

For the Christian Messenger.

Address to Mr. L. W. Williams.

DEAR SIR,

The choir of the Baptist Church in Truro have learned with deep regret of your anticipated removal.

In presenting you with this parting address, our object is not to flatter or eulogise, but to express in plain words our appreciation of your services as chorister.

We review with great pleasure the few years of our connection—so soon to be broken. The harmony which has existed during the past seven years, is of itself sufficient cause for pleasure and thankfulness. This we attribute not only to your urbanity, but to the higher principle of love which directs and controls every christian.

Your ability to conduct a choir and teach music in all its branches, needs only to be known to be appreciated. We believe this village, and especially our own church and congregation, are greatly indebted to you, inasmuch as musical talent has been drawn out, and a taste for that delightful exercise—singing—greatly increased.

As a token of our love and respect we present you with this Family Bible, hoping you may make it your daily companion, and drink deep of those truths which make wise unto salvation.

As our parting request, give us this assurance that sometimes you will think of the Truro choir.

To your amiable wife, a native of our village, we express like regret. We feel, in parting with her, that not only the choir but the community experience a loss in musical talents not easily replaced.

In your new connection we wish you every prosperity, and feel assured our loss will be their gain.

Signed, in behalf of the choir, A. J. WALKER, CHARLES H. BLAIR.

Reply.

Dear Friends,

It is with feelings of mingled pain and pleasure that I reply to your kind address;—pain, to be called to part with friends so highly esteemed, and pleasure, to feel that I have their united sympathies and good wishes.

I feel grateful not only for this manifestation of your regard, but for the sympathy and hearty co-operation you have given me during the years I have been in connection with you. Your society has been the source of much pleasure, and be assured that, individually and collectively, you will ever be held in grateful remembrance.

I thank you for the valuable present received at your hands. I hope God will ever grant me the desire to make his word my counsellor and guide. And I trust you will never forget its teachings in regard to your duties as leaders in singing his praise, and that you may be enabled to sing with the spirit and understanding also.

Mrs. Williams joins me in wishes for your welfare and future usefulness, both as a choir and as members of the Christian church.

And now, as we part, it is a source of comfort to remember that although we may not again be permitted to join our songs on earth, "There is a land of pure delight" where we hope to unite in singing praises to "Him that loved us and washed us from our sins."

L. W. WILLIAMS.

The above Address and Reply occupy more space than we like to devote to such personal matters. We insert it, however, by special request for the satisfaction of our numerous subscribers in Truro, and friends connected with the parties concerned.

Religious Intelligence.

JEDDRE.—Dear Brethren,—As a Church we must confess our remissness in not sending a report by letter to the Association of the state and statistics of the Church. But we feel thankful to God for his mercy towards us. We have not been forgotten. We have been blessed with the faithful preaching of the gospel of God's dear Son; and are thankful to the Board for sending us a missionary once more to visit these shores. As a Church we have been reproved, and we hope improved, blessed and comforted. Last Sabbath reminded us of these happy seasons, sometimes reported in the Christian Messenger. A large assembly gathered at the water side to witness the ordinance of baptism, when the esteemed missionary the Rev. Obed Parker, gave out a hymn, sang and prayed and then read the following Scriptures, viz., Matt. iii. 13, &c., also xxvii. 19, 20, and Acts x. 44, to end of chapter, with a few appropriate remarks. Then taking the candidate by the hand they both went down into the water, and he baptized her, a beloved sister. The blessed Lord seemed present to bless the sacred ordinance to all. May the Lord in his mercy grant us a repetition. Others we hope will soon follow. But our missionary is about soon to leave us, we deeply regret that it is not in our power to sustain him longer with us.

I am yours, LUKE BLAKENEY, Deacon. Jeddere, Oct. 24, 1864.

P. E. ISLAND.—Rev. Wm. Dobson writes from Little River, October 31st., 1864:—

My Dear Brother,—I have enjoyed a pleasing, and I trust a profitable visit on P. E. Island. I went there by the request of Brother M. P. Freeman and some friends residing at the Westward of the Island. I do not regret going, for, the people could not do for me as much as they wished, yet it is a blessed reward to feel that we are doing something to advance the Redeemer's cause. You have heard through Bro. Freeman, whom I highly esteem, the result of my visit. When I first went to lot 7, three years ago, I felt that God had something for his servants to do there, but being somewhat diffident, I felt that it required a more fearless ambassador. In my report to the Missionary Board last year, I gave as my opinion that if Lot 7, Tignish, and Cascumpee, could be attended to, they would soon be able to support a mission part of the time, my hopes are strengthened by what I have seen lately. The small church organized in that section last year has had about 17 added to this time, all heads of families but two, and those two, promising young men. Every where I went I was hailed with a hearty welcome, and was sorry to leave the place where I had seen and felt so much of the goodness of God. When I first took charge of the Bedeque church it was with much trembling and fear. It was not then in a promising state, but, the Lord be praised, he revived it, and from thence the glorious Gospel has sounded out and some have been converted; and others with them who had been partakers of God's grace have been gathered in. Bro. Freeman's labors are being blessed, he has a flourishing Sabbath School at Bedeque a good Superintendent and all is going on harmoniously. I would like to spend more time as a missionary if I could and probably will spend the winter or part of it on the Island, if circumstances will permit. Shall we leave those places where the people are poor but thirsting for the gospel? The Board should help.

NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI, Oct. 30th, 1864:

Dear Editor,—Thank God we have more good news to communicate: our Lord is fulfilling his gracious promise by sending the Spirit the Comforter to gladden the hearts of his children.

Since I wrote you last we have had crowded houses from 1/2 past seven until nearly 1/2 past ten. The word preached has been blessed—many have openly confessed Christ, professed conversion and desired Baptism.

On Lord's-day, Brother Powers, assisted by Brothers Hickson and Edwards led ten happy converts, seven young men, two young women, and a dear youth about 13 years of age down the banks of our Miramichi and they were buried with Christ in baptism. Hundreds of persons lined the banks and stood on the extended wharfs to witness the solemn rite. After sermon they received the welcome and were added to the church. May they be eternally saved.

The gracious revival is still going on. We hope this is but as the drops before a more plentiful shower of Divine Grace. We have had large meetings every night during the past six weeks, each meeting lasting nearly three hours, and yet they come enquiring the way to Zion. To God be all the praise.

Dear Brethren we wish all the churches in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to remember Miramichi in their fervent prayers to the great Head of the church that he may continue to bless us until this whole region shall be converted to God.

Has He not said that He will open the windows of heaven and pour out such blessing that there shall not be room to contain it. Let us dear Brethren prove Him, He will not break his word.

We hope that your widely extended and good Messenger may be the medium of conveying the glad tidings to all our baptized Churches in these Provinces, that God is with us of a truth.

Yours in the best of bonds. WM. GREMLEY.

ST. ANDREWS, N. B.—Rev. A. D. Thomson writes very encouragingly of the state of things, religiously, in his field of labor. He has baptized several recently, and others are seeking an interest in the Saviour. He is expecting a rich harvest in the field where he has been going forth for so many years "bearing the precious seed." God grant that his anticipations may be more than realized!—Visitor.

MARTIN A. FREEMAN, a pure African, a native of Rutland, Vt., and a graduate of Middlebury College, sailed from New York for Liberia, last week. He is professor in the new college.

REV. H. W. BEECHER gave notice in his pulpit recently that he would, on Sunday evenings,

until the presidential election, preach sermons which some people might call political. He gave the notice, that if any did not wish to hear these discourses, they would have opportunity to leave their seats vacant for those who did.

Mr. SPURGEON on the Prayer-book is quite surpassed by a Church clergyman, no other than Brother Ignatius. According to The Manchester Examiner's report of a meeting in that city, he proved that the Prayer-book taught, not only baptismal regeneration, but extreme unction, the apostolic succession, the real presence in the Eucharist, and auricular confession to priests, with the observance of 140 fast-days, and 200 festivals, and commanded the use of the two last! What must the book be which such a man can use thus; and which enabled him to assert that "the Church of England was not Protestant, but Catholic to "the backbone"?

Richard Weaver the celebrated revivalist preacher was recently baptized by the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon at the Metropolitan Tabernacle.

TURKEY.—The hostile measures of the Sultan have created an excitement among Mohammedans against the Protestant missionaries far beyond the boundaries of the capital, even in distant provinces, and in Persia, the results of which remain to be seen. "It has broken up all missionary work among the Turks in Constantinople for the present; the services for Turks have been suspended, except that of the American Board, and this is now attended only by Armenians. No Turk can now buy a Bible without being immediately reported to the police. Men say to the colporteurs, 'You wish to get us into prison, do you? Wait until your men are liberated. It will be time enough then to sell Bibles.' It has given new courage to the Catholics, Greeks, and Armenians, who see now that they can persecute and annoy native Protestants at will, without fear of the Turks or the British Ambassador. It has secured the imprisonment and exile of converted Turks without any form or trial, and made it evident to the Mussulmans that if they wish to become Christians they must adopt Catholicism rather than Protestantism, which can afford them no protection." As regards the converts arrested, the only men set free have obtained their liberty by professing themselves Mussulmans. "Of the nine known by us," says an American missionary, "to have been confined in one room of the prison on charge of Protestantism, six have obtained their liberty in this way; only one of these six had ever been baptized, and little or nothing was known of them by the missionaries before their arrest. The three real Protestants have had nothing done for them. One has been exiled to Magnesia, and one to Aidin. In these places they are absolutely without protection, in the midst of the most fanatical Turks in Asia Minor."

A letter has been addressed by the British Ambassador at the Porte to the missionary body, in which his Excellency states that he has referred the matter to the Home Government. He expresses his "disapproval of attacks on the Mohammedan religion in Turkey, whether by speech or writing"; stating that his opinion is "against taking rooms in inns in Mussulman quarters in Constantinople for the purpose of conversion; hiring people to go among the Turks to convert them, lecturing, or distributing books, with the object of showing the absurdity and falsehood of the Koran and its prophet"; adding—"It seems to me that, by allowing the Bible and books of Protestant prayer to be printed in Turkish and sold here; by allowing Protestants to meet freely in places of religious worship; by allowing Mohammedans to become Protestants if they act quietly, and not aggressively, when they have done so, the Ottoman Government does all we can claim from it, or which for the sake of Christianity itself here, it would, in the present state of things, be advisable to ask for." The missionary body have addressed a reply to this letter, in which they express their deep regret that his Excellency "had failed in procuring the release of the converts, and in obtaining for us such satisfaction for the violent and illegal proceedings of the Turkish Government against us as British honour, and our character as missionaries and clergymen, would require"; adding, that if such views as those expressed by his Excellency "should be eventually carried out, they would inevitably put a stop to all missionary efforts in this land, and prove a de facto abolition of the important principle of religious liberty.

MADAGASCAR.—From Madagascar there are still rumours which indicate an unsettled state of things. The Prime Minister of the new Government has been dismissed from his office, on account, it is said, of his insolent bearing towards his colleagues and the Queen, when under the influence of intemperate habits. His brother, the commander-in-chief, has been appointed his successor, and as he is known to entertain more liberal views, the change may prove an augury of good. The Rev. W. Ellis, however, states that "though no infringement of the liberty of the Christians has yet taken place, the idols continue to receive from the Queen increasing public recognition and homage, and that the regulations of the Government are becoming increasingly trying and difficult to the Christians. Men are sometimes called to work for the sovereign on the Sunday, and to attend her amusements. There is no other prohibition of Christianity, nor infringement of the liberty of the Christians; but more than this cannot with truth be said. Our great comfort is, that the adherents to the cause of Christ continue to increase. Some of the most intelligent among the people say that the public demonstration in favour of the idols is not agreeable to a large proportion of the population, even to those who are not avowed believers in the Gospel." In the country

districts the Gospel continues to find adherents. From Betsileo the brother of the governor and a number of the people had arrived, to ask for a missionary. At Fianarantsoa, a military station there, there are forty-six converts united in fellowship, and a congregation of worshippers of more than four times that number.

HAYTI.—From Hayti, the Rev. W. H. Webber, of the Baptist Society, reports that a remarkable spirit of inquiry has been manifested amongst the people, which he ascribes principally to the distribution of the Scriptures and of tracts during many previous years. The horrible traces of African superstition are still to be found in the island. An awful case of cannibalism had been discovered in connection with the practices of the Vaudoux. "At Bizoton, about two miles from Port-au-Prince, there resided two wretches, a man and his woman, who stole one of their own nieces, a girl of about eight years of age, for a human sacrifice to their god the Snake; strangled her, flayed her, cut her up, cooked her, and then devoured her, burying only the hair and the bowels, and offering the blood to their god! Happily another girl of fourteen, stolen from the high road to Port-au-Prince, and destined for another similar feast on Twelfth Day, escaped from them, and getting to Port-au-Prince, divulged the whole affair. The uncle and aunt, and accomplices, four men and four women, have therefore been arrested, tried, condemned, and shot, and their dwellings have been burnt to the ground."

"POPEY WITHOUT A POPK."—Under this title, the London Record gives some sad proofs of the advance of Romanism among a certain party of the Church of England. Upon good authority, it says that there are "eight churches in London where the eucharist is celebrated daily." How near this celebration is to the daily saying of a mass, may be inferred from the following, which it quotes from the same paper, the Church Times:

"In the Eucharist the object of our adoration is before our eyes. There Jesus Christ is evidently set forth, crucified before us. Our eyes can see and look upon, our hands can handle, the Word of Life. We know that on that paten, and in that chalice, actually and visibly before our sight, before our bowed heads, and our bended knees, the priest offers then and there before God, in common with all present, and for himself and all present, not merely an intercession which shall be efficacious through Jesus Christ, but Jesus Christ himself—body, soul, and Godhead, by whom alone all other intercessions are available."

Speedy and Effective.

Be warned in season—prevention is better, perhaps easier than cure. Most of our young men and women, from the ages of 25 to 35, begin to part with their hair. Little by little it begins to drop out. Without delay procure Mrs. S. A. ALLEN'S World's Hair Restorer and Zylolbalsamum, or Hair Dressing; they act directly on the roots of the hair, invigorating them, rendering the hair soft, silky and glossy. Every Druggist sells them.

Marriages.

At the Bishop's Chapel, Halifax, N. S., on the 1st Nov., by the father of the bride, John Howlet Harvey, Esq., to Frances Mary, daughter of the Rev. Canon Cochran, M. A., Minister of the Chapel. On the 27th ult., by the Rev. W. Maxwell, Mr. John Anderson, to Jane, fourth daughter of Mr. Peter Graham, both of this city. At Roxbury, Mass., by Rev. G. S. Converse, Rector of St. James' Church, Mr. Donald Rob, to Miss Martha Anderson, both of Halifax, N. S. At Fredericton, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. Charles Spurgeon, Mr. John Valentine Ellis, Editor of the Daily Evening Globe, St. John, to Mary Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr. S. W. Babbitt, of first named place. At Greenwich, on the 20th ult., by the Rev. O. Ruggles, Richard Brown, of Windsor, to Mary Ann Mader, of Mahone Bay. At Cornwallis, on the 31st ult., by the same, William J. Rose, of Machias, Me., son of Mr. Wm. H. Ross, West Cornwallis, to Amelia R., eldest daughter of Allan C. Barnaby, of Steam Mill Village, Cornwallis. At Brooklyn, West Cornwallis, on the 21st Oct., by the Rev. E. M. Saunders, A. M., Mr. Benjamin Robinson, of Aylesford, to Miss Emma Keilum, daughter of the late Amasa Keilum, of Cornwallis. At Bridgewater, Nov. 3rd, by the Rev. H. L. Owen, Rector of Lunenburg, Capt. Andrew W. Mack, of Port Medway, to Harriet B., eldest daughter of the late Capt. Chas. W. Owen.

Deaths.

On the 3rd inst., Bessie J., the wife of Rev. R. N. Morris, and only daughter of John Davidson, aged 18 years. At Boston, October 21st, of Typhoid Fever, Joseph Frame, Medical Student, at Harvard College, youngest son of the late John Frame, of Stuenescadie, N. S. On Saturday morning, the beloved wife of Joseph Frederick, aged 75 years. At Dartmouth, on 3rd inst., of heart disease, John McInidor, Esq., aged 32 years, late of Quebec. At the Poors' Asylum, on 3rd inst., Patrick Curtis, aged 41 years. At Annapolis Royal, on the 18th ult., Isabel Charlotte, youngest daughter of the late Wm. Wainlett, Esq., formerly High Sheriff of the County of Annapolis. Suddenly on the 20th ult., at East Chester, Mrs. Mary Fraill, in the 70th year of her age. Our departed sister professed religion in the days of Father Dimock, and united with the Chester Church, of which she remained a worthy member till death removed her from a world of toil and suffering, to the rest that remains to the people of God." On the morning of the day of her death, deceased took her breakfast in usual health, after which she went to the shore for the purpose of crossing over to a certain island, and while making preparations to go on board the boat, she fell on the beach and almost instantly expired. "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."