

CORRESPONDENCE.

For the Christian Messenger. How it appears.

Mr. Editor,— You deserve the thanks, not only of the Baptists, but of every lover of justice, for your faithful words upon the College question. We in the country cannot see such great difficulties in the way of a solution of this question that some of you in the city fancy exists. You reach the very heart of the difficulty in throwing the onus of the whole affair upon the Presbyterians. Let them withdraw their unreasonable demands and a settlement is easy. I am reminded by this controversy of the remark of a prominent Presbyterian minister in P.E. Island, made a few years since to a worthy Baptist brother, when canvassing for a candidate for legislative honors, concerning the Presbyterians of Nova Scotia. He said, in effect, that they had pursued the policy of voting for persons of their own faith, and that now they had gained their point. What is the point gained, now at last appears, not only in the preponderating influence acquired in the Assembly, but also in the use they make of their power over the public purse. It should be understood, however, to the credit of some, that they are, as I am informed, contending for a return to Truro. There is, I think, no doubt, that Presbyterians have lost much by the removal to Dalhousie. See into what a ditch they have fallen! Their great champion goes forth to invoke the aid of the Roman Catholics, asking their assistance in their pet scheme and offering them, in return, a surrender to their unreasonable demand for Separate Schools! O tempora! O mores! Will they follow? We shall see. Let them rectify their error, and go to work like men, and Christians, for themselves, as the other denominations are doing. By persistence in their present course they will secure to themselves but little respect and honor from their fellow countrymen of other denominations.

COUNTRYMAN.

For the Christian Messenger.

An Appeal.

Dear Sir,— Will you please give publicity to the following in the Christian Messenger: A sad loss has come upon our brother Phineas Whitman and his family. His new house with much of its contents is burned to ashes. Loss \$1000. No Insurance. The fire originated in the roof by a spark from the chimney during the heavy gale of Tuesday, the 21st inst. To-day his neighbors will proceed to the woods to get him out a new frame. We hope some of the numerous liberal-hearted readers of the Messenger will show their sympathy by helping to lift the heavy burden. If some one of the numerous friends in the localities where our brother is well known, would kindly head a subscription paper and circulate it, we believe something might be done, and we believe the donors will not lose their reward. Any thing will be acceptable. Yours respectfully, DANIEL WHITMAN. New Albany, March 23rd, 1876.

For the Christian Messenger.

A True Story.

While the Ordinance of Baptism was being administered recently to several believers, at a certain place, there was a Christening not far distant, in which the chief actors were a minister of the Methodist persuasion, and a little child of four years. With all due solemnity the minister dipped his hand in the bowl, and returning it, placed it upon the head of the child, at the same time repeating the baptismal formula. The child who had been watching the proceedings, much puzzled, turned to its mother who stood beside it, and innocently asked: Ma, is he doin to tomb my hair? It is needless to say that the solemnity of the ceremony was spoiled. Mrs. Livesey, widow of the Rev. Wm. Livesey, is engaged in supplying the pulpit of the Methodist church in Braintree, United States, made vacant by the death of her husband.

Acknowledgments.

Dear Editor,— Allow me to acknowledge through the Messenger the kindness of my friends here. On the evening of the 12th of January a number of them assembled at the Parsnage, and after some singing and a number of speeches, I was presented with a donation of \$33.30. Since that evening it has increased to \$42.70; in cash \$14.30; in presents \$28.60. Also in the evening of the 9th of February a number of them assembled at the Meeting-house at Torbrook, and after singing and a number of speeches, I was presented with a donation of \$56.86. Since that evening it has increased to \$58.36. In cash \$17.17. In presents \$41.19. Making in all a donation of \$101.26. May God plentifully reward those kind friends for their liberality to their minister. W. J. BLAKENEY. Nictaux, March 14th, 1876.

Dear Brother,— I desire to acknowledge with gratitude the kindness of our friends in Barrington. On the 20th inst. a brother invaded my premises, armed with a saw, and attacked the wood pile, which had been previously chopped and hauled gratuitously. He was joined by an army of boys and men, with saws and axes, who very soon changed the whole heap into forms convenient for the stove. In the evening our neighbours of different denominations, thronged the house, bringing gifts. The ladies took charge and provided a bountiful repast for all present. Music, vocal and instrumental, with conversation enlivened the evening hours until nine o'clock, when Deacon Geo. Wilson, on behalf of the company, presented us with a flattering address, a sum of money, and a heap of valuable articles of food and clothing. Then followed a brief reply, prayer, and the doxology. Our thanks are especially due to Mr. T. C. Crowell, a Free Baptist brother, for the success of their sunnyside entertainment. We have many kind friends in every part of my extensive field of labor. Our donations from three preaching stations are as follows: Pubnico, cash.....\$ 89 00 Wood's Harbor, "..... 54 50 " present from Mrs. Goreham. 5 50 Barrington, cash..... 36 00 " goods..... 45 00 \$230 00

Hitherto the field has been aided by the Home Mission Board. This year that aid has been withheld, and my friends have rallied thus nobly to supply the deficit, and prevent me from leaving, which, from pecuniary considerations, I have sometimes been tempted to do. Thus far the wolf has been kept from the door, and with stronger faith I can now grasp a promise which has often retained me here, viz: "Trust in the Lord and do good and thou shalt dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." During a series of very interesting meetings lately, I had the pleasure of receiving to membership two young men, sons of the late Deacon M. Crowell. We hope that others have been converted and the little church revived and encouraged. Fraternaly, W. H. RICHAN. Barrington, March 23rd, 1876.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

For the Christian Messenger.

Cape Breton.

Dear Brother,— Permit me to furnish a budget of news relating to our Cape Breton churches. In my last communication reference was made to the Union Meetings, then being held in the Baptist Church in Sydney. By mutual consent these terminated four or five weeks ago. Since then each congregation has been busily consolidating. On the whole the result is more satisfactory than that of our promising meetings generally. Last Lord's day twenty-four persons made a public profession by partaking of the sacrament celebrated by the new Presbyterian congregation, worshipping in the Temperance Hall. The pastor in receiving the new members extended to them the right hand of fellowship; this I am told is something unusual for a Presbyterian minister to do in Cape Breton. The Baptist Church there is, as you are aware, without a pastor. They have, nevertheless, a will to work, and the

force of truth is great; hence quite a number has been added to their membership. Lord's day the 12th inst., thirteen were baptized in Sydney, twelve of whom united with the church there; the other a resident of North Sydney is to unite with the church here. It is thought that not less than two thousand persons were present on the occasion of the baptism. As I cast my eye over the vast throng around the water's edge, my heart was raised in earnest prayer to God, that the necessity of absolute surrender to Christ so beautifully portrayed in the action essential to the carrying out of the Divine command, might be deeply impressed on the minds of all the spectators. The service at the church after the baptism was one of unusual interest. One of the deacons told me that he never saw so many partake of the Lord's Supper there on any previous occasion. But alas! the Senior Deacon who there officiated has within the last twenty four hours been called away by death. Our late lamented brother John Peters will be much missed not only in Sydney, but also here where he was well known and greatly beloved. To have known him, was to have loved him. COW BAY, HOMEVILLE AND MIRA.

are still rejoicing in tokens of divine favor. I have again been permitted to serve the Master at the instance of the brethren of the above places. Let me give a brief account of the pleasant visit made and the joyful service rendered. I arrived at Cow Bay on Saturday afternoon at 4 o. c. where a meeting of a somewhat novel character had been previously announced for 7 o. c., of that evening. The public announcement was as follows: "Meeting in the Baptist Church on Saturday the 18th, at 7 o. c., P. M.; all the members of the church are requested to be present, and all who desire to become better acquainted with the Baptist views of Doctrine and Practice and of a Gospel Church, and Gospel ordinances, are cordially invited to attend." Over this meeting which was largely attended, it was my privilege to preside. About an hour and a half was spent in giving a summary of Baptist views on the above topics. To "the law and the testimony" those in search of truth were referred. At the close of this meeting an invitation was given to any desirous of uniting with the church to remain. The result was six persons recently brought to the Lord, gave to their brethren a clear and satisfactory statement of their conversion and requested to be admitted to the church by baptism. After the candidates had retired, the church being satisfied in regard to the evidences of conversion in each case, unanimously resolved not to "refuse water that these should be baptized who have received the Holy Ghost as well as we have."

Previous to the morning service at Homeville the six persons mentioned above and four belonging to the place and also three from Mira, were baptized. The church of Homeville and Mira, were greatly encouraged. Brother Huntington still labors with much acceptance among them, and the Lord is adding the saved to the Church. On this occasion I spoke to them of *The Power of the Gospel to save*. That power was evidently manifested in the assembly; the Lord's Supper,—long unobserved there, was administered and the right hand of fellowship extended to eleven new members. This church has two heads—sometimes the business is transacted at Mira and other times at Homeville. This accounts, if I mistake not, for the sad want of cohesion in the body. The dear brethren there are sensible of this, and are now prayerfully considering the application of remedial measures. The Lord grant them all needed grace. In the evening I preached in Cow Bay. The house was literally packed, and the word was listened to with deep and solemn interest. Many were bathed in tears and the faces of others were radiant with joy. The six baptized in the morning, half of whom are heads of families, received the right hand of fellowship and fitting words of counsel and encouragement. Then a prayer meeting of which nearly the entire congregation remained, was held. We had a sweet season of prayer. The Lord hear and answer these prayers and grant "that the little one may become a thousand."

Let me now appeal for help to the Home Missionary Union, and to the ministers to whom they may make application. In the days of the Hardings, the Dimocks, and the Mannings—the days of no organizations, would an appeal like this be unavailing? I imagine I see these old men coming on horseback, without the luxury of a saddle even, and crying "shame on those modern ministers, cushioned carriages and Pullman cars have enervated them." Yours in christian love, J. B. McDONALD. North Sydney, March, 21, 1876.

HARBORVILLE, CORNWALLIS.—A few services recently held at Harborville, one of our preaching stations, have resulted in a remarkable awakening. It was my privilege yesterday to baptize 10 persons there, and to give to them and 4 others received by letter and experience, the hand of fellowship. I also baptized one there two weeks ago. Many are enquiring, and many have resolved to lead a new life. "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men." Yours truly, ISA WALLACE. Berwick, March 27, 1876.

PUGWASH.—Dear Messenger,—The glad tidings you bear from week to week makes us greatly rejoice. Pugwash also has received a great blessing. It has been my happy privilege to baptize 50 since the work began. Others are expected to follow in the footsteps of their Master. Bro. E. T. Carbonnell has been labouring with me for a few weeks and his labours have been highly appreciated by the church as well as myself. We all esteem him as an earnest faithful man of God. Bro. E. B. Corey also was with us a short time and rendered good service. One feature of this revival is that it is chiefly among the young men. So the little church in this place, struggling for life has been greatly strengthened and encouraged. Week before last a number of the church and congregation met at the parsonage and spent the evening, I believe pleasantly, and profitably, leaving the pastor enriched to the amount of \$115. This together with a similar gift made by the Goose River church makes us feel that our temporal wants are not forgotten. A number of the members of the Pugwash church and congregation also met at my house again last Monday evening to say good-bye to Bro. Carbonnell, and presented him with a purse containing \$51 as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his labours with us. YOURS AS EVER, D. WARREN CRANDALL. March 25, 1876.

THE REVIVAL IN ISAAC'S HARBOR.—In accordance with the intimation given by Bro. T. M. King in his communication to the Messenger of the 15th inst., I send you a few further particulars concerning the work of grace at Isaac's Harbor. I commenced a series of meetings in connection with the church there, the second week in February. From the very first the Lord was manifestly present to bless his people, and to save souls. The church was at length revived, backsliders were reclaimed, and the unregenerate began to sue for mercy. Night after night as the meetings went on, it was manifest to all that a work of grace was in progress such as had never been witnessed before in Isaac's Harbor. Not that there had been no revivals there before, and powerful revivals too. Never on any former occasion had the interest appeared so deep and widespread. Men and women of all classes and of every age seemed intent on securing to themselves the blessing, now, while it was brought near them. During the five weeks I remained with them, about eighty persons rejoiced in the forgiveness of sins. Fifty-one (thirty of whom are heads of families) have been buried with Christ in baptism, and many others are awaiting an opportunity to follow their example, in the blessed ordinance. The work still goes on. Last Sunday evening ten persons arose and asked an interest in the prayers of God's people, while other tens we doubt not were deeply moved. Through much favor, my strength so far failed as to cause me to leave the field for a little time, that I might through rest and quiet if possible

regain what I had lost. I hope soon however to be able to return and engage in the work afresh. In the meantime, may the blessing of the highest, attend every effort for the salvation of souls at Isaac's Harbor. This is my fervent prayer.

I must not forget to mention that I was greatly helped in the work, by brethren T. M. King and C. B. Whidden of Antigonish, who spent seventeen days with us, in visiting from house to house, preaching Christ as they went. Many I believe were brought to the Saviour directly through this instrumentality. And here let me remark that their example in this matter is worthy of all imitation.

They are, both of them largely engaged in business. And yet amid their multitudinous cares, they find much time to devote exclusively to the work of saving souls. And if they, why not others? of like standing and influence? Oh that all our business men redeemed by the blood of Christ, would ponder well the question: "How much owest thou my Lord?" More anon. J. B. MCQUILLIN. Antigonish, March 23rd.

BAPTIST PRINCIPLES IN JAPAN.—This week's mail brings another encouraging proof that our principles are making way in Japan. The Rev. John Ing, a professor in one of the Japanese literary institutions, has written a letter to the Chinese Recorder, of which the following is an extract:—"On the 6th of June, 1875" fourteen young men, Japanese students in the English department, were baptized. Half-a-dozen or more others are now awaiting baptism. It affords us great pleasure to add that these young men, aged between thirteen and twenty-two, have given most ample evidence of their sincerity in the profession of faith in Christ. Several of them have been persecuted by parents and others; and we have heard of but one who has been at all shaken by these things, and he seems now about recovered from the effect. Some of these young men are doing work as evangelists in the neighbouring villages. I may say we have never seen their zeal and tact in the work of the Master surpassed, and rarely equalled. They are most industrious students of the Bible and their future, as we see it, is peculiarly a bright one. Already steps are being taken to build a church, to cost only 100 dollars. The money, save a few dollars we ourselves gave, has already been obtained from native sources. The house is to be simply a Japanese affair, and hence remarkably cheap at the above-mentioned price, though a good commodious house of worship will be obtained for the amount."

ANOTHER BAPTIST CHAPEL IN ROME.—The Times correspondent mentioned last week that the English Baptists have just purchased a site for the purpose of building another Baptist chapel in connection with their mission in Rome. The area of the new site measures 500 square yards, and is situated close to the ancient Basilica of Santa Pudenziana, of which Cardinal Manning was titular, and above part of the remains of the House of Pudens. In connection with the church will be a school-house, minister's residence, an establishment for sale of religious publications, etc. The chapel will have an architectural facade of Santa Pudenziana, recently restored by Cardinal Bonaparte. The pastor is to be Paul Grassi, ex-Canon of Maria Maggiore, who since his conversion has been especially employed in this locality of the Monte, and among other converts made by him, has recently baptized two Roman Catholic ecclesiastics—one a parish priest, now sent to work as evangelist at Civita Castellana, the other a Franciscan, now employed as a school teacher. The purchase money sent from England has been paid down, and the building will be commenced immediately.

REVIVAL IN WASHINGTON, D. C.—There is a great work now going on in this city, under the efforts of Rev. E. P. Hammond and W. W. Bentley. The morning meetings have been held thus far in Calvary Baptist Church, which has been largely attended for the past two weeks. Five hundred and sixty-three have been examined and express a hope in Christ. A larger number than this are indulging a hope. Rev. Dr. Gray and Rev. Mr. Meritt, acting pastor of Calvary Baptist church have entered most heartily into the work. The evening meetings are held in the largest audience room in the city, which is filled to overflowing night after night. Hundreds remain each evening at inquiry meeting. These meetings are undenominational. We need the prayers of Christians everywhere that this, the capital of our nation, may be taken for God, and that many precious souls may be born again.—Watchman.

It is announced that 3,551,000 of Mr. Sankey's "Sacred Songs and Solos" have been sold in England.

Not long ago an entire Methodist church was immersed and received into the Rappahannock Baptist Association, Virginia.