

disappointment in our work. If there be de- clension in our piety, we shall see it surely in the moral character of the people of our charge. If our hearts are warmed, our church soon feels it, and their hearts become warm too. Do we, as we preach, seek the heavenly influence, to bedew our own souls, and the souls of our hearers, that the seed which we sow, may bear fruit. Do we pray for our people with special prayer, commending them, by name, to our God? It is only by imbuing our minds with the spirit of prayer, preparatory to our labors in the pulpit, that we can rightly enter into our subject, or hope to make that subject enter the hearts of our people. From having converse with God in secret, we shall go to the assemblies of his saints, and diffuse his glory around. The special effusion of the Holy Spirit upon his ministers, is the precursor of a revival of religion in the Church.

Dear brethren suffer the word of exhortation from one, who while assigning the decency of piety in the ministry, as a reason, for the lack of revivals in the Church, does not fix upon the ministry of his brethren, but his own, as exempting, in too great a degree the evils he deplors. I may have a word for church members in my next letter.

Affectionately yours, CHEBUCTO.

For the Christian Messenger.

Horton Academy Female Department.

MR. EDITOR,—

I was pleased to notice in your last number an explanation in reference to the Female Department of Horton Academy. It may not be amiss to add a few particulars concerning the present condition of the school.

The opening of the Academy to female pupils is not a new scheme. But the want of a home for young ladies coming from abroad, seemed hitherto to render it impracticable. This obstacle is remedied. The building, now occupied by the young ladies, could not be better adapted to the purpose. The Committee, in furnishing it, have been generously assisted by the kind friends of the Village, very many of whom have given tangible proofs of their deep interest and sympathy in the enterprise and their confidence in its success. As one of their very many benevolent acts, may be mentioned, the surprise gift of a valuable sofa, sent in by a few friends."

The family, at present, numbers twenty. No matron or servants are employed. Domestic work, participated in by teachers and pupils, is a healthy and pleasing recreation, and proves in this case at least, to be no drawback to health, happiness and mental improvement. The entire household arrangements being considered, by all engaged in them, as preferable to the common boarding school regimen.

The Seminary is also open to day pupils.—Young ladies from the Village attend, making the entire number of pupils thirty.

The friends of the institution aim to make it of such a character, in every respect, that it may merit the benevolent sympathies and liberal patronage of every friend of science and religion. They would have it a Mt. Holyoke Seminary indeed, founded and supported, not by the few, the great and the wealthy, but by the offerings and prayers of those who may be rich only in faith and good works. Will not such remember the Female Department of Horton Academy?

Feb. 15th, 1861. ONE INTERESTED.

For the Christian Messenger.

The Hantsport Seminary.

MR. EDITORS.

An extract from a communication respecting the Hantsport Seminary lately appeared in the Messenger. It may be more satisfactory to some to see a statement with the writer's name appended.

The Seminary opened, as advertised, on the 15th ult. with an attendance of Sixty pupils. The number has since increased to Seventy-five. This may be considered encouraging as no agency has been employed except an advertisement in some of our Provincial Papers. Of the above number more than half are adults. This is to me, another gratifying circumstance, as it was with reference to such a class mainly that I engaged in the enterprise. The greater portion belong to Hantsport and the surrounding community, though we have a respectable representation from the neighbouring townships, Newport, Falmouth, Windsor, Horton, Cornwallis, &c.

The school consists chiefly of young ladies, although there is a class of about twenty of the

other sex. This feature of the Seminary was not in the original design, but was introduced in agreement with the urgent solicitations of numerous individuals friendly to the undertaking.

The staff of Teachers is as advertized in the Messenger and other papers. They were selected on account of their known competency and the favourable representation they enjoyed in connexion with their respective departments, as well as from their high moral and religious character. All are enthusiastic in the branches entrusted to their direction, and already enjoy the unlimited confidence of those who have placed themselves under their instructions.

The object contemplated in the establishment of the Seminary was two-fold—first to impart a sound and practical knowledge of elementary branches, and secondly to provide efficiently for the higher and more ornamental departments of a liberal and polite education. These two objects are not lost sight of in the arrangements of the School, nor need it be feared that either will be pursued to the neglect of the other. Besides those who are studying the more elementary branches, we have classes in Latin, Greek, French, Geometry, Algebra, Elocution, History, Music, Drawing, &c.

I cannot close without adding that throughout my educational career, I have never had charge of a more interesting class of young persons than stately assemble, with so much interest, in the Hantsport Seminary. Studious, intelligent, orderly, and attached to their school, it is a real pleasure to meet them daily, and impart those instructions which they value so highly and are so manifestly anxious to profit by. I only hope that their anticipations and those of the patrons of the Seminary, will be fully realized, and that the friends of Education throughout the province may have cause to believe that this portion of the field is being cultivated with some degree of efficiency.

Your co-worker, C. D. RANDALL.

Hantsport, Feb. 12th, 1861.

For the Christian Messenger.

Correction.

MR. EDITOR,—

DEAR SIR,—I have observed a slight mistake in a recent article in your paper. The error, I am quite sure, was not intentional.

In the communication of Bro. D. Freeman, of Jan. 15th it was stated that the Church at North Sydney, C. B. had contributed nothing toward the support of our Denominational interests, during the past year. The contributions made, it is true, were not so liberal as they might, or should have been. But, five pounds were transmitted to Brother Rev. Charles Tupper, Treasurer, on behalf of the Foreign Missionary Board, with a request for him to notice its reception; five pounds paid to Bro. Hugh Ross, then in the employ of the H. M. Board, in behalf of the Board, and notice sent to Bro. McLearn to that effect; and four pounds transmitted to the Treasurer of the Ministerial Educational Society, making fourteen pounds in all.

There were also delegates appointed, and a letter mailed for the Eastern Association, but the distance being so great, none of the delegates were able to attend, and through the irregularity of the mails, I suppose, the letter, it would seem did not arrive, at least, in time to be noticed.

We regret that North Sydney Church should have been behind in anything, but in justice for what she has done, we have thought well to communicate.

Yours in Christian Fellowship, ONE OF THE MEMBERS, North Sydney, C. B., Feb. 18, 1861.

Extract of letter from Rev. E. N. Harris, —Yarmouth, Feb. 18, 1861:—"Having received several urgent invitations to labour in other fields, and having reserved a third of my time from the beloved people to whom I minister, at Hebron; I resolved on making a month's visit with the church at Bridgewater. Hence January up to the 28th, I passed with that rising interest. To me it was delightful, and to them, I trust not in vain in the Lord.

Your indefatigable correspondent Menno, I think, with others would be pleased to learn that the relict of Rev. James Manning is yet alive. She is residing in the family of her son Benj. Manning, Esq., at Bridgewater. She is blessed with good health, and is generally at the house of prayer, though eighty-six years of age. I have met with no one more deeply interested in Zion's prosperity. She delights in reminiscences, reads without spectacles, and is abundant in prayers for the kingdom of God to come. Not only are her son and wife members of the Baptist Church at Bridgewater, but so are the grand sons, and daughters of the late James, who went up to his Father, a few years ago in the triumph of holy faith. You can scarcely imagine how endeared this group of Mannings were to my heart; having been named for Edward, who was the first minis-

ter I remember ever to have heard, and my late father David Harris, having succeeded James in Lower Granville, when I was quite young. The God of their fathers bless them forever.

Our Conference, Saturday last was most deeply interesting, one young men was received for baptism.

Believe me dear brother very truly yours in the work of the Lord.

E. N. HARRIS."

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notices.

MRS. SUSAN A. TROOP,

Died in Granville, December 1st., 1860, Susan Amelia, the beloved wife of Mr. Wm. B. Troop, aged twenty-nine years. The deceased was the oldest daughter of Deacon James Messenger; had been married to the late Mr. Charles Morehouse,—a union, which in about two years, death terminated. In the early part of 1855, having been about two years a widow, she was married to Mr. Troop.

In 1854 Mrs. Troop was, on the profession of her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, baptized by the pastor of the Baptist Church at Bridgetown, and remained a member of that church, till called as we trust, to join the church triumphant. Our beloved sister loved the Gospel—its doctrines and ordinances as she had been taught them from the word of God, and though retiring and unobtrusive was very determined in upholding and carrying out what she deliberately and conscientiously believed to be the teaching and requirements of Divine Truth. She was ever ready to engage in religious exercises whenever duty in her view required. Was kind and faithful, and her piety was uniformly consistent,—her influence was exerted in favour of the Gospel. Those who knew her best prized her most, and were fully satisfied that her religion gave evidence of the Holy Spirit's indwelling and power. Neither her pastor nor the church had any occasion for grief or shame in respect to her conduct.

Her husband has lost a very kind, prudent, faithful and affectionate wife—his children, a true mother,—her father, a loving and dutiful daughter,—her brothers and sisters, a discriminating counsellor and kind companion—her minister, a true friend and helper—the church, a worthy and beloved member. Throughout her illness she was sustained by the gospel. Her end was peace. May the bereavement be made, through Divine mercy, to work for the spiritual good of her lonely and disconsolate companion and of all connected with her. A funeral sermon was preached by the pastor from Phil. i. 21.—Communicated by Rev. Geo. Armstrong.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

ISAAC'S HARBOUR EAST, St. MARY'S, Feb. 16, 1861.—Dear Brother,—As we sometimes hear of Tea Meetings for building Meeting houses and Donation visits to ministers through the Messenger, I will give you some little account of a Tea Meeting which I attended not long since, got up by the church and congregation at Isaac's Harbour. Their object was to raise funds for completing their Meeting House. They certainly deserved great credit for the undertaking. The Meeting was held on the 31st of January and the following day. The ladies deserve praise for the preparations made for the occasion. The people assembled in the Meeting-house as there was no place that would accommodate them so well. Here we found a number of temporary tables richly laden with a great variety of good things, got up in a most excellent style, by the ladies of the harbour. I was not present the first night myself, which I very much regretted.

The second evening Brother Freeman and I were at the meeting, and one would think, from the bountiful manner in which the tables were spread, that it was but the beginning of the feast; but I was informed that about one hundred and thirty persons had partaken the evening before. Brother Freeman gave a very good address, which was listened to with interest. This, together with the excellent singing, the good order, and the Christian and friendly feeling,—all contributed to the pleasure and happiness of the evening.

I was informed that the proceeds of the meeting amounted to within a few shillings of £20, which sum was made up next morning by the young men of the place. I will only add that they exceeded my expectations.

I baptised one person at the harbour the following Sabbath.

Yours in Christian love, HENRY EAGLES.

HANTS-PORT.—Messrs. Editors.—The Lord's work is still going on in this place, our meetings are exceedingly interesting and the power of the Holy Ghost is manifest among the people.

Fourteen were baptized last Sabbath in the presence of a very large congregation. And

although the winds were blowing and the rain was beating upon us and the ice cakes were thickly floating upon the water, the candidates declared themselves happy in following their Master in the ordinance of baptism.

There has not been one aged person who has professed religion, perhaps not one over forty years of age, though there are many residents of this village whose heads are blossoming for the grave who are yet out of Christ. Why is it thus with them? Why will they not have Christ? Truly not because they do not need religion now; for their glass of life is well nigh run out, the few dropping sands which yet remain, will soon pronounce them numbered with the pale nations of the dead which dwell where Mercy's voice is never heard.

How strong an argument for religion in youth—Does not every hoary hair of their heads speak to the young with trumpet voice to remember their Creator in the days of their youth.

J. H. LANGILLE.

Hantsport, Feb. 18th, 1861.

HOME MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

For the Christian Messenger.

Mission to Dalhousie, &c.—in Annapolis County.

Dear Editor,

I have just returned from a ten weeks mission in Annapolis County, assigned me by the Western Domestic Missionary Board, at the last Association.

I left home Nov. 15, visited and preached in the following places, Dalhousie West, Morse Road Township, Lake—and Milford. During the ten weeks I preached forty sermons; held three Conference meetings; three prayer meetings; visited thirty families; travelled 260 miles; and collected £1 18s. 1d., in aid of the Mission.

When I arrived on the mission field, I received a cordial reception, and during my stay, there was a good attendance at the different places where I preached. Some came nine miles to hear the gospel, nor were they easily prevented by either bad weather or bad roads.

On visiting from house to house I found some who appeared to be seeking for truth. May the good Shepherd of the sheep lead them into the fold.

The Baptist Church at Dalhousie West is in a cold and inactive state; several of its active members have joined the church triumphant, and those who are left, too often forsake the assembling of themselves together, except when there is a minister among them. May the Lord stir them up and help them to discharge their duty as those professing faith in Christ.

JOHN F. MCKENNE.

Greenfield, Feb. 12th, 1861.

Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

MONDAY, Feb. 18, 1861.

The House was occupied for some time by petitions concerning light houses at Cape Sable and Cape George; the Halifax Sewerage and Water Bill; and the Halifax Building Society.

Mr. Longley applied for the vote on prohibition to be taken with the Census but was informed by the Provincial Secretary, that it was too late, as the papers were already made out.

After some debate Mr. L. moved for a Select Committee to ascertain the amount paid for intoxicating liquors and the amount of crime resulting from its use. Messrs. Longley, Townsend, Shannon, A. Campbell and J. Campbell were appointed.

TUESDAY, Feb. 19.

Petitions on Assessment for Schools were presented. Reports of the Poor's Asylum, and Railway for 1860 also Correspondence with N. B. concerning Lighthouses were laid on the table.

Mr. Longley renewed his application of the previous day in the form of a resolution, and the Temperance question generally was discussed by several gentlemen.

Hon. Prov. Secretary introduced a bill concerning Marriage Licenses providing that they shall be in the hands of the County Registrars and the fees reduced to \$2.25.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 20th.

A petition from Hants Co. asking to be relieved from railway assessment took up some considerable time.

Mr. Henry presented a petition from Guysboro for enquiry to be made into the expenditure of