

Clements that it pleased God to discover to her, that she was lost and must be saved by Christ, or eternally perish. She had this view of her sad condition given her as she looked upon the Rev. Mr. Cox in whose countenance heavenly joy and glory beamed, as he arose in a revival meeting at Goat Island, and sang

"All hail the power of Jesus name
Let angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth a royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all."

She told me a short time before she died that during the revival at Little River, last winter, she felt a strong desire to confess Christ and be baptized, but through fear of being too fast hesitated. The Sabbath evening preceding her death, she began to sing that precious hymn,

"Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved,
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed."

As she sang, her voice rose from a whisper to its usual strength and clearness. Pausing, she exclaimed, "O father, I am happy now, God has saved me. Glory to his name." She continued happy throughout the night. She remarked to her father that if it was the will of God, she would like to get well, that she might be baptized, and try and lead poor sinners to Christ. Her hope and faith in God remained firm till she died.

It was her wish that Brother Cox should preach her funeral sermon. He came as soon as he was notified of her death. Bro. Cox prayed and preached with great power. His text for the occasion was Psalms xxxvii. 39. "But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord, he is their strength in the time of trouble." The Rev. Mr. Welden (Wesleyan) took part in the services.

The deceased possessed a great fondness for her father, and as she sat upon his knee, would often speak of the meeting that awaited her and her parents at God's right hand. May a gracious, covenant-keeping God, prepare her sorrowing parents, and eight surviving brothers and sisters to meet her in that land where death never comes and tears are never shed.

Yours in tribulation,
Jno. C. Morse.

Sandy Cove, Jan. 21st., 1869.

MRS. EUNICE BESSEN,

Wife of Thomas Bessen, and daughter of Wm. S. and Eunice Raymond, aged 30 years. She professed faith during the revival in 1859, and on being baptized united with the church, with which she walked to the close of life. During the winter of 1867, on a passage from the West Indies with her husband she took cold, from which she never recovered, but gradually went into a decline which resulted in Consumption. During the fore part of the Summer we indulged a hope that she would recover, but alas our hopes were all blighted. For months past she was much resigned to the will of God, being ready and willing to die. The day before she died I asked her if she was willing to leave us, "Yes," she said, "the most of my time I am willing to die. I should like to see my husband once more, if it were God's will, but he will do what is right. Tell my husband to prepare to meet me."

At a certain time when we thought she was dying, seeing her sister shedding tears, she said, "Don't cry, I am going home to Jesus and it will be but a little while before you will come." Com. by W. S. Raymond.

DONATION VISITS.

GENEROUSITY AND SOCIABILITY.—It affords us pleasure to find the good people of Annapolis County displaying so much of christian kindness towards their visitors. We learn from the Bridgetown Free Press that "On Thursday last, the friends of the Rev. Mr. Vidoto made him a donation visit. We were not present, but learn that gifts to the amount of about \$100.00 was the result.—A similar visit to the Rev. George Armstrong of this town took place on Friday.—There was a large gathering, (ten clergymen being present.) The aggregate of the donations reached the sum of \$136,624.—Of this sum \$107,27 was in cash, and the remainder in useful articles. On Tuesday evening the Wesleyan Parsonage of this Town was crowded with the Rev. Mr. Addy's friends, who came loaded with gifts for their Minister. The sum realized was \$100,00, \$80,00 of which were cash.

Another was proposed last week to the Rev. Melbourne Parker; and still another to Mr. George Merry, at the Half-Way House, between New Albany and Brookfield. "He keeps an unremunerative house of entertainment, which is a great convenience to the travelling public. He is now old and infirm, and wital, has recently so sprained one of his ankles as to confine him to the house. He is a worthy man, and we hope the intended donation will be a liberal one. It will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 10th, next ensuing."

For the Christian Messenger.

Dear Bro. Selden,—

Having been informed that it is the desire of our brethren in Newport to have the following Address to Rev. R. S. Morton, expressive of esteem for him, published in Christian Messenger, I obtained it from him on the 23rd inst., and now forward it for insertion. Bro. M. who still remains in a helpless state, with his lower

limbs paralyzed, requests me to express to them in reply, his grateful sense of the kindness shewn, as also to all the friends from whom favors have been received in this time of need.

Yours as ever,
O. TUPPER.

Aylesford, Jan. 25th, 1869.

ADDRESS.

NEWPORT, OCT. 7TH, 1868.

Dear Bro. Morton,—

In the performance of a duty, associated with a privilege, that, as a church and community we owed to you as a minister of the Gospel, we had anticipated much pleasure in the enjoyment of your presence amongst us at this meeting. But your being absent lessens not our obligation to you, although the pleasure of your presence and company is denied us in the mysterious providence of God.

In presenting you this donation visit be assured, Dear Brother, it is but a feeble token of our regard for you as a good minister of Jesus Christ.

During your short sojourn with us as an ambassador of the Cross, your faithful labours have endeared you to many hearts; and your labours here will be long remembered. We cherish the hope that although you went forth amongst us and our families weeping, bearing precious seed, you will yet be made to rejoice bearing golden sheaves, and the smiles of your dear Redeemer.

Accept then, Dear Brother, this small Donation of Cash and useful articles for yourself and family, which in value amounts to \$62.24. We have heard with deep regret, that a painful visitation of providence has subjected you to serious affliction, and laid you a side from your labours of love, which is the cause of our disappointment of your company and counsel at this time. Yet we fondly hope that it is not a mortal hurt, but that God, whose you are, and whom we trust you have faithfully served, will restore you again to your wonted health, and sweet enjoyment of ministerial labour in the vineyard of the Lord, and that we shall enjoy the blessing once more of hearing you blow the gospel trumpet, in this the Zion of our God.

Signed in behalf of the meeting,
S. B. DIMOCK, Chairman.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

MISSION IN GUYSBORO COUNTY.

Dear Brother,—

As the Board was pleased to appoint me a mission of twelve weeks to Isaac's and Country Harbour. I left other fields of labour to honour their appointment. Leaving home in the latter part of September, I visited Newport by the way. The church at Newport West is without a Pastor.—By their request I spent my first Sabbath with them, visited many families and especially that of their late Pastor, the Rev. George Dimock. Here is a large church without a Pastor, a very important field, white already to harvest, but not one reaper who is ready to enter this vineyard of the Lord and gather the sheaves. The Rawdon church is without a pastor and felt that they had a claim upon me. Just twenty years ago, in October last, I spent a few weeks with them and baptized seven of their members. Three of them are gone to the better land, and four still remain amongst their living members. By urgent request I spent two Sabbaths with them.—Efforts were made to retain me longer, but duty said onwards. With a promise to visit them on my return, I left Rawdon on the 21st of October and arrived at Isaac's Harbour, distant about one hundred and eighty-four miles, on the 25th. Isaac's Harbor is an interesting place. It is said to be one of the best harbours on the coast, the inhabitants are settled on both sides of the harbour. Crossing by boats is neither difficult nor dangerous, so our Sabbath services and evening meetings were generally well attended. Your missionary's visit was expected, gladly received, and kindly treated. But the cause of religion seems to languish, on a par with some of our Western churches.

About forty years ago there was but one family at the Harbor, and that of the African race, by the name of George Webb. An American seaman visited the Harbour. Being there on the Sabbath, his son, a pious lad, visited the House of the old colored man, and held a prayer meeting together. This being repeated the old fisherman called the Harbour Isaac's, after his son. This I learned was the origin of the name, and it has been called Isaac's Harbour ever since. Old Mrs. Webb who is now over ninety years of age, remembers all the particulars. In conversation with the aged pilgrim I said, I suppose you are getting ready for the better land. She promptly replied, "No I see ain't, I see been ready this long time and am only waiting for the Master to come." How true it is that blessed are they who are ready and looking for his appearing. This woman and Timothy Webb her husband were the first who were baptized in the Harbour, they

were the first fruits. Since that time the population has increased to some hundreds, and a Baptist church is now there numbering one hundred and five.

There was a revival of religion amongst them last spring, and nineteen were baptized by Brother Bigelow. My visit did not result in any special revival, but I trust good was done to the church; and individuals were enquiring after truth and the way of life. The leading and most active members of the church were absent so that we did not find the church in as active a state as desirable. But an earnest wish was expressed that I would stop with them longer, in hope that upon the return of the brethren from sea we should see better times. Having taken a heavy cold and suffering from a hard cough indicated to me that it was time to look toward home.

The Sons of Temperance are taking a noble stand in the cause of Temperance. Being a member of the Order, I met with them as often as I could. On the evening of my departure they, by committee, presented me with an address and a donation of ten dollars.

On my return to Rawdon I spent two Sabbaths with them and had the pleasure of baptizing two converts. Others are looking towards Zion. We had a precious season but I could not stop longer, for the reason above stated. But they are expecting my return as soon as my health improves. I reached home on the 7th of Jan., and found all well. I received in aid \$36,374.

ONE D PARKER.

Melvern Square, Jan. 27th, 1869.

ISAAC'S HARBOR, Dec. 22nd, 1868.

REV. MR. PARKER,

Worthy Brother,—It is with regret, that we hear of your intention to leave us,—regret that we are so soon to lose your kind and fatherly advice to us as a temperance organization. We have enjoyed hearing you speak, both in the Pulpit and in the Division Room. May you long be spared to raise your voice in warning and kindly admonition to your erring fellow men and be abundantly successful and blessed in so doing. Hoping you may in health and safety reach the bosom of your family and enjoy with them this holy and festive season, we would ask a remembrance in your prayers for the prosperity of our institution.

In conclusion, worthy Brother, we would beg your acceptance of the accompanying trifling donation as the spontaneous gift of our Division.

We have the honor to be Worthy Brother,
Yours in Love, Purity and Fidelity,
THOMAS FRASER, W. P.
ABRAHAM B. COX, W. A.
JAMES F. ELLIOTT, R. S. & D. G. W. P.

WOOD'S HARBOR, BARRINGTON.—The Rev. W. H. Richan writing on the 27th ult., says: "I have been spending a few weeks labor here with encouraging results. The church is much revived. Backsliders have been reclaimed. Two converts were baptized last Sabbath, and the prospect is still very encouraging. Pray for us"

The Church in Tarsus, the Apostles Paul's birthplace, is flourishing under the care of American missionaries.

Dominion and Foreign News.

MONTREAL, Jan. 27.—Engineers, and contractors, are busy at work at Ottawa, preparing tenders for the Intercolonial Railway.

The Railway Commissioners are sitting daily. There is a large amount of grumbling among Contractors, because of the change in the mode of letting. There are a good many Competitors here and the competition is very keen.

The Hon. John H. Cameron, the Grand Master of the Orangemen in Canada, the advocate of Whelan, who murdered the Hon. Mr. McGee, is saving no expense to save his client. He has gone to the expense of sending a cable despatch to London, to ascertain whether an appeal will be entertained by Her Majesty's Privy Council without the consent of the Court of Appeal.

The affairs of Nova Scotia are daily engaging the attention of the Privy Council at Ottawa, and the meeting of Messrs. Howe and McLellan is looked forward to with intense interest. The interests of Nova Scotia in the hands of Howe and McLellan will be well attended to. This is an understood fact, and no doubt when those gentlemen return to Nova Scotia they will be able to give a satisfactory account of their mission to Ottawa.

The Hon. Joseph Howe has been invited to the public Banquet to be given to the Governor General in this City on Tuesday next. Mr. Howe has been received everywhere with marked attention; and his address at the Banquet on Tuesday next, is looked forward to with a great deal of interest.

The Quebec Parliament yesterday passed a congratulatory address to the Governor General, Sir John Young.

On account of illness, the Hon. Mr. Dunkin, has been recommended by his medical advisers, to resign his position in the Quebec Cabinet.

TORONTO, Jan. 30.—A special despatch from Ottawa says that Mr. Howe and Sir John A. McDonald have settled the Nova Scotia question so far as the principles are concerned, a few details only remaining to be arranged. It is understood the settlement involves an increase of money appropriations to Nova Scotia, but no change is to be made in the tariff. Mr. Howe

maintains the grants to Nova Scotia are not in proportion to the value of Railways and Public Works acquired by the Dominion.

MONTREAL, Jan. 30, P. M.—At Ottawa, today, the Hon. Joseph Howe joined the Cabinet, and was sworn into office as President of the Privy Council—an office which has been vacant since the death of the Hon. A. J. Ferguson Blair.

Feb. 1.—Respecting the Hon. Joseph Howe's acceptance of the Presidency of the Privy Council, the Montreal Gazette says; "It will be a source of satisfaction to all friends of Union, and may be accepted as a proof that he has seen it to be his highest political duty to do so."

An impression generally prevails that the Dominion Ministry are prepared to grant further privileges to Nova Scotia.

Sir John A. McDonald, Hon. Mr. Howe and other Members of the Cabinet are expected at dinner. Gov. Howland will be present, but Sir Narcisse Belleau has declined.—Tel. to Reporter.

Mr. Howe will, it is said, make a speech at the dinner to be given to the Governor General in Montreal on Tuesday next. He then leaves for Nova Scotia.

The Bank of Montreal is reported to have lost five hundred thousand dollars from loaning money to New York speculators, who were bankrupt by the recent "corner" in Erie shares.

There have been over one hundred deaths in Montreal from small pox during the last five weeks.

A despatch was received on Saturday from Earl Granville in reference to the resolution of the Nova Scotia Assembly, it holds out no hope of repeal; endorses the Duke of Buckingham's despatches of June and December last, and refers the complainants to the Canadian Government.

The revenue of the Dominion for the half-year ended Dec. 31st, amounted to \$8,362,636, and the expenditure to \$8,454,412.

Owing to the insufficiency of the winter supply in Ottawa, the Royal and other Insurance Companies are closing up their offices.

Hon. J. H. Cameron has written a private note to the Minister of Justice informing him of his intention to ask for a further respite for Whelan. Sir John is said to be firm in allowing the law to be executed.

New Brunswick.

THE ST. JOHN MARINER'S FRIEND ASSOCIATION.—At a meeting of the Committee of the Mariner's Friend Association, held at the office of Wm. J. Starr, Esq., on Friday 22d inst., Capt. Pritchard in the chair, the Rev. James Spencer, Chaplain to the Mission, read his statement of the last year's operations—

REPORT OF SEAMAN'S CHAPLAIN.

In presenting his Annual Report, your Chaplain begs to say that the congregations for religious instruction have been comparatively large and attentive.

Four, at least, have given evidence of true repentance, and others have manifested deep anxiety for peace with God, leading to the good hope that they have not sought in vain.

The addresses of your Chaplain, which have been simple in form, have invariably been listened to with marked respect and attention, whether they have been in the saloon, the fore-castle, or beside the sick-bed; and he is continually gaining in the belief that, in proportion to the labor expended among seamen, there are as favorable results as from any other field of Christian effort.

Your Missionary has found additional cause for strong trust in God, that he shall not labor in vain nor spend his strength for nought.

In connection with the Mission 25,000 pages of Tracts have been distributed, 99 sermons preached, 559 visits made to ships, and prayer and conversation had with 396 sick seamen.

In conclusion, your Chaplain would say to those who have sympathized with the sailor and aided in this Mission, our work is not in vain. Who can tell over what human minds those who have received the truth may have influence! There is a mysterious influence for good in the Christian sailor. Who can trace it? Like his Divine author, his way is on the sea. We give him a Bible or a Tract, or speak to him words of love and counsel as to the Way of Life. In a few days he is launched upon the sea and we may see him no more. Yet, while there is a mystery about him, deep as the sea over which he sails, and while his course may be as changing as its tides, the Divine declaration holds good, "Cast thy bread upon the waters and thou shall find it after many days."

Whereupon, on motion of Chas. H. Fairweather, Esq., seconded by John McMorrin, Esq., it was

Resolved, That this Committee is highly gratified to find increasing usefulness and hope in the Mission, and beg to assure the Rev. Mr. Spencer of their appreciation of his services and of the importance of the work in which he is engaged; and would ask for him the sympathy and co-operation of all who desire the moral and spiritual elevation of the sailor.

(Signed. J. PRITCHARD, Chairman.

C. H. FAIRWEATHER,
JOHN MCMORRAN,
JOHN MCGRATH,
C. H. ESTABROOKS,
WM. MACKAY,
B. J. UNDERHILL,
WM. J. STARR,

Committee.

HURD PETERS, Secretary.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY AT MILLTOWN, ST. STEPHEN'S.—A special despatch to the St. John Morning Telegraph, on Monday, says:

A horrible murder and suicide have just been committed in Milltown, St. Stephens, by one Stephen Innes, who was recently discharged from the Lunatic Asylum.