

The Philadelphia Presbyterian, in quoting the above, adds: "We are satisfied, from oft trial with delinquents, that the true policy is to attack them on a higher responsibility than to man. Make them feel their responsibilities to God, and give them often opportunities to discharge them. No worse policy was ever adopted toward God or man than to shelter the flock from outside obligations because they owe us. The result is that they will not pay us, they will not feel much ashamed about it, and we cannot claim even the pity of God in our distress."

For the Christian Messenger.

TEMPERANCE WORK.

AGENCY TOUR, SONS OF TEMPERANCE. Mr. Editor,—

With your kind permission, I would like to give (on behalf of the Agency Committee of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance) a summary of work done during the past three months, in portions of Digby and Yarmouth, and very generally in the Counties of Shelburne, Queens, and Lunenburg.

By this statement it will be seen that the Temperance sentiment is advancing throughout the land, that the thoughts expressed and opinions entertained upon this important subject are being carried steadily forward, to the end that the purposes intended may be accomplished.

The following is a summary of the work, viz.:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Count. Includes Public meetings held (58), Attendance (7725), Schools visited (30), Scholars present (929), Divisions organized (2), Charter members (76), Divisions re-organized (6), do visited officially (35), Band of Hope organized (1), Members (30), Sabbath meetings addressed (15), Tracts distributed (500), Miles travelled (697), Collections, subscription, and Donations to the Agency Fund (\$269.43).

I would take this opportunity of expressing my warmest thanks to the friends in the different localities visited, for the many courtesies extended. Also to the Divisions of our Order, and the individual friends of the cause who contributed of their means, whereby my mission was made financially, a success.

Trusting that the efforts thus put forth, may result in great advantage (morally and otherwise) not only to that portion of the Province in which it was my pleasure and privilege to labor but that other parts of our widely extended jurisdiction, may be alike benefited, I am dear Sir,

Yours very truly, THOMAS HUTCHINGS, Agent and Lecturer.

Halifax, N. S., May 27th, 1875. Wesleyan will please copy.

For the Christian Messenger.

OUR MISSION.

MY DEAR SIR,—

The account of the proceedings of the meeting held at Amherst last week has doubtless been read by many of your subscribers with surprise, perhaps with alarm. They fear that unpleasant consequences may result from the hasty decision of that meeting.

When our missionaries left us in 1873, it was understood that their destination was Siam, the main object before them being the evangelization of the Karens living in that country. They were directed, however, to remain for a time at Tavoy, were Miss Norris (now Mrs. W. F. Armstrong) was occupying the Mission House, which had been enlarged for their accommodation. There their time has been spent in acquiring a knowledge of the Karen language and in rendering assistance in the schools or otherwise, as they were able. But Mr. and Mrs. Churchill and Miss Eaton proceeded to Bangkok, in the hope of being sooner prepared for labour among the Siam-ese.

Early in this year the brethren Sanford, Armstrong, Churchill and Boggs explored the country sufficiently, in their opinion, to warrant the conclusion that a mission to the Karens of Siam could not be sustained, on account of the smallness of their number and their scattered state. Their report is contained in the letter which has already appeared in your columns.

On receiving this Report the Board of Foreign Missions deemed it desirable that a Special Meeting of the Convention should be held, and the Presi-

dent, at their request, summoned the meeting which was held at Amherst last week. When the Missionaries' letter had been pretty well discussed it was resolved that two of their number should be sent to the Telooogo Country, as a deputation from the Board, to explore and inquire. It was expected that by the use of the Cable Telegraph an answer might be obtained from them before the meeting of the Convention in August next.

The Rev. J. L. Campbell, Secretary of the Canada Baptist Foreign Missionary Society arrived just in time to present to the meeting the proposition which was reported in your last number; and the result was that the resolution to send a deputation was withdrawn—the Canadian proposition was accepted—and it was resolved to transfer our missionary operations at once to the Telooogos.

I think it my duty to protest against that resolution. As several of us had left Amherst before the conclusions were reached, I cannot place before the denomination my reasons for dissent in any other way than by asking a place for them in your columns.

I dissent, therefore, from the resolution for the following reasons:—

1. Because the legality of the meeting at Amherst is extremely doubtful, inasmuch as the Constitution of the Convention contains no provision for Special Meetings. There was such a provision some years ago, but it was struck out when the Constitution was amended, in 1871.

2. Because the missionary sympathies of our denomination have been connected for many years with the Burmese Mission, and might have been easily transferred to the mission to Siam. The change now proposed is a hazardous experiment, and it will involve heavy expenditure.

3. Because the abandonment of the Siamese Mission is a retrograde step, unworthy of Baptist principles and spirit. The lower the Siamese are, in a moral and religious point of view, the more need there is that the gospel, which is "the power of God unto salvation," should be earnestly proclaimed among them. It is not surprising that our brother Churchill should say, in a letter received by me a few days ago, "I cannot but be troubled at the thought of leaving Siam, which may be turning our backs upon a work which we ought to do."

4. Because the decision at Amherst was far too hasty, and was unbecoming the dignity of a deliberative body, convened on such an important occasion.

5. Because that decision was an act of discourtesy to brethren who had left the meeting, and who could not anticipate that such a movement would be attempted.

6. Because a measure which transfers our missionary work to another and distant part of the world, and to an unknown people, was carried in a meeting composed of a minority of the members of the Convention. Two hundred delegates met at Portland last year—of whom 83 were ordained ministers. The number of ordained ministers in our Convention, as reported last year, is 176. The number assembled at Amherst was 60—ministers included.

7. Because if any disruption of the mission should result, in consequence of some of the missionaries declining to go to the Telooogos, the Mission may be shorn of its strength.

Other considerations might be added. Let it not be supposed that I am actuated by hostility to the Telooogo Mission. I rejoice greatly in its success, and would forward it by any means in my power. Had not the meeting rushed in such hot haste to a decision, some modification of the scheme might have been devised, which would have harmonised all views, and united all parties. But that is now out of the question. The Board looked for advice, and they have received orders, which they must obey, if they regard the meeting at Amherst as legal. That however, as stated at the commencement of this letter, is extremely doubtful. If the Board entertain the doubt they will pay and act under protest.

If there should be any reply to this letter, I hope you will insist on the publication of the writer's name.

Yours truly, J. M. CRAMP.

May 20, 1875.

CHURCH ROBBED.—St. Matthew's Church was entered on Wednesday night through a window in the basement, and several boxes and drawers broken open, and what money was in them—missionary collections, etc.—taken off.

The Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, N.S., JUNE 2, 1875.

Some of our readers will have seen before this the substance of the letter from Rev. Dr. Cramp, as it has appeared in another place. They will perhaps be surprised that it did not reach them through our columns, at least simultaneously with its publication elsewhere. In justice to ourselves, and to Dr. C. we may say that, on receiving it, we wrote him in reference to one or two points in the letter, previous to its insertion, and should have received his reply in time for our last, but that he was, unfortunately, away from home at the time.

We are not at all surprised that Dr. Cramp and other members of the Foreign Missionary Board should feel that the change of location decided on by the Convention is somewhat precipitate. Having had all their arrangements made, so far as they could be, in reference to Siam, and feeling that however unpromising that field might be, when looking at the want of success experienced by others, yet, with the hope that, after being led in God's providence into that land of darkness, He would ere long permit the light of truth to shine upon the Siamese, and by that means raise them to a higher position and make our missionaries the instruments of giving them the light of the glorious gospel of Christ. We can easily suppose that a large number of those who have contributed to the Foreign Mission Funds have sympathized with them in this, and will not find it easy to transfer their interest from that country to the part of Hindostan inhabited by the Telooogos, on the opposite side of the Bay of Bengal. We could not help thinking that it would have been wiser to have made some further preliminary enquiries and to have presented the results to the denomination so that the action when decided upon should be with the unanimous voice of the people who contribute to sustain the Mission.

But as the Board had no proposals to lay before the brethren, and failed to produce any at the Convention, we had to do something, and were in great perplexity to know what it ought to be! Finding that a strong current in the minds of some had set in in favor of Telooogo land we prepared a resolution in the meeting, which we supposed would lead to something generally acceptable. It was as follows:

Whereas, This Convention has learned that in addition to the Joint Letter from the missionaries now before us, other letters have been promised to our Missionary Board from each of the Missionaries; which letters have not as yet come to hand, and whereas, There is a necessity for more general information from the several fields of Missions suggested, and especially concerning the facilities for missionary work in Telooogo. And it is of the utmost importance that we decide intelligently on the subject for which we are now convened.

Therefore Resolved, That we fully approve of the action taken by the Foreign Missionary Board in reference to what they have already done, with a view to locating our Mission, and we hereby request that they continue to extend their enquiries, by delegation or otherwise, between this date and the Annual Session of this Convention in August next, so that we may then come to a distinct decision as to the future field of our Foreign Missionary operations.

This was made but preparatory to the appointment of a Committee for the purpose of framing a resolution, which they did, recommending a delegation of two of the missionaries to Telooogo land for personal enquiry. The arrival of Rev. J. L. Campbell and the subsequent action is shown by the Official Minutes of the Convention.

During the discussions at the Convention we learned far more that told in favor of a Siamese mission, than we had before known, and we subsequently found that the Board were fully expecting to establish the mission in Siam.

A more recent letter from Mr. Churchill dated Bangkok, March 16th, alluding to the joint letter of the missionaries, says:

"I fear that the letter was not quite full enough in its statements, and that there will be some questions that will need further discussion.

"I cannot tell at what point objections may be raised, so will not anticipate them; but will say to any and all, that we have honestly tried to do what seemed best."

"There is a wide field here in Siam quite open to us. There might be some objection to our coming here on the part of some of the Presbyterian missionaries; but no real obstacle lies in our way. If the Board decide to send us here, however, you will need to prepare for a large out-

lay at once, and expect to wait patiently, it may be for many years, to see gratifying results.

"In the way of our all going to Burma, the chief difficulty might be with regard to the American Union."

Judge McCully's letter on our sixth page may appear to some a little premature seeing that Dr. Cramp's letter had not appeared in our pages, but as it had been made the subject of remark in the Halifax daily press, as well as appearing in the St. John Christian Visitor, we are not surprised that the Judge should wish, forthwith, to defend the action of the Convention. Whether that action was the wisest course that could have been pursued so as to commend the change to the judgment and hearts of all the brethren, we leave for our readers to form their own conclusion. Now that the step has been taken we see no object to be gained by calling it in question, but believe we shall best promote the cause by using our earnest endeavours to increase our own interest in the land and people now chosen where our brethren are expected to labor.

The Examinations at Acadia College and Horton Academy commenced on Monday. The Collegiate Academy registers 141 students. Twenty-six are expecting to enter College this year. The new Academy building is progressing towards completion and will be greatly needed for the next term.

GRANVILLE STREET BAPTIST SABBATH SCHOOL held its Anniversary on Friday last. Mr. E. D. King, the Superintendent, and Mr. John Grierson, gave an interesting account of the triennial convention recently held at Baltimore. Prizes were given to a number of the punctual and diligent pupils. It was an occasion of much interest.

The Revival meetings in London continue with no diminution of the numbers attending. Among the celebrated persons who have been in attendance are mentioned Earl Shaftesbury, Lord Cairns, the Earl of Cavan, and many clergymen of all denominations. The Duke of Wellington has granted the use of the Wellington Riding School for the purpose of holding these meetings in. It is said that Messrs. Moody and Sankey will remain in London till the end of the present month.

Rev. J. P. Chown's removal to London to take the pastorate of the Baptist church meeting in Bloomsbury Chapel, as the successor of Dr. Brock, is heralded by our London contemporaries with much satisfaction, and appears to have inspired the congregation with fresh zeal and encouragement.

It is always gratifying to hear good things said of graduates or students of Acadia College; more particularly when we know them to be well deserved. The following tribute from the St. John Telegraph to Professor Hart, and others of the same class, will be read with pleasure by large numbers of their friends.

For some time past negotiations have been in progress between Prof. C. Fred. Hart, of Cornell University, and the Government of Brazil, in regard to a complete Geological Survey of that Empire. Preliminaries have been completed, and Prof. Hart has been appointed Director of the Survey. His preparations for this work are ample, as he has made no less than four successive visits to Brazil with reference to the study of its general geology and ethnology. His salary has been fixed at \$10,000 a year.

In six successive years, Mr. Hart and several persons who will read these lines, sat on the same forms in Horton Academy and Acadia College. His enthusiasm for geology and mineralogy was first kindled by the late Prof. Isaac Chipman, of Acadia, who sought his boyish aid in washing and labelling specimens for the museum. Some of his old chums have the keener remembrances of college tramps with him over the Walbrook Hills, up and down Halfway River, around Horton Bluff, on the sides and along the base of Blomidon, about the Five Islands, Parrsboro, and Cape Split. Our St. John Geological Club witnessed his enthusiasm immediately after his college graduation. The class which graduated at Acadia in 1860, of which C. Fred. Hart was a member, has done much good work already. Three of its members plunged into law, others gave themselves to medicine or the ministry. One is Professor of Classics at Alma Mater, another is Professor of Classics at the Literary Institute, Ontario, and still another, if we mistake not, is Superintendent of Education in New Brunswick. Any one who recollects his own college days and the pleasure it affords to hear of the success of old friends, will sympathize with the feelings of those who are delighted to hear that Professor Hart of our own city, has achieved such splendid success.

They will also see in these facts another evidence that the higher education is not a mere theoretical gain, but an actual, paying, practical advantage.

We well remember the day when these gentlemen completed their course of study and went forth to enter upon their life's work.

We trust that those who shall tomorrow tread in their steps in the matter of taking their first degree, may fill no less honorable and useful positions amongst their fellow men, than the class of 1860.

PRESBYTERIAN.—The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces will meet in Knox Church, Montreal, on the 10th inst. The Church of Scotland Synod will meet St. Gabriel's Church, in the same city, on the same day.

A large interesting meeting was held in St. Matthew's Church on Sunday afternoon, composed of the various Presbyterian congregations in the city. The Rev. P. G. McGregor presided, and stated the object of the meeting to be for special prayer and thanksgiving, in view of the approaching union in Montreal of all the Presbyterian bodies in Canada. Rev. G. M. Grant said that prayer and thanksgiving was specially appropriate in connection with this Union, as it had been brought about more by such means than as the result of eloquent appeal and argument. Prof. Pollock, Dr. Burns, Rev. John Forrest, Rev. C. B. Pitblado, Dr. Avery and Rev. A. McBean took part in the meeting.

HOME MISSIONS.

Dear Editor,—

At a special meeting of our Board the following declinations were reported:

1. Bro. A. J. Stevens declines going to Lunenburg Town as he had made arrangements to supply the church at Kentville.

2. Rev. J. F. Kempton, A. M., we regret to say, does not accept the mission to Port Hawkesbury. He will likely settle in New Brunswick.

3. Rev. J. C. Bleakney does not go to Guysboro' and Manchester, but settles with the church at Hantsport.

4. Bro. N. C. Saunders declines going to Middlefield, Greenfield, and Chelsea. Those churches, however, are supplied. Rev. A. J. Cogswell ministers to them.

Appointments made:—1. Rev. T. A. Higgins is to remain at Annapolis another year.

2. Rev. W. B. Bradshaw will serve the church at Argyle six months longer.

3. Rev. A. W. Bars is recommended to the churches at Guysboro' and Manchester.

4. Bro. H. P. Cogswell, of Newton, is appointed for 12 weeks to Port Hawkesbury and West Bay.

5. Bro. Herbert Foshay will labour for 12 weeks at Three Sisters, Eatonville, and vicinity, Cumberland Co.

6. Bro. James Higgins is requested to labour for 12 weeks at Millvale, East Branch, and Windham Hill, Cumberland Co.

7. Bro. Frederick Crawley will labour for 12 weeks at Lallave, Pleasantville, New Cumberland, and Cruiseta, Lunenburg Co.

8. Bro. N. C. Saunders is recommended to the churches at Port Medway and Mill Village.

Correction.—Bro. J. O. Redden is not to go to Maitland, but he will labour at DeBert River and Masstown under the direction of Rev. M. P. Freeman.

Pastoral changes.—Rev. Edward Roberts, of Aylesbury, England, was introduced to the church at Bridgewater. We are glad to learn that he has received and accepted a unanimous and cordial invitation to labour with that people. Rev. A. E. Ingram, of Mahone Bay, we recommended to the church at Newport. He has settled there with satisfaction to pastor and people.

A word to churches and missionaries.—The churches that will be supplied with ministerial labour by our missionaries are kindly requested to deal liberally with them. The missionaries are expected to put forth earnest efforts to collect the greater part of their salaries on the fields occupied by them. The state of our treasury makes this course a necessity.

Our missionaries, colporteurs, and agents are requested to forward to the Board a full report of their work closing with the 15th of June. The indebtedness of the Board to missionaries should be presented in each case