

to us from the green hill-side. Where the crystal fountains send forth their sparkling waters to murmur along the flowing banks. It echoes from old ocean's coral beds. We hear it in the thunder, in every thing in Nature, even the wild winds of winter that sigh across the dreary landscapes, and whirl in fitful gusts through the leafless forests, even they have their notes of melody to the ear of a true lover of Nature.

How wise and benignant are all the works of the Creator's hands. The tiny flower, and towering mountains, the little rill and broad majestic river, the sun, moon, and stars, the glories of summer and the dread desolation of winter; all are the gifts of His power.

Who, then can contemplate the great volume of Nature, and fail to draw rich stores of knowledge from all its varied pages, or love to revel amid its unfading beauties?

HOPE.

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For the Christian Messenger.

Donation Visits.

The liberal deviseth liberal things, and by liberal things shall he stand.—ISAIAH XXXII. 8.

DEAR EDITOR,—

There are some seasons in the history of the minister of Christ when his heart is cheered by the manifestation of christian sympathy and affection on the part of those whose welfare he seeks, and for whose instruction and edification he labors. Such a season was experienced by the writer on Friday evening, January 30th; when several of the members and friends of the Baptist Church of this place, to the number of about sixty, assembled at my residence, bringing with them cheerful countenances, kind words, and useful articles for domestic purposes. After taking possession the ladies busied themselves in providing and spreading out a very sumptuous repast; to which full justice was done by the company. Deacon James Starratt was then appointed Chairman, who very briefly stated the object of the meeting. B. W. C. Manning Esq. then delivered by request an address, which he concluded by presenting to the pastor, on behalf of the assembly, about Eighty Dollars, in cash and other valuable articles, as a token of their affectionate esteem and regard. The pastor responded on behalf of himself and family. Then followed some very interesting and stirring addresses from Revs. W. W. Bowers, (Lutheran,) Rev. John Morton, (Presbyterian,) and Rev. L. B. Gates, (Baptist,) who kindly favored us with their presence, and also from Brethren Newcomb, Porter, and Starratt. The ladies favored us with the service of song, and added greatly to the evening's pleasure. At length the doxology was sung and Rev. W. W. Bowers pronounced the benediction, and the meeting broke up shortly before twelve o'clock, every one feeling they had enjoyed a good season, and the minister and his family being cheered, comforted and encouraged. May Heaven's best blessing rest upon the donors, and may the spirit of unity, and love, be strengthened, and extended among all the followers of Christ of every name, and may every faithful pastor be similarly encouraged, is the prayer of

Yours in gospel bonds.

STEPHEN MARCH.

Bridgewater, Feb. 10th 1863.

TO REV. ISAIAH WALLACE.

Dear Brother,—

My heart is not only made to rejoice by the gracious revival with which, God in mercy is visiting us, but I have also been much cheered by two Donation Visits, which I desire hereby gratefully to acknowledge.

On the 3rd inst., about 100 persons assembled at the residence of James Johnson, Esq., Lower Granville, and after an excellent tea, pleasant singing, agreeable conversation, and speeches by the Rev. Henry Achilles, Deacons Fleet and Ryder, and myself, the company dispersed, leaving cash and valuable articles for domestic use, to the amount of £13 12s. 6d. May Heaven's best blessings rest upon the donors!

On the 4th inst., a similar visit was made me at the Parsonage. The day was fearfully wild and stormy, and we despaired of any one coming, but about 4 P. M. the friends began to come, and by 5 about 50 persons had assembled. Many, I am told, were prevented attending, by the storm. The evening was spent most pleasantly. After a delicious tea had been served, the purse, &c., were presented by brother O. Armstrong, accompanied by suitable remarks. Then followed a brief address by the party most interested; after which Brother Achilles entertained the company with a very pleasant and useful speech.

The amount given was £17 15s., chiefly in cash. May these dear friends largely enjoy that divine love promised to the "cheerful giver."

These tangible expressions of sympathy and good-will, greatly endear my people to me. While they so kindly and liberally administer to my temporal wants, I trust I may more diligently devote myself to their spiritual interests.

Yours truly,

ISAIAH WALLACE.

L. Granville, N. S., 7th Feb., 1863.

TO REV. D. M. WELTON.

Windsor, Feb. 12th, 1863.

A donation party assembled on the afternoon of the above date, at the vestry room of the Baptist Chapel, where the ladies of the church

and congregation had prepared a most sumptuous repast, with coffee, tea, &c., of the best description, such as they are famed for preparing. The company were all considered the guests of Rev. D. M. Welton and his amiable lady. The Indian Missionary, in his usual way, sang the blessing, which had the effect of sharpening the appetites for the good things. When all had participated in this part of the programme, Dr. Read was called to the chair, to which he did honor. Deacon Bennett presented a well-filled purse, containing one hundred dollars, and in useful articles to the amount of fifty dollars,—accompanied with a very appropriate address. The Rev. Mr. Welton then delivered an original poem, which was considered a highly creditable production. The Rev. Mr. Rand followed, in some of his sublimest strains. Rev. Mr. Bancroft and Mr. Jas. O'Brien addressed the meeting. They were all listened to with rapt attention. Good music also, given between the speeches, made the evening pass away most delightfully. The Rev. Mr. Welton signified, at the close of the meeting, that such conduct as the friends at Windsor had for several years manifested towards himself and family, had been everything but offensive.

E. McLATCHY.

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notice.

MRS. MARGARET PARKER, relict of the late Rev. Maynard Parker, died at her residence in DeBerte, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 27th, aged 56 years.

Mrs. Parker had, for several months, been suffering exceedingly from "internal cancer" and "rheumatism," which finally caused her death. When quite young, she gave her heart to God, and was baptized, at Onslow, by the late Father Theodore H. Harding. During her last illness, she felt the Saviour to be her refuge. She felt deeply her own unworthiness, and frequently spoke of being a great sinner, but at the same time would say, "I know that my redeemer liveth." We trust she is now with him in glory. Her funeral was attended by the Revs. D. W. C. Dimock, E. Ross, (Presbyterian) and the former of whom preached an excellent sermon from Eph. v. 14.—Com. by Rev. J. E. Balcom.

Great Village, Feb. 14th.

Religious Intelligence.

HALIFAX, NORTH CHURCH.—Since our last report there have been ten persons baptized by Rev. A. H. Munro. On Lord's Day twenty-two received the right hand of fellowship, including those who had been recently baptized and some who had been restored or received by letter from other churches in the country. It was a scene of great interest, to witness the disciple who had late in life professed faith in Christ, whilst others quite youthful had owned the Saviour as their Lord and Master. May they all be such acquisitions as shall be additions of strength to the church.

HILLSBURG.—The Rev. Jas. Spencer writes from Digby, Feb. 9th.—The Lord has been graciously pleased to revive his people and convert sinners in one of the Churches over which I preside (Second Hillsburg), I have had the pleasure of baptizing seven professing believers, and hope soon again to resort to our lovely baptismal font, the Annapolis Basin.

MARGARET'S BAY.—We are informed by a letter from Mr J. Covey, Feb. 11th, that the labors of the Rev. R. R. Philp have been attended with the Divine blessing, that sinners have been converted to God. On Lord's Day Jan. 25th, five were baptized and on Feb. 8th, four more followed the example of their Saviour. The work is still progressing. Unto God be all praise.

TUSKET.—In a communication from Rev. Henry Angell a few weeks since we were informed of an addition to the Tusket Church of about twenty persons who had been baptized by the Rev. A. Martell. We now learn by a letter dated Feb. 4th, from Mr. H. T. Goudy that thirty or upwards have of late been baptized by the Rev. Mr. Martell,—we presume including the number previously reported. We are glad to hear of these signs of continued progress in the church at Tusket, and hope still to be informed of sinners being saved, and souls made to rejoice in Christ Jesus.

GREAT VILLAGE, Feb. 11th.—In the C. M. of Jan. 21st, you gave notice of the revival which had commenced here, and of my having baptized 12 persons who had professed faith in Christ; The good work has steadily advanced, I have baptized 10 more believers, and several are entertaining hope in Christ who have not yet come forward for Baptism. Our meetings are yet very interesting. At Greenville too there is still an interesting state of religious activity. I have baptized in the last two months in my field of labour 31 persons, 22 here and 9 in Greenville. To God be all the glory, "Salvation is of the Lord."

Yours in Christian fellowship,
JAS. E. BALCOM.

LOWER GRANVILLE.—Dear Brother,—The Lord is doing a great work in Lower Granville and blessed be His name! We have been holding special services there during the past three or four weeks with increasing tokens of the divine blessing. Last Lord's day I had the pleasure of baptizing ten rejoicing converts. Two were baptized two Sabbaths previously. These are all, except one, heads of families. Two of them are converts from the church of Rome. Bro. Achilles has rendered me valuable assistance during the past week. I hope to have the pleasure of baptizing a number next Lord's day. Pray for us!

Yours in the Lord,
ISAIAH WALLACE.

Granville N. S. 8th Feb. 1863.

TO THE FRIENDS OF THE FRENCH MISSION.—Dear Friends,—I am happy to inform the friends of the Mission of the progress of the good work. We have of late had some new conversions—one of them a man of good education, that may yet be of great service in the Mission.

Another a Sabbath school Scholar, the daughter of a Roman Catholic convert, died happy in the Lord although a great sufferer, still she was continually either engaged in singing hymns, warning sinners, or praying, until her spirit took its departure. There are still a number of others who are enquiring the way to Christ.

Ought we not to pray more earnestly for the good work to prosper. Dear Friends pray for us.

Yours in Christ,
M. NORMONDAY.

Tusket Feb. 7th 1863.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

FIRE AND LOSS OF LIFE.—A man named Gillan, living on the Hammond Plains or Kearney Road, was burned to death, some time between Saturday and Monday last week. His wife came to the city on Saturday and returned on Monday, when she found her house had been totally destroyed by fire. Not finding any trace of her husband, search was made in the ruins, when the charred bones of Gillan and his dog were found. The house being in an isolated position, it is not known how or when the fire occurred. Gillan was an industrious, sober, honest man.

COAL.—The Cape Breton News, of Feb. 8, furnished a list of twelve vessels which took in cargoes of coal at the new harbor recently constructed at Glace Bay, between Dec., and the above date. This proves the undertaking a great success. Of these winter cargoes, 4 were for Halifax; 1 Sydney; 2 Philadelphia; 5 for Boston.

GOLD NEWS.—We learn that 1½ tons of quartz, taken out of Kirk's claim at Wine Harbour, yielded the large amount of forty-six ounces of gold. Before being crushed, there was taken out in sights, \$184 worth. This would give in all an average of about 33 ounces to the ton.—Pictou Standard.

From Renfrew we learn that Messrs. Shands and Co., having cleared the face of their lead, commenced removing some of the quartz on Tuesday, and our informant says he saw two men there take out \$20 or \$30 worth of Gold.—and on Wednesday he saw one blast go off, and nearly every piece of quartz showed sights of gold.—Sun.

Some specimens of Tangier auriferous quartz left in charge of Professor Tennant, London, have been purchased by the Trustees of the British Museum. The specimens were offered at £8 10 sterling, but in consideration of their richness and beauty the Museum gave £11 10 for them.—Recorder.

IMMIGRATION.—It is stated that a gentleman in this city has received a letter from an influential friend in Britain, noticing that a number of Lancashire operatives (about 120) have already sailed for this city.

CLEMENTSFORT.—A correspondent of the Chronicle reports that the Clementsfort iron works are now in full operation, giving steady employment to mechanics and laborers, as well as remuneration to the enterprising owners.—Mr. Woodman's Rake Factory, at the same place, is said to have already diminished the importation of that implement to a considerable extent. Success to native enterprise.

COUNTERFEITING.—Two soldiers who were lately arrested for counterfeiting, were committed to await their trial at the next term of the Supreme Court.

It is reported that the Government intend purchasing Hare's Property, opposite the Market Square, on which to erect a building for a Post Office, Custom House, &c.

PICOU.—A considerable quantity of coal was brought over the ice from the Mines last week, being the first lot this season, with the exception of a few loads drawn over land for parties whose stock had been completely exhausted.

The Monthly Record states that the wife of the Rev. Mr. Herdman was recently presented with a Sewing Machine worth \$75, by the ladies of St. Andrew's congregation.

His Worship the Mayor has obtained leave of absence to visit Great Britain. He will probably present the congratulatory address of the Council on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' marriage.

ACCIDENT.—We understand that the mail sleigh from Sherbrook for Halifax, met with an accident by falling over a precipice, by which the driver and one passenger were severely injured, the latter so much so, that he had to be left at a house on the road near the scene of the accident.—Reporter.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A young man named Roderick McNeil met with an accident a few days since while feeding a threshing machine at Mrs. McPhee's, Cape George. He died from loss of blood before medical aid could be procured.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Halifax, Feb. 10th, 1863.

APPOINTMENTS.

Shelburne Co.—To be Prothonotary, Peter G. Fraser, in place of John Tottie, resigned. To be a Commissioner for taking Affidavits &c., and for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors—Peter G. Fraser. To be one of the Board of Commissioners of Schools—Dr. Charles DeWolf, in place of the Rev. Mr. Tweedie, removed from the County.

Colchester Co.—To be the Registrar of the Court of Probate—George Campbell, in place of John Burnyeat. To be Justices of the Peace—David Moore, of Gay's River, James Crow, of Old Barns. To be Commissioner of Sewers for the Salt Marsh in Lower Village, Truro—Joseph Notting.

Halifax, Feb. 12th, 1863.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint the Honorable Archibald Patterson to be a Member of the Honorable the Legislative Council of this Province.

New Brunswick.

The Legislature met on the 12th. The Candidates for the Speakership were Mr. John C. Allen and Mr. Fisher, the former was elected by a majority of three. The Governor formally opened the Parliament by reading his Speech on Friday. It speaks of the Intercolonial Railroad hopefully—intimates that temporary obstacles may stand in the way. Expresses fears that the Fisheries are becoming extinct. Notices an increase of the Revenue although not equal to the estimate and observed that gratitude is demanded for an abundant harvest. There is to be a revision of the Tariff during the session.

The N. B. Cotton sent to England has been pronounced totally useless for manufacturing purposes.

Canada.

Parliament met on Thursday last at Quebec. Hon Alexander Campbell was unanimously elected Speaker of the Legislative Council.

We learned by telegraph on Saturday last that the Illinois House has passed resolutions authorising a commissioner to proceed to Canada to seek improvement of transportation to the Atlantic, Congress having defeated the Canal Bill.

Latest from the States!

[From Telegrams to Morning and Evening papers.]

FEB. 11.—The attack on Fort McAllister by the Federal steem vessel Montauk was resumed on the 1st inst. The Montauk was struck forty-six times, receiving but trifling damage from the Fort's fire.

The American Consul at Monterey, Mexico, writes that a million of dollars worth of cotton had been sold at that place, and returns made in everything that the Confederate States were in need of, and that when he wrote an order for six hundred thousand blankets had been given, and the cotton on hand to pay for them.

Three vessels laden with arms purchased in Europe, were daily expected to arrive at Matamoros, Mexico.

FEB. 12.—The Federals entered Lebanon, Tennessee, on the 9th, capturing 600 Confederates, mostly Morgan's command. There were many field officers among them.

Intelligence from Kingston, Jamaica, states that the Confederate cruiser Alabama had arrived there and landed the officers and crew of the Hatteras, sunk off Galveston. The Alabama was considerably injured by the Hatteras.

Several Federal steamers left Havana for Kingston, Jamaica.

The Confederate cruiser Florida left Nassau on the 31st ult. It is also reported that she subsequently captured seven prizes off Cuba.

FEB.—13.—The Federal steam ram "Queen of the West" returned recently from below Vicksburg, having sunk three Confederate steamers laden with provisions.

Mr Secretary Seward denies that the French Minister bore any communication, formal or informal, to Richmond, or brought any back on his return from that place to Washington.

A second time in a letter written by Admiral Farragut to the Secretary of the Navy, great stress is laid upon the lack of Naval officers. The loss of the Harriet Lane, and probably the Hatteras, is attributed to this cause.

Stonewall Jackson's chaplain is now to be released, and he agrees to secure the release of all Federal chaplains who may be prisoners in Richmond, or again to deliver himself up.

Evening.—Bark Agnes, reports speaking 3rd instant, brig Darien, for Portland, whose captain reported the Alabama been captured.

Peace resolutions passed Illinois House of Representatives 52 to 28.

Bill aiding emancipation in Missouri passed Senate, 23 to 18.