

For the Christian Messenger.

A DAY OF ALMS.

Dear Sir,—

I was much pleased in reading of the laudable enterprise of those lady merchants of Parrsborough...

I would say then, come all ye merchants, in the country and city, whether your profits be five cents or one hundred dollars...

LYDIA TRAVATA.

November 26th.

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BOSTON CORRESPONDENCE.

Boston, Nov. 18th, 1872, } 25 Edinboro' Street.

Mr. Editor,—

We have just returned from an extended ramble around and among the smoking desolations which mark the resting place of the architectural beauty and splendor of Boston...

The edifices the men who built them fondly hoped would survive unharmed the lapse of time and transmit to a later, and perhaps less cultured generation, the energy and taste of their ancestors...

at the command of the department was soon brought up.

Yet all were notably powerless to stay the reddened columns in their deadly onset. In fact, the greater the volume of water that was thrown upon the flames the more widely and rapidly the conflagration spread.

When the fire burst through the roof the heat became so intense that the high wooden ornaments and window sashes on all sides began to scorch and blaze. From that moment the fire was completely beyond control.

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lines of a picture more grandly awful than the horrors of Sedan, or the mad enthusiasm of the strife at Gravelotte.

The fire was still raging, having worked north a great distance, and the issue was uncertain. Noon arrived and the welcome news "the fire is conquered," flew around.

Washington street the whole city was doced, as far as human presence can determine. To the east the fire held its course with widening fury, and yet men gazed calmly at the prospect...

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TO THE WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES IN NOVA SCOTIA AND P. E. ISLAND.

In a communication lately received from Miss Norris, she mentions the gratifying fact that Women's Mission Aid Societies have been established in Burmah.

My sisters at home may be interested to know that we have started Women's Mission Aid Societies in Burmah.

We have started our Society here, and in some neighbouring churches; but at the Pastor's meeting a month hence, we hope to be able to create an interest in the movement which shall make it a part of the machinery in every church.

This cheering news will tend to strengthen the faith, and rouse the flagging energies, if such there be, of our Societies, which in those churches where none now exist it will act, we trust, as an incentive, so that it may not be said that the sisters in Burmah,

with their few advantages are before us in this good work. We have received the pleasing information this week of two more Societies having been formed and we trust to begin the New Year with an increasing list.

M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y C. Board.

INDIAN HARBOR, ST. MARGARET'S BAY. November, 25th, 1872.

Dear Mrs. Selden,—

I have the pleasure to inform you, that by the aid of the "Circular" received by one of our members, we have succeeded in forming a "Woman's Missionary Aid Society."

We met and organized our Society, September 12th, with a membership of ten, and have increased until we now number fourteen.

We not only feel it a duty, but a privilege to assist in sending the glad news of a Saviour to the poor and ignorant.

NANCY COVRY, Sec'y.

SUMMERVILLE, Nov. 23th, 1872.

Dear Mrs. Selden,—

It is with pleasure I inform you of the organization of a Woman's Baptist Missionary Aid Society, at Summerville, South Carolina.

There were only seven at the first meeting, but our number has since been increased to fourteen.

There was an increased interest shown at our second meeting, and earnest prayers were offered for our dear sisters who are laboring in foreign lands.

We will forward our contributions in a short time. The date of organization is Nov. 21st, 1872.

- President.—Mrs. Benjamin Sandford. Vice President.—Mrs. Geo. Weathers. Treasurer.—Mrs. Samuel Caldwell. Secretary.—Miss Sarah E. Marsters.

Yours respectfully, SARAH E. MARSTERS.

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Halifax, N. S., November 27, 1872.

HOME MISSIONS.

Whilst we are using efforts to carry the gospel to distant lands, we are in great danger of forgetting that our own province presents a most inviting field for missionary labor.

Whilst there may be discussion amongst the brethren as to what is the most desirable mode of working, or as to the time of forming a union of all the provinces under one Board, there is none as to the need of work being done.

THE HALIFAX BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS is provided with a chairman in the person of Jas. Thomson Esq., but still persists in keeping its doors closed, and not allowing press reporters to its sittings.

party interests to serve, and who, perhaps have less favor for free public schools for all the people, would prefer to exercise their controlling influence, where it would be less under public observation.

Five-sixths of the business transacted by the Board consists of routine details that are of no interest to the public.

This may perhaps be regarded as an indication that the Board intend opening their doors.

It would we believe be far better if the Commissioners of Schools were all elected by the rate payers; say half the number to go out each year, and be eligible for re-election, perhaps the chairman might be appointed by the government.

The Church of England Missionary Societies have appealed to their brethren for a day of special prayer, to be held on Friday, Dec. 20th for an increase of Missionaries.

"ANGEL"—The Bangor Whig and Courier understands that Superintendent Angel of the E. & N. A. Railway, has sent to all the employees of the road a form of pledge for them to sign, whereby they agree to abstain from using intoxicating liquors as a beverage...

DEGREES—A writer G. O. H. from Canning to the Provincial Wesleyan is pleased to poke a little fun at his brethren who are fortunate enough to wear literary honors.

Our youthful Bro. Weddall was very happy in his remarks. Among the good things he uttered in his pleasing style, he told an anecdote, which I regard as too good to be passed over in silence.

"MR. SPURGEON is seriously ill," is a telegram received on Saturday last, which will awaken deep interest in thousands of hearts, and call forth earnest prayer that he may speedily recover, and be still spared to the Church and the world.

Instead of the greatness and high earthly honor, as President of the United States, which his friends desired to place upon him, Horace Greely has been called away from this mortal life, to the eternal world.