

Missionary Intelligence.

The following interesting extracts were taken by Rev. A. R. R. Crawley from the Friend of India, which he denominates emphatically the paper of India.

ONE AMONG MANY REASONS WHY CHRISTIANITY DOES NOT PROGRESS MORE RAPIDLY.

Behold how these Christians love one another! The Bombay Church Review publishes the following:—

Recantation of Mr. A. O. Gillett (late Baptist Missionary).—The above event occurred at the Cathedral on Thursday morning last. Immediately before the commencement of the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the Bishop's Chaplain proceeded down the centre aisle of the Cathedral and led up to the Bishop the Penitent.

We can only hope that this is an incorrect account of what happened. If not, we had expected better things of Bishop Douglas, for he has proved in his past career that he knows better than this.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S VISIT TO BOMBAY.

But for one mistake the Duke's visit to Bombay might be regarded as an unqualified success. Sir Seymour Fitzgerald, who planned or at all events sanctioned the arrangements, perpetrated a vulgarity which even a Birmingham buttonmaker out for a holiday would have had sufficient taste to have avoided.

INFANTICIDE STILL PRACTICED.

The Bill for the prevention of Female Infanticide has now become law. We need hardly say the measure has our heartiest approval.

The little progress we have made during that time in grappling with the evil ought to be a wholesome rebuke to any inclination to boast of the effects of our civilizing influence.

MISSION TO MADAGASCAR.

Dr. Davidson, Medical Missionary at Antananarivo, throws some new light on the work of the Missionaries there, in a letter published in the Edinburgh papers. The whole province of Imerina is now nominally Christian.

The Baptist Mission in Dacca and East Bengal would seem to be gaining internal strength. The Native Church at Dacca chose a pastor of their own last year and partially support him.

A writer in the Freeman describes the baptism of Southall converts at "Ebenezer," the Baptist Mission station near Ramapore Haut.

The more any one speaks of himself, the less he likes to hear another talked of.—Lavater.

To most men experience is like the stern lights of a ship, which illumine only the track it has passed.—Coleridge.

Do not mistake a tendency for a talent, nor conclude that what you dislike to do is not rightfully demanded of you.—Carlyle.

Melancholy falls upon a contented life like a drop of ink on white paper, which is not the less a stain because it carries no meaning.

Learn to rebuke and silence the detracting tongue by refusing to hear. Never make your ear the grave of another's good name.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED AT MOUNT PLEASANT, CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

At a County Quarterly Meeting held at Amherst Point, a resolution was passed requesting Rev. Elijah B. Corey to labor four weeks as a county Missionary at Mount Pleasant and vicinity; the expenses to be met by the churches of the ministers at the Quarterly Meeting.

Amherst.—Rev. D. A. Steele, Deacon Moses Lowe, and Bro. T. R. Black.

Maccan.—Rev. G. F. Miles, and Bros. Hance Mills, Thos. Bleckhorn.

Goose River.—Deacons Hance Hunter, Geo. Hunter, Bros. George Smith, Wm. Hunter, and Amos Hunter.

Pugwash.—Rev. J. Murray, Deacons Alex. McKenzie, Wm. McLean, Wm. Seaman, Wm. Dickie, Bros. Hance Hollis, Wm. O'Brien.

Little River.—Rev. E. C. Corey, Bro. Holland Rushton.

Rev. G. F. Miles was chosen Moderator of the Council, and Rev. J. Murray, Clerk.

Rev. E. B. Corey the Missionary and Bro. Henry Rushton from Westchester church were invited to seats in the Council.

As a large number of those desiring a new organization had been dismissed from the Pugwash church, Rev. J. Murray was called upon to state in their behalf their position, views and desires; which were taken up by the Council, and after due deliberation, the following resolution moved by Dea. Alex. McKenzie, and seconded by Bro. Thos. R. Black, was passed.

Resolved, That a Baptist Church be organized to be called the Mount Pleasant and Centreville Church.

Arrangements were then made for the organization, and the Council adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—At 3 o'clock the Organization sermon was delivered by the Moderator, Rev. G. F. Miles, from Acts 2, 41, 42.

It was an able compilation of apostolic teaching. Rev. E. B. Corey offered the organization prayer. Rev. D. A. Steele then moved That the Council acknowledge the Mount Pleasant and Centreville Church. Which passed by acclamation.

The Moderator then requested Rev. D. A. Steele to read the Covenant, which the church acknowledged by rising. Rev. J. Murray gave the church the right hand of fellowship, welcoming them to the peculiar privileges of the Lord's peculiar people.

Rev. D. A. Steele gave the charge to the church? and in great clearness pointed out their duties in church discipline, and their position before the world.

Rev. E. C. Corey then in much tenderness addressed the unconverted portion of the assembly and besought them to be "reconciled to God." After a few appropriate remarks from the Moderator; and the appointments of Delegates to meet the Association in Amherst, this delightful exercise was brought to a close by imploring the blessing of God to rest upon this new branch of His kingdom.

The Mount Pleasant and Centreville church stands with a membership of 80, with a prospect of immediate additions. May God add to them daily such as shall be saved.

J. MURRAY, Clerk of Council.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETIES.

Having been applied to for information respecting the organization of Women's Missionary Aid Societies, we have obtained a copy of the Constitution and Bye-Laws of one of the Societies recently formed in Halifax.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GRANVILLE ST. CHURCH WOMAN'S AID SOCIETY FOR HEATHEN LANDS.

Article 1. This Society shall be called "the Granville Street Women's Baptist Missionary Aid Society for Heathen lands."

Article 2. The object of this Society shall be the evangelization of heathen women, by raising funds for the support, under the protection of Missionary families, of unmarried women as Missionaries,—for the especial purpose of instructing heathen women in the truths of the Gospel,

establishing schools for girls, and preparing them to become Bible readers and teachers among their own country-women.

Article 3. This Society shall be composed of women; and the condition of membership shall be the Annual contribution to its funds of not less than one dollar. The payment of fifty dollars at one time shall constitute a life membership; and a Sunday School or Association of persons donating fifty dollars at one time may constitute any person designated by them a life member.

Article 4. This Society shall annually elect from its members, a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers together with four other persons annually elected, shall constitute a Board of Managers, one third of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. The Treasurer and Auditor may at the option of the Society be gentlemen.

Article 5. If from any cause the annual election shall not take place on the stated day, all officers shall continue in office until an election shall be had, at such time and place, and after such notice, as the Board of Managers shall prescribe. In the event of an extraordinary vacancy or vacancies occurring in the Board of Managers from death or otherwise, such vacancy or vacancies may be filled at such time and place as may be designated by the existing Board.

Article 6. No portion of the funds under the control of the Board of Managers shall be appropriated for the purpose of sending out or supporting any person as a Missionary, until after such person has been approved by a Board of Managers, as one possessing the necessary physical, intellectual and religious qualifications for Missionary work among heathen women; and the Board of Managers shall carefully avail themselves of all reliable and trustworthy sources of information in accepting or rejecting the application of any person for support as a Missionary.

Article 7. All amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing, at a regular meeting of the Society, and adopted only by the vote of two-thirds of the members present.

BYE-LAWS.

1. All meetings of this Society and of its Board of Managers shall be opened by the reading of the Holy Scriptures and by prayer.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of this Society, and of the Board of Managers; shall sign all orders on the Treasurer; and direct special meetings to be called by the Secretary, at the request of five members. In the absence of the President, the Senior Vice-President shall preside.

3. The Secretary shall at each meeting of the Society read the record of the previous meeting for approval, and keep a fair and legible record of the proceedings of each meeting, and give notice of special meetings. She shall perform like duties to the Board of Managers, and prepare their Annual report for presentation at the Anniversary meeting of the Society. She shall counter-sign all orders on the Treasurer; have the charge of all foreign correspondence; and, from time to time, as the Board of Managers may direct, the preparation of brief articles of missionary intelligence for publication, calculated to awaken and enlist the sympathies of the women of Nova Scotia in behalf of heathen women. The Records of meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers shall be kept in separate Books.

4. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys, and keep in a legible and orderly manner accounts of all receipts and disbursements. She shall present a financial statement to the Board of Managers every quarter, or oftener if required by the Board, and an Annual financial Report for presentation at the Anniversary meeting of the Society.

5. The Auditor shall examine and approve all bills before they are presented to the Board of Managers, examine carefully the quarterly and Annual financial statements of the Treasurer, before they are presented at any meeting of the Society or Board.

6. The Board of Managers shall make arrangements for all public meetings of this Society, and provide speakers.

7. The Annual meeting for the election of officers and four other Managers shall be held on the Thursday after the first Sunday of January in each year, at such time and place as the Board of Managers may determine. This meeting (or one arranged for at the same) shall be observed as the Anniversary of this Society, at which the Annual Reports of the Board of Managers and of the Treasurer shall be read, and addresses delivered by clergymen and others.

8. Stated meetings of this Society shall be held on the Thursday after the first Sunday of March, May, and October, and December, at such time and place as the Board of Managers may determine.

9. Regular monthly meetings of the Board of Managers shall be held on the Thursday after the first Sunday of every month.

10. Stationery and incidental expenses together with the postage of all letters of the Secretary and Treasurer, on the business of the Society, shall be defrayed from the Treasury.

It may be well here to remark that to make these Societies a complete organization, they should have a Central Board of Managers. It does not appear very clear as yet, how such a Board should be constituted, probably some plan may be devised before the approaching Annual Meeting of the Baptist Convention; or if not, the Convention may appoint such Board.