

that which was done." But my present purpose is simply to reproduce Rev. Mr. Potter's letter as a matter that may be of special interest to some yet living and whose recollections may reach back to the stirring season here reported.

Mr. Potter writes thus:—"In the beginning of March last, a most wonderful and powerful reformation began in the lower part of this town, which seemed to pervade the minds of old and young, and many were brought, we hope, to the knowledge of the truth. About ten days after the good work made its appearance in the middle of the town, the people assembled from every quarter, and it seemed that it might be truly said, that God was passing through the place in a very powerful manner. The glorious work has since spread through every part of the town; and some of all ages have been made to bow to the mild sceptre of the Redeemer.

The ordinance of baptism has been administered for five Sabbaths successively. Forty-five have been admitted to this sacred rite; and a church has been constituted upon the Gospel plan, consisting of sixty-five members; to which we expect further additions. As the whole number of inhabitants is small, and these divided into many denominations, we feel constrained to acknowledge that the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. If I should say that two hundred have been hopefully converted to the Lord in this town since the reformation commenced, I think I should not exceed the truth. The good work is still spreading eastward very rapidly, and looks likely to spread through the Province.

The opposition has been great, and many oaths have been sworn even in the time of divine service. . . . At Round Hill, I understand there is a number to be baptized to-day. Surely we are a highly favored people. The Province of Nova Scotia has been highly favored with the Gospel. And it may be said that the year of the redeemed is come, the great jubilee trumpet is blown, and multitudes of Adam's lapsed family are flocking to Christ as doves to their windows."

The above are only extracts from Mr. Potter's interesting communication. If you think, Mr. Editor, that the insertion, in the columns of the Messenger, of this ancient historic document is likely to enlist the interest of any of your readers, and to awaken pleasing recollections in the minds of some whose memory carries them back sixty-five years, you will please publish. But if the editorial waste-paper basket is, in your judgment, the more suitable reception, then in with it, the place where many another document sent you and many other journalists ought to find a resting place—a safe retreat.

Yours very cordially,  
W. S. MCKENZIE.  
Mission Rooms, Tremont Temple,  
Boston, 27th July, 1875.

For the Christian Messenger.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MR. EDITOR,—

It appears to me that the Board of Foreign Missions in addition to an account showing the amount of money received by them and the amount paid out, should submit annually at the Convention, an account with each missionary, as kept, I presume, by them.

Oct. 4, 1873—R. Sanford is debited, p. 50. Year Book for 1874, with \$4,144.69, to meet salaries and expenses. Then again at \$1,150 on account of salary, and then large sums of money follow charged to him. No doubt he has accounted for all this. But it does not appear how. One would like to see an account stated with each missionary and find him and her credited with amount of salary, whatever it is, and debited with amounts paid. Then there should be an account separate from these of advances for expenses, and the appropriation, as furnished by the missionaries. I think it must come to that.

In making these remarks I have no desire except one—and that is that a full detailed (as far as practicable), statement may appear yearly, that all may know by the past what is likely to be required for the future.

These remarks will I trust be considered unobjectionable, and worthy of a place in the Messenger.

LEDGER.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS of the city have their vacation extended to the 30th inst.

For the Christian Messenger.

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

What a thrill of joy, your last Messenger with its Missionary news from the East has sent throughout the Provinces!

Rev. J. L. Campbell writing a friend here under date of 15th July, near the close of his letter says: "Oh how the tidings (of the Amherst Convention and its results) must have burst over the lone Mission House of Cocanada! I shall hear from him shortly."

Some doubting folks wondered if the Missionaries would obey and leave for Cocanada. They knew little of what the missionaries had undergone in vexing uncertainty and especially how Mrs. Armstrong would receive the news. Why, she had hunted up a Telooogo teacher it seems and will probably be foremost among them all in mastering the new language. And McLaurin there to advise, and assist, and extend hospitalities, till all are comfortably settled. Was ever anything so desirable, so promising!

Of the nine, seven are heard from. Six, one may conclude, are with McLaurin and the remaining three, Sanford and wife and Miss Armstrong, will no doubt be with their companions before the Convention meets. All at work too in some way, and all together for the present, probably. What a consummation!

LAUS DEO.

For the Christian Messenger.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION

of the Central Baptist Association will meet in Berwick on Thursday, the 16th of September. As usual there will be a morning, afternoon and evening meeting. The Committee have a good programme on hand. It is contemplated to publish this year, in the minutes, a fuller report of speeches, &c., than heretofore done. An interesting meeting is anticipated, and one that will give our Sabbath School work a great impetus. An enlarged report will require increased funds. The arrangement is that each Sabbath school take a collection on the second Sabbath before the Convention, that is on the first Sunday in September. It was also resolved last year that the "letters from the Sabbath schools be sent to the Secretary one week previous to the time of the Convention." According to this the letters should be sent to me by the 9th of September. Moneys from the schools may be sent in the letters. I have sent blanks for letters to all the schools that I know of, directed to the names of the superintendants of the schools. Should any changes have been made, those receiving the blanks will please forward them to the present superintendants. Also, we invite all the Sabbath schools to report themselves by letters and a good representation of delegates which they receive the blanks or not. The local Committee of Management are Revs. I. Wallace and J. L. Read, Brothers Beriah Graves, Whitman Morton, Andrew Chipman, and A. A. Pineo, Esq., and the committee to arrange a programme, &c., are Revs. D. M. Welton, S. J. Neily, D. Freeman, and E. O. Reid.

Yours, &c.,  
D. FREEMAN, Secretary.  
Canning, Aug. 13th, 1875.

The Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, N. S., AUGUST 18, 1875.

Since we have learned more fully the facts in reference to the Hantsport Baptist Church, we have again looked over the letter of "Country Pastor" on Ministerial Courtesy, and, after doing so, we can better appreciate the feelings of our brethren concerning the action of the Methodist Minister at Mount Denson. Whilst we knew nothing about the circumstances of the case or the persons it was intended to reflect on, further than what we learned from its contents, it seemed to us harmless enough, and we inserted the letter without hesitation; but since the whole case has been more fully developed, we perceive that it was intended to wound somebody, and further that the writer had either made some mistake about what he had himself written, or else he wished to mislead us in reference to what he had said, in his anonymous note, objecting to Mr. B. preaching in the Methodist chapel. We have no doubt the note is, as represented by the committee through its chairman, Mr. W. A. Por-

ter. If the writer denies it why he can easily take a friend and call on Mr. Porter and verify his statements.

We are not greatly surprised that as soon as services were decided to be held by Rev. Mr. Bleakney in accordance with the request of the friends at Mount Denson, additional Methodist services were determined upon. We have heard of such things being done before to-day, in other places besides Mount Denson. Indeed we think it eminently Methodist to do that sort of thing. So our Baptist brethren at Hantsport need not suppose themselves specially favored in this matter.

Since writing the above we have received a long communication from Rev. Mr. McMurray on this matter, which on several accounts we must decline to publish. Our space is too much in demand, is all we need mention here. We expected to have seen in the Provincial Wesleyan of Saturday last the letter of the Hantsport Baptist Church Committee, in reply to "Country Pastor," seeing that the editor copied his communication, but we were disappointed in that particular.

THE OLDEST BAPTIST CHURCH IN SCOTLAND

is said to be the one at Keiss. The Scottish Baptist Magazine of July gives a brief sketch of its early history. It says:—

The principal facts relating to the early history of the Keiss church we owe to a memoir of Sir William Sinclair, Bart., by Mr. Francis Johnstone, Edinburgh.

Sir William was the eldest son of Sir James Sinclair, Bart., of Dunbeath and Stempster, and of Isabella, daughter of Sir Archibald Muir, Provost of Edinburgh. He was born about the close of the 17th, or commencement of the 18th century. It is said that in early life he was thoughtless and wild, but that he was awakened to a sense of the importance of divine things in reading 1 Cor. i. 26—"Not many noble are called." From a careful study of the Bible he became convinced of the Scriptural nature of Baptist views, went to London and was baptized there. On his return, somewhere about the year 1750, he began to preach regularly every Lord's day in his own castle at Keiss, and thus laid the foundation of the Keiss Church. He also travelled through the county of Caithness, doing good and making known the gospel. For about 13 or 14 years he continued to minister to the church at Keiss, and his labours are said to have been very successful. Owing to loss of property and other circumstances he left Keiss about 1763, to reside in Edinburgh, but continued to manifest a deep interest in the welfare of the little church he had founded. In Edinburgh he attended for some weeks with the Glassites or Sandemanians, but not being altogether satisfied with the views of Sandeman, he withdrew from them, and little is known of his subsequent history. He died in Edinburgh about the year 1767 or 1768.

From the time that Sir William Sinclair came to Edinburgh (about 1763), the devotions of the Keiss Church were led by John Budge, a member of the church who had been baptized by the baronet, and after ministering to it for about forty years, he died in 1803. About 1805 his place was taken by Donald Inrig, who was baptized by Mr. McKay, of Thurso, and who continued to lead the devotions of the church till his death in 1831. The next in succession was Alexander Bain, who died a few years ago, upwards of 90 years of age. Thus for more than a century this little church at Keiss existed, without any pastor set apart from all other avocations to the ministry of the word and prayer, its devotions being led during all these years by the most intelligent and spiritual of the brethren. It was a light in a dark place, during a time when churches upon this primitive model were few and far between. It cannot be said to have done a great work in the way of disseminating the gospel in the regions around, but it continued to bear a testimony to primitive Christianity when coldness and spiritual lethargy prevailed on every side. In Sir William Sinclair's time the membership was about 30. In 1847 it had fallen as low as 18, the smallness of the number being owing in part probably to the want of a regular pastor, and the advanced years of the brother who conducted the exercises, and in part also to the increasing tone of spirituality which had begun to be manifested in surrounding churches.

In 1844 a chapel was built, capable of holding 100, the brethren having previously met in private houses. In 1862 the chapel was enlarged so as to hold 300, and same year Mr. James Scott, a native of Orkney, was settled as pastor over the church, where he has laboured ever since with much acceptance and success. The ordinance of the Supper is dispensed every Sabbath at the close of the morning service. The chapel is well filled and the membership 84. In the Sabbath school there are 9 teachers and 100 scholars. There is a staff of 7 deacons. In a letter from the pastor received some time ago, he writes:—"Our present prospects are cheering," and then after referring to the revival at Stroua (in which he has taken active part, having spent many weeks on the island, and been instrumental in gathering in many souls to the fold), he adds, "In Freswick, another of our stations, there has been a good work going on. A goodly number give evidence of conversion. Also at John o' Groats, another station, a number profess

to have found the Saviour; and we have commenced a series of meetings at another station called Lyth, where we expect good to be done. In Keiss also we have some cases. The Lord has been doing great things for us. What cause for thankfulness! His kindness has been truly amazing."

The friends of our newly established Inebriate's Home will be pleased to read the following from one of our late Boston exchanges in reference to the work of Mr. McKenzie who visited Halifax recently on this matter.

APPLETON TEMPORARY HOME.

It is a settled fact that one of the most practical works done in the State is accomplished by D. Banks McKenzie, at the above-named institution in Needham, Mass., by the reformation and purification of the community; and no one who has had the opportunities of visiting the "Home" that I have and seeing men representing almost every branch of business, including lawyers, physicians, merchants, bookkeepers, and enterprising young as well as old men from all parts of the country, come into the "Home" in almost a hopeless condition, suffering all the agonies that intoxicating drinks will produce, and then have the pleasure of seeing them coming up into newness of life and embracing the Saviour for strength to overcome the temptations which surround them in their usual business, and when going back to their friends and society hardly to be recognized in their changed appearance, can fail to be convinced of this statement.

The following invitation may very properly be addressed to the Sabbath Schools of these Provinces. Having originated in England, and it being accepted so cordially in the United States will be an additional reason, if that were required, why we should join in these exercises of devotion and prayer for a blessing on our S. S. Institutions.

TO THE BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Without the blessing of God our labors are in vain. The human appliances of our work have been brought to a high degree of excellence. Study has become a pleasure; teaching a delight, the vast numbers gathered in our schools an inspiration. But we are powerless without the Spirit of God.

While we have been fruitful in plans, have we been as fervent in prayers? We need nothing so much to-day as the power of the Holy Spirit. Officers need it. Teachers need it. Pupils need it. In large schools and small, in city and country—everywhere we need it.

What blessed results may be looked for if all our schools throughout the nation will send up a united cry for Divine help! With so glorious an end in view, let me suggest to the Baptist Sunday Schools of the country a general concert of prayer. I suggest, also, that it be observed at the time which has been designated for the same purpose to the Sunday schools of Great Britain by the London Sunday School Union, namely, Sunday and Monday, October 17th and 18th. At such hours on those days as may be most convenient, let our schools come before the Throne of Grace with special pleadings for the conversion of our scholars and for the increasing power of the Sunday school as an institution.

WARREN RANDOLPH,  
Sunday School Secretary of Am. Baptist Publication Society.  
Philadelphia, July 20th, 1875.

One of our New York exchanges of July 31st says:—"The annual slaughter of children is proceeding with its usual ferocity. During the week ending July 18th, there were 600 deaths of children under five years of age."

Notices.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND will commence its 30th Annual Session on Saturday, the 21st day of August, with the Baptist Church at Hillsburg, Annapolis Co., Nova Scotia, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The List of Delegates and their location at Hillsburg and vicinity during the Convention, will be found in another column.

Tickets to return by Windsor & Annapolis and Intercolonial Railways will be given to delegates, having certificates of attendance, on payment of one-third of first-class fare.

The boat leaves Annapolis for Digby on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There are two express teams leaving Digby for Hillsburg on the arrival of the boat each day. Persons coming either from St. John or Annapolis by boat can come to Hillsburg by these. Also there is an express leaving Annapolis daily on the arrival of the express train which connects with the mail coach on the Clements shore for Hillsburg. We will in addition to this put on an extra express at Annapolis on Friday for this place.

G. D. COX, Pastor.  
Bear River, August 8th, 1875.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors will be held in the Baptist Meeting House, Hillsburgh, on Friday, August 20th 1875, at nine o'clock, A. M.  
STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Sec'y.

RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

- Dear Brother,—  
Please acknowledge as usual.  
Aug. 7. Per A. Fountain, Esq., Amount received from Eastern Association, N. S. . . . \$240 84  
Sabbath School Miss. Band, Great Village, N. S. . . . 13 88  
Aug. 9. Per W. Allwood, Esq., Brussels St. Church collection. 8 00  
C. C. P. . . . 1 00  
Mrs. W. P. Everett. . . . 1 00  
C. D. Everett, Esq., and wife. 10 00  
" Per Rev. Jno. Coombs, Upper Gagetown, N. B. Bap. Church Collections. . . . 2 62  
" 10. Per Hon. A. McL Seeley, Leinster St. Baptist Church, St. John, N. B. . . . 208 00  
This sum includes \$25 being subscription at Farewell Meeting at Brussels Street Church, St. John N. B., from Hon. A. McL. Seeley.  
Aug. 10. Master Thomas Boggs, Riversdale. . . . 8 00  
This amount was received in small weekly offerings, and handed to his mother every Sabbath for Foreign Missions. The above amount is forwarded for the Telooogo Mission.  
Aug. 10. Per W. Faulkner, Esq., Truro Baptist Church. . . . 140 00  
" Per Rev. W. A. Crandall, Second Moncton Baptist Church, Lutes Mountain, N. B.,  
Mrs. Ellen Somers. . . . 1 00  
Mr. John Gammon. . . . 0 50  
Rev. W. A. Crandall. . . . 1 00  
Mr. W. Horseman. . . . 0 50  
" David Stiles. . . . 0 50  
" Chipman Trites. . . . 0 50  
" Per Rev. W. P. Everett, Woodstock, Baptist Church, N. B. . . . 3 12  
" Per Jas. S. McDonald, Esq., First Horton Bap. Church, N. S. 66 48  
" Per Rev. W. P. Everett, Second Kings Clear Baptist Ch. N. B. 2 50  
Prince William " . . . 1 50  
Aug 4 P. R. Mr. A. W. Masters, Leinster St. Sabbath School, St. John, N. B., being the proceeds of a bazaar got up by Walter Everett. . . . 26 89  
" Per Rev. W. P. Everett, Rev. R. R. Philp, Hantsport, N. S. . . . 1 00  
" Per Rev. W. P. Everett, Caledonia Baptist Church, N. B., paid in at the Eastern Association at Havelock. . . . 9 00  
" Where there is a will there is a way." How much is contained in this proverb! Its practicability in daily life is verified before us constantly. I have one case now to record, as an example to others.

The little lame boy, Walter Everett, mentioned above, has been for 2 years confined to the house, and at times suffering considerable pain, but notwithstanding the unfavourable circumstances, he desired to do something for Jesus and he thought he would get up a Bazaar and give the proceeds to Foreign Missions. His will was in the matter and thus with the assistance of a few little friends he has raised the noble sum acknowledged above.

How soon would the walls of our spiritual Zion be built if each one attended to that opposite his own house. Let us do what we can, be it ever so little, remembering the only commendation the Saviour passed on liberality while he was sojourning among men was on a poor widow who had given two mites.

THOMAS P. DAVIES,  
Treasurer Foreign Missionary Board.  
St. John, N. B., Aug. 6th, 1875.

THE NEW BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE at Scotch Village, Newport, Hants County, will, God willing, be dedicated on Sabbath, August 29th. We shall be glad to welcome as many ministerial brethren and friends as can make it convenient to attend.  
A. E. INGRAM, Pastor.  
Newport, Hants Co., Aug 12, 1875.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.  
Osborne.—Mrs. C. Doleman. . . \$4 50  
Pereaux.—Mrs. J. L. Sanford. . . 7 00  
Summerville.—Miss S. E. Masters. 12.00  
M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.  
Halifax, Aug. 18th, 1875.

MINISTERS' INSTITUTE.  
The next Annual Meeting of the Institute will be held at Hillsburg, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 18th and 19th of August. Brethren who purpose to be present are requested to convene at the meeting-house, on Wednesday at 10 a. m., for the purpose of making necessary arrangements.  
It is expected that papers will be read by Revs. Dr. Sawyer, Dr. Cramp, Dr. Crawley, E. M. Saunders, J. D. Pope, W. P. Everett, and others.  
W. H. WARREN, Secretary.  
Yarmouth, June 10, 1875.

LETTERS RECEIVED.  
Rev. Isa. Wallace, 1 sub. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$6. Rev. E. C. Spinney, \$2. B. Hendry. Rev. W. H. Warren. Rev. J. A. McLenn. W. Eaton. Rev. Dr. Day. H. E. Payson, Esq., \$2. J. P. Hunt. Charles Bill, Esq., \$17.75. J. P. Foster. Rev. W. J. Gates. Rev. W. B. Haynes. Rev. J. Williams. Isaac Larkin, \$1. C. J. Margeon, Esq., M. D., \$4. N. H. Dobson, Esq., \$15. Rev. Dr. Tupper. Rev. D. Freeman. B. P. Shafner, 1 sub. Dr. Sawyer. Rev. P. F. Murray.

A SWORD FISH 5 feet long, with a sword 4 feet, was harpooned near the steam mills of Messrs. Todd, Pally & Co., Margaret's Bay, a short time since.