Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger. COLLEGE AGENCY.

Dear Brother,-

I desire, through the Christian Messenger to send another Report to our people of what I am doing in my Agency : It cannot, however, be a full report of what I am doing, for-as usual-part of my time has been occupied in looking after old notes. On account of the stormy weather and bad travelling, I have been unable to visit several of our churches in this valley yet, but hope, in time to give them their share of attention. The Endowment of our College progresses slowly, but will ultimately be accomplished, for the people are saying by their donations, and increasing interest follow the above: expressed in words, that it shall be. In this connection, I must admit the fact, that there are a few who do not yet fully realize their duty in this matter, and would kindly und earnestly call upon them to awake and come to the help of their brethren in this noble work,

I report as follows :---

Rev. Isa. Wallace, Lower Granville, to complete a Scholarship \$140 00 Weston Hall, Lower Granville 1 00 . 50 do. Mrs. J. Anthony William Miller, Clatence 104 00 1 00 Charles Rumsey, do. J. P. Foster, Port Williams..... 100 00 John Brinton, do. Shippy Spurr, Aylesford 20 10 William Rhodes, do. 60 60 do, N. T. Baker, Gardener Tufts, do. 1 25 Leason B. ker, do. Rev. Obed Parker, do. 40 00 Rev. J. L. Read, do. Mrs. W. Morton, do. 4 00 2 01 T. R. Harris, do. N. P. Spurr, do. 100 00 W. Chipu an, Kentville 20 00 A Friend, Anthronish, sent 10.00 Mary Curry, Windsor 100 00 Andrew Shand do. 100-00 20 00 Edgar Shand, do. 50 00 A Friend, Horton..... A. C. Crowe, Halifex..... 20 00 S. N. Binney, do. 25 00 Hon. Dr Parker do. 1,000 00 H. N. Paint do. 100 00

the jungle. W Life mound which of em-

I want my sisters to remember that did not come out here because I was able to do much, but because I believed God called me. Pray for me, for 'without Him I can do nothing.'

God bless the work at home, I know none will suffer through having done too much for our Master. I hope none will rob themselves of the reward they might have won. I trust that to many of us the Master, well-pleased, shall say, "She hath wrought a good work," even when others murmuring may have said, "To what purpose is this waste."

Sisters, I am as ever, Yours in Christ Jesus, H. M. NORRIS.

The following communication may well

AT BILLTOWN. Dear Brother,-

I have read in the Christian Messenger accounts of the yearly meetings of the Woman's Mission Aid Societies, and thought them very interesting. As I had the privilege of attending one at Billtown on the evening | regretted. of April 9th, I thought I would send you a notice of it.

The chair by request was occupied by Dencon Parker ; after reading the Scriptures and prayer, Brother Wm.Armstrong, whose soul seems to have caught the Mission flame gave us a very instructive address, beginning with the first missionary, the Lord Jesus Christ and trought it down to the present day. Pointing to the Mission map he showed that India, was not yet all evangelized, that China was in almost utter darkness. He told us woman had a work to do there that man could not do, and exhorted the sisters to go on in the work nobly begun. We listened without weariness for more than an hour, then the choir filled our souls with love and prayer for the heathen, as they sang some lovely Mission-

all, here we put our hearts that we can yet ally gone to their aid. Our efforts on their learn books in the dry season, and if Mamma comes here, at this time, and will see the school, perhaps Mamma will hear them talk Karen here very much, and we will try to make plain our hearts before Mamma.

Too WAH." City Henthada. "This man is head Teacher of the school here, intelligent, pious, speaks no English, but an earnest labourer for the Master among his own countrymen. His time is fully occupied with a teacher's duties, and he has preached two sermonsconducted a Bible Class and prayer meeting every sabbath since I came here. M. N." One of the Idol gods was exhibited, a collection taken, and we sang

" Shall we whose souls are lighted," &c.,

and dispersed, all feeling I think more than ever the needs of the heathen. May God hasten the time when they shall be given REPORT OF ANNUAL MISSIONARY MEETING to his Son for an inheritance.

A SISTER. N B .- The good work in the Bill-town Church still goes on. Meetings are now being held at Hall's Harbor, several have professed faith in Jesus. In consequence of this the p stor had to be absent from the missionary meeting, which was deeply

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Missionary Principles.

be able to tell you something of Karens in her happiness very much also. This is not our aid-some from among us have actubehalf have been crowned with encouraging success. The myriads among whom these dwell are widely accessible to us .---And so, in their sin and misery, they lie,

as it were, on our very path-they stretch out their hands to us-they implore our help. Doubtless they are our neighbours. Be it ours, like the Good Samaritan, to draw near to their side, and render them the aid which their wants demand, and which they so touchingly implore.

II. Here is the authority of the Gospel Commission ;

"He who died for us, and rose again," comes to us with the announcement, " All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." And then he adds, in virtue of the power which he thus claims, " Go ye therefore, and teach," or disciple "all the nations-beginning at Jerusalem." This commission is one of the capital laws of the Gospel dispensation. Thus the reign of Christ over the whole earth was at once proclaimed and sinaugurated. In the age of discovery which preceded and accompanied the Reformation, the adventurers would take with them a cross, and plant it on newly-found territory, as if taking possession of it in the name of their crucified Lord. Here Christ, in his own person, seems to rear his cross upon the soil of the world which he had just bought with his blood ; recalling his great saying, " And I, if I be lifted up from the earth; will draw all men unto me." It is as if he had said

ing also. If Mamma comes here she can work in company with her, and increase from the Father, so now he sends forth us, as messengers of light and joy. into " the land of the shadow of a death" which spreads itself all around us. He sends us forth, to turn that shadow into light, and that death into life. This he enjoins us to do at the cost of such sacrifices as the work itself may require ; whether in gifts, in privations, in sufferings, or in life itself. And to all this he animates us by the prospect of the rich rewards which shall become ours ; first here, as we tread in the steps of the Master-and then hereafter, as with that Master we are enthroned. And thus it is that as the Father " sent him into the world, so hath he also sent us into the world." And what authority is here ! and what love !- the authority sweetened by the love,-the love scaling the authority-and both of them conjoined to commend to us the grand Missionary enterprise, by all that is attractive in the Cross, and all that ismajestic and assuring in the throne.

IV. Here is the inspired History of the Church.

It is contained in the Acts of the Apostles, and intimated to us in their Epistles. And both of them combine to shew us how the Commission began to be understoodhow the example of Christ was imitatedand what were the results which followed upon the movements of these first Christians. The apostles took the lead, and we have Pentecost, with its glorious fruits. But

The contributions from Dr. Parker, and H.-N. Paint, were received on a former visit to Halifax, but not reported until now

"When I have something more worth reporting, you will hear from me again. know there are many who will unite with me in hoping my next may be even larger than this.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BALCOM.

Paradise, April 22nd, 1871.

For the Christian Messenger,

LETTER FROM MISS NORRIS TO N. S. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETIES.

HENTHADA, Feb. 23rd, 1871.

My Dear Mrs. Selden,-

It is my pleasant duty again through you to communicate with the dear sisters at home, through whose instrumentality the Master brought me here. " It is no vain thing to serve the Lord." It is real work, real pleasure, and real reward-to the Master's honor first, but yet more abundantly perhaps in the souls of those who serve him. "In His service pain is pleasure," I have always proved, but more especially since undertaking this mission. Of course I am a very novice in all the work that opens up before me, and you cannot expect from me so correct views of mission work, past or present, as you have from other sources I' can only add the little weight of my own hearty thanksgiving to God that He has placed me here with promises of all needed | Amen. grace, and I see before me hope of a life-work directly for the Master in a most promising and full-ripe field.

The report of the Society was read by Mrs. Wm. Bill, Secretary, as follows

ary Anthems,

Acknowledging our dependance on our Heavenly Father, and our indebtedness to to Him for the gifts of life, health, and every other blessing, and with thanks to him for the prosperity which has attended our Society, we approach the duty of making this our first Annual Report.

Our Society has met monthly since its organization, and the meetings have been deeply interesting-we now number twenty-

August 20th we sent \$17 to Dr. Tupper, Sec. of Foreign Missionary Board to be expended in the support of Miss Norris. Dec. 26, we sent \$6 to the Sec. Central Board at Halifax for the same object, making in all up to Jan. 1st \$23.

Sisters, is this enough-can it be said o cach that "she hath done what she could." Oh sisters let usedeny ourselves and contribute for the spread of the glorious gospel of the blessed God, till he whose right it is shall reign King of nations as he now does King of saints. Let us not forget to pray-a little sent with prayer and faith, God will make much. In this point of view the mites of the poor with their prayers, are most important and essential agencies in God's great work."

Several addresses were given, showing the need of christians giving. One brother said, "Why do we not have a mission of our own? because we have not means in ourtreasury. And why not means? Because self." the people of God withhold what should be His; but he hoped the day was not far distant, when the Baptists of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, will have a mission of their own, depending on themselves." Many hearts responded.

At the meeting of the Baptist Covention for these Lower Provinces for 1870 the following resolution was adopted :

That Rev. John Davis, A.M., be requested to prepare a series of articles on Foreign Missions, for publication in the Christian Messenger and the Christian Visitor," In compliance with this request we now enter upon the series thereby suggested ; commending it to the blessing of the God of consideration of the brothren.

These papers, as is natural will give prominent place, though not an exclusive one, to those Burmese Missions in which of late years we Lower Province Baptists have been led to interest ourselves; and their main object will be, to stir up the brethren to care more in every way for Foreign Missionary enterprise. " Be ye enlarged," says Paul. Isminh, in ch. liv, 2, 3, says in effect the same thing. This is the passage on which Carey, some eighty years ngo, founded his memorable exhortation,---" Expect great things from God- Attempt great things for God." And we would now once again repeat these utterances, not without hope that we might awaken fresh echaes in the hearts of the brethren of these Provinces, and rouse them to some such enlarged effort on behalf of Foreign Missions as shall not be wholly and absolutely incommensurate with the greatness of the work itself, and the surpassing glory of the God to whom it belongs,

But now great enterprises' must needs rest upon great principles. We therefore devote our present paper to a brief rehearsal of Missionary Principles-the principles which underlie all Missionary effort. And,

I. Here are the claims of neighbourhood. "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thy-ATRIAL CONTRACTOR

Brethren, we would here say, you know whence this precept comes, and will not dispute its claims. It appeals to us, the children of the new dispensation, as a part of that glorious law which our Jesus has re-enacted, and which he commends to our observance by his own loving authority, and his own lovely example. We therefore accept it with a holy alacrity, while this law L''s group a trada bedadding , But now is it asked, though not in the hereby they need our aid ; living, as they | in his hand "

to his disciples, " Now go forth ; realize my purchase, and bring this ransomed world beneath my sway."

This great commission is not yet withdrawn. This high law yet stands unrepealed in our statute book. And every one who professes subjection to the Man of Calvary-the enthroned Redeemer-the King in Zion,-not apostles and evangelists Missions, and to the devout and candid only-not ministers and missionaries alone -office-bearers in the Christian Church,but every Christian man is here summoned to take his part in the evangelization of the world. We can scarcely be christians if we repudiate this law ; although there are doubtless many genuine, but sadly imperfeet Christians, who, responding but feebly to its requirements, should seem to be scarcely aware of its existence. Yet there it stands, putting forth its lofty claims, and exerting, after all, a wide, and ever widening influence. And there it shall stand, as between the cross and the throne of our glarious Lord-between his first and second advents, appearing to the hearts of his frierds, and stirring up their efforts and their prayers, until his second appearance shall terminate those efforts, and crown those prayers,

> III. Here is the example of Christ himself.

He is, as we have just seen, the Great Founder of Missions. But he is more .----He is, in his own person, the Grand Exemp lar-the Great Prince of Missionaries.-Thus we have expounded to us that sublime saying in his mediatorial prayer, offered on the eve of his sufferings-a saying which in its Greek form wonderfully expounds itsel!-- (compare, in the Greek, John xvii, 18 with Lake vi. 13.)--- ' As thou has set t me in o the world, even so have I also sent them into the world."-Jetus Christ is the SENT ONE (apostolos, Heb. fii. 1.) of the Father ; and the apostles were the first sent ones (apostolous, Luke vi. 13.) of Jesus Christ; and all

the apostles were not left to work alone. We find evangelists among the deacons ; as, notably, in the cases of Stephen and Philip. By and by, "on the persecution which arose about Stephen," we find the disciples " scattored abroad as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the Word," and "preaching the Lord Jesus." Thus it was that private christians, in those early days, took hold of evangelical work, and began to disseminate "the truth as it is in Jesus." Still farther on we find the sisterhood engaged in the work -some of them, as Pheebe of Cenchrea, seem to have been made into deaconesses, and promoted to office in the church. Yet these were not the only female labourers in the Lord's vineyard. Rom. xvi, including the eminent name of Priscilla, abounds with illustrations in point here. Thus in those early days, we seem to see the whole church, without distinction of station or sex, at work for Christ and souls. The result comes before us, even while the apostles were yet alive, in Paul's significant statement, in writing to the Colossians, that the Gospel had been preached to "every creature under heaven ;" which certainly means that it had been very widely proclaimed, and that its fame had extended over the whole Roman world, if not beyond it. So the martyr age of the Gospel set in; and Christ's witnesses witnessed for Christ, and suffered for him; and their Lord wrought in them, and by them, and sealed their testimony with glorious success ; and gave his Church her standing in the world-a standing which, through rich grace, she has maintained ever since - and, by that same grace, will maintain until her Lord shall come again, to turn the Church militant into the Church triumphant, and take his bride to her everlasting and thrice blessed home.

It is clear, from the train of statement along which we have now passed, that cur great Missionary scheme rests wholly upon

My sisters know ere this of my sufe arrival and location at Henthada. At present I am delving as I may at the language, and find no little pleasure in the fact that Providence has placed me, where on every hand I see fruit of Nova Scotian interest in Foreign Missions. al and traditional in tasking it

Our funds hitherto have been expended in Henthada. Our native preachers are here and all our Missionarics, and it is pleasant to be surrounded with such proof of what Nova Scotia has done-a faint foreshadowing I trust of what she will yet accomplish.

in the pronunciation of the language is from a school, the teacher of which, as pastor of the church, is supported by Nova him would be pleased indeed with the labourer they send into the field.

Miss DeWolfe and I intend to leave next week for a Karen Assocication, some thirty miles distant. I hope when next I write to

A letter sent by Miss Norris, from a Karen Native Teacher to her while at Rangoon, was then read.

" Blessings of the Holy Spirit that comes from our Father God, I hope will hit dear Mamma forever and ever. Now we will cause you to know Mamma about us. God has watched over and taken care of us; on account of that our hearts were very happy and he will guide our news and love to Mamma.

We have heard good news : It is this, we have heard that Mamma will come to Henthada, and work for the Henthada Karens. When we heard this news our hearts were very happy and light, and we asked God for this continually But, not long after we heard ugain that they had caused Mamma's heart to waver a little, and said enough teachers and Mammas in Hentha-The young girl who assists me every day da. So we think it is not so, because there is only two Mammas and one teacher, (Mr and Mrs Smith, and Miss DeWolf.) but not enough yet. It hits our hearts to have many. But, about the houses, we Scotia money. I think those who support have a place, for Teacher Smith has a large house, and the house will hold many Mammas also.

Again if Mamma comes here the happiness of our hearts will increase very much.

are, " without Christ, having Let us now transfer these suggestions Now we have one Mamma to teach in no hope, and without God in the world." from the SENT ONE of the Father to the English some, in Karen some, and in sing- And surely too they are within reach of sent ones of Christ. As He was sent forth

believers are, in this very sense, the successors of the apostles, their genuine successors-the sent ones of Christ through every successive age.

And what an exposition is it at which we we adopt into our prayers the petition of thus arrive! Let us ponder it, brethren, the English Liturgy : " Lord, have mercy for a few moments. L t us think whence upon us, and incline our hearts to keep | Christ came-and whither-and why-and with what results. He came from the land of light and juy into this world of darkness captions spirit which once dictated the in- and woe. He came to supplant the darkquiry, "And who is my neighbour?" ness and woe of this lower world by the We answer, generally, every one who heave light and joy of that upper one. He came human blood in his veins, and is therefore to do this at the cost of the agonics of a fellow member with ourselves of the hus | Calvary. Thus it was that " He who was men family to which the Great Common rich, for our sakes became poor, that Father has given birth. More particularly, we through his poverty might be every one among them who stands in need | rich." And then as to results. He died of our fraternal aid, and who lies within | indeed ; oh ! what a death ! But he rose reach of that aid. Such was the condition | again ; and what a rising ! And to what of that poor Jew, who lay robbed, beaten, magnificent rewards he has attained in that and half dead, when the Good Samaritan | upper world to which he has returned since passed by, and acted towards him the right his rising ! and shall yet attain ! Chiefly neighbourly part. And such is the con to this, that there, as Isaiah sings, 15 He dition of the far-off heathen, whose case shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, we here more immediately contemplate- and the pleasure of Jehovah shall prosper.

a New Testament basis. The Jewish dispensation was conservative rather than cggressive. There was, under it, as Paul intimates, a "middle wall of partition," between Jew and Gentile, walling in the one, and walling out the other. But now, happily, this-wall is " broken down," and "through Christ we both,"-both Jew and Gentile,-" have access by one Spirit unto the Father." Now, therefore, this is the precept, broad and generous,-" Go, disciple ALL the nations." It is a New Testament precept, resting upon New Testament principles, commended by New Testament examples, and enforced by New Testament promises. Should not we, then, as New Testament believers, frankly admit remembrances like these into our minds and hearts? The practical consequence would be such as is indicated in that thrilling passage,--" The love of Christ constraineth us ; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead ; and that he died for all that they who live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him who died for them, and rese again." Once brought under the (ull influence of a passage like this, we should speedily cast off our selfishness. Our ingenuity would be taxed for an answer to the inquiry, "What shall we render