

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

New Meeting House on Long Island.

The New Meeting House on Long Island was opened for Divine Worship on the 30th of Jan., 1861. We were much disappointed by the non-attendance of some ministering brethren who were expected.

At the time of the opening of the Meeting House and since, the meetings have been very interesting and we look for better days. Some backsliders have returned to God and to the church.

If you will give this a place in your valuable paper you will much oblige your brother in Christ.

H. ACHILLES.

For the Christian Messenger.

Manning Fund.

MR. EDITOR,—

I resume the list of cash donations to the Edward Manning Professorship in Acadia College made to the Agent since Jan. 6th, 1861. There are doubtless other monies by this time paid to the various local agents for the same object, which will appear in due order.

CAPE BRETON, MIRA.

Table listing donations from Cape Breton, Mira, including Dea. Arnold Holmes, Mrs. Arnold Holmes, Annie Holmes, Stetson Holmes, Sophia Holmes, Susan M. Holmes, Galen Holmes, Samuel A. Holmes, Joseph Holmes, Lavinia Holmes, Mrs. Joseph Holmes, Timothy P. Holmes, Charles W. Holmes, A Yankee, Cow Bay, Mira, David Spenser, Jane Martell, Round Island, James Spenser, Mira Strait, Philip Spenser, Dea. Charles Martell, John Huntington, Esq., Grand Mira, William Huntington, Mary Ann Huntington, Lucinda Huntington, Henrietta Huntington, Levina Huntington, Elizabeth Huntington, Herbert Huntington, Susan Huntington, Henry Huntington, Alfred Huntington, Donald McDonald, William Severance, Grand Mira.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Table listing donations from Nova Scotia, including Charles Myers, Esq., Manchester, Mrs. Lydia Simpson, Jane Horton, Spinney Whitman, Esq., Mrs. Spinney Whitman, Miss Sarah H. Whitman, Mrs. John Ehler, Crow Harbor, Rev. A. F. Porter, Guysborough, Mrs. A. F. Porter, Milton E. Porter, John McMillan, Esq., Isaac's Harbor, Mrs. John McMillan, Elizabeth McMillan, Allen McMillan, Stephen McMillan, Carson Layton, Upper Stewiacke, Mrs. Rhoda Williams, Forest Glen.

\*Bro. Myers also presented a valuable work to the College library. It is the second volume of Gourlay's Statistical Account of Upper Canada, with a few engravings of Niagara Falls on the title page. But its chief excellency is that it contains the "Constitution of Upper Canada, introduced, debated, and settled, in the British House of Commons, in 1791." Here we have the speeches of Pitt, Fox, Burke, Sheridan and others, England's greatest statesmen and orators on a most important subject.

vinces is contemplated. I would just add, that any good books which the friends can spare will be thankfully received by the Librarian of the College.

Yours, &c., D. FREEMAN.

Wolfville, Feb. 23, 1861.

[Brother Freeman will perceive that we have omitted some names with sums of one, two and three cents. Our space is valuable, and we would suggest that in future all sums under one dollar, or at least half a dollar, be published in one gross amount.—Ed. C. M.]

For the Christian Messenger.

"Our Foreign Missionary Board."

MESSRS. EDITOR,

In answer to the inquiries of "Inquisitio," I will give a brief explanation.

At the last meeting of Convention it was "Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to correspond with such young men in the Province as would be likely to devote themselves to the work of Foreign Mission, with a view to the establishing of an independent Mission."

In pursuance of this Resolution correspondence has been held with two young brethren. It is still open. I had mailed a letter of enquiry just before the communication of "Inquisitio" came to hand.

It was never intimated to me, till I saw it announced by your anonymous correspondent, that "Brother Charles Corey" had any thoughts of devoting himself to a Foreign Mission. An authentic communication has subsequently brought this to my notice, and it is now receiving attention in the way of enquiry.

I think it can scarcely be said with propriety, that we are "without a Foreign Mission," while we have five or six faithful and zealous native preachers in Burmah, supported by us, and labouring in our service. It will, however, be highly pleasing to me to have what may be called an "independent Mission," with these preachers under the supervision of a Missionary sent and sustained by us.

But it ought to be understood by all, and duly considered, that our funds are hardly adequate to the maintenance of those now in the field. It is hoped, indeed, that the prospect of sending forth a Missionary from these Provinces, will awaken fresh zeal, and produce increased liberality. But it is apparent that the Board can enter into no definite engagement with any man till they are placed in circumstances that will warrant it.

Yours, as ever,

CHARLES TUPPER, Secy.

Aylesford, March 4th, 1861.

P. S.—It affords me much pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of the following sums for the support of native preachers in Burmah:—

Table listing donations for native preachers in Burmah: From the Central Argyle Juvenile Missionary Society, per Rev. A. Martell, £2 10 0; From a Friend in Newport, 1 12 6.

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For the Christian Messenger.

Donation Visits.

TO REV. ROBERT S. MORTON.

DEAR BROTHER,—

I wish to acknowledge through the Christian Messenger a Donation visit, made me by a large number of warm hearted friends, from various parts of Cornwallis and Aylesford, amounting to £31 2s. 6d., of which sum, £13 17s. 6d. was in cash. The occasion was one of great pleasure and profit not only to me and my family but to all present. We were favoured with appropriate speeches by the Revs. William Chipman, James Parker, W. G. Parker, James L. Read, and John Goncher and Dr. Masters, we had also some good singing. At the close the chairman Mr. Beniah Morse, called upon Rev. J. L. Read to conclude the exercises by prayer. May the Lord bless the donors in this life and may we meet them all in Heaven in the prayer of

ROBERT S. MORTON.

Berwick, Feb. 21st., 1861.

TO REV. A. COGSWELL.

Dear Editor,

Allow me through the columns of your valuable paper, to acknowledge the receipt of a Donation paid to myself and family, by the members of my Church and Congregation, who met at my house on the 16th of January; and after partaking of a bountiful tea prepared by the ladies,—presented me with a liberal Donation

amounting to 208 dollars in cash, and valuable articles.

Excellent speeches were delivered by Rev. J. A. Moore and Rev. M. Godfrey, (Episcopal Church) likewise by several of the lay brethren.

Yours, &c., A. COGSWELL.

Clements, February 18th, 1861.

TO THE REV. P. F. MURRAY.

A number of our friends met with us on Tuesday, 10th inst., and after spending a very pleasant season together left us a token of their kindness £8 in cash and £8 in useful articles, for which they have our warmest thanks for this their timely aid.

P. F. MURRAY.

Port Williams, February 26th, 1861.

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notices.

BEREAVEMENTS BY DIPHTHERIA.

Among many who have suffered bereavement by this deadly disease, brother Reis and sister Mary Stronach, of Upper Wilmot, have been called to drink deeply of the bitter cup.

On the 4th day of December, 1850, a grand daughter of theirs, Almira A. only surviving child of James Kennedy—her mother, Louisa, having been removed in August last—died at their house, aged 5 years and 8 months. Young as she was, she seemed to have a knowledge that she would soon die; and expressed a desire to go to God, where her dear mother was.

On the 11th of the same month their fifth daughter, HELEN LALEA, died at the aged of 15 years and 11 months. She had professed religion in the spring of the year, 1859. Her amiable disposition won for her the sincere attachment of many friends. She evinced true piety. When first attacked with the direful malady, she expressed a willingness to live or die, as God saw fit. Her sufferings, of four days continuance, were endured with much patience. When death drew very near, she kissed her parents, and her brothers and sisters that were present and urged them to prepare to meet her in heaven. When they spoke of her sufferings, she replied—

"Jesus can make a dying bed  
Feel soft as downy pillows are,  
While on his breast I lean my head,  
And breathe my life out sweetly there."

Fixing her eyes upward, and praying with her latest breath, "Lord Jesus receive my spirit," she passed away.

On the 17th day of Jan. 1861, Enoch Spurgeon, a beloved son of theirs, died at the age of five years and 3 months. The 22nd day of the same month their lovely daughter, Emma Jane was called from them, at the age of 7 years, 10 months, and 18 days. She was of a kind disposition, and was known to pray often, and to read the Bible much.

Our beloved brother and sister have, therefore, joy mingled with their grief.

Mr. JOHN ROBINSON, of Kingston, Aylesford, has likewise endured painful bereavements from this fatal disease, in the removal of three lovely children—giving cheering indications of grace, and his beloved wife, who were called away as follows:—

Hannah Adelia died on her birth day, Aug. 7th, 1860, aged 11 years. Eliza Lilla, on the 31st day of the same month, aged 6 years and 6 months, and John Edward, Sept. 19th, at the age of 13 years.

Mrs. RUBY SOPHIA ROBINSON died Feb. 12th, 1861, aged 35 years, leaving 5 children.

Mrs. R. was very deeply affected by the loss of her eldest son some years ago. The heavy affliction appears to have been sanctified to her spiritual benefit.—She was led to look to Christ for comfort, and to put her trust in Him. Though decidedly pious, ardently attached to the people of God, and desirous to unite with the Baptist Church, yet timidity deterred her till the spring of the year 1859, when she was baptized by the writer.

Our esteemed sister Robinson was called to wade through deep waters. Being a fond mother and an affectionate wife, and seeing her dear children in rapid succession removed by this fearful scourge, and her beloved husband attacked with it, her grief was almost insupportable. In the midst of these calamities, early in September, she was herself brought low with the same disease. When the cheering consolations of hope were thus peculiarly needed, she was, at times, almost overwhelmed, with fear in reference to her acceptance with God. At seasons, however, she was graciously raised above all trials.

Though she partially recovered, yet the disease assumed a consumptive type. As death approached, her fears subsided; and she was blessed with cheerful submission, and joyful hope, which continued to the close of life.

May these bereavements work for the everlasting good of the afflicted mourners! May they tend to impress the minds of the community with an abiding conviction of the uncertainty of life, and the vast importance of a preparation for eternity!—Communicated by Rev. C. Tupper.

DEA. TIMOTHY RICE,

Died near Bridgetown, Jan. 21st, 1861, Deacon Timothy Rice, in the 50th year of his age.

Bro. Rice, in early life made a public profession of religion, and it was his aim so to walk as to adorn that profession. He had clear and discriminating views of the great and distinguishing

doctrines of the Gospel and took great delight in hearing them preached, and in conversing on them. He was decided and earnest in maintaining the order and ordinances of the Kingdom of Christ, as taught in the Gospel. He was a man of good judgment and capable of counselling and encouraging his brethren when in difficulty. For nearly two years past his physical strength was evidently failing, but his faith, hope and love faltered not—but grew stronger. While able to attend public worship, his place was seldom or never vacant. The sanctuary to him was the house of God and the gate of Heaven. He was always willing to take part in the worship of God, and his prayers and exhortations tended much to edify, to quicken and encourage. He deserved and enjoyed the confidence and regard of his brethren. His death is a loss to the church. During his protracted illness he exhibited much submission to the will of his Heavenly Father. He was anxious to live for the sake of his family, but when he saw it was the Lord's will to remove him from this world, he very cheerfully acquiesced. As the hour of his departure drew near he had indeed no extasies,—but he had no doubts, no fears or misgivings. In no common degree he professed a calm, unwavering and comforting reliance on the person and finished work of Christ for acceptance with God and for eternal life. He testified very earnestly and clearly from his own experience to the preciousness of his Saviour, and the unspeakable worth and blessedness of salvation by grace—free and sovereign grace. He feared no evil in the dark valley of death—the Lord was with him and gave as we believe, the victory.

Our beloved sister Rice and her family have lost a very kind husband and father—may the Lord sustain the widow, and to her fatherless children be a Father indeed.

Brother Rice's near connexions have lost a faithful friend,—the church and minister, a supporter, guide and counsellor—a man of prayer and grace, and the community, a good neighbour, and a useful man.

May they all profit by his death, and the mourners be sustained, purified and comforted in their affliction.

A funeral sermon was preached by the pastor from John xvii. 24.—Communicated by Rev. Geo. Armstrong.

MISS RACHEL COGSWELL,

Daughter of Oliver H. and Rebecca Cogswell, of Morristown, Upper Aylesford, died of Diphtheria on the 13th inst., at the age of 24 years, leaving a large family and circle of relatives and acquaintance to mourn their loss, but they mourn not as those without hope.

She professed faith in Christ two years ago, during the great revival in this place, and was baptized and united with the church of which she continued a worthy and beloved member until God called her away by death.

Sister C. was a great sufferer. When she became convinced that her Divine Master had called for her, she was resigned to His will, and had strong consolations in her Redeemer. She felt His grace was all sufficient to destroy the sting of death.

Before her departure she expressed her feelings in prayers and sayings that produced great effect on those who heard them. Her mind was drawn out for the salvation of sinners—and especially for the young, that they might be prepared to meet her in glory.

This sudden death has produced great solemnity in the community as she was dearly beloved by all, and especially in the Church and family.

The occasion was improved by the writer from John xiv. 5, before a large and solemn audience.—Communicated by Rev. James L. Read.

MALCOM MCLEOD.

The subject of this notice was born in Rasy, one of the "Western Islands" of Scotland in 1771, and died in Margaree, Cape Breton, Feb. 13th, 1861, and consequently lived to the advanced age of 89 years. In 1832, he with his family emigrated to this country and had to meet the difficulties of the wilderness and of those times when religious advantages were very few. About 4 years after this he became very deeply concerned for the salvation of his soul, but light broke in on his dark mind and he soon found peace in believing in a precious Saviour. After he professed faith in Christ, he was not ashamed of Jesus or His glorious cause; but would lift up his powerful voice and urge all to flee from the "wrath to come."

He had a very tender conscience and honesty weighed every matter connected with religion. The subject of Baptism rested with great weight upon his mind for some time. After a due deliberation he was convinced that believer's baptism was the only one sanctioned by the Bible. The word of God fastened conviction upon his strong and independent mind, and he at once threw off the shackles of human opinion, and arose and was baptized in 1855 by Elder Richardson. Since that time till his death, he was deeply interested in the welfare of the little church here in Margaree, rejoicing in its prosperity and mourning when adversity came upon it.

He was eminently a man of prayer. Whenever he heard of any difficulty among the brethren he would go to some retired place and there pour out his soul to God for the parties. He was a peace-maker in the settlement and greatly beloved by all who knew his worth. By his removal from us we suffer a great loss which is his gain. About an hour before his departure to the church triumphant, he called his family together and had his last prayer with them commending his dear wife and all to the care of their Heavenly Father. Then in full assurance of the presence and care of the good Shepherd