

the Lord has saved him. I met him again, more than a month after. His faith and knowledge had increased. Among other expressions he said, "Oh! I was blind; but the Lord has opened my eyes. Oh! I was in the way to destruction and thought it the right way. Oh! what would have become of me, if you had not told me the right way! I should have been lost! Oh, Blessed Jesus!"

If any good has been done, to God alone, be all the praise. I hope, however, to see more fruit ere the year shall close, I do hope the Board will not forget to pray earnestly for their Missionary in Cape Breton. Truly, if any one needs to be remembered in prayer he does.

I am, dear brother,
Yours in Christian hope,
J. F. KERRON.
Mira Bay, C. B., Feb. 20th 1865.

For the Christian Messenger.

Our Foreign Missions.

LETTER FROM REV. A. B. R. CRAWLEY.

Dear Bro. Selden, I furnish the following extracts for insertion in your valuable Paper. Yours fraternally,
C. TUPPER, Secretary.
Aylesford, March 5, 1865.

BASSIN, Dec. 21, 1864.

"My Dear Dr. Tupper,
Yours of the 29th August, enclosing Draft for \$112; was duly received on the 13th inst.—Many thanks for the same.
"Before receiving your letter, I had learned, through the Messenger, I think, of Bro. Kempton's disappointment. Well, what can we say? We must "be still." After all, great as is the demand for Missionaries, can we doubt that it would be unwise to send to Burmah men whom the climate would compel to return to their native land before they had accomplished anything, and unfitted, perhaps, for any work in any land? While I long for a helper here, I can not doubt that God in His own time will raise up the right man.
"I note all you say with reference to donations, and will see that they are appropriated as intended by the donors.
"It will be easily understood by brethren at home, that the supply of native preachers is by no means equal to the demand, when it is remembered that I am the only Missionary in a district about 100 miles long, and as many broad, containing a population the majority of whom know little or nothing of Christ and His salvation. Assistants are imperatively needed on every hand; but I dare not move faster, in the matter of putting men into the ministry, than the God of Missions authorises by His providence to move.
"Respecting the \$50 [voted at Convention] for the Mission Schools, you remark, "The Board may hereafter add, to this, if needful," if the Board feel at liberty to appropriate \$25, or even \$50 more for the Schools, it would be well; for the School may increase to such an extent as to render a large outlay necessary. The heathen seem to be waking up to perceive the superiority of our schools to their own priest-taught ones; and there probably will be a large influx this year of heathen children.
"I am much pleased and gratified to notice that your Board [Convention] has aided the Union to such an extent; for at this time such assistance is doubly welcome, when the enormous rate of exchange threatens to reduce the income of the Union more than one half."

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR R. R. CRAWLEY.

For the Christian Messenger.

DEAR BROTHER,
The first Monday of this month was the Annual Meeting of Our Foreign Missionary Society. A little different we are you perceive from Granville Street Church; we have separate organizations for our two leading missionary objects, Foreign and Domestic, while your plan is to combine all in one. It does not so much matter, as to the mode, if only the work is done.
Alas, what neglect, what sinful indifference is manifested by the professed friends of the Redeemer, with reference to the great command, "Preach the gospel to every creature!" Our Eastern Association could easily support one Foreign Missionary—the Central two, and the Western three, and then we should feel more able, because more willing to do more, much more for our educational institutions.
But to our meeting. And what would you expect from a meeting for Foreign Mission purposes, and no help from without? No enthusiastic advocates from other places

to plead the cause of the heathen. No "handbills" announcing some persons of distinction to speak—just our "annual meeting,"—well just in our usual quiet way we did our own work. Brethren however felt satisfied, yes, thankful, that we attempted, when we did the support of a Native Preacher in Burmah.

Moung Yan Gin, is, it was seen, still laboring at Donabew; he was, and is remembered in our petitions at the throne of grace with much affection. Our Treasurer showed that our half yearly remittance had been made, and presented every encouragement to continue—and with the help of the Lord we intend to hold on, making provision, for the present year.

Our Secretary's report interested us, and we thought it might interest others also, therefore recommend its publication in the "Messenger." You have not yet done so, for one very substantial reason, I suspect, you have not yet seen it.
The obligation of our churches with reference to the heathen, together with their ability in the matter, was a subject that had evidently impressed the minds of several of the brethren. While the hopefulness of the undertaking, was clearly shown from the records of the past. And the mission of the Church was shown to be a success, both in the thousands of converts from pagan idolatry, and the extensive circulation of God's word, which was acting like leaven upon the masses of heathen nations.
These meetings are good, as they bring our minds into sympathy with the perishing—they awaken thought, prompt inquiry, and, "What can I do for the heathen? does not always end with the meeting—nor, as we believe did it on this occasion. More of this anon.

Yours truly,
D. W. C. DIMOCK.
Truro, March 8th, 1865.

For the Christian Messenger.

Sabbath Schools in the Winter.

Mr. Editor,
The interest which the Churches for the last few years, have taken in Sabbath Schools, and the success that has attended the labor employed in them, prove clearly that they are an indispensable agency of the Church of Christ on earth.
Assuming this to be an incontrovertible fact, I think we may safely say that the Concert may be successfully employed by Sabbath Schools generally, as an agent to awaken the people, and to excite the minds of the youth, to a generous rivalry in committing portions of the word of God to memory; and in bringing out talent that otherwise, would remain dormant.
Although in the country it is often thought best to discontinue Sabbath Schools, during the winter, yet the monthly Concerts could be kept up with success, and, I am of opinion that by so doing, adults as well as children will be more fully alive to the great work on hand,—the education of the young mind in the principles of the Bible. If I have ever had doubts of this, they have been removed by the success which has attended the labors of the Superintendent, and friends of the Sabbath School in connexion with the Second Hillsburgh Baptist Church, which School has been holding its Concerts monthly this winter. The best one of these, was the last, which came off on the afternoon of the 5th inst., in the Baptist Chapel. Although the roads were anything but good, yet more than two hundred of the scholars and friends of the School were present. On reaching the house our ears were saluted with the sound of vocal and instrumental music. On entering we found the house full; the school in their places, and the choir under Bro. C. E. Gilliland, discoursing sweet music. I cannot give you an account of the exercises, suffice it to say, that after prayer, came recitations of portions of scripture by the scholars, then music, questions and answers from scripture by superintendent and scholars. Several dialogues by the young ladies, and at the close some very good speeches from friends present. Some of the little ones five or six years old, recited portions of the Word of God in a manner that would do no discredit to persons of adult age.
There was another feature that particularly pleased me. Some of the older ones—several heads of families—were not ashamed to come down among the little ones and recite their chapters to good effect, showing that although grown to riper years yet they did not feel ashamed of that Book from which they had received the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
While sitting and listening I thought, Well there are pleasures connected with the service of God that cannot be enjoyed in any other exercise! Truly religion's ways "are

ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace." To the Christian such exhibitions are delightful cases in the desert, like the "shadow of a great rock in a weary land;" while they tend to point to the Sabbath above, with its accompanying concert, at which all the redeemed of the Lord who have come from all the Sabbath Schools on earth, shall join in unison with angels' harps and the song of seraphs; the glorified throng shall strike in the heavenly chorus to God and the Lamb forever.

AMICUS.
Digby, March 8th, 1865.

For the Christian Messenger.

Closing Remarks.

Many of your readers, I dare say, are of opinion that to reply in one periodical to articles which were inserted in another (very few persons having the means of consulting both) is an unsatisfactory process.
I agree with them; and shall therefore abstain from troubling you with any more "replies" to "Stewart." In fact, it is altogether unnecessary to continue the discussion, since "Stewart's" case has hopelessly broken down, and the justice of my observation on Currie's Catechism cannot be impeached. The public will have a further opportunity of judging between us hereafter.
If "Stewart" had read Dr. Chase's paper on Irenaeus he would have known that Dr. C. defended his translation by references to classical usage. But he evidently quoted him at second-hand.
I am not the guardian of John Wesley's consistency. If he admits immersion in one place and rejects it in another, it may not be the only instance of contradiction in his writings.
If "one of the sprinkling persuasion" who has come to the rescue of "Stewart" had written under his own signature I might have been tempted to take some notice of him. But I shall not reply to anonymous writers. "Stewart" is an exception. He is anonymous to many of the readers of the *Provincial Wesleyan*, but it is well known here that he is a young man who was "received on trial" by the Conference last June, and is now stationed in this township.
I rejoice in looking forward to "the good time coming," when zeal will dwell with love—and charity will be cherished without sacrifice of truth—and the young will refrain from despising the aged;—when the sects will cease to "bite and devour one another."
"And e'en the dipp'd and sprinkled live in peace."

Yours, &c.,
J. M. CRAMP.
Acadia College,
March 10th, 1865.

For the Christian Messenger.

Female Education.

At a meeting held in the Library of Acadia College on Wednesday last, the 8th inst., the following resolutions were passed unanimously:
1. That the success which has attended the Female Department of our educational enterprise is abundantly encouraging, and should stimulate the denomination to persevering and extended effort.
2. That the insufficiency of accommodation in the house hitherto used for the Female Seminary renders the provision of a larger and more commodious building absolutely necessary, and that there is good reason to believe the number of pupils prepared to attend the Institution will increase from year to year, till the wants of the Denomination, in this respect, are fully supplied.
3. That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that an effort be immediately made to raise a fund for the erection of a Seminary Building, capable of accommodating at least one hundred pupils, and provided with the most approved means and appliances of education.
4. That the Committee in charge of Horton Academy be requested to carry these resolutions into effect as soon as practicable, by appealing to the benevolence of the Denomination and of the public at large, and taking such other steps for the accomplishment of this object as may be deemed expedient.

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Schools, and pleased to find the Concert feature of them in so successful operation. The Sabbath School is doubtless a very important institution in connection with the Christian church, but we are not quite prepared to regard it as "an indispensable agency." Circumstances may exist in some places to render it almost impossible to sustain one, but the Church may exist nevertheless. Unless, however, there be some such barrier, we doubt if any church will long maintain a healthy growing condition, without by some means employing the hearts and active energies of its members in instructing the rising generation.
We like the idea of having monthly Concerts in places where the ordinary gatherings of the schools are suspended. More especially will the practise of adults joining with the younger people in reciting passages of scripture, commend itself to intelligent Christians. Incalculable good may thus be done to old and young. Those of our friends who engage in this great work of imparting religious knowledge to the rising generation, but who have an intermission of a few weeks in winter, will now be preparing for another campaign, and looking forward to soon again meeting their youthful charge, and joining with their friends and fellow teachers in the delightful task of rearing the tender thought and pointing them to heaven. We would suggest that no time should now be lost in organizing. We shall soon have the winter gone, and the period arrive when a Bureau of the Statistics of the Schools will be looked for. We hope they will be such as will afford satisfaction to all interested in the work. Sabbath School Teachers you are not alone in your labors. You have the sympathy of numerous hands, whose warm hearts beat in unison with yours, and who will be rejoiced to hear from you of good being done. Remember the soul of a child is no less precious than that of a man or woman, and needs the same spiritual change to fit it for heaven. Those who have continued their labours without intermission, will shortly find that larger numbers may be gathered into their folds. Let them seek out the careless and neglected, and endeavour to inspire them with higher aspirations, by bringing them under holy influences, and so follow in the footsteps of Him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Let them remember that early impressions are the most lasting, and as they strive to fill the heart and mind with Divine truth, before error and sin have defiled and perverted them, whilst looking up to the Great Teacher for his aid and blessing, they shall find that their labors are not in vain in the Lord.

Having occupied so much of our space last week on School matters, and in our present issue, given the Speech of the Hon. Provincial Secretary in full, as officially reported for the Assembly, on his introducing the new School Bill to the Legislature, we shall not add all that we might otherwise feel called upon to say to our readers respecting this important measure. It has several new features, as will be perceived by Dr. Tupper's speech, and we doubt not they will be found to be improvements which the experience of the past year have suggested. If its provisions are enacted and found to be an efficient remedy for the defects in the present law, it will be worth all it has cost to arrive at such conclusion. The debate on the Bill was made the order of the day for yesterday afternoon; we are therefore unable to give any of the speeches in opposition to the Bill. Objections will doubtless be raised, and probably amendments suggested, to some of the provisions, but we do not anticipate any very serious hostility to the bill. Its aim, we believe, is to provide the best education possible for every child in the province.

NEWS SUMMARY.

News from the scene of Southern warfare still continues comparatively without much interest. The only force in active operation at present is that commanded by Gen. Sherman. The last telegraphic accounts state that he is in North Carolina, having taken Fayetteville, and about to march on Raleigh, the capital of the State. It is evident that no sufficient Confederate force is present to offer material opposition. An approaching battle seems to be anticipated, between Grant and Lee, near Richmond, but as the whole surrounding country is said to be a quagmire from the winter rains, such event is not probable. There appears a strong tone of despondency in many of the Southern papers as to the ultimate event of the war. The Confederate Legislature have passed an Act for arming and disciplining the negroes. As many, it is said, as 300,000, but without any guarantee for their ultimate freedom. Had

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HALIFAX, MARCH 15, 1865.
A WORD ABOUT SABBATH SCHOOLS.
We are glad to receive the communication in another column, respecting Sabbath