

For the Christian Messenger.

A Sabbath School Concert was held at the Baptist meeting House, Paradise, on Sabbath morning, Oct. 18th., a brief account of which may interest some at least, of your numerous readers.

I do not know that I can give you a better idea of the proceedings than to enclose the programme which was kindly handed me by a friend.

Music—"Sabbath Bells." Prayer by the pastor Rev. A. Cohoon. Music—"Sabbath School Volunteers Song."

Exercise by Juvenile class of girls: "What Christ did for me," with a recitation very prettily given by one of the little ones.

Exercise by Juvenile class of boys: "God is love," with large letters showing the motto. Recitation in chorus at the close.

Music—"Work for Jesus." Exercise by 3rd class "Immanuel, God with us," closing with recitation in chorus. Exercise by 4th class "Beautiful things above," with appropriate recitations. Music—"Beautiful Zion."

Next followed a brief synopsis of the lessons passed over during the summer embracing the first ten chapters of the Gospel of Mark—prepared by the Superintendent, followed by recitations and music appropriate to some of the subjects.

Recitation—"Jesus of Nazareth, passeth by."

Music—"Jesus of Nazareth." Recitation—"Heart-Hushings." Music—"Christ stilling the Tempest." Exercise by 5th class—"Trees of the Bible."

Music—"The trees of life immortal stand." Exercises by 6th and 7th classes combined—"The Gardens of the Bible."

Recitations—"Lessons of the Garden," and "Garden Memories." Music—"Garden of Olivet." Exercise by 7th and 8th classes combined—"Mountains of the Bible."

Recitations—"The Heavenly Hills" and "Mount Calvary." Music—"Over on the other side, where the hills of glory shine."

The closing exercise "Praise to God" was very fine, each teacher and pupil reciting in turn a verse containing the word or idea of praise, and at the close of each class the whole school joining in chorus in Psalm cvii. 8, "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men." The 100th Psalm was then recited by one of the classes, the school joining in the last verse: "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." and the Anthem "O praise God in his holiness," was then performed by the choir. An excellent address from the pastor and a few appropriate remarks from the Superintendent closed one of the most interesting Sabbath School Concerts it has ever been my privilege to attend.

I cannot, in conclusion, omit to mention that much praise is due to the Superintendent, Avard Longley, Esq., and his zealous and accomplished lady for their united exertions to make this concert an entire success, to Mrs. Joseph Morse who performed with very great taste on the organ, and to Mr. Silas Lantz who conducted the singing much credit is likewise due. The Baptist church in Wilmot is, thanks to a kind Heaven, in a very united and prosperous condition, under the faithful pastorate of Rev. Mr. Cohoon. There are pleasing evidences of wholesome vitality and general religious interest in the community.

Sincerely yours,

PARADISE. Paradise, Nov. 7th, 1874.

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CHESTER.

MR. EDITOR,—

The nett proceeds of the Bazaar recently held in Chester in aid of the Baptist Meeting house amounted to \$454.47. This, taking all the circumstances into consideration, we regard as quite a success. Our warmest thanks are hereby tendered to all those friends who have in any way, aided us in raising that amount.

Our house is progressing slowly on account of hard times and want of means. We hope to get into the basement this winter if our plans succeed. Contributions have been received from friends in other places, independent of the Bazaar, in aid of the building fund, and are hereby acknowledged with thanks. We should be more than glad to receive donations from any of our wealthy brethren who have it in their hearts and in their power to help us.

Will you please publish the following list in the Messenger and oblige, Yours very truly,

I. J. SKINNER. Chester, Nov. 1874.

LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE IN CHESTER.

Liverpool.—T. P. Calkin, Esq., \$20. A Friend, 1.20. C. E. D. Snow, Esq., 12. S. S. Munro, 1. John Cobb, Esq., 5. A Friend, 60c. A Friend, 4. T. M. Spencer, 7. T. P. 4. S. C. Tupper, 4. Jas. Sponagle, 4. Mrs. E. McDonald, 4.

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Truro.—Alexander Russell, 1. Tenocook.—Henry Hatt, 2. John Bassett, 1. W. F. Trott, 1.50.

Ironbound.—Edward Young, 5. Margarets Bay.—Lewis Ryno, 1.

Indian Harbor.—Mrs. Eisenor, 2.50. Halifax.—Mrs. Fraser, 2. Hon. Dr. Parker, \$20. B. A. Smith, 1. Harris, Bes. 1. A. B. Bligh, 1. E. D. King, 1. A Friend, 1.

CANADIAN SUCCESS ABROAD.

It is an especially pleasing duty for us, at any time, to note the progress of all branches of manufacturing industry in our midst, and it becomes one especially so when it is connected with some piece of workmanship, both invented and manufacturing industry in this city, which has been honored in foreign lands as well as at home. Perhaps there is nothing that has tended to bring our city so prominently before the world with such direct advantage to this part of the manufacture of that very important article—the sewing machine. This business, as is well known, has been fostered and encouraged in the United States to such a degree, and the amount of capital and labor invested in it there are so large, as to rival all other parts of the globe in the production of this domestic necessity. Whilst some of the machines made have established for themselves, by special merits, a reputation as meeting the requirements of the age, others have been bought prominently before the public in consequence of having marks of distinction conferred upon the founder, or Company by some Ruler in Continental Europe, and whilst for a very laudable cause, it is sought for, no doubt, for advertising purposes, and has been very successful indeed. But the great prize that all have coveted has been to stand first in the English markets, where merit alone in the article exhibited is appreciated, and where, in all cases, the best judges are selected, to test thoroughly and decide between the several competitors. Then a prize becomes most valuable to the winner, because the piece of workmanship has been found to have some special merits of its own; and although he may be loaded down with honorable Orders and distinctions, including Grand Crosses, etc., the American manufacturer's greatest ambition is to achieve success at some English fair or exhibition, and not a stone has been left unturned by our enterprising neighbors in these contests to carry off the honors. We, therefore, feel, an especial pride at any time to have to record any Canadian success in Great Britain, and are pleased to note that, a few weeks ago, at Darlington, England, amongst a large number of manufactured goods there exhibited, the sewing machines of the world formed the prominent feature, from the fact that the Society of Arts and Industry had offered a silver medal for the most useful and best constructed family sewing machine adapted for all kinds of work. After much scrutiny the real test came between two kinds only: the "Singer," manufactured in the United States, and the "Webster," made in Canada.

These two were taken to pieces and carefully examined by experts, and on their decision the medal was awarded the "Webster," amid the applause of a large number of scientific spectators who had taken a deep interest in the competition; and from the excitement of the various exhibitors, and the general interest manifested at the success at this Canadian Machine, the proprietors of the "Webster" were induced again to compete at Durham and Auckland against the best American and English Machines with the same success. Now, when we consider the matter locally, our readers will be greatly pleased with the results, as the "Webster" is manufactured in this city by the Canada Sewing Company. Their machine has already established a reputation all over the Dominion of Canada, and, although comparatively unknown in England, it enters its lists against all others, foreign and domestic that have been known there for years as first class machines. From its superiority after every test that could be devised by practical men, it takes the leading position. We hope that we may see other manufactured goods, as well as sewing machine, win such practical honors; and now the various manufactures here are becoming important elements, and enhance the value and interests of our shows and exhibitions, both Provincial and local, we would remind the Societies that it would be well if as much pains were taken in the selection of the most competent judges of manufactured articles as they evince in selecting judges of stock, and the public would not only get the benefit of it, but a much larger display of all the newest and best inventions. Let the

public of Canada understand that at all fairs everything is adjudged on its merits alone, and prizes awarded without fear or favor, whether it be for an agricultural implement or a sewing machine, and it will soon be found that we can compete in both with our neighbors, and the success of the "Webster" has shown that we have no reason to fear results against the world in that line of business.—Hamilton Paper

IN MEMORIAM.

HANDLEY STARRATT, ESQ., died on the 28th of October in the 82nd year of his age. He was baptized by Elder Nathaniel Vidito 32 years ago and united with the church at Marshalls Cove in the county of Annapolis; 14 years since he removed to Cambridge in the County of Hants the place of his death. His christian experience was interspersed with many doubts till at last they were expelled by faith in God, and light was given him in the evening time to look beyond the dark river of death and behold

The land of pure delight, Where saints immortal reign;

He enjoyed greater freedom from suffering than is common to old people; which often led him to express wonder and gratitude that God should deal so mercifully with one so unworthy. In speaking to his grand children about the concerns of their souls a day or two before his death he seemed to feel the importance of living example to give weight to dying precept. He was given to hospitality and a lover of good men. The servants of Christ under whose ministry he had found in him a brother whose heart and hand were ready to help them in their basket and store. He has left behind an aged widow to experience loneliness and bereavement but she is now well cared for by those on whom she has bestowed a mother's care. May the Lord be their strength and righteousness.

G. A. WETHERS.

Religious Intelligence.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL.

The new Baptist church at Annapolis Royal was dedicated to the worship of God on Sunday the 15th. The day was fine, the congregations large and every thing passed off in a very satisfactory manner. A very appropriate and interesting sermon was preached in the morning by the Rev. S. W. DeBlois, of Wolfville. Rev. M. Parker of Clements and Bro. Miller of Bridgetown taking part in the service. The meeting in the afternoon was somewhat of a social character, Bro. G. D. Cox of Bear River leading off in his eloquent and earnest style, followed by Rev. Mr. DeBlois and Rev. M. Parker. A report from the Building committee was presented showing that there was a floating debt of \$440 not provided for, and an appeal was made to the congregation to wipe out this little debt. Friends came forward nobly and in about fifteen minutes the whole was disposed of. Some \$400 are still required to put on the spire and fit up the externals of the building. Any donations towards this object will be thankfully received. An excellent sermon was preached in the evening by the Rev. J. Clark of Bridgetown, followed by earnest addresses from Rev. Mr. Gordon, Presbyterian minister of Bridgetown, Rev. Mr. Lockhart, Wesleyan minister of Annapolis, Rev. Mr. DeBlois and others. A good feeling pervaded all the meetings and the universal sentiment at the close was "We have had a pleasant and profitable day." There are but few Baptists in Annapolis Royal, and they deserve great credit for their successful efforts in erecting a good and comfortable edifice for the worship of God. Thanks are due to many persons not connected with the Baptist Denomination for valuable aid rendered, and the efficient services of T. Whitman, Esq., of Annapolis demands a special notice. "But for him," the remark is frequently made, "humanly speaking the frame would not yet have been raised."

We would now bespeak the earnest prayers of all "the faithful" that God would fill His house with His own glory and that in connection with the services held from time to time many sinners may be brought to Jesus.

T. A. HIGGINS.

Rev. T. H. Porter has arrived safely in California via Panama, and has been much benefited by the voyage.

St. John, N. B.—We learn from the Visitor that Rev. D. McLellan was publicly recognized as pastor of the Portland church on Sunday the 15th, appropriate exercises being conducted by the pastors of our other

churches in the city. The Scriptures were read and prayer offered by Rev. J. D. Pope, of the Lennox Street church. Rev. S. M. W. Carey addressed the newly settled pastor, in which he pointed out the office and work of the Christian minister, consisting of the two fold duties of preacher and pastor, and showed the necessity of bringing to his work sound bodily strength, a well furnished mind and a good heart. Rev. W. P. Everett gave an address to the church, pithily telling them how they ought to practically sustain their pastor in his difficult but important work. Bro. McLellan responded by briefly referring to the providence that led him to come to Portland, having been introduced to the church by their late pastor, Bro. Biggs. Rev. Mr. Pope, in behalf of the church and the other pastors, with a few words, gave him the hand of fellowship, feelingly referring to the former pastors into whose labors he is to enter, and to the fact that he comes to a kind and generous people, and praying that among them he may reap a rich harvest in fruit to life everlasting. Prayer was then offered by Rev. E. Hickson, of Carleton, and the services closed. The new parsonage house of the Portland church is nearly enclosed and in a fair way of completion. It is a fine, commodious building, reflecting great credit on the church.

Rev. T. T. Sinford has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church in East Jefferson.

Rev. James E. Blakeney has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church in Hoodsdon, and come to Port William, Nova Scotia.

Rev. J. R. Herrick has been installed pastor of the Baptist church at Wells' depot.

Rev. W. O. Ayer has entered upon his labours in connection with the Baptist church in Skowhegan. Three persons were recently added to the church, two of them young men.

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., NOVEMBER 25, 1874.

It is expected that the navigation of the St. Lawrence will close this week. Last week Montreal Harbor was almost deserted, only two ocean going vessels and a number of small craft remaining.

A cablegram from London to the Toronto Globe says the Times advocates commutation of the sentence in the case of Lepine.

The following from the Babeygeon, Ont., Independent, shows that the Icelanders seem to have a decided liking for Canadian victuals, whether they like the climate or not—"The Icelanders are getting on very favorably, and are much liked by the old settlers, as they are genial and accommodating. They thoroughly appreciate our meat and bread. As to the first I may mention that one day last week they consumed 640 pounds of beef. They average three pounds a day each, and in consequence of this enormous meat consumption are suffering very severely from diarrhoea. Bread is also much relished by them, for in Iceland bread is rather a luxury, no wheat being grown, and the only grain they use is rye. They are now asking for rye meal with a most touching earnestness.

It is said that there is a probability of the whole population of Iceland following the emigrants.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Provincial training school opened for the winter term on Wednesday last. There were seventy six applicants for admission this term, of whom sixty-two underwent a successful examination and were accepted. Upwards of twenty of the students are males.

The Advocate states that the troughs in the salmon hatching house at Newcastle contains about one and a half million salmon eggs. Everything about the establishment looks more like wintering the spawn successfully than at this time last year.

The Military school re-opens at Fredericton on the 1st of December.

The water in the upper St. John is still too low for navigation.

Present appearances very plainly indicate that lumber operations will be very much reduced the coming winter. Some parties who hitherto have been large operators, do not intend to go into the woods. The Fredericton Farmer hears it asserted that very few are preparing on the upper St. John to cut lumber, but instead are endeavouring to seek out some more profitable employment during the winter months.

T. H. Rand, Esq., Chief Superintendent of Schools, is visiting the Schools in the northern section of the Province.

A bear appeared near Indiantown, on Monday and was decoyed into a barrel and captured.

SERIOUS APPREHENSIONS are felt in St. John at the deficiency of water in the river. The Globe says:—"The water has not been so low for fifty years as it is this fall, and, really, it is a serious thing that winter should set in with as little rain as we have had this fall. There is a great danger of a severe drought before the winter is over." The Fredericton Reporter understands that \$50,000 worth of lumber remains immovable in the River between that City and

Grand Falls in consequence of the low water during the present season. In the lower sections also, wood boats and schooners, provided with large stocks of lumber, have departed of reaching the capital.

FIRE.—From the St. John Tribune we learn of a serious fire at Cushing's Mills, Union Point. It originated by sparks from the mill chimney setting fire to the roof of one of the dry houses. The oil shop between the mill and a portion of the burning lumber caught fire and was with difficulty extinguished. The lumber destroyed consisted of 1,500,000 laths 40,000 keg heads, 20,000 clapboards, and about 50,000 shooks. The total loss is about \$15,000.

It is fortunate that the mill was saved. It is been burned; at least 200 men would have been thrown out of employment.

The same night a few hours later another fire broke out in Kirk & Daniels mill, Long Wharf, Portland. It commenced in the engine room. Some difficulty was experienced with the hose, several lengths of which burst. The distance was so great that the water had to go about 1000 feet from the engine, so that it is not much wonder, with a pressure of 120 pounds, on a frosty night, that a few breaks should have occurred. A large pile of short deal placed against the mill was destroyed. Two immense piles of deal that were in the greatest danger were thrown over the wharf.

The mill is a mass of ruins, only the chimney and some of the brick work about the furnaces standing. It was one of the best furnished mills round St. John, and employed about 100 hands. The entire loss will be about \$50,000, on which there is an insurance of \$20,000.

UNITED STATES.

The New Orleans steamship "Empire," from the lower coast, and overloaded with sugar and molasses, sank at her wharf at the foot of Centre Street on Tuesday, and it is reported that thirty or forty lives were lost.

By a steam-tug explosion near New York, on Tuesday, five persons were killed and the captain fatally injured.

Shocking deeds of violence and murder are reported from the Pennsylvania Colliery regions.

An extensive mine cave occurred at Pittstown, Pa., on Tuesday, causing the death of two men.

Police reserves have been doubled on the river front in New York, as the indications are that there will be more assaults by the striking Longshore men.

By an explosion at the gas works at Mount Sterling, Kentucky, two white men and one negro were instantly killed.

A disastrous fire at Brookville, Pa., entailed a loss of \$250,000.

Boston is excited over an attempt to cut off a slice of its Common for railway purposes.

SOUTH AMERICA.—The report that a compromise has been effected between the Government of Buenos Ayres and the insurgents is false.

WEST INDIES.—During the hurricane at Kingston, Ja., on the 1st, the brig "Helen," of Halifax, went ashore at Starr's Bay. Five brigs were wrecked, five blown ashore, and five others damaged.

Heavy storms of rain have swept the Eastern part of Cuba, badly damaging railroads, sugar canes and other property all over the country, levelled the towns of Tanas and Guantanamo on the north coast, flooded cattle, goods, and houses and swept them away. Some loss of life is reported.

New York, Nov. 23, p. m.—Gold 112 to 113. Exchange \$4.86 to \$4.90.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.—By an explosion in a colliery at Warren Vale, West Riding of Yorkshire, on Friday last, 24 miners were killed, and several others badly injured.

Archbishop Manning goes to Rome, and a number of Bishops will follow, probably to hold a Conference relative to the Catholic Congress in London.

The recent heavy rains have swollen the rivers in North Lancashire and considerable tracts of country are inundated and much damage has been done.

The students of St. Andrews University have rejected the proposal made by some of their number that Ralph Waldo Emerson be elected Lord Rector of the University.

The English Government has determined to organize a Polar exploring expedition. It will sail in two steamers under the command of Captain Markham, R. N., next May.

Lord Derby, in reply to a deputation, promised that the Government would address a friendly remonstrance to the Porte in favour of the persecuted Christians in Syria.

A large meeting of Catholics in London on Wednesday last, adopted a resolution declaring that the civic-loyalty of Roman Catholics is in no way affected by the decree of Papal Infallibility.

A destructive fire occurred in Belmont, a village 12 miles from London on Thursday. On the same day a boat was run down in the Clyde and 17 men drowned.

The price of standard silver in London is said to be lower than at any time within 25 years.

It is said that the British Government declines to comply with the proposal of Russia, for the adoption of an international