

your young friends in various parts of the province, and I presume your paper has made not a few, who, if they do not "love you for your own dear self," love you for the sake of the many pretty little tales they receive through your columns.

Referring to my last I find that the Box No. 2 contained £2 0 9 or nearly \$10. Collected by Johnny — He was quite a little fellow, but in fairness to you my young friends, I must state that Johnny had a dear old Christian grandmother, and that she took a great interest in Missionaries and their work, both at home and in their foreign field, and it was either her love for them, or her grandson, it may be both combined, gave her a great liking to the "dear boy's box," as she called it, and for some reason or other Johnny often would trot off to show grandmother and ask her just to see how heavy it was, and generally he left with a beaming face, and his box a "trifle" heavier.

Now some may say, "All very well, I could fill a box if I had a grandmother like Johnny's." Now don't misunderstand me, grandmother helped it is true, but she encouraged her "dear boy" to help himself, and I have seen him picking something from the hedgerows to put into the Box. He gathered not butter cups and daisies, some of you will say. I guess not, I reckon they are more fit for cows to eat, than to be used "for the Missionaries." But his nimble little fingers grabbed among the grass and weeds every time his eyes spied "the modest, but fragrant violet growing. These he patiently gathered one by one, till bunches of the sweet blue and white flowers had been placed in his basket. Sometimes as the season varied, you would find cowslips and primroses in his store, these he carefully kept fresh, and then, when persons came to his mother's pannier in the market, one after another would be borne away by some lover of spring's early flowers, and Johnny instead would find that he had more money for his Missionary Box. One day a gentleman gave Johnny and George his brother half a sovereign to spend. After a good deal of deliberation, I was told by one who had stood behind the door, these two boys decided that they would put it in the box for the Missionaries.

Now you see when I ask you to go and do likewise, that it can only be done by self sacrifice and energy on your part. For your encouragement, remember, how pleased the Master must be who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not," to see you thus employed. Next week I will tell how a dog helped to fill another box.

J. F. A.

COLLECTIONS

for the Home Missionary Union continued March 25, 1875.

Halifax Granville Street Church.

Hon. Dr. Parker, \$20 00; E. D. King, 1 00; H. N. Paint, 2 00; A Friend, 75 cts.; Wm. D. O. Donnel, 2 00; George Fraser, 2 00; R. N. Beckwith, 2 00; W. C. Moir, 4 00; Allison Smith, 2 00; Wm. Reid, 4 00; Dr. Delaney, 3 00; Clarence Harris, 1 00; Lewis Harris, 50 cts.; Mary Harris, 50 cts.; George S. Yates, 5 00; Mrs. Ainsley, 1 00; Alex. Peers, 1 00; Mrs. Naylor, 5 00; H. H. Bligh, 1 00; A Friend, 2 00; R. I. Hart, 5 00; Mrs. R. I. Hart, 5 00; Chas. Barnstead, 2 00; Mrs. Chas. Barnstead, 1 00; Wm. H. Wisdom, 1 00; James Jackson, 2 00; Wm. Ellis, 1 00; Mrs. Wm. Ellis, 1 00; Chipman Bros., 3 00; Mrs. Robert Chambers, 1 00; Mrs. Joplin, 50 cts.; Wm. Holloway, 1 00; Charles Blackadar, 1 00; John W. Young, 4 00; G. R. Johnson, 5 00; A Friend, 1 00; Albert Chipman, 50 cts.; A Friend, 1 00; Mrs. Carlyle, 1 00; Mrs. Weeley, 75 cts.; Catherine J. Miller, 1 00; S. Selden, 2 00; John D. Penkes, 50 cts.; John Nalder, 2 00; C. E. Putner, 1 00; Mrs. David Ellis, 2 00; Daniel Webber, 4 00; M. Sweeney, 1 00; Wm. Murray, 1 00; Mrs. Hutchins, 50 cts.; X. Z. Chipman, 1 00. Total \$113.50.

Halifax North Church.

J. W. Whitman, \$1.00; A. W. Clarke, 50 cts.; John F. Crowe, 1.00; Henry Foster, 50 cts.; Harlan Fulton, 1.00; Mrs. J. W. Austen, 50 cts.; Mrs. H. J. Harris, 50 cts.; Mrs. John Steele, 1.00; Norman McDonald, 1.00. Total \$7.00.

Had time permitted a much larger sum might have been obtained from this people.

Halifax Gerrish Hall Church.

March 14, Collection, \$30.92; J. E. Irish, 1.00; Sarah Gabriel, 50 cts. Total \$32.42.

Dartmouth Church.

March 21, Collection, \$10.14.

Halifax African Baptist Church.

Collection, \$4.01. To this church and their pastor thanks are due for their christian courtesy in inviting the agent to preach and take collection for the Union.

SUMMARY.

Table with 2 columns: Church Name, Amount. Includes Granville Street Church (\$113.50), North Church (7.00), Gerrish Hall Church (32.42), Dartmouth Church (10.14), African Baptist Church (4.01).

Total \$167.07

Besides the above, a subscription was opened towards the salary of the Theological professor. Friends are hereby invited to add thereto.

Monies received from Canard, Wolfville, Gasperaux, Hantsport, &c., will be given in my next report.

I expect (D. V.) to visit the churches around Minas Basin from Advocate Harbor to Newport inclusive especially the more destitute.

Yours faithfully, D. FREEMAN, Agent Home Miss. Union.

IN MEMORIAM.

JOHN DELANEY,

son of Thomas Delaney, Esq., of Folly Village, Londonderry, departed this life on the morning of Tuesday the 9th ult., in the 30th year of his age. He was an estimable young man, and greatly endeared to his friends. He exhibited great patience through his protracted illness, but had not the full evidence of salvation that he desired till a few days previous to his death, when he had such a view of Jesus as filled him with joy unspeakable. From this time he seemed as one upon the delectable mountains beholding the beautiful city, whose golden streets he should soon be permitted to tread. His last words in answer to an inquiry of his brother, were "I am rejoicing in Jesus."

The occasion was improved by an address by the writer, from Rev. xiv. 13, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. M. P. E.

MRS. AGNES J. PHILP,

beloved wife of Rev. R. R. Philp, and youngest daughter of David C. and Mary Landers of Nietaux, died at Hantsport after a short illness, on the 27th of March, aged 26 years. Thus in early womanhood, and surrounded by circumstances in social, domestic and religious life, promising much of earthly comfort and of christian enjoyment, has this wife and mother been suddenly called away. Brought up religiously she feared the Lord from her youth, and even before her conversion held sacred things in reverence. Possessed of a charming disposition, she enjoyed her early days, and the few days of her married life was a period of much happiness.

About eight years since, under the ministry of the one to whom afterwards she became united in marriage, she was led to the Saviour, and made a public profession of religion. Of the reality and depth of this spiritual change, her subsequent course bore unmistakable attestation, and her intimate christian associates marked in her character the growth and development of the christian life. A natural diffidence prevented her from taking a prominent part in public christian exercises, but this impediment, as she earnestly desired to be useful in the church of God, she was laboring to overcome. In the various places where she resided since her marriage she was held in esteem by all who formed her acquaintance. As the wife of a christian minister she was all that could be desired. She was to her husband a wise counsellor, and his heart could safely trust in her; so that to him her price was far above rubies. Her children were very dear to her, and she sought to afford them careful training. An evidence that their spiritual welfare pressed upon her heart was given on the morning of the day preceding her death, when she called her husband from the couch on which he was reposing, that he might by her bedside plead with God on behalf of their little ones. She loved prayer, and attached to its habitual exercise the very highest importance.

The illness by which she was removed induced intense suffering, but she bore it with all patience. Being just in the morning of life, and having something to live for,—her life purposes, as she had formed them, lay before her unfulfilled,—she felt desirous of recovery, if the Lord should so order. But when satisfied that all medical skill was of no avail, she was entirely submissive to the will of her heavenly Father. She conversed calmly upon the event, and gave directions as to family arrangements, not omitting the minutest details; for she was accustomed carefully to give attention to domestic management, and her skill in this respect was worthy of commendation. But her suffering situation, and the limited time at command, would not admit of lengthened conversation on secular matters. The end was drawing nigh. She called her children, kissed them, prayed earnestly that God's blessing might rest upon them, and that they might be the Lord's. She conveyed through her mother messages of love to her brothers and sisters, especially charging them to meet her in heaven. She sought tenderly to assuage the grief of her mother, assuring her that she was going to be with the Lord; spoke of the glories of heaven, and then remarked, "Mother, you will not be there to-morrow, but I will." Then addressing her father, she said, "Father, you must pray more, and you

will meet me there too." She wished her husband to express her thanks to the friends in Hantsport, who had shewn to her great kindness; and then referring to his heavy bereavement by her removal, and that he would need much of supporting grace, she said, "O Robbie, you must pray the more."

During an interval of ease she repeated the line, "There'll be no sorrow there," and then in a clear voice sang the stanza throughout, and also "O happy day that fixed my choice," followed by "Nearer my God, to Thee." After a short rest she spoke of the river, referring not to the river of death, but to the river of life in heaven, and said, "I see the river, happy, happy, happy." She fell into slumber, and it was hoped that her sufferings were over, but consciousness returned, and being in an agony she prayed, "O God, ease my pain, ease it Lord." These were her last words, and she soon expired. To the friends around her bed it seemed as if the room was filled with angels and that heaven was very, very near.

Her remains were conveyed by train to Wilmot on Wednesday, the 31st ult. The funeral services were conducted in the Pine Grove Church, and in the following order: reading the Scriptures by the Rev. Dr. Robertson, Episcopalian; prayer by the Rev. J. J. Teasdale, Methodist; and the discourse by the Rev. Wm. Bleakney, Baptist. The interment took place in the adjoining burial ground, amid the tears and sympathies of numerous relatives and friends. Thus passed from earthly scenes a lovely woman, whose memory will long remain fragrant in the hearts now sorely stricken by her removal.

"The brief life, the earlier immortality, The less of this cold world, the more of heaven."

J. M. M.

Hantsport, April 2nd, 1875.

MRS. HELEN RANDALL,

Widow of the late William Randall, Esq., of Nietaux, was the last surviving daughter of Rev. Thomas Handley Chipman. With her the writer of this notice enjoyed a pleasing acquaintance upwards of sixty years. She was by nature an amiable woman, possessing intelligence, and suavity of manners; and grace made her an exemplary and justly valued christian.

Her excellent husband became a member of the Baptist Church at Nietaux in the year 1829, with which she was soon after united. Their house was a pleasant home for the ministers of Christ. Sister Randall, with her kind family, evidently took delight in ministering to the comfort of the Lord's people.

By the mysterious allotment of Providence she was blind the last fourteen years of her life. This, however, afforded an opportunity for the exercise and manifestation of extraordinary patience and submission under a long continued trial. The writer frequently visited her, and found her uniformly serene and cheerful. He is informed that she was never known to utter a repining word, or to intimate that this bereavement seemed to her hard to bear. On one occasion she is said to have remarked, "Had I anticipated being blind so long, I think I would have read the scriptures more diligently when I had sight." This thought may furnish a useful suggestion to those who can see.

Under the privation of sight, and in her advanced age, our valued sister retained her mental faculties in peculiar vigor. In her last illness, which for a few weeks was distressing, she still remained calm, steadfast in faith, and joyful in hope. On the 25th day of March, 1875, she quietly departed, at the age of 81 years, leaving, besides one brother, 8 children, by whom filial affection towards a beloved mother had been commendably manifested.

At her burial a discourse was delivered by the writer, founded on Isa xxxiii. 17—a text suggested by her literal blindness—"Thy eyes shall see the King in his beauty."

Rev. Messrs. Robertson, Teasdale, and Bleakney, kindly attended, and took part in the exercises. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."—Com. by Rev. C. Tupper.

Religious Intelligence.

NEW ROSS, LUNenburg Co., March 29th, 1875.—The Lord has again visited the little church in this place by His Spirit. Two have been received for baptism and a number of others are anxious to come forward. We hope ere long they will have strength to do so:

Come Holy Spirit from above: With thy celestial fire; Come and with flames of zeal and love, Our hearts and tongues inspire.

The Spirit by his heavenly breath, New life creates within. He quickens sinners from the death, Of trespasses and sin.

Pray for us, Yours, &c., CHARLES NORWOOD.

LITCHFIELD, ANnapolis COUNTY.—Dear "Messenger,"—The work of the Lord is going forward graciously at Litchfield, Annapolis County, and the adjoining Church at Parker's Cove is much revived by its divine influences.

I visited the little Church at Litchfield, by request, about three weeks since. Found them in a scattered and disorganized state. Some time since error of a grievous character was introduced into the community, which, "Overthrew the faith of some." The cry of the remaining faithful ones was, "By whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small." It soon became apparent in our meetings, that God was waiting to be gracious, "and bring again the captivity of His people." Congregations became large and attentive to the word of truth, and many were led to cry "What shall we do to be saved?" They were pointed to a Divine Saviour, to whom, we trust, they came, and found him to the joy and rejoicing of their souls. Ten of whom I had the privilege of baptizing on the 31st of March, and welcoming into the fellowship of the Litchfield Church.

The work is still going forward, "the fields are white ready to the harvest." A reaper for the Master is needed at once. The Church in the valley needs my constant care and labor. Hence, I am unable to remain longer with the people at the shore. If an earnest man of God, could be in this field at once, a gracious harvest, to all appearance, might be gathered for the Master. I trust, the Missionary Union will take this matter in hand and send help as soon as possible to this important field of missionary operations.

Yours in the work, P. R. FOSTER.

Lower Granville, April, 3, 1875.

CHESTER, LUNenburg Co., April 2nd, 1875.—Dear Brother,—The friends of Zion will be glad to hear that the work of God is still in progress in Ghelaea. According to a previous engagement I spent a few days last week with the Church in that place, and received a very hearty welcome from the brethren. Met on the 27th of March in conference at the house of Brother William Hanly, the house filled to overflowing, 50 spoke and four were received for baptism. The meeting was one of great interest to all present.

The next morning, Sabbath, met at the usual place for baptism when the four who were accepted the day before received the ordinance of Christian baptism in the presence of a large assembly, two of the number baptized were heads of families. The day throughout was one of great interest. Monday being the young people's Prayer-meeting, I attended the same, when upwards of 40 persons took part in the services. At the close of the same a number arose asking for prayer to be offered on their behalf. The work of God seems to be progressing. The Church has been greatly blessed during the last year. If this field is not soon supplied with a settled minister, the Home Missionary Board should look after it. Other opposing influences are in operation. Baptists should try and take care of their own. Hoping that God will greatly bless and carry on his work till truth shall triumph over error and the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our God and of Jesus Christ.

I am truly yours, H. ACHILLES.

Kempt, Queens Co., April 2, 1875.

TRURO, April 5, 1875.—Dear Bro.—The good work still goes on with unabated interest in Truro.

Yesterday was communion Sabbath with us. I immersed six happy believers in the morning before the preaching. After the sermon those who had been received during the month came forward for the hand of fellowship. It was a grand sight, the whole space before the platform was occupied. Twenty-six received a cordial welcome to the ordinances of the church, making in all since the work commenced forty seven, three of this number by letter and one restored.

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Yours, &c., J. E. GOUCHER.

SACKVILLE, N. B.—At the First Baptist Church, Sackville, Lord's Day Feb. 21st, seven were added by baptism; March 21st nine more followed their Lord; April 4th four others obeyed the command; also at Midgie, March 25th seven who had obtained a good hope through grace were buried with Christ in baptism. A number more have expressed their willingness to serve God, and some are received for baptism. Congregations are large, attention good, and church members are alive and faithful.

Yours, GEORGE F. MILLS.

P. S.—Four donations this winter, in all \$240.

Home and Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., APRIL 7, 1875.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

It is stated that notwithstanding the Senate threw out the N. S. County Courts Bill, the fact of their having passed the estimates, including an appropriation for this purpose, the Judges may still be appointed, but if so the salaries must be by an annual grant.

The Supreme Court Bill was on Wednesday last subjected to a number of proposals for amendment with the object of defeating it, but they were all voted down and the bill passed its third reading.

Dr. Tupper introduced his motion for papers relating to the letting of contracts for the construction of the Canada Pacific Telegraph lines. He argued that in letting the contracts during recess the Government acted unconstitutionally because no provision had been made therefor. The acts only provided for the construction of the telegraph line when the road was completed. Hon. Mr. Mackenzie replied.

It was subsequently carried by consent of the government.

The House of Commons in Committee of Supply on Thursday passed a number of items, among which were the following: \$60,000 additional was voted the Philadelphia Exposition, being \$100,000 altogether; \$500 for the improvement of channel between Tusket Island and Yarmouth; Marine Hospital at Souris, Prince Edward Island, \$2,000; Shippegan, \$11,000; Margaree \$3,000; Harborville \$300; Broad Cove, Lunenburg County, Breakwater, \$3,000; Margaret's Bay \$3,000; Margareville \$5,000; Oysterpond, Chedabucto Bay, \$2,000; Cow Bay Breakwater \$25,000; Breakwater between Michaud and Mark Points, Richmond, \$10,000; South; Ingonish, \$3,500; Church Point, \$2,000; Saulnierville, \$2,000; Colville Bay, Souris P. E. I., \$2,000; mail subsidy for communication with Magdalen Islands, \$4,200; to provide for the purchase of lifeboats, about \$3,000; also, for the purchase of two steamers for lighthouse and fisheries, \$15,000.

From the Report on Immigration it appears that 14,100 Canadians returned to the Dominion from the United States during the past year; 14,449 Menonites settled in Manitoba, at an average cost of each emigrant to the Dominion and Provinces combined of \$13.55. Total number of emigrants landed 50,950.

A blouse of Oxford cloth has been adopted for volunteer clothing; head dress to be broad leaf felt hats, turned up on one side.

Hon. Mr. McKenzie moved the second reading of the bill respecting North West Territory, explaining an amendment which he proposed to make, limiting the power of the Lieut. Governor in Council providing for the establishment of Separate Schools and making a prohibition of the sale of liquor. The bill was read a second time.

On the motion to go into Committee, Mills objected to giving the proposed power to Railway Companies.

Dr. Tupper and Mr. Blake also objected. Hon. Mr. Mackenzie expressed his willingness to change its provisions.

The House in Committee, amended the Railways bill.

Dr. Tupper moved the insertion of a provision compelling the Government to advertise for tenders for supplies for Government Railways. He mentioned the case of Black Bros., to whom this Government had given orders without asking for Tenders. The amendment was lost by 72 to 34.

The purchase of the Halifax Light ship was before the House of Commons on Friday. It appears that she was purchased at an exorbitant rate and large commissions charged by Hawes & Co. The cost of the vessel amounted to about \$3000 per ton.

It was stated that an arrangement had been made for reporting the Debates next session for \$5000, the printing to be done by the Parliamentary printers, and the whole cost not to exceed \$9000, including a French edition.

The Post Master General said that owing to representations which he had received, he would move an address to the Governor General praying that he would allow proprietors of newspapers who desired it, the advantages of the new postal act at once, instead of the 1st October as provided by the act.

The subject of prohibition was brought before the House by a resolution introduced by Mr. Ross but it was ruled out of order.

Hon. Mr. Mackenzie laid on the table two contracts for building portion of the Pacific railway; they were the lowest but one. Carried.

On moving ratification of the second contract, Dr. Tupper moved that in consideration of approval of contract be postponed to that day two months.

After some debate Dr. Tupper's amendment was lost on a division.

A deputation of tea merchants waited on the Minister of Finance to urge the desirability of reimposing the duty of ten per cent. to meet that of the United States.

It is probable temporary relief will be granted by reimposing duty for a limited period.

The "Canada Gazette" of Saturday contains the appointments of Harry Moody, Secretary to Lord Dufferin; and Arthur Hudson, (Capt. David Hunter) as Port Warden of Halifax.

A party of engineers left Ottawa on Saturday for Manitoba, to survey the west side of Red River, Pembina branch of the Pacific.