my Christ had forgotten to be gracious to among the blest, for those I loved. If me! Satan makes great weepons out o' bacon! But I knows better now, and I keep my body under, like Brudder Paul; unavailing, will surely lessen the joys that and nothin' has power to separate me from Him I loves. I's had sorrows enough to break down a dozen hearts dat had no Jesus to shar' 'em wid, but every one on 'em has only fotched me nearer to Him! Some folks would like to shirk all trouble shinin' harbor through a sea o' honey ! Jesus to bar 'em all alone. It's my glory here dat I can take hold o' one end o' de cross, and help Him up de hill wid de load o' poor bruised and wounded and sick sinners He's got on His hands and His heart to get up to glory! But, la! honey! one o' my articles o' faith never to keep him waitin' beyond twelve o'clock when he's hungry and tired, for dat allus gi'se Satan fresh 'vantage over him. Come up to my palace, some day, and we'll have more talk about de way to glory."

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger. " WELL DONE."

Praise to the deserving is seldom unwelcome, but the pleasure is lost when we feel that it is not deserved, or think that the words are spoken deceitfully.

'Tis so concerning things of time, but will it be so in the hour when the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed, and the Judge shall say to those on His right hand," Well Done '? Will he speak words of doubtful Mr. Editor,meaning? Shall any question the truthfulness of His sentence? No, surely the Judge of all the earth shall speak truth

Then if we have not done well, how shall done"? Having against us a record of precious time wasted, -opportunities for doing good neglected, - warnings unheeded, -advice refused,—the mission of our life unfulfilled, - then, summoned by death, aroused by the angel's trumpet, and tho unprepared, hurried away to judgment, how can we expect to hear the joy-giving words, "Well done!" To the impenitent and unsaved,-refusers of offered mercy, there can be no such expectation, but then they will fully realize the great mistake, and their irreparable and final loss. Then shall they lament their folly, and wish, but not be able, to hear " well done."

Of many professing Christians we might ask, " How will these words sound to you. Will you realize their truthfulness, or, feeling your unworthiness, will they seem as the praise of deceitful lips "?

"Well done" give a feeling of having deserved them, by reason of their own good they dropped their mites during the year. deeds, but rather will they be constrained seem strained, for though feeling their unfight,"

the words, " well done," yet regret must | they were put into the box. be theirs,-regret that will dampen their

Of this, what shall be mine? an " abundant entrance "? A " fulness of joy "sweetest, highest strains among the shining along with any other helps she could long beach with the seion one side of us ones, a rapturous meeting with those who, by obtain. me, have been brought to know a Saviour's starless crown-baving sown sparingly surprised herself and filled her young heart minister of the Bapti Church of this W. H. Chute, 50 cts; Mary Chute, 50

ever and ever.

failed, and I den was such a fool I thought also to reap sparingly! A vain search, these last be mine, then the "Well done' will bring little joy; for regrets, vain, and in richer fulness might have been mine.

O, then for quickening grace, and renewed efforts in the MASTER'S service. Am I an Ambassador of the King of Heavenof man or the salvation of the people, and on dair way to glory, and swim into de the extension of my Master's kingdomthe Church? My years are passing on-But, sonry, dere's crosses to have and I soon I shall sleep with my fathers. Will ain't mean enough to want my blessed any one then at the beautiful gate be waiting and watching for me? Am I gathering sheaves, or do I find it easier to sow the seed, hardly troubling myself to examine it, to know that it is good seed, suited for the soil, fearing, shunning, the heat and toil of reaping, although the field how de time has flow; I must go home is white to harvest, preferring only to sow, and get Brudder Adam's dinner; for it's forgetting that the clime of the vineyard is tropical, and seed time and harvest meet.

Am I a parent? Then are my children sate, or, fearful thought, shall I from my children be parted—parted forever?

In any condition of life, am I one of the redeemed with a little while left wherein Spirit, arouse me to earnest labour, so that having finished my course, remained faithful unto the end, and done all for the glory of the MAETER, I may hear with joy, and not with regret the joyous words, " Well done."

-Mahone Bay, Feb. 27th. 1875.

For the Christian Messenger. MISSIONARY OFFERINGS.

Reading your interesting illustration by Rev. W. H. Payne, how half a pint of of beans helped to sustain a missionary, and stirred the zeal of others to rlant potatoes for the same object, I thought perwe expect to hear him say to us "Well haps, relating a few facts in my own ministerial experience, might help your readers to make a practical use of your suggestion. then " offered willingly."

> that in the coming summer the result may tion, that we, not only can do likewise, but that we have done what we could.

In the Tawstock list is mentioned: Collections after sermons. Public Meeting To none of the redeemed will the words Boxes. Under this head follows a list of " Emerald Isle "-being under complete young people who had boxes into which

The 1st name is Miss Adams, £2 1s. 0d to say, " not unto us, not unto us, but or just over \$10, not a small contribution unto thy name," for the grace that enabled from quite a young lady, was it dear chilthem was His gift. And so, to none of dren? Now some of you may say, "you the wise and obedient, will the words tell us what was in, but we wish to know, How it got in; or rather how she got it to worthiness, some, with the Apostle, will put it in the Box." Well, in the first Halifax, which is of sucrior quality. be able to say, "I have fought the good place, she did not beg it from father or mother, but actually, "It grow'd." And But how will they sound to those who the young lady took me to see it before she having tasted of the goodness of God in put it into the 'Missionary Box' (always) Christ, have yet been idlers in the vineyard, standing in the Parlour) and dear young west Cove of Tancook Island. Our boat who knowing that the end for which they people the sight was splendid. "Wool being sufficiently moord we set off for a were redeemed, and called, was, that they grow on the sheep's back, and truit on ramble over the fields and are everywhere might be the instruments of doing good | trees, but this money that went into her | greeted with marks o great civility and to others, and displaying the manifold Box didn't - but it grew somewhere else, respect by the inhabitats. Before walk. grace of the Saviour,-who believed them- its colour was something like the colour of ing above 100 yards rom our landing selves numbered among those of whom the a new dollar bill-green and white, only so Saviour said, " I have chosen you that ye very much purer and pleasing were the riety Hall" in which s kept a supply of should go and bring forth fruit," yet colours of the Missionary offerings when all that this colony reques. Still keeping know that many of the grapes they brought shown to me. For Christ said, that "Soloforth were wild grapes, and of those that mon in all his glory was not arrayed like house, and a little farier on we come to were not wild, few, very few, were full one of these." Now it is hardly necessary the school-house whichs indeed a credit to grapes, ripe grapes, clusters, large and for me to name the flowers which were sweet. Though they be saved, and hear shown me, only to go on to explain how

joys, and dim the lustre of their glories, and in other ways obtained quite a number ourselves in the present of about 75 cheerfor one star differeth from another star in of roots of the Lily of the Valley, and ful, healthy, intelligen looking girls and glory, and they that turn many to carefully planted them bereath a wall, boys - but time will it permit us to rerighteousness shall shine as the stars for where they grew and prospered abundantly. | main here, and we are gain on our travels. These were gathered and sent to the market After a walk of about three fourths of a some miles away-and the money thus mile we find ourselve on the shores of gained very easily dropped into the box, South-East Cove. Afr walking over a

That was how she succeeded in getting little cottage about foy yards from the love? Or will it be mine to be "saved the money to put in, and when I took it sea shore which we fil to be the resiyet so as by fire "-" scarcely " saved? A out at the public meeting, the amount dence of the Rev. TC. DeLong, the

with joy. Some of our young people felt place. In this vicinity are some fifteen or uncomfortable and said they would try twenty pretty little cottages which we what they could do for next meeting. It is greatly admired for the beauty of their hardly necessary to requote in full last situation. week's text and say . Then the people rejoiced.' But this is only the history of one Box, and if I have time, and our young your useful paper for the story connected what is my object? a living? the favour with another Box, dear Mr. Editor, especially as my desire is to stir missionary zeal, and encourage our collectors.

J. F. A.

For the Christian Messenger.

TRIP ON CHESTER BAY.

After spending a few days in the pretty village of Chester, which though extremely quiet as a place of commercial enterprise is, in very many respects not deficient in varied and romantic scenery. The eye of interest and attractiveness. At the Bay, as we glide cheerly out of the Harbor with our sails unfurled, we are wafted along by the gentle zephyrs of a North-west wind. Some six or eight schooners are lying at anchor there, among which we discern to serve? Do I expect the plaudit " well two American fishing schooners. On indone"-the white robe-the abundant quiry we find the captains to be men from entrance—the fulness of joy, -then Spirit, | Chester, who have gained the confidence of their American brothers. Still continuing our course along the Western shore of the Bay we pass in succession an immense number of islands, large and small, whose names it would be impossible to give in this brief sketch. As regards the number I was credibly informed that there are as many as there are days in the year

> Many of these islands we find inhabited by German settlers engaged in cultivating the soil which is extremely fertile, and yields abundant crops of potatoes, corn, hay, cabbage and a variety of other vegetables. Others we find studded with groves of wood, hard and soft, which is scarcely surpassed by our Nova Scotia forests. We now find ourselves nearing " Oak Island," which received its name from its forests of

popular to Nova Scotians by the searches "Cannot some readers of the Messenger | made for money which people superstiresolve to go and do likewise on behalf of tiously believe to have been buried there is a way. And no gift is so pleasing to suitable place for him to lurk unobserved God as that which cost something, and is from the eyes of his pursuers. We go ashore here and are kindly entertained by And now from "The Annual Report of Mr. Anthony Graves who owns the island. Chipman, 50 cts; B. H. Parker, 1.00 the North Devon Auxiliary in aid of Bap- After examining the mmense pi's that tist Missions," I would copy a few figures. have been dug by an American Company and trust in giving some explanation, "How in quest of " Kid's" tressure we are led to our young people helped the Mission fund,' see the folly of expending a certainty for 1.00; Ingram Neilly, 50 cts; John Beck an uncertainty. We return to our craft with, 50 cts. Total, \$16.06. be dollars and cents, as a practical illustra- and find our way every where impeded by islands, so that our course is a very changeful though interesting ore, until we arrive at " Mason's Island," and this like good cultivation. Viewing it from the sea, it presents such an aspect of grandeur that is almost beyond description. The house on the brow of a hill is of modern architecture, spacious, and neat appearance equal to those we have seen on the shores of the main. This island is noted for the immense quantities of sancshipped from it to

We now trim in our seets and sail about three miles in an Eastely direction. We pass many fishing boats and soon find ourselves at a GovernmentDock at the Northplace we pass Capt. Slagenwhite's, "Vaon we see on our right te Baptist Meetingthe inhabitants of this sland. Being interested in education w seek admission to \$7 28. the school, and meet wh a kind reception This young lady in the Spring bought, from the Teacher, Mr.H. Here we find and a lake on the othewe come to a neat

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Climbing up the ascents of a steep called "Cross' Hill" we are in a position to look out on the blue waves of the Atlantic. people wish, perhaps you will find room in | Far in the distance we see many boats and versels ploughing through the heaving billows, and lying outside of us the Islands of Grassy, Flat Island, Ironbound, and Green Island, the two latter having brilliant light houses situated on them.

This Island is about three miles in length. one in width, and has a population of about five hundred, who are engaged in fishing and agriculture. Before us in the Cove are two schooners and many fishing sloops.

Being fatigued from our journey we retrace our steps and are soon on our way for Chester, about seven miles distant. In the course of an hour and a half we are an acute observer finds many items of again seated around the table of the "Chester House," feasting on the dainties provided by Mr. Wm. Lovitt the proprietor. C. F. HUBLEY.

FOR THE BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION. BY REV. D. FREEMAN, AGENT.

COLLECTIONS

Continued.

Lower Clarence-Collection, 3 65; J. Cornwell, 1.45; Charles Rumsey, 150; Wm. M ller, 100; Solomon Chute, 100 Total, 8 60.

Total Bridgetown Church, \$31 61. Lawrencetown - Lizzie Palfrey, 1.00; Collection, 5 11; A Friend, 50 ct.; T. H. Randall, 1 00; Mrs. T. H. Randall, 1 00; Dr. Morse, 100; Ann Chipman 50 cts; Mrs. Crisp, 100; Mrs. M. Elliot 109. Total, \$12 11.

Valley West-Collection 3 32; B. B. Daniels, 200; A Friend, 25 cts. Total, 5.57. Total Lawrencetown and Valley West, \$17.68.

Pine Grove. - Jessie Woodbury, 1 00; Carry Dodge, Missionary Box, 12 cts; Abbie Dodge, 1.00; Collection, 8 87; Charles Elliot, 1 00; Mrs. W. H. McKenney, 50 cts; J. Phinney, 1.00; O. M. Taylor, 1.00; Manning McGregor, 48 cts; Susan Morton, 50 cts; Walter Welton, 1.50; Mrs. D. Feindel, 25 cts; Daniel North, 50 cts; John McKewan, 1.00; George This island has been famous and highly | Dodge, 100; Brooklyn Collection. 131; Harry Young, 3 cts; Mrs. George Neilly, 100; Peter Marshall, 50 cts; Jas. A. Kelley, 1.00; John Dodge, 1st, 1 00; Mrs. John Dodge, 1.00; Thomas Marshall, our own honored Mission?" I think they by the noted Pirate " Capt. Kid." I 1. 00; Salem Collection, 46 cts; John can, when the will is right generally there | might just remark that this would be a Dodge, 2nd, 100; Abiard Marshall, 25 ets; Edwin Dodge, 1.00. Total, \$29 27.

Nictaux .- Collection, 5 36; Daniel Wood, 100; Thos. Wheelock, Esq, 1.00; Mrs. Thos Wheelock, 1.00; Theresa John Shaffner, 1.00; Susan Shaffner, 50 cts.; W:n. C. Shaffner, 100; Mrs. W. J. Shaffner, 20 cts; George Shaffner, 100; Holmes Baker, 50 cts; Deacon Chipman,

Torbrook.—Collection, 83 cts; W. C. Felch, 100; John Brown, 100; Edward Moore, 100; Jas. R. Brown, 25 cts; Amelia Brown, 25 cts; Rachael Brown, 10 cts; G. E. Spurr, 1 00; T. J. Downey, Old Ireland is worthy he name of the 50 cts; John Banks, 25 cts; Fletcher Banks, 100; Jane Wheelock, 25 cts. Total, 7.43. Total Nictaux Church, \$23.49.

Tremont. - Edward Woodbury, 25 cts; Dr. Tupper, 1.00; A. T. Baker, 1.00) G. L. McKenney, 50 cts; David Messenger, 50 cts; Parker Ward, 50 cts; Collection, 64 cts; C. W. Neilly, 1.00; John Wheelock, 1.00; Sidney Welton, 50 cts; Alfred Welton, 1 00. Total, \$7.89.

Melvern Square .- Enoch Gates, 1 00; Shippey Spurr, 1.00; Rev. O. Parker, 1.00; C. E. & G O Gates, \$20 annually paid, first quarter 5.00; Nathaniel Parker, 2.00; A. D. Goucher, 1.00; Henry Goucher, 1.00; Lizzie Gates, 25 cts; Annie McGee, 25 cts; Maggie Hunter, 25 cts: Maggie Goucher, 25 cts; Collection, 57 cts; Caroline Goucher, 50 cts; Frank Spinn-y, 1.00; Mrs. Ward Baker, 50 cts; Ward Baker, 4 00; Joanna Rainstorth, 50 cts; Wm. Gates, 62 cents; Mrs. Leason Baker, 1.00; Mrs Capt. Harris, 1.00. Total, \$22 69.

Upper Aylesford .- Morristown- Collection, 1.22; Oliver Cogswell, 100; J Hutchinson, 50 cts; Thomas Eaton, 25 cts. Total, 2 97.

The Plains-Rev. J. L. Read, 50 cts: Beriah Graves, 1 00; N. P. Spurr, 50 cts; Wm. West, 31 cts; Chas. Taylor, 100: Eugene Fitch, 50 cts; George West, 50 cts. Total 4 31. Total Upper Aylesford,

Berwick - Collection, 4 55; Edward N. Marsters, 50 cts; Helen Vidito, 1.00; Annie C. Parker, 100: John Dimock, 100; Alex. Knowlton, 100; Mrs. Alexander Knowlton, 1.00; Isaiah Shaw, 50 cts; Mrs. Isaiah Shaw, 50 ets; W. H. Webster, 1.00; A Friend 25 cts; Joseph Ells, 50 cts; Josiah Borden, 1.00; Dr. Moree, 50 cts; George Nichols, 25 cts; C. P. & S. Illsley, 50 cts; Nelson Chute, 50 cts; George W. Sanford, 50 cts; Mrs. Wm. Shaw, 25 cts; Lena Lyons, 25 cts. Total, \$16 55.

Weston.—Collection, 215; Mrs. W. S. Sanford, 25 cts; Jonathan Sanford, Senr., 20 cts; Mrs. W. H. Skinner, 1 00; Mrs. Cox, 50 cts; W. H. Chute, 1.00; Mrs.

cts; Waty Chute, 50; A Friend, 50 cts Charles Skinner, 1.00. Total, 8.10.

Somerset .- Collection, 4.00; J. B. Chute, 1.00; Frederick Bill, 50 cts; Fanny Bishop, 1 00; Jas. Illsley, 1st., 1.00; Mrs James Illsley, 50 cts; Charles Illsley, 50 cts; George H. Illsley, 50 cts; Jas. E. Illsley, 25 cts; Mrs. J. E. Illsley, 25 cts; Clark Illsley, 25 cents; Mrs. Clark Illsley, 25 cts. Total, 10.00. Total, Berwick, \$34 65

Billtown -Joel Lamont, 1.00; Charles B Lamont, 100; Jas. Bligh, 1.00; Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, 1.00; W. C. Bill, Esq., 20.00; Theodore Read, 1.00; Mrs. Theod. Read, 25 cts; Lydia Lawrence, 25 cts; A Friend, 10 cts; Charles Lawrence, 50 cts; C. N. Rockwell, 50 cts; Annie Rockwell, 25 cts; Emma Rockwell, 25 cts; Daniel Lamont, 1.00; John Lamont, 1.00; Ruth Bentley, 20 ets. Total \$29 30.

Woodville.-Collection, 100; Wm. Brown, 50; Nathan Kilcup, 50 cts; Margaret M. Kilcup, 10 cts; Minnie A. Kilcup, 25 cts; Sarah Kilcup, 15 cts; Elias Kilcup, 25 cts; Prudence Parker, 1.00; A Friend, 50 cts; Gideon Cogswell, 1.00; Thamas Carter, 25 cts. Total, \$5.50.

Brooklyn Street .- Annie Strong, 30 cts; Charles Rand, 55 cts; Truman A. Porter, 1.00; Lydia Porter, 25 cts; John P. Porter, 25 cts; J. N. Tupper, 1.00; David Minard, 2nd, 50 cts; Mrs. D. Minard, 25 cts; Amunda Chute, 25 cts; D. Minard, 1st, 25 cts; Mrs. D. Minard, 25 cts; A Friend, 25 cts; Whidden Burke, 1.00; Mrs. John Rand, 25 cts. Total, 6.35. Total, Billtown Church, \$41.15.

Summary of monies collected for the Home Missionary Union from Jan. 15 h to March 1st, 1875, inclusive:

Granville Church\$	26	3
Bridgetown Church	31	
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Nictaux Church	23	
Tremont Church	7	
Meivern Square	22	100
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Berwick Church	34	6
Billtown Church	41	
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Total....\$242 10.

For the Christian Messenger.

A PLEASANT INCIDENT.

In one of our most romantic villages, surrounded by hills, and watered by a never ceasing stream whose constant flow. ever and anon increased by flowing tides, there lived Mr. and Mrs. -, whose hearts for years had been turned to the Lord. In the multitude of His kindness they were blessed with sons; the best interests of whom, were made by the grace of God, as well as by parental affection, to the souls of the parents, of paramont importance. The earnest desire that those born to them in the flesh, might be born also of the Spirit, was often expressed by the parents to each other, and earnestly presented in prayer, to Him who only can change the heart. Nor have those desires and prayers been cherished in vain.

Striving to do what all parents should do for their offspring,-they regarded the cultivation of the mind one of the duties devolving upon them, (the neglect of which is indeed an oversight and evil that cannot be too deeply deplored though too frequently practised. In the autumn of the past year one of their sons was sent to the Collegiate Academy at Wolfville, where, by the blessing of God, this young man was brought to feel his need of an interest in that blood which alone cleanses from ein, and to indulge the hope of pardon.

The case is not one of unfrequent occurrence, but rather the opposite,-not the exception, but rather the general, result. To the parents, what could be of equal interest. How had they longed for this, and beyond this, that God would lay his hand on some one or more of their sons and consecrate them to the christian ministry. And should this their two-fold desire be granted, what joy, what gratitude will ever flow from their hearts, that they sent their son to Horton Academy.

In the course of the present month that son, with other sons and daughters now studying at this place will put on, symbolically, the Lord Jesus Christ by baptism. In this, and in the frequent occurrence of such marked approbation of God, should not these Institutions receive increased patronage from, especially the denomination most intimately connected with them? We read from week to week the earnest appeals of the chairman of the Building Committee, he pleads not for himself, but for the cause in whose interest he labors.

March 12th, 1875. SIGMA.

For the Christian Messenger.

" STAMP ENCLOSED FOR A REPLY."

DEAR SIR,-

Ministers are men of great importance, if that may be judged of by the numbers of letters which they receive and send; yet, in point of "business," they are not

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