

failed, and I den was such a fool I thought my Christ had forgotten to be gracious to me! Satan makes great weapons out of bacon! But I know better now, and I keep my body under, like Brudder Paul; 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 sbar 'em wid, but every one on 'em has only foteded nearer to Him! Some folks would like to shirk all trouble on dair way to glory, and swim into de shinin' harbor through a sea o' honey! But, sorry, dere's crosses to baro and I ain't mean enough to want my blessed 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! how de time has flew; I must go home and get Brudder Adam's dinner; for it's one o' my articles o' faith never to keep him waitin' beyond twelve o'clock when he's hungry and tired, for dat allus g'ies Satan fresh advantage 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 meaning? Shall any question the truthfulness of His sentence? No, surely the Judge of all the earth shall speak truth only.

Then if we have not done well, how shall we expect to hear him say to us "Well 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 unrepent,—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?"

To none of the redeemed will the words "Well done" give a feeling of having deserved them, by reason of their own good deeds, but rather will they be constrained to say, "not unto us, not unto us, but unto thy name," for the grace that enabled them was His gift. And so, to none of the wise and obedient, will the words seem strained, for though feeling their unworthiness, some, with the Apostle, will be able to say, "I have fought the good fight."

But how will they sound to those who have tasted of the goodness of God in Christ, have yet been idlers in the vineyard, who knowing that the end for which they were redeemed, and called, was, that they might be the instruments of doing good to others, and displaying the manifold grace of the Saviour,—who believed themselves numbered among those of whom the Saviour said, "I have chosen you that ye should go and bring forth fruit," yet know that many of the grapes they brought forth were wild grapes, and of those that were not wild, few, very few, were full grapes, ripe grapes, clusters, large and sweet. Though they be saved, and hear the words, "well done," yet regret must be theirs,—regret that will dampen their joys, and dim the lustre of their glories, for one star differeth from another star in glory, and they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever.

Of this, what shall be mine? an "abundant entrance"? A "fulness of joy"—sweetest, highest strains among the shining ones, a rapturous meeting with those who, by me, have been brought to know a Saviour's love? Or will it be mine to be "saved yet so as by fire"—"soarely" saved? A starless crown—having sown sparingly

with joy. Some of our young people felt uncomfortable and said they would try what they could do for next meeting. It is hardly necessary to quote in full last 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 people wish, perhaps you will find room in your useful paper for the story connected 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 an acute observer finds many items 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 two American fishing schooners. On inquiry we find the captains to be men from 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 oak timber.

This island has been famous and highly popular to Nova Scotians by the searches made for money which people superstitiously believe to have been buried there by the noted Pirate "Capt. Kid." I might just remark that this would be a suitable place for him to lurk unobserved from the eyes of his pursuers. We go ashore here and are kindly entertained by Mr. Anthony Graves who owns the island. After examining the immense pits that have been dug by an American Company in quest of "Kid's" treasure we are led to see the folly of expending a certainty for an uncertainty. We return to our craft and find our way every where impeded by islands, so that our course is a very changeful though interesting one, until we arrive at "Mason's Island," and this like good Old Ireland is worthy the name of the "Emerald Isle"—being under complete 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 sand shipped from it to Halifax, which is of superior quality.

We now trim in our seats and sail about three miles in an Eastealy direction. We pass many fishing boats and soon find ourselves at a Government Dock at the North-west Cove of Tanook Island. Our boat being sufficiently moored we set off for a ramble over the fields and are everywhere greeted with marks of great civility and respect by the inhabitants. Before walking above 100 yards from our landing place we pass Capt. Slagenwhite's, "Variety Hall" in which is kept a supply of all that this colony requires. Still keeping on we see on our right the Baptist Meeting-house, and a little farther on we come to the school-house which indeed a credit to the inhabitants of this island. Being interested in education we seek admission to the school, and meet with a kind reception from the Teacher, Mr. H. Here we find ourselves in the presence of about 75 cheerful, healthy, intelligent looking girls and boys—but time will not permit us to remain here, and we are gain on our travels. After a walk of about three fourths of a mile we find ourselves on the shores of South-East Cove. After walking over a long beach with the sea on one side of us and a lake on the other we come to a neat little cottage about forty yards from the sea shore which we find to be the residence of the Rev. T. C. DeLong, the minister of the Bapt Church of this

place. In this vicinity are some fifteen or twenty pretty little cottages which we greatly admired for the beauty of their situation.

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. Far in the distance we see many boats and vessels 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 again seated around the table of the "Chester House," feasting on the dainties provided by Mr. Wm. Lovitt the proprietor.

C. F. HUNTER.

COLLECTIONS

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

Continued.

Lower Clarence—Collection, 3 65; J. Cornwell, 1.45; Charles Ramsey, 1.50; Wm. Miller, 1.00; Solomon Chute, 1.00 Total, 8 60.

Total Bridgetown Church, \$31 61.

Lawrencetown—Lizzie Pallrey, 1.00; Collection, 5 11; A Friend, 50 cts; T. H. Randall, 1.00; Mrs. T. H. Randall, 1.00; Dr. Morse, 1.00; Ann Chipman 50 cts; Mrs. Crisp, 1.00; Mrs. M. Elliot 1.00. Total, \$12 11.

Valley West—Collection 3 32; B. B. Daniels, 2.00; 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 Dodge, 1.00; Brooklyn Collection, 1 31; Harry Young, 3 cts; Mrs. George Neilly, 1.00; Peter Marshall, 50 cts; Jas. A. Kelley, 1.00; John Dodge, 1st, 1.00; Mrs. John Dodge, 1.00; Thomas Marshall, 1.00; Salem Collection, 46 cts; John Dodge, 2nd, 1.00; Abiard Marshall, 25 cts; Edwin Dodge, 1.00. Total, \$29 27.

Nictaux—Collection, 5 36; Daniel Wood, 1.00; Thos. Wheelock, Esq., 1.00; Mrs. Thos. Wheelock, 1.00; Theresa Chipman, 50 cts; B. H. Parker, 1.00; John Shaffner, 1.00; Susan Shaffner, 50 cts; Wm. C. Shaffner, 1.00; Mrs. W. J. Shaffner, 20 cts; George Shaffner, 1.00; Holmes Baker, 50 cts; Deacon Chipman, 1.00; Ingram Neilly, 50 cts; John Beckwith, 50 cts. Total, \$16 06.

Torbrook—Collection, 83 cts; W. C. Felch, 1.00; John Brown, 1.00; Edward Moore, 1.00; Jas. R. Brown, 25 cts; Amelia Brown, 25 cts; Rachael Brown, 10 cts; G. E. Spurr, 1.00; T. J. Downey, 50 cts; John Banks, 25 cts; Fletcher Banks, 1.00; 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 Spinnay, 1.00; Mrs. Ward Baker, 50 cts; Ward Baker, 4.00; Joanna Rainsforth, 50 cts; Wm. Gates, 62 cts; Mrs. Leason Baker, 1.00; Mrs. Capt. Harris, 1.00. Total, \$22 69.

Upper Aylesford—Merristown—Collection, 1.22; Oliver Cogswell, 1.00; J. Hutchinson, 50 cts; Thomas Eaton, 25 cts. Total, 2 97.

The Plains—Rev. J. L. Read, 50 cts; Berial Graves, 1.00; N. P. Spurr, 50 cts; Wm. West, 31 cts; Chas. Taylor, 1.00; Eugene Fitch, 50 cts; George West, 50 cts. Total 4 31. Total Upper Aylesford, \$7 28.

Berwick—Collection, 4 55; Edward N. Marsters, 50 cts; Helen Vidito, 1.00; Annie C. Parker, 1.00; John Dimock, 1.00; Alex. Knowlton, 1.00; Mrs. Alexander Knowlton, 1.00; Isiah Shaw, 50 cts; Mrs. Isiah Shaw, 50 cts; W. H. Webster, 1.00; A Friend 25 cts; Joseph Ellis, 50 cts; Josiah Burden, 1.00; Dr. Morse, 50 cts; George Nichols, 25 cts; C. P. & S. Ilseley, 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, 2 15; 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. W. H. Chute, 50 cts; Mary Chute, 50

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. Ilseley, 1st, 1.00; Mrs. James Ilseley, 50 cts; Charles Ilseley, 50 cts; George H. Ilseley, 50 cts; Jas. E. Ilseley, 25 cts; Mrs. J. E. Ilseley, 25 cts; Clark Ilseley, 25 cts; Mrs. Clark Ilseley, 25 cts. Total, 10.00. Total, Berwick, \$34 65.

Billtown—Joel Lamont, 1.00; Charles B. Lamont, 1.00; 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 cts. Total \$29 30.

Woodville—Collection, 1 00; 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; Thomas 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; Amanda 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. 15th to March 1st, 1875, inclusive:

Table with 2 columns: Church Name and Amount. Includes Granville Church (\$26 39), Bridgetown Church (\$31 61), Lawrencetown and Valley West (\$17 68), Pine Grove Church (\$29 27), Nictaux Church (\$23 49), Tremont Church (\$7 89), Melvern Square (\$22 69), Upper Aylesford (\$7 28), Berwick Church (\$34 65), Billtown Church (\$41 15). 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 paramount 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 sin, and to indulge the hope of pardon.

The case is not one of unrequited 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