

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

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CHAPTER XIV.

TRAVELLING AGENCY.

(No. 2.)

After visiting Aylesford, Upper Wilmot, Nictaux, Bridgetown, Digby, &c., passing through many storms, January 2nd, 1851, I reached Petite Passage. Being obliged to leave my horse, I applied to the ferryman to set me across to Long Island. Though he appeared to be a robust man, yet he alleged that he could not do it, on account of the severity of the cold. Another man, however, complied with my request. As horses were very scarce on the Island, after crossing it was necessary for me to walk 4 miles, in a very heavy road, carrying my saddle-bags on my shoulder. Next morning the friend with whom I had tarried the night, carried me in a sleigh about a mile, when the snow falling profusely, and the wind driving furiously, the road became so obstructed by drifts that the beast could not proceed farther. My friend kindly urged me to return; but the desire to fulfil my appointment, and also to aid in a revival on Brier Island, or Westport, prompted me to take up my luggage, as before, and to wallow through the drifts 4 miles more. Before night I succeeded in crossing the Grand Passage, and enjoyed the pleasure of meeting a number of my ministering Brethren, who had assembled to attend the opening of a new House of worship in Westport, and were now holding a successful series of meetings there. In the evening I preached to a very solemn congregation. The day following, which was Saturday, we had a cheering conference; and on the Lord's day a number of joyful converts were baptized by Bro. P. F. Murray, the Pastor of the Church. Fifty-one persons were reported as baptized in a week. A truly delightful season was enjoyed on the Island. It was abundantly more than a compensation for all the toils and hardships endured on the way thither.

Returning back I proceeded to Yarmouth. There a large number of young persons had recently professed faith. I earnestly exhorted them "with purpose of heart to cleave unto the Lord." In the town and vicinity 23 new subscribers for *Christian Messenger* were obtained at this time.

Thence I proceeded by the South Shore to Liverpool, where, by request, I preached, as stated before, a funeral sermon with reference to the decease of our highly esteemed father in the ministry, Rev. Edward Manning, who had many ardent friends in this place.

After this I pursued my journey homeward, visiting the principal places on the way, and reached home on the 27th day of February, at the end of my longest absence from my family, namely, one of nearly 4 months.

My dear wife had been quite ill during that time; but she was enabled to bear her long-continued illness with patient submission, in the steadfast and consoling hope of future bliss.

In my tedious and toilsome journeys much kindness was received from numerous friends. In some places, as Windsor, Westport, Yarmouth, and Liverpool, the people made liberal contributions toward defraying the expense of my agency. This enabled me, with consistency, to devote more time than otherwise could have been so devoted to direct ministerial labor, not only in preaching, but also visiting families, especially the sick, the aged and infirm, and such as were laboring under any affliction. In the course of nearly five months spent in my agency I preached 87 sermons, delivered 5 public Temperance lectures, addressed a number of Divisions of Sons of Temperance, and Sabbath Schools, and took an active part in several other meetings.

In that time I travelled about 2000 miles, and, besides collecting a pretty large amount for *C. M.*, adjusting accounts, correcting irregularities in transmission, &c., obtained about 200 new subscribers. I also wrote and copied 12 communications for the paper, containing matter sufficient to fill about 14 of its columns.

After my return I remained a few days in Amherst, intending next to perform a tour in New Brunswick. This was not with a view to obtain new subscribers there; but to settle accounts, and collect arrears. When my Brethren in that Province first proposed to publish a separate paper, I did indeed endeavor to dis-

saude them from it; as I greatly feared the two would come into collision, and both would fail. When, however, the second paper had been commenced, I sincerely desired that both might live, and be useful in their respective fields. If any persons were able and disposed to take both, I had no objection to it; but, when travelling in that Province, I conscientiously and cautiously refrained from adopting a course that could in any measure tend to diminish or restrict the circulation of the paper published there. It was, as it still is, my ardent wish that our respective papers might be conducted with prudence, and without interference or contention; but that they might mutually aid in the promotion of brotherly love, and the furtherance of the interests of truth and godliness.

For the Christian Messenger.

United States Correspondence.

MAINE, January 21, 1868.

Dear Messenger,—

Knowing your deep interest in Sabbath Schools, I send you the following particulars concerning a Teacher's Institute we have just held. At the Cumberland Baptist Association some of the ministers and friends, impressed with the great need of improvement in Sabbath School instruction, appointed five of the brethren to make arrangements to have a meeting for the benefit of Teachers; they met and consulted, and the result of their deliberations was the establishment of a Teacher's Institute, on Wednesday and Thursday the 15th and 16th of this month. We met at Freeport Baptist Church. Bro. R. G. Pardee, A. M., of New York, was invited to become Conductor, which he accepted, and our sessions were full of interest. Bro. P. gave us a half hour's address on the progress and present condition of Sabbath Schools. After organization of the Institute, and devotional exercises, reports were given from the different schools represented in the meeting, which reports were well reviewed by the Conductor. In the afternoon, for half an hour we had prayer for Sabbath Schools, then a model Bible Class, which was very interesting, followed by some very interesting exercises on the black-board by the conductor. I am of opinion that the black-board exercises will become a powerful mode of instruction.

In the evening at 7 o'clock, devotional exercises were held in behalf of scholars, which was followed by an instructive lecture on *Object Teaching*, then an Essay by Bro. Bryant, on *The Duties of the Sabbath School Teacher*, which were regarded as varied, of which he pointed out some as way-marks.

1. A Teacher must make himself acquainted with his work as far as circumstances will allow.

Let him give his work attention, it demands it—look at the magnitude of it.

2. To engage in this work with a consecration necessary to the work.

We judge of an enterprise by the manner in which men attend to it. What enterprise demands so much attention and devotion as that of Sabbath Schools? A few suggestions may be given—He should be *constant and punctual*. The class depends upon him—he must always say, "Come" and not "Go" to the Sabbath School—a teacher should have a thorough knowledge of the lesson, a man cannot teach unless he knows what to teach—he should be much in prayer—should study his lesson prayerfully.

A Sabbath School Teacher should make the salvation of his scholars the great object of his labours. He should *pray* for them, talk kindly with them, visit them and thereby show his interest in them. We had some very interesting directions respecting Teacher's meetings.

On Thursday morning after prayer for Teachers, the question came up for discussion, "How can school teachers be best fitted for their work?" I give you some answers.

1. There must be a deep conviction that children can be converted.
2. Love for children—adaptation in teaching.
3. Hard application to their work, with hearts full of love for souls.
4. By copying the example of Christ the great teacher.
5. Meditation and prayer.
6. Christian department before scholars.

The subject of Question books came up, and was well disposed of by the Conductor. In the afternoon, Superintendents gave in an account of the mode in conducting their respective Sabbath Schools, then the following topics were discussed:—How should Sabbath School singing be conducted? How can Sabbath Schools be made more practical, efficient and useful? Evening, Prayer for parents. The object of Sabbath

Schools and how to enlist the church in this work. I need not say that the meetings were full of interest, and though I took copious notes I am afraid they would occupy too much of your paper to print the whole, but in conclusion let me urge the Teachers to hold a Sabbath School Teachers' Convention in some central place, if possible, and place it under the care of Bro. Pardee, of New York, or some similar man, and I will promise them a great feast. Let them try it.

A MINISTER.

For the Christian Messenger.

IN MEMORIAM.

JOSEPH WARREN.

This truly pious and estimable christian brother passed on to his blessed home on the 14th Oct. last, about the close of his 81st year. His last sickness of five weeks, was not disease, but a general breaking up through age of all the powers of his worn out body.

He was accustomed in his latter years to speak of his ten children, all the "children of God by faith" in Jesus. His 101 grand children and 71 great-grand children, always linking on a hearty expression of thankfulness to God for long-sparing mercy.

It would be difficult to say too much in praise of our now sainted brother. How good to feel that religion is capable of leavening the whole lump of humanity to such a degree that there is but one opinion, as to the blessedness of his eternity. As the "beloved Epenetus" was "the first-fruits of Achaia unto Christ," so was this brother the first-fruits of the gospel cry on P. E. Island. About 1815, in a solemn class-meeting, formed by Rev. H. Pope, he was suddenly prostrated with a view of the guilt and woe of his soul, and as suddenly did his eye joyfully rest on Christ as his Almighty Saviour. He has briefly related to us the story of his baptism. 46 years ago, Father T. S. Harding had just ascended from the baptismal waters, when placing his hand on his shoulder, he said, "Joseph, what are you waiting for?" "Oh! I'm not fit," was the reply. "You'll never be fit," were characteristic words that pierced his heart and led to a solemn resolve to "put on Christ." The next week he followed Mr. Harding to Tryon and there confessed his Lord in the solemn rite. His subsequent life proved the validity of his baptism. As a father in his family he was patient, gentle and truly affectionate. As a brother in the church he was a pillar, like David, always there, a peace-maker, and "fellow helper in the Lord." The strength of his influence lay not so much in word as in deed. In his last days his tongue was loosed and plainly and solemnly he spoke to all. But even then as in health he spoke oftener with God than with man. The smallest favor would call forth the exclamation, "O bless the Lord." He would awake from sleep and repeat again and again, "eternity!" "eternity!" as if he had been travelling there. "Again, I am going home! going home!" When goaded by lingering pain he would say, "I am weary, but the will of the Lord be done."

He sent for his neighbours one by one, to give his last warning and advice. How appropriate were his counsels to each of the church members. O that God may bless them to all. His one wish to live was to see the "dear church" prosper. Carefully did he mark and bitterly did he weep for them that caused divisions in the ranks of Zion.

His directions for his funeral were, "Let there be as little expense as possible." "It is better to give the Lord the money than to bury it in my grave." His frequent cry was, "why do His chariot wheels so long delay?" He came at last as he will to every weary waiting pilgrim; the passenger stepped in and the angel charioteer was away for Glory.

MRS. SARAH DURLAND OF WILMOT.

Died, on Hanley Mountain, Nov. 22, 1867, Sarah, widow of the late Daniel Durland, in the 89th year of her age. She was the mother of 12 children; has left 93 grand children, and 151 great grand children. She was brought into the enjoyment of true religion some 57 years ago, in a great revival that took place under the ministry of the late Rev. Wm. Sutcliffe, of blessed memory! Sister Durland, having found peace with God, and feeling a love for God's cause, and a delight in his service and in the fellowship of saints, joined the Methodist Church; and till death, lived a pious, peaceful and devoted life. And as she lived, so she died, in peace with her God, and love and good-will with all her family and neighbours. To God alone be the glory.

Provincial Parliament.

On Thursday last our Local Legislature was opened in due form.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Honorables John McKinnon, Peter Smyth, Samuel Creelman, William O. Heffernan, Daniel McN. Parker, M. D., James Fraser, William Annand and William J. Stairs, presented

commissions appointing them members of the Legislative Council. The Hon. Chief Justice by appointment administered the oath of allegiance, and the Hon. members took their seats and received the congratulations of the members. The Honorable Alex. Keith presented a commission appointing him President of the Council, and took his seat accordingly.

At two o'clock His Excellency General Doyle, Lieutenant-Governor, &c., came in state to the Council Chamber. Being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's command to summon the House of Assembly. His Excellency then directed that the House return to their Chamber and choose a Speaker. The Representatives retired accordingly, and shortly returned and presented JOHN J. MARSHALL, Esq., as Speaker. His Excellency signified his approval of the choice, and proceeded to open the Session with the following

Speech.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

As the Representative of our Gracious Sovereign, in the Government of the Province, I have called you together at a season which experience has proved to be most convenient for the transaction of Public Business; and I beg to assure you of my cordial co-operation with you, in maturing such measures as are calculated to promote the general welfare.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

The Public Accounts will be submitted to you, and I regret to inform you that the Financial affairs of the Province, are not in a very satisfactory condition, I fear that the funds at your disposal will not be sufficient to meet the requirements of the country.

There is one subject to which I deem it necessary to call your attention, in order that you may make some provision from the Treasury. I refer to the contemplated Industrial Exhibition. Such Exhibitions are calculated to develop and display to advantage the Industrial Resources of a country, and merit as liberal support as the circumstances of the Province will justify.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

While rejoicing that the Husbandman in the past season has had no reason to complain of a deficient harvest, I regret that an almost total failure in the Fishery has produced much and general distress among those engaged in this branch of industry, and I have found it necessary to make considerable advances from the Public Treasury for their relief, an account of which will be submitted for the sanction and approval of the Legislature.

Your attention will be invited to some amendments in the Law relating to the subject of Education, and I trust your deliberations may be of such a character as will place the Educational Interests of the country upon a satisfactory basis.

Immediately after the formation of my Administration, it was deemed advisable to appoint a Commission to examine into and report upon the financial affairs of the Province. The Commissioners are engaged in the discharge of the labor assigned them, and as soon as they have executed the commission, it will be my duty to submit their report for your consideration.

The railroad from Truro to Pictou has been opened for traffic, affording a vast improvement in the communication between the Harbors of Halifax and Pictou, and greatly facilitating our intercourse with the adjacent Provinces.

The Province of Nova Scotia has ever been distinguished for loyalty and unswerving fidelity to the British Monarchy, and it is peculiarly gratifying to me to entertain a firm conviction, that, if the people should desire any political changes, they will seek the attainment of that object through their representatives, in a constitutional manner, and that their sincere and ardent attachment to British Institutions will not fail to manifest itself in all their proceedings.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

On the House of Assembly returning from the Council Chamber they proceeded to elect their officers as follows:

- H. C. D. Twining, first Clerk.
- Lawrence G. Power, Clerk's Assistant.
- Rev. J. C. Cochran, Chaplain.
- Angus M. Gidney, Sergeant-at-arms.
- James Griffen, Assistant do.
- John Fitzgerald, Messenger.

Mr. White introduced a bill, *pro forma*, to amend the Act for the relief of insolvent debtors. Read a first time.

Mr. Dickie then moved the following Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech:—

To His Excellency Major General HASTINGS DOYLE, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

1st. We thank your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session, and the assurance of your co-operation with the Legislature in