

ance, and though my official connection may not long continue, still when I retire it will be with the conviction that if the denomination who founded the College with prayers and tears, neglect to sustain it, they neglect their own best interests and that which will ultimately operate upon their future prospects.

J. W. BARSS,
Acadia College,
Wolfville, 30th Jan, 1865.

For the Christian Messenger.
DONATION VISITS.

AT LOWER GRANVILLE.

Dear Brother,—
The Annual Donation Visit at the Baptist Parsonage, Lower Granville, took place on the 17th inst.

A large number of friends were present. After a sumptuous tea, the presentation speech was made by Brother R. Hall. He was followed by a short but deeply interesting address read by Master Albert Delap, presenting, in behalf of the young men, a valuable Harness. The whole amount given was \$96, chiefly in cash. The Pastor then expressed, as best he could, the gratitude of his heart for these liberal manifestations of good will. May heaven smile upon the donors for their praiseworthy efforts to cheer their pastor amid the toils and discouragements incident to ministerial life! Especially may God's richest blessing rest upon my young friends for their generous appreciation of my services!

Rev'd A. H. Achilles and G. D. Cox, and Mr. Charles Hillz made excellent speeches on the occasion. Music, vocal and instrumental, under the direction of Mr. G. Kennedy, added to the pleasure of the evening.

Yours in Christian love,
ISAIAH WALLACE.
Lower Granville, Jan. 20th, 1865.

AT NEW MINAS.

"I received a very substantial mark of good-will on the part of my friends, a number of whom called on me the other evening, and made me a present of about \$80, chiefly cash. I hope God will richly reward them for their kindness."
S. B. KEMPTON.

For the Christian Messenger

OBITUARY NOTICES.

Mrs. T. DESBRISAY.

The above was the relict of Mr. Thomas Desbrisay, late deacon of the Baptist Church, Charlotte-town, P. E. I., removed hence in the year 1857. Mrs. D. was born in April, 1787, and thus passed away in her 78th year. The offspring of a pious mother, she was trained up in the fear of the Lord, and gave evidence of a renewed nature while yet young. She professed religion, first of all, among the Wesleyans of Charlotte-town; with whom for some time Mr. Desbrisay was also connected. About the year 1830 she became a member of the Charlotte-town Baptist Church, with which she was thus associated for about the space of thirty-five years. Sincere and earnest as a Christian, she also held firmly by her convictions as a Calvinistic Baptist. The name, the career, the discourses, and the influence of C. H. Spurgeon, in her latter days, awakened within her bosom a deep and peculiar interest. She made no pretensions to extraordinary religious experiences. She brought up children—guided her household—and gave none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. She lived her religion in her daily walk. Yet that walk, exemplar as it was, was not the ground of her hope for eternity. That hope she derived from Christ and Christ alone. Broken down in her nervous system towards the close of her days, and anxious about everything, she would often express her dissatisfaction with herself, and deplore the feebleness of her faith. She would take courage, again, however, when reminded that it is not our faith that saves us, either in its weakness or its strength, but the glorious Object on whom it fastens, and to whom it clings, even the Lord Jesus Christ. Her affliction induced a constant demand for water; and water became a leading topic in her conversation. Whatever the immediate theme, she would still contrive to say something about water. On one occasion, when partaking of the beautiful element, she was reminded of the words of Christ,—Whoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again. But whoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst. But the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. This last phrase aroused her attention, and kindled her falling energies. "O yes," she exclaimed; "a well of water springing up—springing up—springing up into everlasting life." Her disease was improved by her pastor on Lord's day evening, the 22nd inst., from Psalm xxiii. 4. It was a passage which had given her great consolation when quoted and enlarged upon in her presence a few days previous to her decease. She has now passed through the dark valley of which David sings. She has emerged into the light and bliss which lie beyond. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. This was her expectation and experience in life. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Such is the glorious consummation on which she has now entered.
Charlotte-town, P. E. I., Jan. 21, 1865.
(Christian Visitor please copy.)

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.
New Germany.

DEAR BROTHER,

It will doubtless be cheering to you, and to those who peruse the pages of the Christian Messenger, to hear that God is reviving his work at New Germany. The members of the Baptist Church, together with their Pastor, met a few weeks since, and resolved to hold a series of meetings, to commence on the first day of January, observing the Week of Prayer as invited by the Evangelical Alliance. They have continued to meet the past week every morning and evening, and God has blessed their efforts. Last sabbath six happy converts, all in the bloom of life, were buried in the likeness of the Saviour's death, and together with one who had been restored to fellowship were added to the Baptist Church, under the pastoral care of my esteemed Brother in Christ, Rev. Wm. E. Hall. Great seriousness prevails among the people, and I doubt not many more will soon be brought to Jesus. May God hasten it.

I may add that agreeable to previous appointment, the friends of Bro. Hall, met this evening, at the house of Bro. George Bars, to make him a Donation Visit. Tea being disposed of, the donation amounting to eight pounds in cash, and useful articles five pounds, was presented by Deacon Lantz, to Bro. Hall, with suitable remarks, to which Bro. Hall, appropriately replied. Addresses were then delivered by Rev. Mr. Martin (Wesleyan) and Rev. T. Delong, the writer, and several others, the union hymn was sung, Prayer offered, and the friends about eighty in number, dispersed. New Germany is progressing.

Yours truly,
R. S. MORTON.

New Germany, January 16th, 1865.

For the Christian Messenger.
Mission in Cape Breton.

Dear Brethren,—

Well do I remember as if it were but yesterday, the days of my boyhood in Cape Breton, the deep interest and satisfaction, I felt in perusing the journal of the Baptist fathers of our province, before the Christian Messenger was in existence. Therefore I have reason to bless God for the old Baptist Nova Scotia Magazine, as well as for religious periodicals of the present day, and deem it of the greatest importance that the Missionary enterprise should be kept fresh in the minds of our churches. It is very obvious to casual observers who have travelled in Cape Breton twenty years ago, that the Baptist cause in some localities is retrograding. It cannot be otherwise, when they are from year to year without the stated means of grace. Yet in all those places we have sterling noble hearted pious Baptists, who are willing to do their utmost to sustain the cause, if suitable men of God were to labor among them. Could we not obtain the labors of an Evangelist, or will not our strong churches send forth their Pastors occasionally, as in the days of the Dimocks, the Hardings, and the Mannings, when the glory of the Lord shone upon us, and the forest was converted into a fruitful field? Oh! that those expiring Churches at Cape Breton, may hear the soul thrilling response—WE WILL. I can truly say that my Mission proved refreshing to my own soul, and I sincerely hope profitable to the people.

RECEIVED IN AID OF THE MISSION.

Table with columns for names and amounts. Includes Mr. Robert Frizzle, Mrs. Frizzle, A. Friend, Mr. D. Smith, Mr. Samuel McKee, Mr. J. Austin, Mrs. Potter, A. Friend, Mr. J. McDonald, Mrs. Flora McDonald, Mr. Murdoch McDonald, Mr. J. Timony, Mrs. John McLeod, Mrs. Jane McLeod, Mrs. M. McLean, Mr. Lauch McDonald, Mr. W. Ingram, Mrs. D. McDonald, Mrs. Mary McLeod, Mr. M. Ross, Collection, South Sydney, Collection, South Sydney, Elder Hugh Ross, Collection, Own Day, Mr. D. Spencer, Donation.

For the Christian Messenger.
Pugwash.

The Rev. Geo. F. Miles, writes from Amherst, Jan. 26th, 1865.—

The good work is still going on at Pugwash. I baptized four persons last Lord's day, and two Sabbath before. Others are received for baptism and the spirit of enquiry is apparent. The Church is beginning to realize the responsibility of her position, a number of wanderers have returned, and we have rejoiced over the penitent, the prodigal, and the saved. Bro. Chipman has rendered good service for a few days, and Bro. Clay has given us all the help he could. We have had meetings twice every day for some time, and I never felt more of the power of the Spirit than in some of the afternoon services. The earnest prayers, the humble confessions, the bitter tear of repentance all contributed to awaken feelings deep and powerful, not easily forgotten. Pray for us. Pray for Pugwash.

Is there no minister who has a disposition to occupy that field, and labor for the good of souls.

Yours truly,
GEO. F. MILES.

For the Christian Messenger.
New Brunswick.

NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI.—Our friend W. Gremley, writes Jan. 21st, 1865.—

The Revival still continues, numbers are added to the Church, fifty-four have been we trust hopefully converted and baptized, others manifest a desire to follow the Saviour, we trust the good work will continue all winter and all summer, we want help as Bro. Hickson is alone and needs assistance, and as a consequence two churches to whom he preaches have not been attended to as they would if he had the required help; our meetings are very full, and God is blessing the people. The Temperance cause is very much revived, last evening there were nearly 80 members, Sons of Temperance, present at our regular meeting—drunkenness is a rare sight in this town, although some are sunk so low as to sell the accursed thing, and others are found so mean as to license the traffic. The Cadets of Temperance are a noble band, I have been with them this evening, and I think there were over fifty in attendance. The Methodist Society are blessed with many who we believe are savingly converted to God, nearly one hundred have united with them since the commencement of the revival in this place. The Presbyterian congregation appears to share in the Divine blessing. Bless the Lord for all his goodness. Brethren pray for us.

Yours in Gospel bonds,
WILLIAM GREMLEY.

American and Foreign News.

LATEST FROM THE STATES.

[From Telegrams to Associated Press.]

TUESDAY evening, Jan. 24.—Resolutions declaring that the war should be prosecuted until Southern independence was achieved have passed both Houses of the Confederate Congress. Peace resolutions have been defeated in the Virginia Legislature.

Mr. Seddon, Confederate Secretary of War, has resigned.

Large amounts of gold have been sold at 198.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 25.—In the Canadian Parliament yesterday, the Finance Minister included in the estimates for the current year, the sum of fifty thousand dollars in gold, to make good the late robbery at St. Albans, by Confederate refugees.

The Smithsonian Institute at Washington, was nearly destroyed by fire yesterday.

Evening—Gold is quoted in Richmond at 2500 per cent premium.

It is rumored that Mr. Seward will be appointed Minister to London after 4th March next.

Information from James River says five Confederate iron clads came down the river yesterday morning, at 2 o'clock, to make an attack on City Point. A battle quickly ensued between the Confederates and our nearest batteries, in which one Confederate iron-clad was blown up and instantly destroyed, and two others so badly damaged as to cause them to seek safety by flight, followed by the remaining two.

THURSDAY, Jan. 26.—Several valuable buildings were burned in Buffalo yesterday, including the American Hotel, loss over half a million dollars.

A very fast iron Steamer named the "Colonel Lamb," left Havana at 21st inst., supposed intended for a Rebel Privateer. She had 140 men registered as passengers and cannon in her hold.

Advices from New Orleans of the 4th say that a Federal expedition of fifteen thousand men was preparing to advance on Passagoula. The Rebels have a rumor that the Federal

post at Fort Smith, Ark., has been captured with its garrison of troops of a thousand men.

Evening.—Richmond papers of the 23rd substantially confirm the evacuation of Wilmington, and that Gen. Terry is in possession of the city. Two blockade runners, the Stag and Charlotte, run into Cape Fear River on the 19th, not knowing the place was occupied by Federals, and were captured.

FRIDAY, Jan. 27.—Some details are given of the attempt of the Confederate Flotilla to pass Federal batteries on James River. Two Ironclads mounting 2 guns each and 4 wooden vessels mounting 2 guns each, made an attempt during storm and darkness on Tuesday night. The "Fredericksburg" with full steam succeeded in making through the obstructions near Dutch Gap Canal, and the "Richmond" in attempting to follow, got aground. This delayed the expedition till daylight when Federal batteries opened upon them. Ironclad "Drury" was blown up by a shell entering her magazine, and her consort were compelled to retire. Had flotilla got out it is probable the entire fleet of Federal transports with all the works of Gen. Grant at City Point would have been destroyed.

Evening.—Capt Semmes is reported to have had command of the Confederate gunboat. Expedition down the James River, a few days ago.

News from Sherman says a portion of his forces had captured 2,000 Rebels in South Carolina, with their artillery.

SATURDAY, Jan. 28.—The Canadian Court has unanimously decided that Burleigh, the Lake Erie pirate, must be given up to the United States authorities.

It is asserted that the State Department has received advices confirmatory in some degree of the report that Maximilian has conditionally ceded several states of Northern Mexico to Napoleon.

The latest peace rumor is alleged to have been brought by Mr. Blair, to the effect that both Jeff. Davis and Lee are ready to submit to the United States Government.

Gold market continued excited. Opened this morning at 210.

Evening.—The Richmond Examiner, declares that Jeff. Davis and other leaders, are not equal to the occasion.

Late Richmond papers give a rumor from Wilmington that the pirate Tallahassee had been captured by Federals in New Inlet.

The War Department at Washington took fire this morning, but was soon extinguished.

MONDAY, Jan. 30.—The blockade steamer "Blenheim" has been captured on Cape Fear River.

The steamer "Eclipse" exploded her boilers on the Tennessee River, destroying 140 lives, mostly soldiers.

Evening.—Richmond Sentinel of 29th has the following:—Breckenridge has been appointed Secretary of War.—Hood's farewell to his army is published. Dick Taylor succeeds him.—No Official appointment of Gen. Lee as Gen-in-Chief has yet been made.

Confederates say Richmond will be burned whenever it is in danger of being captured.

It is reported from the West that Confederate Gen. Kirby Smith, commanding Confederate troops on West Mississippi River, is negotiating with Maximilian for the transfer of all his troops to Maximilian's standard.

Blair says that Davis admitted to him that they will be obliged to submit to the United States Government, that all want to make terms, but no official is willing to assume the responsibility. Gold closed at 210.

A \$50,000 dwelling-house on Chestnut street has been presented by Philadelphia to Mrs. Gen. Grant.

Edwin Forrest, the actor, has built a private theatre in Philadelphia, for the education of poor boys and girls in declamation.

There is a brisk trade in young Indian girls in Oregon, at \$40 to \$80 a head.

An artesian well at Chicago throws out 576,000 gallons of water per day.

Two great constitutional measures are now before Congress—the amendment prohibiting slavery, and the provision for the election of President and Vice-President by the direct vote of the people. Upon the first, there is scarcely a doubt of the will of the people, and it is said, that should Congress fail to pass it, the President will call an extra session. As to the other, the opinion is rapidly gaining ground, that the will of the people will be more directly, democratically, and satisfactorily reached by abolishing the Electoral College.—Examiner.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

The R. M. S. "Cuba," from Liverpool on the 14th inst., and the steamer "America," from Southampton on the 18th, arrived at New York on Sunday.

There is little political news. The advices received in England by the arrival there of the steamer "Africa," of the failure of the first Wilmington expedition, caused an advance in the Confederate loan, and was a source of great joy to the advocates of the South.

The blockade-runner steamer "Selja," of 1100 tons, foundered near Liverpool, with a loss of 18 lives.

Commercial news shows little change.—Broad-waist dull and inactive.—Cotton slightly declined. Provision market generally firm.—Consols closed on the 17th at 89 1/4.