

tures of the country. The various colonies and dependencies which carry England's Empire as a girdle round the earth were represented; and there, too, were the delegates of all the great nations of the earth.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Prince Edward Island.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS. MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS.

Dear Brother,—

We tried to hold a Quarterly Meeting at Tryon, commencing on Friday, March 14th.—We managed to meet twice. But, alas! the elements were against us. On Lord's Day morning we were visited by a snow storm, which continued through three days, and put an end to our services for that time. Indeed, between storms and their consequences, from the beginning of last September until now, I have lost one appointment after another, scarcely fewer than a score. The business of religion, as well as other business, has thus been sorely interrupted by the unusual and uncertain weather of the last few months on our Island. But I suppose that in this matter we have only fared with our neighbours. Let us hope that such experiences have passed away for this time, not speedily to return upon us. But here too we may find occasion to cultivate the Christian graces. The God of the seasons best knows what kind of seasons to send us. What have we to do to murmur and rebel?

I wish now to announce our NEXT Quarterly Meeting. It is appointed to be held with the church at Bedeque, commencing on Friday, the 13th prox. (June.) We need not then expect to be interrupted by snow-storms, (though I remember once a fall of snow in London on "Midsummer-day," whatever else may betide us.—Brethren will please to bear in mind this notice.

You will gather from our Protestants, that we have had another season of great interest among us in connection with Missionary movements.—The Rev. Donald Morrison, about to proceed to the New Hebrides, and to become perhaps the successor of the lamented Gordon at Erromagna, seemed to be a man eminently fitted for his work. The Lord prosper him! These Presbyterian brethren, far smaller in number in these Provinces than we are, can find men for their foreign fields; and, if some fall as martyrs, others cheerfully take their places, to be themselves also martyred, if need be. How is it that we are here behind hand with them? Surely their example should stir us up to a godly emulation. May we not hope, that our next Convention will shed some cheering light on our Foreign Missionary prospects?

Your fellow-labourer,
J. DAVIS.

Charlottetown, May 12th.

For the Christian Messenger.

The Church at Onslow. The late Mrs. David Cutten.

MR. EDITOR,—

Two have already recorded the death of Mrs. David Cutten. Mrs. Cutten was the last link in the chain that connected the original membership, with the present.

When Mrs. C. united with the Baptist Church, very different were the times from the time when she left it to unite with "the church of the first born."

The members then were few, she was among the first who united in fellowship with the Baptist Church at Onslow.

When convinced of the scriptural mode and subjects of baptism, she "conferred not with flesh and blood," but constrained by a sense of duty, and love to her Saviour's commands, and against her former prejudices and instruction, and her own previous profession also,—for she had been sprinkled after she became an adult, she, in company with her husband, who had lately also embraced believers' baptism, was "buried with Christ in baptism." "Planted in the likeness of his death," Mrs. C. in a long life, evinced that she felt it incumbent also to walk in "newness of life." With those who had obtained "like precious faith," she found a home and congenial spirits, and a union was formed which remained unbroken, till one after another was removed, and she remained the only survivor, of what had been the nucleus of the Baptist Church in Onslow, now forming a more perfect union in the mansions of the bloodwashed.

A long life and no little opposition and obloquy, during the first part of her religious pro-

fession, evinced the sincerity and firmness of her new faith, till like a shock of corn ripened for the heavenly granary she was gathered in.—God's word was her delight, and after an attack of paralysis had disabled her from conversation, the bible became her daily, and almost hourly companion. Her faith stood not in the wisdom of man, she felt constrained by love to Christ to leave those with whom she had been formerly connected in church relation, but she loved the company of the pious wherever she met them.—Her religion was not for occasions only, she was not afraid or backward to speak of her christian experience to any, either believer or sceptic.

One thing which seems to have characterized those with whom this "mother in Israel" was connected, was their delight in singing the praises of God. It was a prominent feature, in their religious exercises and seldom did they meet in any social capacity, without joining in some favorite hymn. Dark clouds have often been dispersed by one of Zion's songs, holy joy has taken the place of sorrow and grief.

To this exercise was Mrs. C. especially devoted, and that which, in her "earliest love," was the natural expression of her joy, continued, while the power of speech lasted, a source of spiritual comfort.

Cowper's beautiful hymn—"There is a fountain" &c. were words of sweetness to her.—"Redeeming love" had been, and continued to be her highest "theme," and now she realizes what often she sung:

"And when this feeble faltering longer
Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing thy power to save."

Communicated.

For the Christian Messenger.

Donation Visit

To REV. MALCOLM ROSS.

Dear Brother,—

Probably you are weary of giving publicity to Donation Visits, but on this Island they are of rare occurrence. It becomes my duty and privilege to state that I and my family had the pleasure and profit of receiving one of these visits on the 11th inst. A goodly number of friends belonging to the leading congregations of Bedeque namely Wesleyans, Presbyterians, and Baptists, honored us with their presence, and made us a disinterested friendly visit, bringing substantial, tangible proofs of their unfeigned christian love, notwithstanding the bad roads and hard times.—We consider this manifestation of genuine benevolence entirely gratuitous.

The Tea was excellent, the Bedeque ladies stand second to none in this respect. After partaking of these refreshments the writer delivered an Address acknowledging his increased obligation to God and his christian friends, for their continued interest evinced in his welfare. He was followed by the Rev. J. B. Strong, Wesleyan Minister, with a good humoured spicy address, admirably adapted to the occasion.—Melodious strains of music and appropriate prayer closed the evening.

The amount realized in cash and articles—equal to gold taken from Tangier—amounted to Thirty Pounds, not including a generous Donation received from a few beloved friends residing at Cavendish.

MALCOLM ROSS.

Bedeque, P. E. Island, April 22nd, 1862.

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notice.

MRS. S. S. BELCHER,

Died at Canard, Cornwallis, on the 8th inst., Sarah S. wife of Stephen Belcher, and youngest daughter of the late Elias Burbigge Esq., aged 29 years. The illness of the deceased was short and distressing, baffling every effort to save or prolong life. From a beloved husband and two young children, and from a large circle of sorrowing relatives and friends, to whom she was endeared by much amiability, the deceased was taken in the midst of youth and hope. Death came as a thief, to bear away the youthful victim, and to utter the loud and solemn call to the living.—Be ye also ready!
May 14th, 1862.

HOME MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

For the Christian Messenger.

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE HOME MISSIONARY BOARD.

Members present: Rev. A. H. Munro in the Chair. Brethren W. L. Evans, S. Selden, H. N. Paint, Rev. T. H. Porter, Jr., and Secretary. Communications received: From Joseph F. Kempton, M. P. Freeman, and Margaree Church. Received: Balance from Granville Street Church, per Rev. W. H. Humphrey, \$6 60 From Windsor Church, per Rev. D. M. Welton, 8 00 Amount in the Treasury, 61 14 Liabilities of the Board, say 162 00

The pastors of Churches who engage in Missionary labor by permission of their churches, are invited by the Board to act as Agents generally, and to take up collections whenever opportunity offers, in behalf of the funds of the N. S. B. Home Missionary Society.

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

Halifax, May 5th, 1862.

Religious Intelligence.

LOWER GRANVILLE.—Rev. Isaiah Wallace writes:—"Our prospects are still brightening. I have baptized three more since my last note to you, and others are in readiness for the ordinance."

Yours &c., I. W.

Lower Granville, May 15th.

Prince Edward Island.

Since our last we have received a full account of the Farewell Missionary Meeting to Rev. Mr. Morrison, referred to by Brother Davis. We gave a few lines on the subject last week, but should like, nevertheless, to have given a more extended notice. The meeting must have been a deeply interesting one. The address from the Young Men's Christian Association to the departing missionary and his Reply thereto, are not the least interesting parts of the Reports of proceedings.

New Brunswick.

BUCTOCHE.—A letter to the N. B. B. and Visitor, mentions that a revival had taken place at Buctonche during the winter, and 16 persons had been added to the church by baptism.

MONCTON.—Rev. E. N. Harris writes from this place, May 13th, to the Visitor, stating that O. Jones, Esq., had discounted his claim of about £2000 on the splendid chapel there, so as to free the church for the consideration of £750. He (Rev. E. N. H.) had obtained reliable subscriptions of about £50 to meet this,—£23 from Sir S. M. Peto, in London.

GRAND LAKE.—A revival has been in progress for some time at Newcastle, Grand Lake. We learn that nearly sixty persons have been baptized, and the work still continues. We believe the Rev. W. A. Cory is labouring there.

PRESQUE ISLE.—At this place, about twenty persons have recently been baptized by Elders Hervey and B. Hughes.

BROTHER J. WALLACE writes to us that a season of religious revival has recently been enjoyed at Moncton Mountain. A small Church was organized at this place some time ago by Elder W. E. Pennington, consisting of eleven members; six others were baptized and added immediately after. The Calvinist Baptist Church has also had additions; we have administered the ordinance together, and then separated to our respective places of worship.—Intelligencer.

Canada.

VICTORIA.—The work of the Lord still continues to prosper in Victoria. Bro. Baldwin baptized four converts on the 27th, and will baptize four others on next Lord's day. Would that all pastors could report such cheering tidings.—Can. Baptist.

American and Foreign News.

Latest from the States!

[By Telegraph to Morning and Evening papers.]

MAY 13.—General Wool's official despatch announces the capture of about 200 cannon in and about the defences of Norfolk.

The workshops and buildings of Navy Yard are all burned and the dry dock is partially blown up.

Gen. Beauregard has not evacuated Corinth as has been rumoured, but has been reinforced by General Lovell's New Orleans army consisting of 30,000 men, and is strengthening his position and preparing for a desperate struggle.

MAY 14.—The opening of New Orleans and other Southern ports is regarded at Washington as a checkmate to schemes of foreign intervention to obtain Southern staples of commerce.

In the flotilla fight near Fort Pillow the Federal gunboat Cincinnati was sunk; but she will be raised again. Obstructions are being placed in James River, twelve miles from Richmond. About nine hundred Federal prisoners have just been released. Ninety Confederate released prisoners refused to return to Richmond, and took the oath of allegiance to the Federal government.

MAY 15th.—An official despatch from General Wool announces the capture of Suffolk and that General McLellan is at Cumberland.

It appears from recent despatches that the announcement on Monday last of the sinking of the "Jameston" and capture of the "Yorktown" was incorrect; they are up James' River.

Gen. Halleck is cautiously advancing and fortifying. His movements are predicated upon the determination of the army to fight at Corinth.

Gen. Beauregard's army is estimated at from 135,000 to 175,000.

Beauregard is fortifying Grand Junction, evidently intending to fall back upon it in case of defeat. No battle is expected for several days.

MAY 16.—Gen. McClellan's head-quarters have been established at Cumberland Va. This was accomplished on Tuesday last; and the main body of the army was rapidly concentrating. Gen. McClellan's advanced guard was at the White House, within sight of the Confederate forces.

General Mitchell, in joining General Pope brought 2500 Confederate prisoners with him. Deserters from the Confederate army at Corinth reported that more regiments had mutinied in Beauregard's army.

MAY 17.—The New York Herald publishes an extract from the Charleston Courier, admitting hopelessness of the Confederate cause, and that their misfortunes are no greater than they deserved.

Colonel Baldwin of Virginia, is to be exchanged for Colonel Corcoran.

Two schooners, whilst attempting to run the blockade in Bull's Bay, were captured.

MAY 19.—The combined army and navy expedition with McClellan's army went up Pamunkey river on Saturday, causing the Confederates to destroy two steamers and twenty schooners laden with corn. McClellan's advanced guard drove the enemy across Chickahominy River, fifteen miles from Richmond.

The Federal gun-boats were repulsed from Fort Darling, seven miles below Richmond,—the Nagantuck bursting her big gun, and the Monitor could not elevate her guns sufficiently.

Great preparations are being made to bombard Savannah. Massive batteries have been erected around it.

Pensacola has been abandoned by the Confederates, and the navy Yard burned.

A negro insurrection is reported to be imminent at Charleston, South Carolina.

A barge containing 250 Government horses, struck a snag between Paducah and Cairo, on a recent Saturday night, and sunk with all on board.

It is stated that Minister Adams has presented a claim to the British Government, for the restoration of the ship Emily St. Pierre, the captain of which rose upon the prize crew and conveyed her to Liverpool, after her capture by the U. S. fleet for violating the blockade.—Recorder.

E. P. Christy, the famous negro minstrel manager, committed suicide in Philadelphia on Friday last by throwing himself out of the second story window of his house. His body was terribly mangled, but he was living at last accounts. There is no hope of his recovery. He had been laboring under mental depression for some time.—Id.

FROM THE SOUTH.

Recruits have been pouring in to General Beauregard, who fully possesses the heart and the confidence of the Western people. To the extent of capacity of arming them, it is supposed he will have men. It is believed in New Orleans that his army numbers one hundred and twenty thousand, but many are sick from limestone water. There is a feeling of perfect certainty of defeating Buel and Halleck in a signal manner. Corinth is far enough from the gunboats to give opportunity for capturing or destroying them. Hence it has been selected as the battle field. General and troops are alike confident.—Charleston Mercury.

We had an interview last evening with Col. A. W. Starke, of Alabama who had just returned from Corinth, Mississippi. He reports that our army has suffered much from sickness, but there are about 75,000 effective fighting men, and reinforcement are constantly coming in. Generals Price and Van Dorn were there with their veterans of the Missouri campaign whom he represents to be the finest looking body of men he ever saw. The enemy are supposed to have about 120,000 men, and had advanced three miles on our front from their former position.—[From the Columbus Sun, May 3.]

SOUTHERN PORTS OPENED TO TRADE.—Washington, May 13.—The President has issued a proclamation declaring that the blockade of the ports of Beaufort, Port Royal, and New Orleans shall so far cease and determine, from and after June 1, that commercial intercourse with these ports, except as to persons and things and information contraband of war, may from that time be subject to the laws of the United States, and to the limitations and in pursuance of the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Post Office Department has despatched an agent to Portsmouth and Norfolk to investigate the affairs of the Post Office there, and re-establish postal communication.

Dr. Fuller of Baltimore was reported lately to be on a visit to Washington with the intention of inducing the President to send a private commission to Jefferson Davis with terms of peace. No small amount of abuse was heaped on Dr. F. in consequence.

A letter appeared in the Watchman & Reflector the following week in which he denies having any such errand, but adds,

"Would that I could do anything—at any cost to myself, even of life—to restore peace and prosperity to this smitten land; but at present each party to this deplorable conflict appeals to the sword as the only arbiter; and I can only pray that God will order all events according to his righteous purposes. How earnestly I have pleaded with North and South, in my feeble efforts to prevent the disruption of the Union and civil war, my record shows. Since the war has been fully waged, I have ceased from all meddling with political affairs; and have sought only to preach Christ, knowing nothing but Him, and rejoicing that my heart and my treasure are not in such a world as this is."