

them would file their papers for this purpose, and at the end of the volumes would have them bound up. Thus from year to year they would be adding to their libraries a fund of varied, useful reading, possessing in the future quite as much, if not more of value than during the time of their publication. A few years only and these bound volumes would, by their re-perusal, awaken a deep interest in our minds as valuable mementoes of the past.

Who of us, who in the good Providence of God may live ten, fifteen or twenty years longer, with the aid of such books to refresh our memories, but would attach a value to them far beyond what they may cost us from year to year? The reminiscences of life, especially in all that holds a relation to such great matters as belong to denominational interests with which we have been identified in any practical form, must always possess value, not alone to ourselves, but in the future, to our children, and to our children's children. Could I secure them, I would give more to have the different religious papers with which I have been acquainted during the last twenty-five years, bound up in separate volumes than for the same amount of any other kind of reading. They would make up such a compendium of great events, of local incidents, of biography, of science, of history, of geography, &c., as could be found in no other books.

But when I took my pen, it was only with a view to the words of approval and interest first written, and not to make suggestions with reference to the propriety of having bound volumes of our papers from year to year. These last thoughts seemed to fall in my way as a matter of course.

Wishing you, Mr. Editor long continued success and usefulness in the publication of the Christian Messenger.

I remain truly yours,
A BAPTIST PREACHER.

For the Christian Messenger.

Historical Mementoes.

DEAR BROTHER

I had lately a visit from the son of an Indian Missionary, who spent a week with me, exploring Indian history, and Indian languages. He visited these Provinces on a historical exploration; searching for memorials of the past. He came well recommended and furnished with credentials. He visited, before he left Hantsport, the scene of the Acadian Expulsion, with Longfellow's "Evangeline" in his hand, and compared notes. He pulled off from an old barn still standing on the Grand Pré, a piece of board, riddled with bullet holes, a memorial of a skirmish with the French.

The following graphic letter, received from my young friend since his departure from Nova Scotia, is too interesting, and refers to matters too important, to be withheld from the public.— Though strictly a private letter, he will, I feel assured, excuse the liberty I take with it in sending it to the press.

I will just state that the readers of the touching story of "Evangeline," will be pleased to learn, that it is not all fiction. The Hon. Mr. Comeau, of Clare, assures me that such a tradition, is actually in existence, among the Acadian French in these Provinces.

Yours truly,
S. T. RAND.

Halifax, Feb. 23d, 1861.

St. John, Feb. 5, 1861.

Rev. S. T. Rand.

DEAR SIR,—I take my pen to write you a hurried note when just on the point of starting for Fredericton. I have spent the time since I left Hantsport mostly in Nova Scotia, having been as far as Shelburne, stopping several days at a time at Digby, Yarmouth and the French settlements. I examined the papers of the Abbé Sigoyne at Clare, they being in custody of the priest, Rev. Mr. Roles.

I visited the Indians at Bear River, Annapolis and one or two families near Yarmouth. At Shelburne I obtained important documents respecting the early Loyalist settlers.

At Yarmouth I obtained the papers (voluntarily) of Col. Moody one of the famous partisans of the Revolution, from his grandson, E. W. B. Moody, and at Digby I obtained some very important papers left by the late Col. Manning, which throw much light upon the Revolution in South and North Carolina. I have been busied here at St. John several days in studying the documents I have discovered in reference to the early history of New Brunswick, and have also found time to read a dozen books or so concerning the Indian tribes of Mexico, Central America and South America. From my researches I have come to the conclusion that the Aztecs and Peruvians were very much like the Iroquois and other Indian confederacies and that the stories we read of their fighting by hundreds of thousands in the open field is all humbug, as also the accounts of their human sacrifices and

their magnificent architecture. I have also been reading carefully the old French histories of Acadia, and have conferred at large with Mr. Perley respecting the Indians of the province.

I have broached to several members of Legislature and other prominent men, the propriety of having a new History of New Brunswick written; which should bring down its information to the present day, and embrace reliable information respecting the early French settlements, the condition of the Indians and biographical sketches of the prominent Loyalist settlers. The plan has been received with great favor. I am going to Fredericton to bring it before the Assembly and obtain if possible pecuniary assistance from it, after which I shall start for Boston in about one week—stopping several days to visit the Penobscot Indians.

I am particularly anxious to have, when I return to Boston a leaf or two of the Indian prayer book (without interlineation) and have some curious coincidences to trace between it and the semi-fabulous "Mexican picture writing." I shall therefore be very much obliged if you will as soon as convenient enclose me one of these leaves and address it to me at Boston so that I can find it there on my return, if you have not already done so. I shall wait with interest the communication of any facts you may have discovered respecting the Mic-mac affinities since I left you, and also your Lecture on the Mic-mac Language, which I have seen noticed in the Halifax papers.

I shall communicate to you when at Boston the circumstances of my visit to the Penobscots.

With much respect I remain,
Yours truly,
PORTER C. BLISS.

For the Christian Messenger.

Manning Fund.

MR. EDITOR,—

Permit me to resume the list of payments to the Edward Manning professorship at Acadia College. It will be observed that donations for current expenses will not be included in this list which contains only those sums paid for endowment.

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As this is sufficiently long I will resume the list in another letter. I will report the statement before made that two scholarships are being negotiated, one of which is in the form of property in the City of Halifax, and may amount to considerably more than a scholarship. It is to be hoped that more donations of property are not very distant in the future. Legacies bequeathed at the decease of the proprietor would be of great service to the College, and could be of no service to the departed, unless indeed there should be some connection between doing good on earth, and the happiness of saints in glory.

Yours, &c.,
D. FREEMAN.

Wolfville, Feb. 22, 1861.

For the Christian Messenger.

Donation Visits.

AT SALEM COTTAGE.

DEAR BROTHER,—

Will you allow me a short space in the Christian Messenger that I may acknowledge, a most interesting Donation visit, and express to those who so cheerfully attended, the grateful emotion of myself and family.

The evening of the 23rd ult., the weather being all that could be desired, found Salem Cottage the scene of friendly and joyful greeting. Happy faces and warm hearts gathered for their annual expression of christian attachment to their pastor and his family.

The house was filled to its utmost capacity, mostly all the families of the Church and congregation being well represented. Also the Rev. Mr. Murray, Rev. Mr. McKay and several members of the Presbyterian Church were present. Rev. Mr. Higgins and several students from Horton also favoured us with their attendance.

After the usual initiatory, both abundant and excellent, as all who know the ladies of Cornwallis can easily imagine, we were favored with excellent and appropriate speeches from the Revs. Messrs. McKay, Higgins and Murray, also a well timed and well delivered recitation from Mr. Archibald of the Institution in Horton.

Deacon Thomas Rand, then presented the Donation, amounting, with a small addition since, to over £60, more than half of which was in money. The remainder in articles all valuable and useful.

I could but briefly and very imperfectly acknowledge this token of affection and assure all present of my most heartfelt appreciation of this act, so full of love and good will. I trust such tokens of attachment will unite both pastor and people, and afford mutual encouragement to united labor for the glory of our common Lord.

A. S. HUNT.

Cornwallis, Feb. 22, 1860.

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notices.

EDITH ALIDA HUNTINGTON, &C.

In pleasant Valley, Cornwallis, of Diphtheria. February 19th, Edith Alida aged four years and four months, youngest daughter of Ebenezer Huntington, Junr. and Jemima his wife after an illness of only about forty eight hours, during which time she suffered exceedingly. She was naturally a very amiable and interesting child. The family deeply feel their sad bereavement, two of the children have suffered from the disease but mercifully are now convalescent. May the Lord be pleased to sanctify this bereavement to all the survivors.

This fearful disease is still progressing, death by it is of frequent occurrence. Mr. Elijah Palmer, last week buried a son nine years old who died of this disease. Mr. Oliver H. Cogswell, Upper Aylesford, also buried a daughter probably twenty years old—about the same time. During her illness of about one week her sufferings were extreme, but divine grace sustained her and she died in the triumphs of faith. This afforded a sweet balm to the surviving friends.— Communicated by Rev. W. Chipman.

Since I came here several deaths have taken place. Two of the most aged members of this Church (South Yarmouth) viz.:—Brother HEMMON, aged about 87, and DEACON CHURCHILL, aged 71, and several other persons aged and young have been called to the spirit world; likewise in November last, a Capt. G. ALLEN, died of fever on a voyage from the West Indies, leaving a surviving wife and one child to mourn their sad loss. Also a young man, a son of Capt. Edward Purdy of this place, was thrown from the vessel a fortnight ago, and perished. Thus death is doing in this community his sad work. May the living lay it to heart and prepare to meet God.

Mrs. ANNIS Jane, wife of Mr. Nathan HUESTIS of Yarmouth, died on 5th of Feb. inst. in the 45th year of her age, leaving a husband and large family to mourn their loss. She was baptized by myself many years ago, and through many years of great prostration and loss of health she yet was preserved in faith and full vigour of spiritual health, until the 2nd inst., and died in peace and joy in hope of eternal life. Brother Angell of whose Church she was a member, preached an interesting sermon in the South Yarmouth Church in reference to her life and death on the day of her funeral.—"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Yours, &c., W. BURTON.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX.—Several additions have been recently made to the membership of the North Baptist Church. Baptismal services were held on the Lord's Days, the 10th and 17th ult.

Two persons were baptized at Granville Street Church on last Lord's day.

SOUTH YARMOUTH.—Extract of a letter from Rev. W. Burton:—"I cannot say much of an encouraging nature about the state of religion in this church. It is in a low state from causes I need not name, I am not however without hope that it will yet revive and though elements of a discouraging nature exist, yet there are some indications of encouragement. I baptised one at Tusket Lakes not long since. Pray for us."

NEWPORT.—The Lord seems still to be carrying on his work of Grace in the hearts of the people in this place, and some are still freely giving themselves to God, and humbly trusting on his word; doubting not but that he will fulfill all his promises.

There were three baptized last Sabbath, and more are earnestly asking the solemn question, What must I do to be saved?

The young people's prayer meeting is held at private houses on Saturday evenings, and is well attended both by the old and young. The aged are generally much affected, and with hearts of love and gratitude encourage them to be faithful, and not grow weary in well-doing; while the young with melting hearts invite sinners to flee for refuge to the outstretched arms of Jesus Christ, to trust in him as the only means of salvation.

Prayer meetings are held at stated periods through the week, and although the weather is sometimes unfavourable, they seem not to mind the cold, repeating to one another the words of the Poet:

Christians if your hearts are warm,
Snow and ice will do no harm.

AN OBSERVER.

Newport, Feb. 26th, 1861.

Provincial Parliament.

We have not given reports of the Legislative Council proceedings during the present Session. We believe but little has been done there yet. Reports from that branch of the Legislature would be but repetitions of a portion of the business done in the Assembly.

In the absence of other matters the official reporter is doing good service by making abstracts of the Reports presented to the Council, and publishing them as part of their regular proceedings. As these are not given in the House of Assembly reports they supply to the public valuable information, which would not otherwise be available. We give below some items of information from these abstracts.

PICKLED FISH.—The exports of Pickled Fish from the Province, during the last year, were as follows:—
Salmon.—No. 1, 2,337 1/2. No. 2, 624 1/2. No. 3, 381 1/2 barrels.

Mackerel.—No. 1, 2,759. No. 2, 3,513 1/2. No. 3, 31,889 1/2. Small, 5,375 barrels.

Herring.—No. 1, 79,155 1/2. No. 2, 2,431 barrels.

Alewives.—No. 1, 4,384 1/2. No. 2, 14 barrels. The total quantity during 1860 appears to have been 132,933 barrels.

The reporter adds,—From the speech of the hon. Pro. Sec'y in the House of Assembly, it would seem that the export of pickled fish is largely under-stated, the returns of the Inspectors being very inaccurate.

BOARD OF WORKS.—Province Building.—It appears that \$2,714.64 (which includes a balance from 1859 of \$459.48) has been expended in the erection of a few brick supports or walls on the northern basement, and other repairs to the building.

Government House.—The sum expended on Government House during the past year amounts to \$11,736.01, which includes a balance from 1859 of \$1411 44.

Penitentiary.—The average number of convicts in this establishment during the past year was 24. The number admitted during that period was 20, 18 males and 2 females. There have been discharged during the same period 15, 14 males and 1 female. No desertion occurred during 1860. The expenditure of the institution for the past year amounted to \$6,521 08, which includes a balance from 1859 of \$793 53, from which is to be deducted \$79 54, being amount received from sales of bones, &c.

Sable Island.—The "Argo" of Bath, a brigantine in ballast was wrecked on this Island during the past year. The crew and materials were saved. The disbursements on account of the humane establishment on the Island amounted, during 1860, to \$3,717 25.

INSPECTOR OF MINES' REPORT.—The sales from the works of the General Mining Association, during the past year, have exceeded those of 1859 by over 46,000 tons of large coal, and the sales of common coal from mines on Provin-