We are lingering, I fear, too long upon never again, save in the bright, sweet memories of the passing years? We broke camp, and rode along the beach for the whole length of the plain; storping to cut a cane from a group of oleanders which grew at the water's edge. At the other end of the plain is the little village of Mejdel, the ancient Magdala, the home of Mary Magdalene. It is reduced to a group of wreiched hovels. A large heap of stones, once a house, is pointed out as her home. A single palm tree lifts its leafy head above the ruin and squalor below. This is the only place of habitation on all the plain of Gennesaret. S. GRAVES, D. D.

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For the Christian Messenger. " PAUL AND CHRIST. .

A Portraiture and an Argument.

BY J. M. CRAMP, D. D." The books which people read, like the

company that they keep, naturally exert an influence on them, either for evil or for good. Consequently the dissemination of books adapted to be harmful to the readers of them, ought to be discountenanced, and that of such as have a favorable tendency should be encouraged. In the former class may be reckened, not only works of an infidel cast, and those in which profane expressions occur, but also such are seriously erroneous in sentiment, or are written from a stand point that requires their authors to pervert the plain sense of Scripture, in order to make it accord with their schemes. To the latter-tie good-class particularly belong works that tend to attract attention to the sacred Oracles, to exhibit their Divine origin, to enhance their value in the estimation of the people, to elucidate obscure passages, and to prompt to holiness of heart and life.

That such is the salutary tendency of the work named above, will be naturally conceived by those who are acquainted with the venerable Author and his writings. An attentive perusal of the Book will undoubtedly confirm this anticipation. In this time of ardent conflict between light and darkness, faith and infidelity, truth and error, strict piety and worldly conformity, such a

work is very opportune. While it may be profitably perused by the learned, it is well adapted to instruct and edity ordinary readers. The style is plain, and the sentences are short. It can therefore be easily understood. When a writer pretends to know every thing, there is reason to apprehend, that he knows nothing yet as he ought to know; but Dr Cramp makes no such pretences. Where the language of inspiration, as in some in instances, is not explicit, he frankly and commendably acknowledges his inability to determine.

After a brief historical notice of Paul's early life, Dr. C. narrates his wonderful conversion. The former persecutor now transformed into a faithful and zealous Apostle of Christ, recognizes his deep in debtedness to the riches of Divine grace, saying, " By the grace of God, I am what I am." He then enjoins upon others, "Be ye followers of me as I also am of Christ." Our author notices the happy effects of the gracious change wrought in Paul; and, in accordance with the apostolic admonition, affectionately commends his Christian example to the imitation of all believers. Due regard to this is of

From Paul's conversion to Christ, with its abiding influence on him, an irrefragable argument is adduced in proof of the truth of Christianity. It is justly inferred, that a man of his strong native talents, improved by thorough mental training, and endowed with a deeply penetrating mind, could not be reasonably supposed to be deceived in such a matter. The permanence of the change, and his persistence in a course of relf-denial, toil, and suffering exclude the supposition that they could have resulted from a mere sudden and causeless excitement. This renouncement of all his flattering prospects of worldly pleasure, ease, emulument, and honor, and his cheer ful submission to a life of fatigue, destitution, reproach bumerous sufferings, and finally to death as a malefactor, without the slightest hope of any earthly advantage, clearly demonstrate his sincerity, and the steadfastness of his faith in the adorable Redeemer. Besides the numerous other decisive proofs of the truth of Christianity, that is unanswerable.

is also given an instructive and circumstantial account of the Apostle's voyage to

It is my earnest desire that this valuable work may be extensively circulated, and diligently, practically and profitably perused.

C. TUPPER. Tremont, Aylesford, Feb. 9, 1874.

For the Christian Messenger.

ATIGONISHE, Feb. 5, 1874. Dear Editor ,-

Please acknowledge in the columns of the Meesenger the following additional sums received for Meeting House at Barney's River, Pictou Co. :

From Judge McCully, Halifax \$20 00 A. W. Clark, 10 00 Dr. Parker, D. Thompson, Chambers, Truro..... 5 00 " 4 00 Rev. J. E. Goucher, Truro.. 2 00 Wm. (ummings, Dr. Tupper & wife, Aylesford 2 00

> Yours truly, J. B. McQuillin.

NEWPORT.

Converts, Donations, Pastor wanted. During my prolonged vacation of six weeks at Newport, I had the happiness of hearing upwards of 40 precious souls testi

fy to the saving power of the Gospel. Of this number 32 followed their Saviour in baptism. A few connected themselves with pedobaptist bodies, the others I hope to baptize soon.

In addition to this the church has been greatly revived and 2 have been restored. Among the number baptised are 13 young men, average age 171, and 15 young ladies, average age 161. May they all .. go on their way rejoicing," and "walk in newness of life." This last accession makes, in all, 100 members added to our number since the union of the churches (January 1872). Have we not cause to " thank God and take courage?"

We have a house of worship in course of erection, 50 x 37, which will be completed, we hope, sometime in the coming Autumn. May the Master abide in the place and fill the house with rejoicing believers.

The good brethren and friends composing our congregation at Newport were determined that we should not return to Acadia without a sufficient amount of that which is one of the essentials to a College course. Accordingly they assembled in the agreeble and, I trust, profitable evening, God abundantly bless the liberal donors a field as Newport is too important to be enough, God requires entire consecration. supplied only by Sabbath visits from the College. The present condition of the for the education of the girls. Mrs. George church and the encouraging prospects among the congregation demand the services of a faithful minister of Jesus continualty. I would therefore gladly enter into communication with any of our breth- tions for Burmese Girls. We believe that ren who would desire to settle among this noble people.

D. McDonald. Acadia College, Feb. 7th, 1874.

LETTER FROM REV. W. GEORGE.

The following letter, it will be evident, was not written with any intention of publication, but it was sent us by our afflicted brother Rev. R S. Morton to make such over we thought it gave such a glance at missionary life as would enable our readers the Christian Messenger often has a notice to sympathize with the missionaries more than many communications of a less domestic character, written specially for the press. We therefore decided to insert the whole :

HENTHADA, Nov. 21, 1873.

Rev R. S Morton,

My dear brother, I have been thinking bout you agreat deal of late, and the other night while sleeping out in the jungle I determined to write you a letter. As I have nothing particular to write of, what my effort may produce can not be foretold, " perhaps it may turn out a song; perhaps turn out a sermon."

Well do you ever think of me? and do you know that when I was so weak and trembling that it took all my blood out my face to be called a "minister," that this case is shewn to furnish an argement your kind words gave me comfort. I do the tie between a beloved Pastor and a to present and urge repeatedly in varying not forget, and your visit to me while I loving people. There is a tie between us, form as circumstances seemed to require.

Solutions of some objections adduced by | was at River Philip, is among my bright and | however, which, we trust, is stronger than

When I heard of your sad accident my heart was sad for you, for your family and | identify our highest interests forever." for the cause of the Redeemer. Those terrible mysteries of Providence! Who can interpret them? Some men talk as if they knew all the secrets of the Almighty. It horrifies me to listen to them or read their explanations. No one can understand why the useful are cut off and the old and help less spared for years. Why a useful minister is laid up from the activities of his calling, and a profane dranken wretch spared to go deeper into sin. One thing we know, It is right, that is all. Blessed be than one sorrow.

months old. She was small when she was born, but a perfectly healthy child until one month old when the native nurse neglected her and she got a cold that kept her sick for six months, as a consequence she was weak when her teeth began to come and her little life went out to the Giver.

Our second, a noble boy lived till he was fourteen months old and died with diarrhea. So we are childless, as some would say, but we feel that our treasures are in heaven. Safe with Jesus, free from sin and pain, yet they are ours.

We have been in Burmah over three years, are getting to feel quite at home, each year adds to our love of the people and work. The climate is trying to a northerner, but not nearly so much so as most people suppose. The people are devoted idolaters, not because they believe so much in their system as because they are dead to a sense of their | the grave. responsibility. They readily acknowledge that they must be punished for their sins, yet all look forward to an ultimate state of happiness.

In the last three years the work in this district has enjoyed unusual prosperity. Please note that this district of Henthenda is 60 miles in its greatest width, and 120 miles in its greatest length and contains for the most part with each other. nearly as many inhabitants as the Province of Nova Scotia, and that since Bro. Crawley went home I have been the only one to look after this vast field, as far as the Burmese are concerned. No one man could visit all the towns and large villages in two years if he should travel incessantly, an those places where there are disciples, in order to train them, than one man can give. The prosperity of the work increases the demand for laborers. Native preachers are house of one of our brethren on Monday a great help, we could do but poorly withevening. 2nd inst. Having spent a very out them, yet one white man is equal to a great many of them, and there must be a profitable to me at least, I was presented more fixed determination to do all that with the handsome sum of \$100. May | Christ demands of us on the part of American Christians, before this people is with favors temporal and spiritual. Such brought to God. Halfsway measures are not

We are much encouraged by our efforts | Brother, Farewell ! has a nice school, numbering over forty in all its branches, and if she does not die from over work before some one comes to assist her we will have a first-rate instituno man can live as he ought with an ignofit them to be good wives and intelligent mothers. When a fair number of homes

work. Our next door neighbor, Rev. D. A. wife, so we sometimes hear from him, and from you. If you can write it would give me much pleasure.

In kindest love to yourself and sister Believe me,

Affictionately your brother, WM. GEORGE.

For the Christian Messenger.

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS FROM THE BAPTIST CHURCH, BRIDGETOWN.

To the Rev. George Armstrong.

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER, - Your resig. nation of the Pastorate of this Church is to us a source of sadness and regret. Among the changing and ever shifting scenes of human life, there are few more fraught with pain than that which severs

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it. But how can we have to now a choice a choice of the contains a choice of the choice of the contains a choice of the choic organizations, and which will remain, and

You came to us in the prime and vigor of robust manhood, and aftergiving to us the best twenty years of your life, with now your physical energies declining, and your brow whitened with the touch of time, you are about to leave us.

During the period referred to, you have occupied our pulpits; and we look back on a long series of enjoyed Sabbaths, (more than a thousand), in which we have been diligently instructed, faithfully admonished, abundantly edified, and confirmed in His name, " His throne is in the beavens | the faith of the Gospel. You have been and His kingdom ruleth over all." This with us in our Prayer Meetings, Conferenhas been my comfort and salvation in more | ces, Bible Classes, and Sabbath Schools; and in all there religious duties, privileges You may have heard that our first-born a and services your presence and guidance dear little girl died when she was ten have been truitful in healthful, spiritual

When our denominational peculiarities have been misrepresented and assailed, you have ably explained and defended them, feeling in doing so, no doubt, as did an apostle, that you were " set for the defense of the Gospel." Through your instrumentality, under God, we have enjoyed repeated seasons of revival, when you have led many obedient converts into the baptismal waters, and upon a personal profession of their faith, have administered to them an ordinance which the Saviour both by example and specific teaching, enjoined upon all believers.

In times of domestic affliction and bereavement, you have visited us in our dwellings, to sympathise, to console, and to conduct the services connected with the usual obsequies when our dead were laid in

In short, you have been to us a faithful under shepherd, in all those relations which should subsist between Pastor and people.

During your pastorate there have been few instances of dissension or strife in the Church; and if we have been less spiritual minded than we should have been, we have lived in fraternal union with you, and

When far away, we are assured that you cannot forget us, you will remember the pulpit which you long occupied, you will remember the enjoyed labors of departed Sabbaths; you will remember the people, who hung upon your lips for the instructlon and consolations of Bible truth, you you know that more time must be given to | will remember our grave yard and with a peculiarly mournful interest, where some of your own family, with some of ours, are waiting the sound of the resurrection trump to arouse the sleeping dead and reanimate their mouldered dust into an unchanging immortality, and you will remember us in your hours of devotion. With pain and in love we bid you farewell! And may heaven's choicest benedictions in coming days rest upon yourself, upon Sister Armstrong and upon all the other members of your tamily. Farewell, dear

Signed in behalf of the Church, JOHN RICE, Church Clerk. THE PASTOR'S REPLY.

Dear Brethren .-

The address you have just presented affords me very great pleasure. It tends much to soothe the sorrow that must oprant, brawling, dirty wife, and the gospel press me in view of my removal from those will raise these girls out of the mire and associations, labours and endearments that exist where a Pastor has lived for twenty years among a loving people and has been are conducted on gospel principles we hope | beloved as I have been. The portraiture for much good to be done by their influence. | you give of me as your Pastor is such as Now dear brother, I have scratched affection drew; and I thankfully receive down a few things that will I hope serve to and appropriate the affection; the picture stir up your heart to pray for us in our itself is too pure and surlime for me to appropriate. It bears to me the aspect of use of as we might see fit. On reading it | W. Smith, is the brother of your son's | the ideal Pastor, - such indeed as should have been realized in me, but was not. It was, nevertheless, my aim to be by the grace of God such a Pastor as you describe.

Christ in his mysterious and glorious Person,-his undiminished Divinity, his complete humanity, his perfect righteousness, his all-sufficient and infinite atonement as the only hope for the guilty, his prevailing intercession, and his everlasting dominion as Head over all things to the Church, has been, as I trust, the centre and great subject of my ministry among you. Justification by faith and regeneration by the Holy Spirit I have endeavoured to make prominent in my preaching, as without the exercise of the one, and the experience of the other, a sinner participates not in the salvation of God.

The obligation to lead a Christian life and perform the duties of our high calling in Christ Jesus, it has been my endeavour

The calls of the gospel have been freely and very frequently apened and urged upon the attention of impenitent sinners; and I have not failed to give instruction on the ordinances enjoined by our Lord upon all his followers. In a word, it has been my study and endeavour to so preach the gospel as to instruct the people well and truly in the great doctrines and blissful duties of Christianity, to lead sinners to Christ and converts into his ways, and to edify the Church in faith, love and holiness. And God has been pleased to bless your efforts and mine in this great and all-important work ;- converts have been multiplied, and have joyfully testified in our assemblies of the great salvation they have found in Jesus, and have cheerfully submitted to be buried in the baptismal waters; -in which services we have often felt the presence of the Lord.

Believing conscientiously, as I do that the Baptist views of the two ordinances o the christian church,-Baptism and the Lord's Supper, - their nature, design, requirements, and the relation of the one to the other as to priorety and sequence, are in accordance with the teaching and example of Christ and his apostles, I have endeavoured honestly and to the best of my ability to maintain and defend those views when they have been misrepresented, or assailed. Yet I can honestly say, it has been my intention and endeavour to do this with fair, just, and brotherly consideration and regard for the many worthy brethren who conscientiously differ from

Your reference to the sad changes which have occurred in your families and in mine calls up tender memories of the past.

You cannot forget those seasons of sore, but heaven-sent discipline, -discipline from God's love. I can never forget the struggles and sorrows that have here been experienced during the twenty years this pusonage has been my home, -nor can I forget the triumphs of divine grace wrought in those who here met the last enemy only to conquer in the name and power of Jesus. I shall long remember that in yonder quiet and beautiful enclosure lie side by side the five graves of my household, and that from thence at the bidding of the Lord their sleeping dust shall arise in perfect and beauteous living forms to a glorious immortality. Hope of this blissful consummation gives us comfort.

I came to you, as your address notes, " in the prime and vigour of manhood, and have given to your service in the Gospel the best twenty years of my life." For that period God has graciously sustained me here in the ministry of the word of life. During that time we have lived together in unison and peace, and have been held together as Pastor and people by the bonds of Christian affection and confilence. We have had refreshing seasons in the Sabbath school, the Bible class, the prayer meeting, the Conference, and on the Sabbath in the more public services of the sanctuary, as we "sat together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

The toils of twenty years among you and " the touch of time" have rendered me less able physically to perform the onerous duties required in so large a field as that over which this Church extends. The Lord of the harvest,-it would seem, is leading me to a church, and position, more compact and where the labour is physically less exacting, and the exposure less, with the prospect and promise of great usefulness. It is my hope and prayer that God will speedily send you a Pastor-deeply pious, prudent and able,-who shall be more abundantly successful in Gospel work among you than his predecessor.

The pain referred to by you as attendant. on our severence of the tie existing between a beloved Pastor and a loving people, " is not unknown to me. But we have learned that duty often calls us to self-denial, and that not seldom the richest and most precious fruit of faith and joy comes from the severest trials. May it be so with you and me! But we are not without consola tion now. That beautiful truth in your address, dear Brethren, consoles us;-"There is a tie, however, which is stronger than that which pertains to mere church organization, and which will remain and identify our highest interests forever." Well may we exclaim-

" Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love, The fellowship of kindred minds

Is like to that above?" On lehalf of Mrs. Armstrong, the members of my family, and for myself-I tender you heart-felt thanks for the choice benedictions invoked upon us, and sincerely reciprocate the same. I shall remember yuo and my ether friends at the throne

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