

secret. The priest, who is a very worthy man made it immediately known to a cousin of his own in Cracow, and the latter wrote the anonymous letter to the Minister of Justice. The excitement of the people is still so great that the authorities have found it necessary to protect all the convents of the town by giving each of them a military guard. The lady superior has been arrested, as well as her predecessor, who was living in another convent.

For the Christian Messenger.

LETTER FROM MISS DEWOLF IN BURMAIL.

THE KAREN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Bassein, June 24th, 1869.

Beloved Friends in Nova Scotia,—

Feeling assured of your interest in me, and the work in which I am engaged, I think it will give you pleasure to hear from me, through the *Christian Messenger*, some account of our Association. It was appointed to meet at Hah-te-yah Pantonan district; Hah-te-yah is about three days journey by boat from Bassein. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter and myself, left Saturday evening intending to spend our Sabbath at a village a little distance down the river. After a two hours row we reached the village Chown-ah. On the bank of the river stand two or three Burman houses and a short distance off is the Karen population; the tide being half spent the boatmen were obliged to carry us through the mud to the bank. Immediately on hearing of our arrival, the Karen disciples came flocking down to conduct us up, and carry our effects which were not many, as we study to take as little as possible whenever we go into the jungle, and by the aid of a lantern we were enabled to walk over the paddy field (a walk of some distance and like walking over rough stones) to the house of the Pastor. In the rainy seasons they are obliged to build raised walks of four or five feet, the water stands so deep round their dwellings. The Chapel and Pastor's house stand close together, you walk a plank from one to the other; he had made one half of the house ready for us and soon we had our jungle beds spread, which consist of a comfortable or two, and a blanket, our curtains up making two rooms and we were very shortly fast asleep enjoying nature's sweet restorer. We awoke at dawn, for the Karens rise very early, and the first thing on Lord's day morning their hearts and voices go up in prayer and singing to the Creator of their being, and giver of every gift. Throughout the day we had three preaching services, female prayer-meeting, and worship in the evening, making five in all. The day was a profitable one and they seemed to *drink* in every word, it will I trust show its fruits in some not very distant day.

Early Monday morning before it was light we were on our way accompanied by some of the disciples from that village going to the Association. Our boat sped along assisted by the tide, while we settled and made ourselves as comfortable as we could in it. One can make boat traveling out here very pleasant with a boat of about two hundred baskets, with a good poung over the top, a place for sleeping, cooking, boatmen and some seats, you are nicely provided for. One need not be idle. They can read, write or busy themselves about anything they choose, we chose for a time to sit and watch the king of day as he arose giving light and life to animate and inanimate nature and revealing to us some of its beauties; there seems to be a peculiar charm in the early morning hours, and we feel in this country particularly that they afford us health and pleasure, so like nature we are up with it not before the sun. But I am lingering too long on the way.—Duly improving every tide, and sometimes having to wait for it, we with five or six others, as we were joined by boats from time to time, reached Hah-te-yah Wednesday evening. We found a Company sitting on the bank waiting our arrival, and we were conducted by them to the village, we found they had made large preparations for the reception of their friends and the teachers. Our apartments were in the Pastor's house, the rooms partitioned off from sleeping and one large room for other purposes. For their friends they had erected a long bamboo shed, put in bamboo posts, split them for flooring, woven them together into mats for sides, partitions, and roofing, all this being tied together with bamboo (or cane) withes. In the centre they left a walk of six feet broad for them to lounge, smoke, chat, and visit in; it was somewhat cold at this time, and in the evening fires were made

here, and groups sat round warming themselves reminding me of that passage in Acts where "they kindled a fire and received us every one because of the present rain, and because of the cold." We had four meetings a day after our order at home, early morning prayer meeting a preaching service or religious exercises for a short time, then proceed to business, and so three whole days were filled up. The Sabbath of course wholly given up to religious exercises. An excellent spirit prevailed throughout the whole. And many of the pastor's minds were relieved by discussing knotty questions they wished to have the preachers opinion on.

A very pretty sight they formed as at the close of the services they went their way to their various stopping places (these people are something like our American Indians in many of their customs. Very rarely you see them walk side by side, but following each other "Indian file" as we say there) in their gay holiday attire (sombre colors do not suit them) the gay handkerchief of the women floating in the breeze, the men's equally conspicuous wound round their heads, mingled with the tall green grass, taken all together made a very pretty picture. They are very fond of gathering together and visiting. They seem to know all about each other; and coming from all parts of the district have much to talk about.

This Association meets every year in February and consists of the Sgau pastors and delegates with many of their "Thap-gahs" or elders, they always extend an invitation to their brethren the "Pwos" and sometimes some of the Burman Christians meet with them. This time as it was held at the extreme end of the district not many of the Pwos came, but their Missionary Mr. VanMeter was with us. Dr. Stevens of the Rangoon Mission being up that way on Missionary labor cheered us and the Association with his presence, and by an excellent sermon in Burmese and good advice upon some matters of importance. After a sabbath of solemn and earnest preaching we broke up to meet not far from there next year. Monday morning presented a busy scene, groups here and there, with their "pahs" strung on a stick over their back each one marching off to his mode of conveyance for getting home. Before they start they must come and shake hands with all the Teachers and have some last words of advice and blessing.

Down at the river boat after boat was pushing off, many of them manned by the pastor's wife and daughters, or some of the disciples young men and women as the case might be, busily singing "Say brothers will you meet us," or something else, keeping time with the oars. It is astonishing how quickly these people learn a piece of music. If one learns a new piece, they will sit up half the night to teach it to another and the same thing will greet your ears at early mornings "ruddy light." Their singing in very sweet. We reached home safely, thanking God for what he had done for this people and for journeying blessings. You are aware of my change of residence; that I now live with Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter engaged in studying the Sgau Karen language and assisting in the English schools. My health is good, and I love my work, but I need your prayers.

Yours in Christian love
MINNIE B. DEWOLFE.

For the Christian Messenger.

BRITISH TEMPLARS.

The M. W. G. Lodge of British Templars met at Charlottetown P. E. I. on Tuesday, 31st August 1869 at 11 o'clock a. m. The large majority of its members arrived on Monday, per Steamship from Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. They were met on the wharf by large delegations of the Island Brethren, and escorted by them some on foot, and some in carriages to the Templar's Hall. They passed along under handsome arches and street decorations, with the City in full illumination, Bands of Music and torchlight procession making the whole complete, and there was also a Ball in full blast in the Colonial Building which was tastefully decorated for the occasion.

Some have supposed that all those honors and decorations were intended more for Prince Arthur, who was in the City at the time, than for our body, but be this as it may, the reception accorded to us was all that could be desired. From the Hall, where all had repaired at first, distribution was made among the brethren, and all were comfortably taken care of, free of any charge, a collation of fruits &c, being disposed of

prior to leaving the Hall. The kindness of the Island Brethren cannot be exceeded and will be heard of in all the various Provinces. In the M. W. G. L. business was taken up and disposed of in the usual manner. A number of important subjects came up for discussion. The much vexed Charter question, especially in Nova Scotia was happily and amicably settled.

The meeting for 1870 is to be held in Woodstock N. B. on the last Tuesday of Aug at 6 o'clock p. m. The chief membership of the order is about as follows, Nova Scotia 18,000, New Brunswick 12,000, Ontario 2,500, Prince Edward Island 1500, with a present limited membership in Newfoundland, Bermuda, New Zealand, and Quebec; comprising in all about 750 Primary Lodges of the order. There are also some 60 Juvenile Lodges.

The officers of the ensuing year were elected and installed, as follows:

Hon. W. P. Flewelling M. W. G. C. T.
Clifton, N. B.
F. W. Falconer Esq. M. W. G. V.
Charlottetown, P. E. I.
A. M. Hemmeon Esq. M. W. G. L.
Liverpool, N. S.
D. C. Frazer Esq. M. W. G. T.
Wallace, N. S.
Rev. T. Todd, M. W. G. Chaplain.
Sackville N. B.
Rev. Jas. Howell, M. W. G. Lecturer.
Granby, Quebec.
Rev. E. N. Archibald, M. W. G. Cond.
North River P. E. I.
Robt. Martin Esq. M. W. G. F.
Sydney, C. B.
Geo. E. Foster, M. W. G. R.
Apohaqui, N. B.
R. Craig Esq. M. W. G. M.
Turro, N. S.
Miss A. J. Colpitts, M. W. G. D. M.
Pettitcodiac N. B.
John Faucett Esq. M. W. G. J. G.
Sackville N. B.
J. B. Woodland Esq. M. W. G. O. G.
Oxford, N. S.
Rev. W. Savage P. M. W. G. C. T.
Ontario.

The greater part of the business was as usual disposed of by Committees' reports; but besides this, a large number of resolutions on various subjects and questions were submitted and dealt with.

The following after full discussion was adopted:—"That whereas the M. W. G. Lodge of British Templars acknowledges with gratitude to Almighty God the great services rendered by many ministers of the Gospel to the Temperance Cause, it regards with unfeigned sorrow the indifference and in some cases, hostile attitude assumed by others, who by virtue of their position and example retard our progress.

Therefore be it Resolved, That this M. W. G. L. respectfully yet earnestly urges on ministers of every denomination, the prayerful consideration of the facts connected with this most important question, praying that God, whose we are, and whom we serve, would direct and overrule their efforts to the propagation of Temperance knowledge, and the advancement of Temperance principles, and,

Resolved further that this resolution be made public as the expression of opinion of this body.

The Lodge held 12 sessions and adjourned at a late hour on Friday night.

All present at the sessions were highly pleased and delighted with the treatment received from the Island brethren, and their visit in general. There were nearly 100 Representatives present from the various Provinces, including some of the best talent in the Order.

One of the most successful Temperance meetings ever held at Charlottetown took place in the Temperance Hall on Wednesday evening at which the M. W. G. C. T. presided. The building, large and fine, was filled to its utmost capacity, notwithstanding that a number of other meetings were being held at the same time. Great good order prevailed. The Speakers were Rev. W. Savage of Ontario, Rev. J. Todd and Hon. J. P. Flewelling of N. B., Sheriff J. N. Freeman and J. B. Woodland of N. S. Robert Martin of C. B. and R. M. Barrett of P. E. I. An excellent Choir gave a number of Temperance pieces while the city instrumental Band were also present and performed some fine music. It is believed the meeting will result in much good to the cause, not only in the city, but that it will also react upon the whole Island.

A BRITISH TEMPLAR.
Charlottetown Sept. 4 1869.

For the Christian Messenger

A PUBLIC MEETING IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE TERM OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 1st, according to announcement, a public meeting

was held in the Baptist Meeting House in Wolfville.

The Students of the College never before met so large a staff of Professors in that Institution. They are all men of acknowledged talents and learning. Except one, they have made their reputation as Professors. Although that one is without experience as a Professor, he has the highest reputation as a teacher, which is the same thing, except in name.

The principal object of the meeting was to hear the Inaugural Address of the Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D.

Rev. J. M. Cramp D. D., as retiring President of the College, occupied the chair at the beginning of the meeting. He opened the meeting by reading a Hymn. After the singing, the Rev. G. F. Miles, was called upon to lead the congregation in Prayer. At the close of the devotional exercises, the Rev. E. M. Saunders, President of the Associated Alumni, presented the Matriculation Prizes. The first one of \$20.00, was offered to the matriculate whose average scholarship should be highest. This was taken by Mr. Gates of Wilmot. The second of \$10.00 was offered to the matriculate whose scholarship should be next to the first. This was carried off by Mr. Robins of Yarmouth.

The announcement of the names of the successful competitors and the presentation of the prizes, were received by hearty cheering such as students know how to give to their winning associates.

Dr. Cramp then gave a short and appropriate address. He spoke of his first visit which he made to these Provinces, and of the men of honored names and fragrant memories, now no more, whom he then met for the first time, and with whom he then began a very pleasing acquaintance. Delicate allusions were made to the successes and adversities of the Institution since he entered into it, eighteen years ago. The labors put forth by himself and the Professors who had been associated with him, had been by God's rich blessing, crowned with success. The Speaker evidently felt rewarded for his toils, in marking the success which had attended those who had been graduated at the College since his connection with it. Besides the graduates many had received instruction at the College and had profited by their opportunities. He stated that his advanced years had led him to seek, in resigning the Presidency, that partial retirement and release from duties, which he now hoped to enjoy. It was his intention, however, to continue his connection with the College and labor with the Faculty.

He congratulated the denomination in their wise and successful selection of his successor. Dr. Sawyer was not a stranger. With him he had enjoyed a pleasing acquaintance, and could now welcome him to the place which he voluntarily vacated for him, with the fullest confidence in his abilities and qualifications for the responsible position. The last official duty was then discharged most heartily by the retiring President. He introduced his successor to the audience. Thus ended the labors of one President; and then commenced the labors of another. Enthusiastic cheering greeted Dr. Sawyer when he arose to read his Inaugural Address which was listened to with fixed attention. The Address was all that the known ability and learning of Dr. Sawyer had led the friends of the College to expect. We hope to see this address in print very soon. It is not necessary to say anything of it now. It clearly presents the sound principles and policy by which the new President has pledged himself to be guided in the discharge of his official labors.

At the close of the Address, T. H. Rand, Esq., Superintendent of Education, was called to his feet by the new President. Mr. R. endorsed the principles and policy of the Address. He expressed his great pleasure in seeing Dr. Sawyer placed at the head of Acadia College. Rev. D. Freeman, the next and last speaker, referred to his early acquaintance with Dr. Sawyer and the pleasure he then felt in having his fondly cherished hopes realized. The meeting then came to a close. All went away filled with hope for the future of the College. How could it be otherwise after seeing a larger staff of Professors than has ever been engaged in the College? With A. W. Sawyer, D. D., E. A. Crawley, D. D., J. M. Cramp, D. D., D. F. Higgins, A. M., R. V. Jones, A. M. and Wm Elder A. M. as professors, the friends of the College may take heart. With the blessing of God a glorious future is before Acadia College.

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