

For the Christian Messenger.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

DONATION VISITS TO REV. N. VIDITO.—Mr. Editor.—Permit me to call attention through the columns of the Messenger to a Donation Visit to the Rev. Mr. Vidito of Paradise. On the evening of Thursday the fifteenth of February his friends from this and other churches gathered at his house with an abundance of good wishes, good eatables, pleasant countenances and to all appearance, well filled purses. The donors seemed willing and anxious to cheer the heart of the minister, to encourage him in his labors and to promote his material as well as spiritual prosperity. The Rev. Mr. Vidito has laboured in the cause of God and religion in this place for over forty years and has given to the service his best days, his strongest energies, his heart-felt prayers and sympathies. His influence for good have been and still is widely felt and acknowledged. For seventeen years have these interesting and healthful social meetings been held at his home, seasons of friendly intercourse, christian charitableness and intellectual growth, seasons long to be remembered by many as among the happiest remembrances of the past. On no former occasion, we believe, have his friends contributed more largely in proportion to the numbers present. The Donation amounted to the handsome sum of \$103.30 of which \$96 were in cash. Although some were absent who might have been expected, yet their places were supplied by a number from other churches and congregations, particularly from the North Mountain who added to the interest of the occasion by their presence as well as liberal contributions.

Donation Visits are among the practical exemplifications of religion diffusing itself outwardly into practical life. Christianity is not alone a system of abstract spirituality, but a life principle calculated to harmonize all man's relations. Man's moral nature can not be nurtured properly by merely religious exercises but also through social co-operation and the manly virtues.

But returning, a very bountiful repast was provided this evening through the commendable and timely efforts of the ladies, of which those present having partaken heartily and joyously, as they certainly should do, there was an abundance still remaining. Tea being over, after a short period of social converse participated in most zealously by the younger people present—and who does not like to see them enjoying themselves—there followed an intellectual repast, embodying excellent speeches, good ideas, healthful sentiment and religious feeling. The purse was presented by Bro. E. Munro, with very appropriate and appreciative remarks, having reference to the church, the long sojourn of its venerable pastor among his people, his worthy and self-denying labors and the harvests of good, with which through the divine Providence those labors have been blessed, in the conversion of souls and the support and increase of morality and religion in the community at large.

Mr. Vidito having responded in his usually vigorous earnest and impressive manner and several brethren, including ministerial, having followed in order, the meeting was closed, the people separated with kindly feelings and enlarged hopes and aspirations. May that divine influence promised to the seeking, abundantly bless and direct the future course of both donors and recipient.

ONE PRESENT.

CANNING, MAR. 1, 1872.

Dear Brother,—

We received our annual visit from our people on the evening of Tuesday Feb. 27th after tea, which our folk regard as a "sine qua non," on such occasions. Bro. J. S. Witter presented an address on behalf of the churches and congregations, in Perea and Canning, containing \$45.00 in cash, \$55.40 in useful articles among which is a sleigh lined with oil cloth and beautifully furnished with cushions and a crimson-tinted lamb-skin mat, procured through the efforts of Mrs. J. L. Sanford, and Mrs. Gould Davison of Perea.

An address was then read by Miss Ellen Rand secretary of the Canning Sewing Circle presenting from that society a purse of \$80.00 in cash, and a pledge for \$20.00 more for the purchase of a carriage. Total receipts of the evening \$200.50.

The above addresses were then responded to by the pastor, and excellent speeches were made by Rev. G. O. Heustis, Wesleyan, and Rev. Mr. Dewitt, Free Baptist.

Previously during the year we have re-

ceived other tokens of regard too numerous to mention; among which was a Buffalo robe, lined and fringed with crimson from the Canning Sewing Circle worth \$12.00, also an overcoat and scarf, with a waterproof cloak for Mrs. F. all procured through the efforts of Mrs. D. H. Newcomb of Lower Perea, and worth \$23.71. May the donors be even more blest in giving than we in receiving.

Yours &c.
D. FREEMAN.

Dear Brother,—

No doubt many of your readers will remember that the subscriber called on them asking for help, to pay off a heavy debt that was then resting on the 2nd Baptist Church of Digby Neck. The following are the places called upon: 1st Halifax, Truro, Yarmouth and Westport, also the City of St. John. The churches of these different places named were very kind in words and in deeds. We through their kindness, have been once more made to sing.

Blessings from His liberal hand,
Flow around this happy land;
Kept by him no foes annoy,
Peace and freedom we enjoy.

In behalf of the church allow me to thank all who kindly assisted in relieving a poor church from a heavy burden. May the Lord bless the givers is the prayer of the church, and writer,

C. H. DENTON.

Waterford, Digby Neck, Feb. 26th, 1872.

Religious Intelligence.

MILTON, YARMOUTH, CO., Feb. 26th, 1872.—Dear Brother.—The good work of God still prospers in Milton. I had the pleasure of baptizing 4 yesterday, into the fellowship of the Baptist Church here. Three of these were heads of families and considerably advanced in years. One is a son-in-law of the late Rev. Harris Harding of precious memory the fourth is an interesting young man who had been for some time in the service of the U. S. government during the recent war.

Since I last wrote you I baptised also 7 into the fellowship of the Arcadia Baptist Church, this makes 63 whom I have baptised since I removed to Yarmouth and the good work still continues. Our Methodist friends in Milton are also enjoying some revival. In fact the present is an unusually gracious time in Yarmouth County. Ohio and Deerfield churches under the pastoral care of Bro. Stubbart are having large accessions. Bro. Rowe at Hebron is still baptising converts. Bro. W. L. Parker has recently baptized 11 into the fellowship of the West Yarmouth Church.

Brethren Day and Porter are encouraged by accessions by baptism and our Free Baptist brethren at Session Hill (Cheggogin) are having quite a revival. A brother Royal from the States has been laboring among the F. B. Churches in Beaver River, Sandford and Session Hill and his labors have been blessed. He was ordained yesterday morning, and baptized some 15 or 20 converts in the afternoon.

Bro. P. O. Foster, I hear, is encouraged in a branch of the Tusket church.

I hope we may be permitted to chronicle similar tidings from other counties. How much I think of the churches in Annapolis Co. The people of my former charge in Granville have a large place in my anxious thoughts and earnest prayers. Would that they had a faithful pastor to look after their spiritual interests. There is great need of prayer being offered for more ministers. The harvest is great but the laborers few.

Yours truly,
ISA. WALLACE.

P. S.—My friends in Milton and Arcadia have recently made me Donation Visits amounting to upwards of \$200 for which I feel truly thankful to God and to them.

MISSIONS OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—Dr. Norman Macleod, Convener of the Foreign Mission Scheme of the Church of Scotland has just issued an urgent appeal on its behalf, which concludes as follows:—"The state of our finances up to the 15th January, 1872, is briefly this:—That we have incurred a debt of £5024 to keep the mission in existence; that should our present collection amount only to the sum collected last year of £5117, the mission, after paying its debt and current expenses (say £1500) up till 15th April next, will start on its financial year of 1872-73 with a debt of £1408, instead of having a balance of upwards of £6000 to meet a current expenditure! The duty of the committee is again to state these facts, and to throw, as they solemnly do, the responsibility on the members of the Church of preserving or extinguishing their India Mission."

THE WORK STILL ONWARD.—Mr. Timpany writes as follows: "In the midst of all our perplexities and fears, our Lord is still working the more with a stretched out hand in calling the elect home to Christ. The first of last month twenty-five were baptized here. As soon as I could get matters arranged, I went out for a trip of three weeks nearly. My older preachers I sent away to their fields, and took the younger with me. We had by far one of the pleasantest trips that I have had since I came to the country. The caste people, as a whole, were very friendly. Fourteen were baptized while we were out, and another the first Sabbath after my return, making in all forty additions last month. The first of this month six were baptized; and so the work goes on."

BURMAH.—Mr. Crawley, of the Burmese department, writes Oct. 14: "I feel more than common satisfaction in a review of this rainy season's work. Each day has been equally divided between teaching the assistants, and preaching in company with them from house to house. Four have been recently baptized, and many more are expected soon to apply,—part of a large number of inquirers,—the result, mostly, of the rains' work."

Mr. George says, Oct. 4: "The cause is progressing in Henthada. Three men and two women were baptized two weeks ago, and more will come soon. There is a lie among the native preachers that indicates a good season's work. I believe the dawn is approaching, and before many years the Burman mission will be among the brightest. The heaven of truth is at work. In God's own time the whole mass will be leavened."

CHINA.—Mr. Ashmore writes, Nov. 8th, that at the last communion in Swatow, 100 communicants were present: five were baptized. The new Baptist chapel in Swatow is nearly completed.

INDIA.—ASSAM.—Mr. Stoddard, of the Garo mission at Gowlpara, says: "I have found all, and much more than I could possibly do here, and work of the most interesting and imperative kind, and this work growing from year to year."

The normal school at Gowlpara, commenced June 1, was attended by 29 young men, of whom 18 are Christians. They have made favorable progress in study and in divine things. They all expect to become teachers, and several are desirous to preach the gospel. Several of the more advanced pupils go out every Lord's day, two and two, to tell the glad tidings to their countrymen on the hills in the vicinity. They supply regularly the little church at Baljana, ten miles distant. Four have lately asked for baptism. "All along the line there is much to encourage." Total of Garos baptized 215.

INDIA.—Telooquoos, Ongole.—Mr. Clough, Nov. 1st, gives a very interesting account of a Sabbath's labors. The services at the chapel were attended by at least 350 persons, Christians and others. In the afternoon a meeting was held for the examination of candidates, continuing from one to five o'clock. Just at sunset, 48 who had been accepted were baptized, and in the evening the Lord's supper was administered. This was followed by advice, exhortation and the asking and answering of questions, so that Mr. Clough, weary though he was, could not leave until near midnight. It was a precious season. Twenty-five or thirty men and women wish to enter the Normal School. The present number is about 50.

Of the persons baptized, several were the wives of men who had been baptized previously. One was a very old man.—Macedonian.

Provincial Parliament.

HALIFAX, N. S., MAR. 6, 1872.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL passed their Address in answer to the Governor's Opening Speech almost without discussion, and adjourned to Wednesday last, on which day the Council met, but as the House of Assembly had not then passed their Address, and it was not usual to bring down despatches or transact business before both houses had replied to the Opening Speech, the Council adjourned to Friday.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 28th.—The Address was made the occasion of debate on this and following days. The speeches of the members on either side were generally reviews of the acts and expressions of the Government and Opposition, not in every case of the most regular character and in some cases charges of falsehood compelled the clearing of the galleries. Several of the new members have developed powers in debate of no mean order, and shewn that eloquence has not entirely departed, and that our legislators are not quite so degenerate as by some it had been supposed. No amendment was moved to the Address and no division taken, and the Address therefore was allowed to stand as if passed by a unanimous vote, notwithstanding that more than a week had been spent in its discussion.

On FRIDAY after passing the Address, Messrs. Blanchard, D. McDonald, Pineo, Johnson and the Provincial Secretary were appointed to nominate the Standing Committees for the session.

At 4.30 o'clock the members proceeded to Government House to present to His Excellency the Address in answer to the Speech, and upon returning the House adjourned until Monday at 2.30 o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 4TH.—Mr. C. J. Campbell was sworn in and took his seat. Hon. Prov. Sec. reported the following list of

STANDING COMMITTEES.

- Privileges—Hon. Atty. Gen., Mr. Townsend, Hon. Mr. Robertson, Mr. S. MacDonnell, Mr. S. H. Holmes
- Education—Hon. Prov. Sec., Messrs. DesBrisay, White, Gayton, Rettie, Blanchard, Allison
- Mines and Minerals—Morrison, Freeman, J. Flinn, Ferguson, Cameron, Vickery, Woodworth
- Navigation Securities—Johnson, J. McDonald, Eis-nauer, Doucette, Vickery, S. MacDonnell, Moore
- Public Accounts—Johnson, Freeman, Wyld, Pineo, Hon. J. McDonald
- Trade and Manufactures—Wyld, J. Flinn, Doucette, Rettie, McRae
- Human Institutions—Blanchard, Hon. Mr. Robertson, White, Landers, DesBrisay, D. McDonald, Campbell, McQuigall, Moore
- Private and Local Bills—DesBrisay, Kirk, White, Woodworth, Cameron, Campbell
- Law Amendments—D. McDonald, Atty. General, Morrison, Woodworth, S. MacDonnell
- Land Damages—Hon. Mr. Ferguson, Gayton, Ross, Hon. J. McDonald, Allison
- Crown Lands—Hon. Mr. Robertson, Kirk, Archibald, McRae, Rettie
- Agriculture—Allison, Ross, J. McDonald, Moore, Landers, Homes, S. MacDonnell
- Reporting and Printing—Hon. Prov. Sec., Hon. Commr. Mines, Townsend, Blanchard, Holmes
- Contingencies—Blanchard, Hon. Mr. Flynn, Townsend, Eisenhauer, Allison

A large number of bills were introduced, petitions presented, and despatches brought down. One of these was from the Governor-General giving the Lieutenant-Governor power to appoint Legislative Councilors without the confirmation of the Queen, hitherto required. One of the petitions was from Mr. Wilkins, Prothonotary of Halifax, asking for the annual grant of \$400 formerly made to that officer.

Dominion & Foreign News.

Albert Waddington, originator of the Canada Pacific Railway died last week at Ottawa, of small-pox. The small-pox is raging at Remedios.

There was a large fire on King street Toronto on Saturday morning. Loss \$10,000.

The Ontario Parliament was prorogued on Saturday 2nd.

The "Canada Gazette" contains a proclamation summoning the Dominion Parliament to meet on the 11th of April.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The N. B. Legislature was opened on Friday last. The Opening Speech mentions the favorable condition of agriculture and railway works, and says: The act relating to common schools, passed at the last session, has been inaugurated with the most encouraging prospects. Governor Wilnot congratulates the country on the general prosperity of the province.

UNITED STATES.

Baron Von Offenber, Russian Minister to the United States, has left for Washington.

In the Senate on Wednesday Senator Sumner made an elaborate speech in favor of his resolution of inquiry into the sale of arms to France.

Senator Sumner is ill and his physician declares he must seek rest.

A Frankfort, Kentucky, despatch, reports the falling of a tenement house there today; fourteen corpses have thus far been taken from the debris, and a large force of men are yet engaged searching for bodies of other victims of this sad disaster.

The reply to Earl Granville's note was sent by steamer on Saturday 2nd. The American Government adheres to its position and proposes to leave to the Geneva tribunal to decide whether or not it is to consider indirect claims. The reply is friendly in tone, and meets with the approval of every member of the Cabinet.

A severe snow storm commenced on Friday last in Mississippi; it reached Washington the same night, and New York on Saturday morning.

A Washington despatch states that the reply to Earl Granville's note assured England that the United States is far more anxious that the international question involved in the claims should be forever settled by the Geneva tribunal than to obtain any verdict for supplementary damages.

Fisk's horses and carriages were sold at auction for \$50,000.

The Japanese Embassy was formally presented to the President on Monday. The principal officers of the Government were present at the reception.

Mayor Hall's trial commenced on Monday.

New York, March 4.—Gold 104; Exchange 104; Money 7 per cent.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.

The Queen's progress from her city residence to St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday last is graphically described in a telegram to the Chronicle, as follows:

The day of thanksgiving for the recovery

of the Prince of Wales opened with salutes, and the ringing of bells at sunrise.

The procession, escorting Her Majesty the Queen, began to move from Buckingham Palace shortly before noon, amid the roar of artillery, the ringing of bells and a chorus of 30,000 children.

In the procession the great bodies of the Kingdom were represented. All the finest regiments of the army furnished detachments.

The Queen's carriage was preceded by the Royal household and members of the Royal family, including the Duke of Edinburgh, Princes Arthur and Leopold, and the Prince and Princess of Wales. The Prince of Wales looked thinner and paler than when he was last seen in public, but appeared much stronger than was expected. As the Prince and Princess came in sight, the immense assemblage of spectators began to cheer, and the cheering increased to a mighty roar as the Queen, whose carriage followed, came in view. Cheering and shouting was taken up all along the line as the procession slowly moved on.

At Temple Bar the Queen received the keys of the city from the Lord Mayor and Corporation.

The rest of the journey to the doors of St. Paul's Cathedral was one continued ovation.

The Queen arrived at the Cathedral between one and two o'clock. The entire assemblage rose as she entered, and remained standing till she took her seat on the throne. The Peers were on the right of the throne, and the members of the Commons on the left.

"Te Deum" was sung by a monster choir of picked voices, after which the Archbishop of Canterbury preached a sermon. At the conclusion of the services at St. Paul's the procession was re-formed, and returned to Buckingham Palace.

The enthusiastic demonstrations of loyalty did not cease till the carriages of the Royal Family passed through the gate of Buckingham Palace. The weather was brilliantly fine throughout the day, and the celebration was a complete success.

On the return from the Cathedral the Prince of Wales occupied the carriage with the Queen. Great preparations have been made for an illumination of St. Paul's to-night, with ship lanterns and lime lights. The Bank of England, club houses, all public buildings and appointment stores will be illuminated, and thousands of private dwellings and stores are making similar preparations.

Despatches from the principal cities of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales report that thanksgiving services were on a scale commensurate with the wealth and population of the places. In many of them there were processions and religious exercises similar to those in the metropolis. In smaller towns, villages, and hamlets, the day was celebrated by appropriate festivities. In Ireland special prayers were offered in all the churches, by order of the Bishops of the Irish church. In Dublin a "Te Deum" was sung at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and the castle and portions of the city were to be illuminated at night.

It is to be regretted that several serious accidents happened, owing to the great masses of spectators in the line of the procession. One man was crushed to death in Trafalgar square, and a number of people were injured. Two stands, each containing 150 persons, fell in under the weight, and many were badly bruised.

Despatches from Dublin, Berlin, Bombay, and other places, state that Thanksgiving services were held in the churches. Dublin was illuminated in the evening.

The Prince of Wales received an Address from the Corporation of London, and the residents of Fleet Street were to present a Bible to the Princess Alexandra.

Queen Victoria contemplates a visit to her daughter the Princess Royal of Prussia. Her Majesty's visit to Germany will be of two weeks duration.

It is said that the Prince of Wales will go to the south of France instead of the Italian lakes.

The Queen has written a letter to Mr. Gladstone, saying she is anxious to express publicly her own personal and very deep sense of the reception she and her dear children met with on Tuesday from millions of her subjects. Words are too weak for her to convey how deeply she was touched and gratified by the immense enthusiasm and affection of all—from the highest to the lowest. She returns her heartfelt thanks to the whole nation, and declares that she herself and all the members of her