W. L. Evans, J. Whitman and R. N. Beckwith. Bro. J. W. Nutting in the chair.

Letters received during the month from Rev. Augustus Shields and Rev. I. J. Skinner.

Received by the Treasurer since last report.

From Hon. J. McCully - - - - \$20 00
Rev. David Freeman - - - - 1 00
"One who loves Jesus" - - - - 1 00

Granville St. Ch. Congregation 68 45

Amount of funds in the Treasury - \$90 00

Amounts due Missionaries for labour already performed about - \$540 00

R. N. BECKWITH,
Sec. H. M. Board.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

HANTSPORT.—Messrs. Editors.—The Lord appears to be pouring out His spirit abundantly upon this place. A few weeks since on coming from the institution at Horton I found the congregation scattered and the hearts of the people for the most part cold. Yet there was an indication of a revival, for there were a few of the large number which composes the church of God in this place who were anxious for the prosperity of Zion. These being for the most part females, met in private houses for prayer.

We commenced a series of meetings several weeks since. The first week was stormy and our congregation was small. Yet we were blessed and several professed to have experienced religion.

The next week our congregation was very large and God's spirit was among the people. We also appointed a social meeting for the afternoon, at which the Lord was present and sinners were converted.

The next Sabbath nine were baptized in the presence of a large assembly, I trust long to be remembered in this place.

Twenty-nine have been baptized and the work is still progressing. There appears to be scarcely a house in the village where God is not pouring out His spirit. There does not appear to be any undue excitement, yet there is great solemnity pervading the people. They appear to speak, pray and sing with power.

Our baptisms have been of the most affecting character. The large procession through the streets of the village to and from the water; the ships and wharfs and banks of the river thronged with anxious spectators as well as the crowded sanctuary present a heart-thrilling scene to one who loves Zion's prosperity.

A short time since we appointed a Young people's prayer-meeting on Saturday evening at the Hall, lately opened,—a part of which is occupied by Bro. Randall's School.

It was certainly an interesting sight, to see so

large an assembly of young people, many thirsting after the waters of life.

On several occasions I have been called upon to visit rooms where our sisters have gathered together a number of little children who were most deeply concerned about their salvation some of whom thought they had found peace in Jesus.

This has been a truly delightful season, a lovely oasis in life, though there is much weariness of the flesh in connection with my labors of visiting from house to house and trying to preach, yet it is sweet to fight with a well-grounded hope of the victory of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Brethren pray for us.

Yours truly in Christ,
J. H. LANGILLE.

Hantsport, Feb. 13th, 1861.

New Brunswick.

HOPEWELL.—Dear Editor.—I am aware that the children of God are always happy to hear of Zion's prosperity at home or abroad, therefore I have thought it would afford them pleasure to know that the Lord was graciously pleased to revive his work again in the church here. I have been holding meetings for the last 15 days (or rather evenings) at Hopewell Cape, and as I proceeded I found that our meetings became increasingly interesting, therefore I was encouraged to protract them onward up to the present time, and I am happy to inform my friends and the people of God in Nova Scotia, that our efforts above named have resulted in a precious work of grace. I have baptized for the last three Sabbaths, and it seems that the work is now only fairly commencing, others are now ready to follow in the Lord's commands and walk in the way of his footsteps. The work is free from excitement, those who have come forward, acting on the voluntary principle, without being called up to be prayed for—as is sometimes done on such occasions. My aim has been simply to preach the truth, doctrinally, practically and experimentally, and the Lord has applied it to the hearts of the people by His Spirit's power—and thus the work is advancing. Pray for us dear friends that the Lord may be graciously pleased to extend and continue this work until very many precious souls may be brought to bow to the glorious sceptre of Jesus.

Yours affectionately,

LEVI H. MARSHALL.

Hopewell Hill, Albert County,
February, 12th, N. B.

THE RELIGIOUS AWAKENING IN JAMAICA.

The following is from a letter from the Rev. W. Dendy.—"On Sunday our chapels at Salter's-hill and Maldon are crowded, and the class houses are full at the appointed times from prayer; our Sunday-schools are full of scholars, and really there is a great work in progress. I have two hundred and twenty-two more enquirers on the roll than at the commencement of the year, although upwards of fifty have been taken off for the fellowship of the Church, and are now members. I now find that the labours bestowed on the young in our day and Sunday-schools producing fruit. It is pleasant to find so large a portion among the awakened can read the Scriptures and religious tracts. They are thus in a position the better to understand the preaching of the Word, and to make the greater progress in religious knowledge. There was a large meeting held at the baptist chapel, Montego Bay not long since, when laymen and ministers addressed the thousands congregated. The streets round about the chapel were blocked up with people. Since that time all the places of worship have been open night and day, except the Episcopal church, and this at last opened. The 'barber's shop,' as it is called, where so much wickedness prevailed, it is become a house of prayer. The principal man has burnt his drum and two fiddles. Prayer-meetings are being held in almost every house alternately. A larger number of Bibles are being sold than for a long time previous. There is a general earnestness in religion. At my own stations in one week I have seen more tears shed on account of sin than during the many years I have been in Jamaica. Convictions are deep and numerous, and I pray to our heavenly Father that conversions may be equally so, and that we may have rising up in our churches persons of deep tone, who in their day and generation will be ornaments to their Christian profession.

The Rev. G. Millener writes:—"Never have I witnessed anything like what I have been privileged to witness during the last two weeks. I am almost worn out with my labours at Bethsalem and Wallingford. Nothing but prayer and hearing the Word will satisfy the people. I am engaged in two or more public services every day, with large and attentive congregations. The work assumes many of the characteristics of the Irish revival. There are similar physical prostrations, loud and piercing cries for mercy, confession of sin, and, as far as I can learn, a total abandonment of iniquity. An overseer, who sees nothing but superstition in the movement, frankly admitted that he had heard no swearing or bad language since the revival commenced on that

estate about six weeks ago. A beershop-keeper in the neighbourhood of Wallingford tells me he does not sell one fiftieth part of what he did before men began to pray, indeed, he could not prevail on any one to take it even for nothing, and the fiddler would not be prevailed on to play as formerly in the market on Saturdays. One man has burnt his drum and destroyed everything he brought for the 'John Canoeing' at Christmas time. Bibles and hymn-books are sought after, and there is a general desire to seek God in the ordinances of His house. All this, and much more, fully satisfies me that it is a genuine work of grace. I am out almost every day, indeed I sometimes do not return home for days only for a few hours, and then am sent for by a messenger again. I have had intimation that a large number of anxious ones are coming to me to-day from a distance. We have not now quite so much excitement as at first, but I have reasons to hope that the good work is still progressing in our midst.

IRELAND.—During the past two years more persons have been baptised in Ireland on a profession of their faith than were during the preceding twenty years, the attention of Christians in every part of the country having been directed to the examination of the subject and in several towns where two years ago there was not a single Baptist there is now a flourishing church. Portadown was about the last place where a Baptist church might have been expected to be formed, and yet within the past three months in the midst of reproach and opposition, a church has been formed, which has now fifteen members, and there is every prospect under God's blessing of continued increase and prosperity. The Town-hall, which is a noble building, has been rented by them for twelve months on the Sabbath, for which period the pastoral care of the church has been undertaken by Mr. Charles Morgan.

SPAIN.—On religious persecution in Spain, it will be remembered that Lord John Russell gave an interview, on the 5th of December, to a deputation, and that after warmly adopting the object of the deputation, his lordship drew a line of distinction between the countries ripe for religious freedom and countries unripe, and intimated an apprehension that the people of Spain might be so unfortunately unanimous in their opposition to the principles of the Reformation as to render it undesirable for the Foreign Minister of England, even in the way of friendly advice, to bring the case of Matamoros and his fellow-sufferers before the Spanish Government. The Evangelical Alliance has since made it its business to obtain information on this question; and it has arrived at the conclusion not only that a feeling in favour of religious liberty is not wanting in Spain, but that it exists there very extensively.

FRANCE.—The Paris correspondent of The Daily News furnishes the following account of an intolerant proceeding in the capital of France. "I am sorry to have to mention a case of intolerance which has just occurred here, and which, although in Spain it would have been quite natural, seems incredible in Paris. About a fortnight since an Englishman in humble life, named Guest, being dangerously ill in the Beaujon Hospital, sent for the Rev. Mr. Forbes, of the D'Aguesseau Chapel, of whose congregation he was a member, to administer religious consolation to him. Mr. Forbes was admitted to the hospital, but on the condition that he was neither to pray with the man nor give him the sacrament. At the express desire of the dying man he subsequently applied to the managers of the hospital for leave to perform religious offices at his bedside, and the request was refused. On Tuesday week Guest died without having received the sacrament, which he wished for. My informant, in answer to my special questioning, assures me that Guest was not only a Protestant, but had always been one—that he was no convert. Mr. Forbes has complained to Lord Cowley on the subject, and the matter must necessarily be investigated. I feel sure that the present Minister of Public Worship will repudiate the practice of the Beaujon Hospital, which is as much at variance with that of the generality of French hospitals as it is with the fundamental laws of France."

Provincial Parliament.

The speeches of the Hon. Mr. Johnson, Dr. Tupper and Hon. Mr. Howe on Saturday the 9th., previous to the division on the address were so lengthy that it is impossible for us to give even an outline of them, in our Parliamentary summary. They embrace a review of all the subjects which divide the two parties in the House and country.

A list of the PETITIONS forwarded to the Financial Secretary's office up to the 8th inst. is published. They include applications for mail routes, increase of salary to post office officials; returns of duties; for aid to light-houses, breakwaters, wharves and ferries; for road damages, Agriculture, Indians, Schools, transient poor, roads and bridges; from medical men, the Deaf and dumb Asylum &c. &c. It is proposed to continue the publication of these weekly.

MONDAY, Feb. 11, 1861.

The House assembled at 12 o'clock and proceeded to Government House with the Address. The remainder of the day was occupied in reading Correspondence on Constitutional Questions.

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