

For the Christian Messenger.

RESIGNATION OF PASTORATE.

To the Baptist Church of Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot.

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD,—

In consequence of my age and infirmities, and through the ardent desire to promote your spiritual welfare, by facilitating your obtaining a suitable supply of ministerial labor in this extensive field, about two years ago I tendered my resignation of the pastorate. For the same reasons, now more urgent, and especially as it has been harmoniously agreed to divide the one numerous and widely extended Church into two, I deem it proper to tender it again.

In perfect harmony with the Church, grateful for continued kindness evinced toward me by word and deed, and still disposed to do all in my power for your benefit, I earnestly request that, by a unanimous vote, I may now be released from all further charge of the pastoral office.

May the gracious Lord bless you with continued peace and great prosperity; and with able and faithful labors, attended with abundant blessings!

Affectionately yours in Christ, CHARLES TUPPER.

Melvern Square, Wilmot, April 8, 1872.

REPLY.

To the Rev. Dr. Tupper, Pastor of the Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot Baptist Church.

DEARLY BELOVED BROTHER,—

It is with feelings of deep regret that we are compelled to accept your resignation. But, labouring as you are under infirmities of age, and not feeling able to fulfil all the demands required in so extensive a field of labour, and earnestly desiring our welfare, upon these grounds, and these alone, do we feel disposed to accept your resignation.

During the many long years you have faithfully and earnestly laboured with us, numbers of our members who were in the prime of life, and co-workers with us in the cause of our Master, have passed away from earth to heaven, there to receive their reward.

The interest and sympathy manifested by you in seasons of affliction, storms of various kinds never preventing your visiting the bedside of the sick and the dying, and imparting comfort and consolation to the needy, have awakened in our hearts a deep feeling of gratitude and love.

On your becoming our pastor you found the church in a very scattered state, having just previously been reorganized into one church. Many members who were standing aloof, manifesting a degree of indifference for the cause of Christ, have been persuaded through your instrumentality to cast in their lot again with the people of God; and thus nearly all have enrolled their names in the church book, walking in love and harmony.

During your sojourn with us many times we have been called to mourn the loss of numerous valued members taken from us by death; still we render thanks to God, that under your pastorate the church has had many accessions to her membership. Ofttimes we have been made to rejoice that, through God's infinite and all abounding mercy, sinners have been led to see the danger of their condition, and flee to Jesus Christ for refuge, and lay hold on the hope set before them in the gospel. We truly have had much reason to exclaim, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

And we are happy to know, that on resigning your charge of us as a church, although the state of religion is somewhat low, yet there is quite a general feeling of union existing among us. While we would by no means have you injure your health by over-exertion, we shall be glad to receive such continued aid as it may be consistently in your power to afford us. It will ever give us sincere pleasure to assist in promoting your comfort.

We cannot close without expressing the sincere regard and attachment we have for your dear companion, who, since her connection with us, has, by her warm exhortations and prayers, rendered great service toward the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

In conclusion, we would ask you ever to remember us at a throne of grace. May your last days be indeed your happiest and best days; and may the God of all grace, mercy and truth continue and abide with you to the end, and grant that finally you may hear that welcome plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!"

Signed in behalf of the Church, A. T. BAKER, LEASER BAKER, Deacons. Tremont, Aylesford, April 20, 1872.

[Our correspondent next proposes that all our Benevolent funds be appropriated by the Home Missionary Board. This we hold would be undesirable, as well as impracticable.]

Let the Nova Scotia Home Missionary Society procure the services of as many travelling evangelists as the fund will sustain, and let them hold a week or fortnight of extra meetings with each church belonging to the Association, and assist the Pastors in gathering in the sheaves, carefully explore the whole field for labour, and communicate with the Home Missionary Society, collect money for the Home Mission Fund, and do the work of Evangelists.

Let the Mission Board see that none of our ministers are in want of employment, but send them to destitute churches, or to new fields, these travelling Evangelists would be acquainted with the condition of the churches and fields of labour, and could always communicate with the officers of the Society, and give them all needed information.

We have in the Central Association a membership of 5,712 if 4000 of these would give \$5 it would raise the fund to \$20,000 and then each church could hold a Tea-meeting to increase the fund. To commence with, I will give \$5 for myself \$5 for my wife, and \$5 more when the Evangelist finds his way to hold extra meetings with the church at North West.

And when the churches are all benefited directly by the labour of the Evangelists, I have no doubt the mission fund will increase large enough to carry out the whole plan proposed.

NORTH WEST.

April 5th, 1872.

For the Christian Messenger.

THE MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND.

I have just received from the Halifax Granville Street Church and congregation, through Henry N. Paint, Esq., for Ministerial Education, the sum of \$18 25.

The churches should be reminded of the importance of this fund. If we would retain our young ministers in the provinces it is indispensable that this fund should be greatly increased. The whole amount previously sent in from the three associations in Nova Scotia for the current year was \$150 64. The treasury was overdrawn \$9 36. The remittance above acknowledged will pay this and leave a balance now in hand of \$8 89. There are now at least eight young men in Acadia College who are eligible for aid from this fund.

It is evident that the amount is entirely inadequate to aid even this number. But our prayer is that the Lord may raise up a much larger number of candidates for the ministry. Such a prayer to be availing should be accompanied by corresponding efforts. I would urge that the churches send in a much larger amount to the associations this year, say at least forefold, not by diminishing the amounts for other objects, but by increasing this. Let a vital connection be established between the rising ministry and the churches, by which they shall be inseparably bound together. The scarcity of ministers indicates something wrong in the churches. When the Lord institutes a church He gives it everything that is needful for increase and reproduction. This He does to all His works and much more to His church the most glorious of all His works. And surely one step toward securing the increase of ministers, is for the churches to give this tangible expression of sympathy with these young men who are constrained to give up all things for the work of the Lord.

Let our young ministerial students be aided by the churches, and by individuals in the churches, as far as possible gratuitously, so that when they close their studies, they may not be in bondage to any man, but may be free to serve Christ and His feeble churches, or go self-reliantly if need be, "to the regions beyond," to "seek a bride for their Master." Such men will be likely to keep the stream of gratuitous aid flowing in an ever deepening and widening current.

A Loan Fund like that now contemplated would no doubt be a great benefit to many of our students, and an inducement to many to enter upon a course of study. But the Board of Ministerial Education is entrusted with the gratuitous fund only, for which I now plead.

Yours, &c. D. FREEMAN.

Canning, April 22, 1872.

Those who retire from the world on account of its sins and peevishness must not forget that they have yet to keep company with a person who wants just as much watching as anybody else.—Billings.

that by the time I return to New York, before Anniversary week, the money may be ready?

A WARM WELCOME.

I anticipated a kind reception, but I did not anticipate such a welcome as this.—Pere Hyacinthe took me by the hand and said, "I have heard of your work in America, and the work you come to do in Italy, and I welcome you." Gavazzi said: "We have been waiting for you,—we welcome you,—God bless you." At a union meeting of ministers, earnest workers and others (house packed), I was to tell them why I came, what I proposed to do, and how I thought of doing it.—Dr. Cote interpreted for me. It moved me deeply to witness the interest they felt, and to listen to their words of approbation and welcome and their assurances of sympathy and cooperation.

I have attended several meetings of Italians and the rooms were packed; have witnessed several baptisms, and by invitation of Mr. Wall baptized one and took part in the communion service, which gave me unspeakable pleasure. The assurance given me by Italians and others here, as well as my observation in visiting Day and Sunday-schools, and my experience of nearly 20 years in America, assure me that the most hopeful method of giving the Gospel to Italy is through the children, and for me, in the manner in which I have been so successful in New York, to be modified, of course, according to circumstances. I therefore look forward with hope and confidence to the opening in this city, in October, of another Howard Mission and Home for Little Wanderers, or as is suggested as a name more acceptable to Italians, "La mano che aiuta," or "The hand that helps." May God bless the Howard Mission in Rome as he has in New York, and as I shall soon be no more with the latter, may his presence be more than ever with it, and may its friends be more devoted, numerous and liberal, and may I, in my new field of labor, where for eighteen centuries our brethren suffered every form of persecution, hope to be remembered at the mercy-seat, and receive that sympathy and liberal cooperation which for so many years have cheered and sustained me. Pardon me for writing such a long letter. I could not well avoid it. Please speak a kind word to your readers in behalf of my work.

W. C. VAN METER.

Rome, March 15, 1872.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

HOME MISSION WORK.

Mr. Editor,—

I am a reader of the Messenger, and prize it very much, and am anxious to see it in every family, where there is a baptized member of the Church of Jesus Christ. We who are interested in the advancement of Christ's Church, may do a good work, by earnestly labouring to persuade others to subscribe for the Messenger. There are many Baptist families without the Messenger, this ought not to be, let those of us who know its value, persuade others to take it.

I have read the communications on the Ministerial Loan Fund, and am persuaded that more effort should be speedily made, to advance Jesus' Kingdom in our midst. We need more ministers, we need to have our Home Mission fund increased, we need travelling missionaries, as Evangelists, to assist Pastors of churches to gather in the sheaves, after the manner of Rev. A. B. Earle and others in the U. S. We need more houses of worship, and we can have all these if every brother and sister will do their duty, and give as the Lord has prospered them. I believe the Baptists of the Central Association have not yet fully awakened to their duty in advancing the denomination. I look at the Report of our Home Missionary Society, and learn that we only pay 37 cts. for each member, then remember that others give who are not members of the church, which would make the amount still less, we ought to be ashamed of it. I have known Baptists to pay much more to other societies of Christians, than to our own missions, only because they were at their missionary meetings and were a little moved by the earnest appeals of two or three ministers. I believe one dollar in our mission fund will carry the gospel as far as it would in any other. But then we have so few missionary meetings, I have never been in a Baptist Missionary meeting, never heard of any in Lunenburg County. There is no special effort made to increase our Mission Fund, a good many of our members do not read the papers, never hear an address on missions, and consequently know little about it.

MR. VAN METER IN ROME.

Our readers know something of the work inaugurated by Mr. Van Meter in the "Home for the Little Wanderers" in New York. A short time ago he was impressed that a similar work might be done in the city of Rome, Italy, and he has gone there with this object in view, under the auspices of the Philadelphia Baptist Publication Society. The following letter from him from one of our U. S. exchanges will be read with peculiar interest by all friends of gospel truth:—

THE WORK AND THE WORKERS.

Here is seen the dawning of that glorious day of which Isaiah spoke, "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad," etc. Undisturbed enjoyment of civil and religious liberty, protection of life and property, order, cheerfulness, cleanliness, and health are to-day the most striking characteristics of Rome. The glorious triumph of Protestants over Romanists in the recent public discussion authorized by the Pope, followed by the mass meeting at the first anniversary of the Italian Bible Society, addressed by Pere Hyacinthe, Gavazzi and other "sons of thunder," has imparted new life to the struggling ones in Italy, and the brave words of Joshua, "Let us go up at once," etc., seem to be the watchword among Christians. Pere Hyacinthe's motto, "Unity in things essential. Liberty in things not clearly defined. Charity in all things," pretty fairly represents the spirit of Protestants, or as they prefer to be called, "Evangelicals," while at the same time it does not at all lead them to abandon the peculiarities of the denominations to which they belong. Some immerse, others sprinkle, some practice close communion and others open. Some use a liturgy while others discard it, but all are united in preaching "Repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ," as the only hope of salvation.

NEW TESTAMENT PRINTING IN ROME.

Never was a copy of the Word of God, in the language of the people, printed in Rome. At this Bible meeting it was felt that this reproach must be removed,—that the Italian Bible Society must at once go forward and publish an edition of not less than 20,000 copies of the New Testament. The estimates were obtained, but the Board had not money to meet the demand. As I stood with Mr. Wall and Dr. Cote in the Coliseum, on the very ground made sacred by the blood of our brethren who were torn to pieces by wild beasts because they would obey God's word, Mr. Wall told me of the embarrassment for want of money and said, "Oh, that God would open the way by which we could set the printers to work at once." I dared not hesitate. I said "The Bible and Publication Society sent me here to do Bible and Sunday-school work. Give to the children of America the privilege and honor of giving to the children of Italy the first 10,000 copies of the New Testament ever printed in Rome, and I pledge myself that they will, through the Society sending me, send the money by the first day of June." Standing by the cross which some poor ignorant ones were kissing, that they might obtain the 300 days' indulgence promised to all who would perform this act of devotion,—in this amphitheatre, ever after this to be more sacred to me, and with my heart overflowing with gratitude to God for permitting me to engage in such a work, I gave my hand to those brethren in pledge of the fulfilment of my promise. Mr. Wall, the Secretary of the Society, called on the President, Rear Admiral Fishbourn, and informed him of this unexpected offer. He said, "This is God's work," and immediately called the Board together and they accepted the offer and ordered the commencement of the work.

A CALL UPON OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Thus, my dear brother, you see God had prepared my work for me and I have entered upon it. I am sure I shall not be mistaken that the Sunday-schools of all denominations will delight to aid me in such a work. To each school sending \$10 00 or more I will send, as a memorial, a copy of this first edition of the first Testament ever printed in Rome. Should more money than is required (\$2,000) be sent to pay for the 10,000 copies, I will use the balance in employing distributors, Bible readers, and others to labor with me in Rome and other parts of Italy. May I not hope that each Superintendent who reads this will, on the following Sabbath, read it to his school and at once obtain among his teachers and scholars \$10 00 or more, or pledge the contributions for one month and send the money to the President of the Board, Wm. Phelps, 264 Canal street, New York, so

It did my heart good to see the pleased look on the poor man's face. The surprise was so great he hardly knew what to say at first. But I did not wait long in the room after placing it before him, as I thought he could eat more comfortably if left to himself. He looked over the waiter with a real famine-like eagerness, much as he tried to restrain himself.

"Give him a good price for his cow, father," I whispered, as I pulled his sleeve when he was passing through into the dining-room.

"How much are you willing to deny yourself for the sake of his poor family, Pussy?" he asked, pinching my cheek softly.

"About five dollars, I think, father."

"All, right, then," he said, giving me one of his own quiet laughs in the corner of his gray eyes.

My father does not beat a poor man down in his prices. I believe he does business just as he thinks the Lord would approve if he were standing by. If there is one lesson of my childhood which I shall never forget it is this: of being kind to the poor. He made his bargain with the man, and when he counted out the bills he laid a five dollar note on the top, and said:

"There is a Christmas gift for your little ones."

The poor man burst into tears. After a while he said:

"Mr. Gray, I always heard you were a good man to the poor. But I never expected such treatment as I have had here to-day. May the Lord reward you a hundred fold! If you will let me, Miss, I'll take these doughnuts you have set for me home to my little Jane. I wouldn't be so bold, but she has been poorly ever since she got over the sickness, and yesterday she was crying for one of these very fried cakes."

"Take them and welcome," I said, "and I will send her a paper of them besides." It did not take my mother long to fill up the largest basket she had with good things for that poor family, not forgetting some especial dainties in one corner for the sick child.

"We can do without doughnuts till next baking day," she said as she emptied the whole panful into the basket.

I knew that poor family will have one good meal this winter, and I would eat potatoes and salt for dinner for a week, for the sake of the pleasure it gives me every time I think of it. Father hailed a team which was passing, and got the man a ride almost to his home. He went away with a different look from that which he wore when he came in.

When I have a home of my own, I mean to use hospitality just as my mother does. I wish there were more housekeepers "given" to it, as she is. I am sure that poor family will not soon forget her; and I think, after all, we have the most happiness in it.—Edith Gray, in Country Gentleman.

ANTHEMATIC BRONCHITIS, OF NINE YEARS STANDING, CURED BY THE SYRUP.

St. John, N. B., 11th Aug., 1869.

Mr. James I. Fellows, Dear Sir,—I consider it my duty to inform you of the great benefit I have received from the use of your Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites: I have been, for the last nine years, a great sufferer from Bronchitis and Asthma, at times so ill that for weeks I could neither lie down or take any nourishment of consequence, and during the time suffering intensely I have had at different times, the advice of twenty-two physicians.

The least exposure to either damp or draught was sure to result in a severe attack of my disease. Finding no relief from all the medicines I had taken, I concluded to try your Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites, and have great reason to thank God for the result: I have, in all, taken twelve bottles, and now I feel as strong and well as ever I felt in my life, and for the last year have not had one moment's sickness, and neither does dampness or draught have the least effect upon me. Were I to write on the subject for hours, I could not say enough in praise of your invaluable Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites, or give an adequate idea of my sufferings.

You are at liberty to make what use you please of this letter, because I hope its publicity may be the means of benefiting other sufferers as much as it has me.

I remain, yours respectfully, MRS. HIPWELL, Exmouth Street.