

We are lingering, I fear, too long upon it. But how can we... never again, save in the bright, sweet memories of the passing years?

Correspondence.

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.

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.

While it may be profitably perused by the learned, it is well adapted to instruct and edify ordinary readers.

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 indebtedness to the riches of Divine grace.

From Paul's conversion to Christ, with its abiding influence on him, an irrefragable argument is adduced in proof of the truth of Christianity.

Solutions of some objections adduced by... is also given an instructive and circumstantial account of the Apostle's voyage to Rome.

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.

ATONISHE, Feb. 5, 1874.

Dear Editor,

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

- From Judge McCully, Halifax... \$20 00
A. W. Clark, " " " " 5 00
Dr. Parker, " " " " 10 00
D. Thompson, " " " " 4 00
S. Selden, " " " " 2 00
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W. Faulkner, " " " " 4 00
Rev. J. E. Goucher, Truro... 2 00
Wm. Cummings, " " " " 2 00
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 testify to the saving power of the Gospel.

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 17 1/2, and 15 young ladies, average age 16 1/2.

We have a house of worship in course of erection, 50 x 37, which will be completed, we hope, sometime in the coming Autumn.

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.

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 use of as we might see fit.

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

LETTER FROM REV. W. GEORGE.

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HENTHADA, Nov. 21, 1873.

Rev. R. S. Morton,

My dear brother, I have been thinking about you a great deal of late, and the other night while sleeping out in the jungle I determined to write you a letter.

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 your kind words gave me comfort.

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 for the cause of the Redeemer.

You may have heard that our first-born a dear little girl died when she was ten 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.

Our second, a noble boy lived till he was fourteen months old and died with diarrhoea. So we are childless, as some would say, but we feel that our treasures are in heaven.

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.

In the last three years the work in this district has enjoyed unusual prosperity. Please note that this district of Henthada is 60 miles in its greatest width, and 120 miles in its greatest length.

We are much encouraged by our efforts for the education of the girls. Mrs. George 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 institution for Burmese Girls.

Now dear brother, I have scratched down a few things that will I hope serve to stir up your heart to pray for us in our work.

In kindest love to yourself and sister Morton. Believe me, Affectionately 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 resignation of the Pastorate of this Church is to us a source of sadness and regret.

however, which, we trust, is stronger than... organizations, and which will remain, and identify our highest interests forever.

You came to us in the prime and vigor of robust manhood, and after giving 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.

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."

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

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

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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 oppress me in view of my removal from those associations, labours and endearments that exist where a Pastor has lived for twenty years among a loving people.

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.

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The obligation to lead a Christian life and perform the duties of our high calling in Christ Jesus, it has been my endeavour to present and urge repeatedly in varying form as circumstances seemed to require.

The calls of the gospel have been freely and very frequently opened 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.

Believing conscientiously, as I do that the Baptist views of the two ordinances of the christian church,—Baptism and the Lord's Supper,—their nature, design, requirements, and the relation of the one to the other as to priority and sequence, are in accordance with the teaching and example of Christ and his apostles, I have endeavored honestly and to the best of my ability to maintain and defend those views when they have been misrepresented, or assailed.

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 parsonage has been my home.

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."

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 pain referred to by you as attendant on our severance 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.

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Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love, The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above!"

On behalf 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 you and my other friends at the throne