

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.

We have much pleasure in complying with the request of Mr. Hutton to publish the following:

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTION.

Gentlemen:—I beg respectfully to submit a brief report of the tour on behalf of the Institution, recently undertaken at your request.

Between the 11th and 30th of August last, accompanied by three of the pupils, I held fifteen meetings in various parts of Hants, Colchester, Halifax and King's counties, and have reason to be gratified both with our reception and the results of the meetings. In every place visited we experienced the warmest hospitality as well as the utmost readiness in forwarding the objects of the deputation. Our meetings were, almost without exception, large, notwithstanding the demands on the time and attention of the farmers at this the busiest season of the year; and considering the depression of the times, and the consequent scarcity of money in the country, our collections were creditable to the liberality of the people. A lively interest in the cause of the neglected deaf mutes of the land has, I believe, been awakened in localities previously strangers to the subject, and at the same time there has been a revival of interest in some places visited in my former tours. One encouraging circumstance I could not but remark, that our meetings in places formerly visited were uniformly larger than on previous occasions, clearly indicating increased interest in the community on behalf of the Institution. The following is the list of places where meetings were held, and the collections taken at each:—

Table with columns for Eastern Route and Western Route, listing locations like Lower Stewiacke, Middle Stewiacke, Upper Stewiacke, etc., and their respective monetary contributions.

Our expenses for coach fare from Kentville to Windsor, for cab hire, and sundry petty items, amounted only to £2 16 2 1/2, leaving the net proceeds of the tour £43 6 3.

At Musquodoboit, Stewiacke and Cornwallis the attendance was very large, in some instances crowded. At Upper Stewiacke, even at the early and inconvenient hour of 2 P. M., on one of the finest hay days of the season, the attendance was so great as to render it necessary to adjourn from the Town Hall to the Church. Here I counted at least thirty carriages, drawn up along the road and around the building, each of which had brought its complement to the meeting.

At the close of our exercises in Stewiacke, Musquodoboit, Elmsdale, Cornwallis, and Kentville, the meetings were addressed by the Revs. Dr. Smith, R. Sedgewick, J. Sprott, D. McCurdy Teasdale, J. Cameron, J. Storrs, W. Furlong, D. Freeman, H. L. Yewens and others. On all these occasions the speakers expressed their deep satisfaction with the evidence of the usefulness and value of the Institution, as exhibited in the attainments of the pupils, and strongly recommended it to the increased confidence and support of the community. The Rev. J. Storrs (to whom I am under personal obligation for assistance kindly rendered in conducting the examination on several occasions) brought prominently forward a fact, which, though one of much importance, I had overlooked in my own addresses, viz:—that there are only some THIRTY FIVE annual subscribers to the Institution throughout the whole Province! I trust the benevolent public will duly consider this fact, and that a large accession of annual subscriptions will be the result during the ensuing year.

I cannot in a brief outline like the present attempt to do justice to the various friends, both clerical and lay, who contributed so much by their exertions and influence to the comfort and success of our journey. I trust they will, one and all, accept our heartfelt gratitude. I can also, only in a general way, express our deep obligations for the hospitable attentions and gratuitous conveyance from place to place (even to a distance of nearly 30 miles), which rendered the expense of the deputation comparatively trifling, thereby greatly relieving the funds of the Institution. While it may seem invidious to particularise, perhaps I ought to mention that Mr. J. McLean, of Elmsdale hotel, and Mr. Reid, of the Acadia House, Hantsport, generously afforded our party accommodation gratis. At Kentville part of the deputation were entertained in private houses, and the expenses of the rest at the hotel defrayed by subscription among friends in the town. We had no outlay anywhere for halls or other places of meeting, nor for light or attendance, thanks to the liberality of trustees and managers in the various localities.

Respectfully submitted J. SCOTT HUTTON, Principal.

For the Christian Messenger.

Acadia College Agency.

Cornwallis, Sept 15th, 1862.

DEAR MESSENGER,—

A few months since a friendly Editor told me that it would require two newspapers to serve me and Acadia College, and I supposing it might be a hint worth noticing have spoken less of my Agency for a few months than heretofore.

But I find a numerous class of your readers think very differently, and rather upbraid me for my silence so long, so difficult it is to meet the wishes and feelings of all parties.

As my time is limited at present, I will only state that my success since I saw you at the Convention (as access to Nova Scotia was from the Convention more ready and less expensive through Sackville and Amherst than by cars and steamboat to Windsor or Digby via St. John, I chose the former), I made no tarry at Sackville for obvious reasons, the men of the place were in the midst of their hay harvest, and could not be got at, the Pastor Elder Todd, as also myself, have concluded that November would be a more suitable time, and we have arranged, D. V. to canvass that field at that time.

At Amherst Brother Miles cheered my heart by presenting me with an Endowment note worth \$200, besides taking a lively interest in my Agency, and working with a hearty good will for us among his people. He pays the interest of a whole Scholarship and intends to obligate himself for the other, when the first half of the principal is settled.

I next called at Bro Balcorn's at Great Village. He fulfilled his pledge made at the Convention, by giving \$50 as a special effort to give an impetus to the progress of the Endowment. Bro. B. has obligated himself largely before. My other collections have been:—

Table listing donors and amounts: Wm. H. Chipman, of Bridgetown, \$50 00; Judson Walker, of Truro, 100 00; Rupert Eaton, Cornwallis, 100 00; Rev. J. A. Smith, of New Brunswick gave a note of 50 00; J. E. Hopper, A. B., of New Brunswick, 100 00; 4 other notes from New Brunswick average \$20 each, 80 00.

with some smaller donation and more a coming.

I am now on my way down the valley toward Nictaux, where, if agreeable to the Church and Pastor, Drs. Cramp and Pryor will hold an Educational Meeting. They will probably be accompanied by Brother Barss, and other true friends of our institutions. The services will commence at two o'clock and also in the evening of Wednesday, October 1st.

Yours, A. D. THOMSON.

For the Christian Messenger.

Our Foreign Mission.

Messrs. Editors,—

In pursuance of a Resolution passed at the recent meeting of Convention, I have commenced corresponding with a view to the selection of a promising field for the establishment of an independent Foreign Mission. As we have no Missionary to send from these Provinces, either engaged or in prospect, I would respectfully invite the attention of Brethren entering the ministry to a serious and prayerful consideration of this subject: Any information that may aid in securing the services of a suitable man, communicated either to me, or to any member of the Board, will be gratefully received. It may be remarked here, that a good physical constitution is an indispensable prerequisite. It is also highly desirable, that one going to engage in this work, shall have already received an education; so that he may persently visit our Churches, and then at once proceed on his errand of mercy.

As the Female School at Henthada is in a very interesting and encouraging state, and the \$50 now sent will soon be expended, additional contributions for it are urgently needed, and will be thankfully received. It is hoped that our sisters will take a special interest in this matter. In addition to these portions of Brother Crawley's letters inserted in the Report, I beg to call attention to the subjoined extracts.

Yours in gospel bonds, CHARLES TUPPER, Sec'y.

Aylesford, Sept. 12, 1862.

"Henthada, May 16th, 1862.

My dear Dr. Tupper,—Yours of February 27th was received on the 12th Inst. together with a note from Bro. Barss, and a Draft on London for £40 10s. sterling—for which thanks. As you will have received my letter informing you of my having re-employed the Native Preachers, it will be unnecessary to write more particularly, now, upon the part of your letter, which refers to that matter."

"With reference to the school funds, by the

way, it will be necessary for us to know, definitely, just how much for the school we may depend upon receiving from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, &c. There is now an applicant for admission as a boarding scholar. But we must, we fear, refuse. This applicant is but one of a very large number, whose parents are very poor—so poor that it is no small relief to them not to have to provide for the clothing and feeding of one child even. On the other hand if the parents are not relieved of that provision, they can't send the children to school, because they need their help at home. The school was commenced on the 1st of March last. The funds then on hand were 200 rupees—about \$80, of that sum 124 rupees have been expended in erecting a school-house, paying a teacher &c. &c. The teacher receives 15 rupees per month. The number of boarding scholars is limited at present to three—the monthly outlay for whom is about 12 rupees—or, since they must be clothed as well as feed,—15 rupees will be nearer the average. Three or four months more will find the School fund exhausted.—There are no English residents here—so that the school must be entirely supported from abroad or be given up.

Faithfully yours, ARTHUR R. R. CRAWLEY.

For the Christian Messenger.

Ordination of Rev. Wm. H. Porter.

A large delegation composed of Ministers and brethren from sister churches met in Council, Sept. 5th, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the Pine Grove Meeting House, Wilmot, at the call of the Pine Grove Baptist Church, to consider and determine as to the propriety of ordaining Bro. Wm. H. Porter, Licentiate, to the work of the Christian Ministry as Pastor of said Church.—The Council was organized by appointing Rev. Chas. Tupper, D. D., Moderator, and Rev. Geo. Armstrong, Clerk.

Prayer was then offered. Several ministering and other brethren present were invited to participate in the deliberations of the Council. The candidate gave a full and clear relation of his Christian experience, and of his call to preach the Gospel of Christ; and also a concise statement embodying his views of christian doctrine and ordinances. Then, as required by the Council, Bro. Porter also preached a short and appropriate sermon from 2 Cor. v. 20. The congregation having withdrawn, the Council, after a brief, but careful deliberation, decided unanimously to proceed to ordination. An adjournment of an hour and a half occurred; at the close of which, the services were conducted, as had been previously arranged in the morning, in the following order:

Reading the Scripture and Prayer by the Rev. Jas. Parker. The Ordination Sermon—a very appropriate and excellent one—was preached from Acts xx. 28, by Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., President of Acadia College. Questions to the Candidate by Rev. Geo. Armstrong. Ordaining Prayer, by Rev. W. G. Parker. Right hand of Fellowship, by Rev. R. D. Porter. Charge to the Candidate, by Rev. C. Tupper, D. D.—Charge to the Church, by Rev. N. Vidito. Concluding Prayer, by Rev. R. S. Morton; and the Benediction by the Candidate. The services were interesting, solemn, and instructive. The congregation was large and attentive. Our brother has a large and promising field to cultivate; and much real and lasting good to the souls of sinners, it is hoped, will, with the Divine blessing, result from his labours in the gospel, and from the prayerful and earnest cooperation of the people over whom he is called to preside in the Lord.

In behalf of the Council, CHAS. TUPPER, Moderator. GEORGE ARMSTRONG, Clerk. Wilmot, Sept. 5th, 1862.

For the Christian Messenger.

Our Prayer Meetings.

AN INDUCEMENT TO ATTEND THEM.

There is a solemnity pervading the place of worship which does not belong to any other building. (The writer was conscious of this long previous to his becoming a member of the visible Church.) It matters not whether the place of prayer be a house dedicated solely to the worship of God, a school-house, or a room in a private dwelling used for this purpose.

Why does it appear thus solemn? I answer, because God is there. It may be asked—"how can this be? Our eyes behold him not, and this may be but the work of the imagination."—True, our natural eyes do not behold God, but the eye of faith sees him, and the Christian feels his presence drawing out the affections of his heart. That it cannot be a mere work of the imagination I shall endeavour to shew. The three persons in the Godhead are equally

omnipotent and omnipresent yet each have their separate office. God the Father is every where present; whilst He is in Heaven receiving praise and adoration from the angelic host he is also beholding the affairs throughout his vast dominions.

God the Son, having performed his mission of love on earth thereby effecting a way of escape for sinners, returned to his Father in heaven, but previous to his Ascension promised to his disciples the Third person of the Trinity—the Holy Spirit, which promise was fulfilled at a time when the followers of Christ were assembled in a prayer meeting. A glorious prayer meeting it was! We do not read of the Holy Spirit ever ascending to heaven again, there to remain. His office is to take of the things of Christ and reveal them unto his people. This influence it is which draws men to Christ.

God the Holy Spirit then is present when his people assemble to celebrate his worship.

How pleasant, how divinely fair, O Lord of Hosts thy dwellings are, With long desire my spirit faints To meet the assemblies of thy saints.

What a visitant! What glorious society!—Surely every professed child of God should attend regularly the Prayer meeting! O the joy and happiness of the Christian in attending to this duty. In the days of our fathers men and women rejoiced in God together, uniting their petitions around one common mercy seat—each in turn faithfully exhorted the unconverted to turn to God and "flee from the wrath to come."

Why do we have so few Revivals, and such lifeless churches? "Has God forgotten to be gracious," or is his arm shortened? No—brethren 'tis because we are neglecting the means of grace. May we who have engaged to fight the battles of the Lord—male and female—come up unitedly to the good work. It is high time to awake, for the unconverted are perishing around us.

Allow me to urge upon all the importance of sustaining our Prayer meetings. In order to be fitted rightly to engage in them, it would be well first to retire in secret and seek God's blessing on the meeting to be attended. So will the love there enkindled be formed into a flame—the meeting be a happy one—God's cause will prosper—sinners will be converted and you will see God in his operations and will feel his presence, and a happiness will fill your souls far superior to that produced by any thing of a worldly nature.

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Bridgewater, Sept. 1862.

For the Christian Messenger.

Prince Edward Island.

Extract of letter from Mr. Maynard P. Freeman, dated Centreville, Bedeque, P. E. I., Sept 13th, 1862.

"Since I came to the Island I have travelled from this place through the eastern section of the country with Bro. Shaw, preaching at East Point, Grand River, Three Rivers, and once at Lot 49 on my return. The people are hungering for the word. Other churches that we were unable to visit are without pastoral labor, and consequently are suffering from the neglect. The fields here are white—waiting for laborers, but they are not.

We have had the satisfaction of addressing congregations of attentive listeners; we have had the unspeakable pleasure of seeing cheeks bedewed with the tear of penitence, and of hearing the sigh of the convicted. Let others enjoy the blessedness of preaching the gospel to those whose cup of spiritual mercies is already overflowing—be ours the happy, glorious privilege of inviting the destitute and famishing, to the gospel feast.

I think I am becoming more and more interested in this Island, and am glad that Providence has directed me hither.

I am engaged with the Bedeque Church one half of the time, the other I expect to devote to Tryon and Summerside.

This is an inviting field. Human skill and industry have done much here; the God of Nature has done more, May the "God of all grace" favor us with his approval and blessing, and make this a very garden of the Lord."

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notice.

MR. RICHARD P. CROSBY

Was born in Yarmouth, October 31, 1800. He moved to the State of Ohio with his family in 1835, where he united with the Baptist Church, under the Pastorate of Elder Luke Davis with which he remained until he returned to Yarmouth, in 1848, and united with the Baptist