

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger. TO YOUNG MEN.

TO LIVE IS ONE THING TO DIE IS ANOTHER.

Listen whilst I tell the dying experience of a young man. Born in a village of Devon, England, amid the scenes of a country farmstead was W. Sparks. His early life was spent among the lowing of cattle and the daily round of farm life.

But his golden harvest received a check, a withering blight came to his fond expectations. For that young man with ruddy cheeks and broad shoulders, found amid his toil and labour, that even his strength was only mortal.

Rest and fresh air somewhat recruiting his strength, he again returns to toil towards the goal, once more he seeks the place of childhood, he knew not that it had lost its power to bind his shattered energies.

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"I can believe, I now believe That Jesus died for me, That on the Cross he shed his blood, From sin to set me free."

He resolved to see his old companions and to tell them of God's great love. For he could now say,

"My old companions fare you well, I will not go with you to hell, I long with Jesus Christ to dwell; Will you go?"

His ungodly relatives and friends' company he wished to dispense with, and to

vented and an additional labourer provided for that important strip of country. From the foregoing it will be seen that four more men are needed to fully supply the vacancies in this county: two for mission fields and two in other Churches.

Reader can you say it is all right, or are you seeking wealth and fortune, to the neglecting of your soul's salvation? If so, you have need to cry, "Woe is me, for I am undone."

But, 'why will ye die' and suffer loss? Young men and maidens, seek health and wealth aright and you shall find, 'length of days' gold seven times purified 'fulness of joy and pleasures for evermore.

J. F. AVERY.

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THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

The following is a list of the Baptist Churches of Annapolis County arranged in the order of their organization:

Table with columns: NAME OF CHURCH, No. of Stations, No. of Members, Contributions. Lists churches like Lower Granville, Annapolis & Upper Granville, etc.

From the number of Churches and preaching stations it will be supposed that the ground is nearly all occupied. Such supposition is, we believe, correct. Few who are really desirous need be without the privilege of worshiping with their Baptist brethren.

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Dalhousie West, also situate on the South Mountain is apart from all other Mission fields. It is easiest reached from Bridgetown; but that field is already sufficiently large.

The other destitute Churches are Parker's Cove and Litchfield, on the shore of the Bay of Fundy.

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has been proposed among us has ever receded, and others are on the way. But it does not follow that there shall be no delay.

An Independent Foreign Mission such as we now have was not the work of a day. Our Union in Academic work was long in preparation.

But it is something gained if it has been agitated to the extent it has, and is now fairly before the people. Had there been nothing in it—as some have seemed inclined to think,—the agitation would have long ago died out.

Look at these figures brethren of Annapolis County. This county which contains more than 3000 Baptists, about one seventh of the entire membership of the province, gave last year a little over \$1000, for denominational purposes.

We cannot plead that the Churches of Annapolis County are poor. As can be seen by the above table most of the membership is in the rich valley.

The denomination will need this year from \$10,000 to \$12,000 for Foreign Missions; nearly as much more for Home Missions; from \$6000 to \$8000 for our Educational institutions, and \$2000 or \$3000 for the other objects.

Paradise, Sept. 27, 1875. A. COBURN.

For the Christian Messenger.

UNION IN HOME MISSIONS.

Having from the beginning of the agitation felt a very deep interest in the question of the Convention embracing Home Missions, and having little hope that I will ever again be able to participate in our public gatherings, I trust I will be pardoned for presenting in this way a few thoughts on the subject.

Personally, I would have been glad had the Convention seen fit to adopt some modification of the Constitution that would have encouraged such union.

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In this effort, bungling as it might be, their white friends took the advantage to thwart them by placing altogether a very different construction upon their movement than what was intended by them.

The present year's crops in Georgia are below an average. In the Northern part of the State, among and near the mountain ranges, the grain crops are fully equal to any year; but through the middle and southern part, excepting isolated localities, they fall below.

Very few unacquainted with the state of the Southern agriculturists can rightly appreciate their straitened circumstances. The close of the war found them with scarcely anything except their neglected farms.

The "Constitution" newspaper, published in this city, one of the most enterprising journals to be found in the Southern States, has, at its own expense, fitted out an expedition to explore the Great Okefinokee Swamp, the interior of which is as little known to the civilized world as the unexplored parts of Africa.

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