

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Missionaries are now engaged in a journey of exploration. Messrs. Boggs and Churchill were to proceed to Rahang, a town in the Karen district, about 300 miles from Bangkok, and Messrs. Sanford and Armstrong were to meet them there. We may hope to hear from them in a month or two.

Though the following items do not refer to Missions, they will be interesting to our readers, as indicative of progress in Siam:

Mrs. Dean, the wife of a Baptist missionary in Siam, has the satisfaction of knowing that her petition signed by most of the European ladies at Bangkok, praying for the abrogation of the law which allows a man to pawn his wife and children into slavery in payment of a debt contracted by opium-smoking or gambling, has been favourably received by the young king, and that this unnatural-privilege will probably be taken from the Siamese gentry.

INVITATION FROM THE KING OF SIAM.—At the meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society on Friday a letter was read from the private secretary of the King of Siam inviting, in the name of His Majesty, the Royal Astronomical Society to send representatives to observe the solar eclipse on April 6. The King offered those who might be sent all the help and hospitalities of his kingdom. He promised to convey them from the coast to the place of observation, to build observatories for them, and to place at their disposal the services of two English officers employed by him. The letter was received with applause, and the desire was expressed that any gentlemen who sent their names in to the secretaries as willing to accept the Royal invitation should state their plan of proposed operations as well as their willingness to do what could be done. Mr. Delarue stated that a similar letter had been sent to the Royal Society, which had appointed a committee to enter into communication with the Government upon the subject. The Royal Society proposed to make specific series of observations, on a plan proposed by Mr. Lockyer. They had also communicated with India, to know if Colonel Tennant or others could be spared to go, for the time was so short for men of science to go out from England. It was said that Mr. David Gill was going to Siam.

Extracts of a letter from Mrs. Armstrong to Dr. Cramp, dated "Tavoy, Dec. 5, 1874.

My Dear Dr. Cramp,—The year's work lies behind me, a "coat of many colors," how well it will wear, shall be known hereafter. Two death-scenes in it are strongly marked, and they are among the brightest spots in the history. One a Burman young man, of whom I think I have already written. He died here in town, triumphantly confessing Christ to his heathen mother, and friends. The other occurred a few weeks since, a little Karen girl who has been here in the house with us (as all the Karen girls are) since last May, sickened, and while Mr. Armstrong was away at Convention, suddenly grew worse and in a week was dead. She had made a good profession and her life had borne testimony to the sincerity of her heart. She is the first of those baptized this year to be called away. The last day she was with us she was delirious nearly all the time, but all her mind was given to prayer, to the Bible, and now and then to her jungle home. She talked of seeing angels and once of seeing Moses and Paul "and they both came and shook hands with her."

Towards nightfall I was sitting by her side, when something disturbing her, she raised her head from her pillow, looked round then burying her face in her hands she prayed, I do not know whether she was conscious or not, but she prayed just as she often had in our female prayer meetings a most touching prayer, confessing her sins and her ignorance, asking grace and forgiveness for Christ's sake, asking too for an understanding heart, and that God would please to make her well so that she could do His will, adding "you know I pray to you every night and morning." She prayed connectedly to the close, then saying "Amen," she tried to get up but her strength was gone, and she sank down again. A few hours more, before nine in the evening she died, so peacefully we did not know it, though we were watching her, till on touching her we found the spirit had fled, that prayer was the last words she uttered.

I had given the girls as a reward of good conduct a jacket each, making a difference in the material, to mark the different classes, but little Toesai had stood among the highest and when she died happened to have on the jacket I had given her.

The next day as I looked at her resting in her coffin I noticed that some one had brought the jacket and placed it folded by her side in the coffin. I asked why, and they told me it was their custom always to put beside them in the coffin the dress in which they died. I could not but call their attention to the witness she was bearing with her to her grave of the gentleness and docility which had made us all love her. When we tried to sing around her coffin every voice was choked with sobs. We cannot doubt she has reached home safely, both of these have professed Christ since my coming to Tavoy, and I cannot help looking back to their deaths with a feeling of confidence concerning them that one can never entertain for the living. So many have run well "for a time," and we can say which shall endure and which shall wither before the noonday sun.

Beside the children and girls we have had ten young men in town during the eight past months who give hope, all of them, of becoming useful. They are all ready to be sent out on mission work now until the school reopens next May. There are others who belong to the same class, and who are ready to engage in mission work, but these ten give special promise, and have not been hindered by calls from the jungle and by sickness as their companions have.

We hope to send some to the Theological Seminary, at Rangoon next May to pursue their studies there. Others are scarcely far enough advanced and will continue here another year.

I think you cannot but feel interested in the work we have found to do during our waiting time, so I find I have written you a great deal about it. It is our life, out here, and very precious in its details.

I do trust ere long we shall find a permanent place where we can lift the Nova Scotia or rather the Provincial Banner for Christ, and attack the enemy on a new field wherever the Master shall direct.

I am rejoiced to see a fresh interest at home for "Acadia" and especially for the "Seminary" Department.

May the Master smile upon all your efforts, and so guide affairs that whatever you do may safely prosper.

Yours most sincerely, H. M. N. ARMSTRONG.

EDUCATIONAL RECORD.

At the meeting of the Governors of Acadia College on the 3rd inst., a committee was appointed to carry into effect the instructions of the Convention in regard to a change in the mode of governing Horton Academy. A statement was made that funds were in hand for painting the exterior of the College Building; and a committee was appointed to superintend this work in the spring;—also, another to present to the churches the customary appeal for contributions to aid the Treasurer in meeting the expenses of the year. Steps were taken to complete the title of the Governors to the land bought as a site for the new Boarding House. The first payment on this lot has been made. The Building Committee reported the amount of their liabilities, and the amount of money held with which to meet them. The subscriptions were not so large, as had been expected; but the feeling on the part of the Governors was, that the money needed must be raised and the Building completed with us little delay as possible.

The population of the state of Maine is 627,000. The following statement exhibits the school revenues for 1874:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Town tax, State school mill tax, Savings bank tax, Interest from school funds, Proceeds from local funds, Voluntary local tax.

At the annual meeting of the FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA held at Wolfville a few days ago, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to make a classification of Nova Scotia Fruit:—C. C. Hamilton and R. W. Starr, of Kings; Avard Longley, of Annapolis; Charles E. Brown, of Yarmouth, and Andrew H. Johnson, of Hants.

Notices.

NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

The committee to whom was entrusted the providing of a place for the meeting of the Eastern Association to hold its next Annual Session have received and accepted an invitation from the GREAT VILLAGE CHURCH and request me so to announce it in the Messenger.

D. McKEEN, Moderator.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Table listing donations from various societies and individuals, including Temple Church, Yarmouth, Barrington, Canning, North Sydney, Liverpool, Cleveland, Cape Canso, Cunningham, A Friend, Harborville, Melrose, St. Mary's, Guysboro Co., and Miss A. E. McKeen.

ERRATUM.—In the Treasurer's Annual Report, in the list of Societies with sums received, for "Melrose, Guysboro Co. \$20," read Guysboro and Manchester Church, \$20.

HALIFAX, Feb. 15th, 1875.

Dear Sisters,—

In a note recently received from Miss Armstrong, she says, "You said, when money is needed to let you know. Now when our mission is located, we will need much money for many things. Buildings and furnishing school houses, &c., &c.—There are some things it would be nice to have at present, but I think we feel like expending as little as possible now, in anticipation of our new field. We will surely know quite soon where our strength is to be spent. I hope the Missionary Bands will help us in furnishing our school houses. This will be a good object for them to work for during the coming year, so that we shall not be obliged to begin that work at great disadvantage."

Will not our dear sister be much surprised when she reads the Annual Report of the Central Board in the Christian Messenger to find that there are but 5 Mission Bands in connection with 52 Societies? There are several ways in which the children in the Sabbath School Mission Bands could aid in this good work. They could bring their cents every Sunday to their teachers, or set apart the first Sunday in the month for this purpose; the girls could work for a Bazaar, to be conducted by themselves; or they could hold a Strawberry festival, or get up a Sabbath School concert, where the boys could render good service also. If one Teacher in each Sabbath School will take this matter in hand at once, we shall have a more gratifying Report next year, and a nice little sum of money for Miss Armstrong's use. Do not forget that all moneys contributed by children are kept as a separate fund, for the use of Karen schools, unless accompanied by a request otherwise.

It was intended that the names of the Ladies composing the Central Board of Nova Scotia, should have been appended to their Annual Report, but they were accidentally omitted; they will be found below.

Yours, &c., MARIA R. SELDEN, Sec'y. CENTRAL BOARD OF W. M. A. SOCIETIES FOR NOVA SCOTIA.

Mrs. Parsons, President. Mrs. Selden, Secretary & Treasurer. Mrs. E. D. King, Assistant Secretary. Mrs. Avery; Mrs. Saunders; Mrs. N. McDonald; Mrs. R. I. Hart; Mrs. A. W. Clark; Mrs. A. Smith; Miss Meagher. L. M. Smith, Esq., Auditor.

MONIES RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Table listing monetary contributions from James DesBriay, Per Branch, North River, P.E.I., and other sources.

Per B. C. Douglas, Esq., Amherst Baptist Church, half yearly contribution, 52.00

Per Dr. Cramp, Rev. I. J. Skinner, Chester, N. S., 5.00

THOMAS P. DAVIES, Treasurer Foreign Missionary Board, St. John, Feb. 12th, 1875.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Our friends in this and adjoining settlements have lately made us the happy recipients of financial favours amounting to One Hundred Dollars, as a supplement to salary. For this and all their kindness towards us since we came among them we wish to make grateful mention.

Our prayer is that the Giver of all good may abundantly reward them. And by divine assistance our constant aim shall be, to induce all to "trust in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;" and "to lay up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life."

T. B. LAYTON, Advocate Halifax, N. S., Jan. 30th, 1875.

Allow me to acknowledge the kindness of my friends at Westport, who met at the Parsonage on the evenings of the 20th and 23rd ult. And left expressions of their kindly feelings and respect, both in money and very useful articles. Since then my yard has been replenished with wood, a very necessary article at this season; in this cold climate of ours. May the blessing promised to the cheerful giver, be theirs, is the prayer of their pastor.

L. B. GATES.

Westport.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Rev. G. O. Gates, \$2. Charles McNeill, Esq., \$4. J. Jamieson, \$2. A. P. Shand, 1 sub. C. Jost, Esq. A. E. Durand, \$2. Rev. W. H. Richan. H. G. Freeman, \$2. Charles Hall, \$4 all right, thanks. J. Stevens, \$2. D. Whitman, \$10. C. Gates & Co., remittance all right, much obliged. G. J. Creed, Esq. Rev. L. B. Gates, \$4. P. D. Kinney, Esq. \$2. Wm. Ripley. Rev. Dr. Tupper. Rev. G. F. Miles, \$4. M. E. Marshall, \$4.25. Rev. T. B. Layton, \$3. Rev. J. L. Read, \$20. Robert Delap, \$4. S. J. Upham, \$4. Rev. P. F. Murray, J. R. Creed. R. A. Newcomb, \$4.

Local News.

HANDSOME DONATION.—A handsome donation has been made to Zion Church by a gentleman who will not allow his name to be published. The amount presented was \$100.

CITY SUBURBS.—A company with a capital of \$2000 has been formed, to run a line of omnibusses to the North West Arm. Operations will not be commenced till spring.

LEG-BAIL.—On Saturday while a number of the Rockhead prisoners were employed in levelling the snow, three of them took the opportunity of escaping, one was recaptured the same day. The other two, named Renne's and McDonald are still at large.

NARROW ESCAPE.—On Friday last four sailors started to walk on the ice to the brig, "J. Coffin," in the stream near the Dockyard. They had not gone far before they all fell through. A number of men went out with boards and poles and rescued them.

BUILDING OPERATIONS in Halifax promise to be quite brisk on the opening of Spring. Several large new buildings are to be put up besides the new Railway Depot at North Street.

THE TRAINS were seriously interfered with last week by the storms and snow drifts and getting off the track, the passengers suffered pretty severely in some cases. They have now resumed their trips and are keeping pretty well up to time.

YARMOUTH HARBOR is closed by ice nearly down to Bunker's Island. The schooner Gladiator from Portland last week discharged her cargo of flour on the ice a short distance above Bunker's Island.

THE "JOB," OR WHAT?—The Reporter cautions our members of Parliament against too ready a belief that all the ground required for the Railway track through Government property has been granted.

The Seventh Anniversary of the British American Book and Tract Society, will be held (D. V.) in Argyle Hall, on Tuesday evening, 23rd inst., T. A. Brown, Esq., President in the Chair. The meeting will be addressed by Rev. Messrs. Launders, Pitblado, Fraser, Campbell, Saunders, Grant and Hon. P. C. Hill.

THE GAS PIPES in some places in the north part of the city have been cracked by the frost. Efforts have been made to discover where the breaks are, but without success in consequence of the ground being frozen and covered so deeply with snow. The gas escapes and fills the cellars and houses in some places causing great trouble and unpleasantness.

A FANCY DRESS BALL, it is reported is shortly to be held at Government House!

THE YOUNG LETTER THIEVES were brought up for further examination on Friday but the crown prosecution not being ready to proceed they were remanded till Monday. The Stipendiary Magistrate reserved judgment till yesterday.

ANTAGONISM.—A fine child of between five and six years of age, daughter of Malcolm MacCaskill, of the Northern side of the Strait of Canso, in this county, was accidentally drowned on 3rd inst., by falling head first into a small well near the house.

WRECK.—A telegram from Bridgewater on Friday said the brigantine A. M. Owen, of Lunenburg, Rudolf, laden with salt, was wrecked off Port Medway about midnight of the 11th inst. Vessel has gone to pieces. The crew were saved.

INDISPENSABLE.—There are some simple remedies indispensable in every family; Among these the experience of years assures us, should be recorded Perry Davis' PAIN-KILLER. For both internal and external application we have found it of great value, especially can we recommend it for colds, rheumatism, or fresh wounds and bruises.—Christian Era.

Blessed is he who learns to profit by his wants and infirmities, and who, in all the privation he endures, is still submissive to the will of God.

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Jan. 27 1875.

ADMINISTRATION NOTICE.

ALL persons having legal demands against the estate of Urban Killy, late of Annapolis, in the County of Annapolis, deceased, are requested to render the same, duly attested, within three months from the date hereof; and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to LAWRENCE B. GATES, Administrator.

Westport, Jan. 18th, 1875.

Jan. 27. 6 hrs.

500 AGENTS WANTED,

OUTFIT FREE, Commissions good. For full particulars address at once R. W. MARSHALL, Digby, N. S.

Jan. 27. 1 m.

POST OFFICE, HALIFAX, N. S., 14th JANUARY, 1875. PUBLIC NOTICE.

ON and from the 1st FEBRUARY ensuing, the Postage Rates to be charged in Canada on Mail matter posted in any part of Dominion for the United States, will be same as if addressed to any place in Canada, BUT THESE RATES MUST BE FULLY PREPAID OR THE MATTER WILL NOT BE FORWARDED. When so fully prepaid—the ordinary Canada rates of postage—no further charge will be made on delivery in the United States.

The legislation on charges on Letters addressed to the United States, will continue to be 6 cents, which may be prepaid by postage stamp in addition to the ordinary letter postage rate. Letters and all other mail matter posted in the United States and received on and after the date named, will not be subject to any new postage rates.

These regulations do not authorize any exchange of closed parcels, nor of packages of patterns or samples.

H. W. BLACKADAR, P. M.

Jan. 27.

PROPERTY FOR SALE,

Situated in Aylesford, County of Kings, consisting of about six acres of well cultivated land with a large well finished house and barn and shop.

Also, a young orchard of about 40 young grafted Apple Trees, situated in the corner of four roads, called Prince William Street, a place of worship, a School House and Cheese Factory, within half two miles from Kingston Station, well calculated for a Carpenter or Blacksmith, or for trade, owned by ENOS TUFTS.

For further particulars and a bargain, apply to LEANDER TUFTS, Kingston Station, Kings Co. Dec. 16. 2 m. hrs.

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In its history, this invaluable Medicine occupies the most honorable position possible for any remedy to attain. A few years since it was known only to the friends and neighbors and patients of the proprietors, and always sought for by them whenever troubled with Rheumatism, and in this way came to the notice of physicians generally, and through their favorable expression, and its acknowledged value as a Rheumatic Remedy, the demand for it became so frequent and urgent as to oblige its proprietors to increase their facilities for its manufacture. Its reputation rapidly extended, and soon orders, letters of enquiry, letters of thanks, and certificates of praise were daily received from all sections of the United States and Canada; and in this way on a basis of its merit alone—unaided by "tricks of the trade" or special efforts—it has risen to its present enviable position. Wherever introduced it has received the most flattering preference in the treatment of all rheumatic complaints. In this we are really grateful and happy, not alone because our medicine finds ready sale, and is consequently profitable to us, but because we have opened a new field in medical science, and care at once what the best medical practitioners have for ages found so difficult even to relieve. We fill a place heretofore unoccupied. We relieve the suffering and minister to God's poor; we restore to laboring man to the use of his injured limbs, and save him scores of times its cost in doctor's bills; we carry contentment and gladness into the home of the afflicted, and consequently are remembered by millions of grateful souls.

The proprietor of this medicine has walked the aisles of the hospitals of London, Eng., for the past twenty years, making rheumatism a specialty, and the prescription from which this remedy is compounded is all he ever used in the treatment of this disease.

This medicine is for sale at all the druggists throughout Canada. If it happens that your druggist has not got it in stock, ask him him to send for it to

FORSYTH & CO., HALIFAX. General Agent for N. S. and C. B. Oct. 28.