

your faithful preaching, receiving not only the "milk of the word" but also the "strong meats of the gospel" which have tended greatly to our elevation in faith and in practice. And though you may no longer minister to us in holy things, we fondly hope that as the result of your faithful toil a more abundant harvest shall yet be gathered, to the praise and glory of God. In our homes, in the prayer-meeting and Sabbath School most of all on the Sabbath we shall miss you. In all the work of the Church you will be quite missed and we shall only realize the extent of our loss when you have gone from us. Go where you may in the providence of God you will be accompanied by our best wishes and most fervent prayers.

As a church and congregation with truly sorrowful hearts we now say "good bye" and though distance may for a time come between us yet we shall remain united until in eternity we meet as pastor and people where neither parting nor sorrow is known. In behalf of the church and congregation.

AUSTIN LOCKE.  
MR. WHITMAN'S REPLY

Brethren and Friends,—

I thank you most cordially for this affectionate address. My heart is thrilled with this evidence that my labours among you have met with some degree of acceptance and was not wholly in vain "in the Lord." But with the pleasure this assurance gives, there is mingled a feeling of most intense pain occasioned by the thought of our separation. From this hour of parting my whole nature has recoiled as from an ordeal too painful to be borne. Bitter feelings have been checked and tears brushed away only to return with renewed force until my soul is overwhelmed in sorrow. Visions of the past are before me of scenes in which we have wept and rejoiced together. Each adding strength to the bond between us. Memory looks back over the way in which we have wept and rejoiced together and there has been more of sunshine than of cloud, more of joy than of sorrow. A cause of gratitude to God and evermore a cause of pleasant remembrance. Wherever in the providence of God my lot may be cast memory will ever return to the six years spent in this place and the pleasant associations here formed as the brightest and best of life. Not one token of affection and one bond of sympathy and encouragement has passed unnoticed by me, for all of which I am grateful and for which I pray God suitably to reward you. In your kind address you were pleased to make some reference to my humble services in pulpit, in Sabbath School, in prayer-meeting, and in visitation from house to house. I may say in reply that during the term of my pastorate I have tried to do my duty, I have been conscious of many failures. Whatever has been done was for the Master's sake. If you have been benefited by it I am glad. If the church has been improved I am thankful for that. But the Lord has done it, to Him therefore and not to me be all the glory. Six years ago you trusted to me the care of the church. That trust has been sacredly kept. Wherever I have failed I ask your forgiveness, and when I have succeeded, I ask you gratitude to my divine Lord without whom I can do nothing. I find it hard to say farewell, and it were hard indeed but for the bright prospect of meeting again. Our paths may separate for a time and we may each experience the trials of the wilderness, and at different places cross the Jordan of death, but

"There is a land mine eye hath seen  
In visions of enraptured thought  
So bright that all which spreads between,  
Is with its radiant glory fraught  
A land upon whose blissful shore  
There falls no shadow, rests no stain,  
There those who meet shall part no more  
And those long parted meet again."

The church and congregation give a further proof of their high regard for the retiring pastor by presenting to him a handsome purse containing one hundred dollars in gold which was subsequently considerably increased, and to his esteemed wife an equally handsome purse containing fifty dollars. Thus terminated a pastorate which God has wonderfully blessed, and which from the beginning was marked by mutual confidence, love and unity.

Other testimonials of respect and regret at his leaving were received by Mr. Whitman, from those who were not members of the church. One says:—"That you should ever had occasion

to leave us, I do most sincerely regret. But I cannot hide it from myself, nor do I wish to hide it from you that in going you have acted wisely and I do trust that, may I am sure that such a course under the circumstances cannot be otherwise than blest."

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., June 5, 1878.

REV. R. R. PHILP has for some time past been totally blind yet is otherwise in good health and able to preach the gospel. We have much pleasure in giving publicity to the following note from ministering brethren in Halifax and Dartmouth:—

DEAR BRETHREN,—

Our brother Rev. R. R. Philp purposes making a tour of some of the churches in Shelburne, Yarmouth and Digby this summer, and we bespeak for him a welcome as of a brother beloved. He will be guided largely by the counsel of his brethren in the different localities he visits as to the disposal of his time; but the brethren will kindly plan for him, so as to suit their arrangements. He expects to be in Liverpool as soon after the third Sabbath in June as possible. We trust this visit of our brother to the churches may prove as pleasant and profitable to him as that of last season in other localities. May God the Holy Spirit be with him.

Yours fraternally,  
J. W. MANNING,  
J. CLARKE,  
E. M. SAUNDERS.

Halifax, N. S.

We are glad to learn that Rev. John Williams has withdrawn his resignation and will now remain at Mahone Bay. He baptized two on Lord's day, 26th ult. They were members of the Sabbath School.

HALIFAX AND DARTMOUTH were well supplied Baptist ministers on Sunday last. Rev. I. E. BILL being on his way from St. Martins, N. B., to Wolfville, stopped over Sunday and preached in Granville Street Church to good acceptance in the morning, on the Lord's Prayer.

In the evening REV. EDWARD WHITMAN, late of Lockeport preached an eloquent discourse from John i. 11, 12. We learn from the Monitor that Mr. W. on the previous Sunday preached at Bridgetown. It adds:—

"Mr. Whitman is a native of this County and as such our Baptist friends feel very proud of him. We hear that it is the intention of the church to give him a call as pastor."

We learn that the Bridgetown has since then given an invitation to Mr. Whitman.

REV. W. B. BOGGS preached in the North Baptist Church in the morning. In the afternoon in the Tabernacle, and in the evening at Dartmouth. In each case his subject was Foreign Missions.

At Dartmouth Cove at 9 o'clock in the morning a large company assembled to witness the administration of Christian Baptism by the Rev. J. Clark. The morning was fine and the service, a most impressive one. "And they went down both into the water, both the minister and Captain Graham, and he baptized him, and when they were come up out of the water he went on his way rejoicing." This will we trust be a beginning of good things for Dartmouth. Rev. I. E. Bill being present was invited to take part by offering prayer at the water-side.

Please remember our offer, and mention it to your friends who do not see the Messenger,  
THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER  
for the remainder of this year to January 1st, 1879,

FOR ONE DOLLAR,  
to New Subscribers, in advance.  
Let them send for it at once.

DIPHTHERIA is showing its fearful malignity in some families in Halifax. One of the most distressing cases we have heard of, is that of Mr. John Downey, in Wellington St., two children died a week or so ago, Lily Rozel, aged 7 years and 11 months on the 24th ult, and on the 29th Florence aged 3 years, and on Monday last, June 3rd, two more, Bessie May, aged 12 years and Mary Ann, aged 10 years, were taken away almost at the same time. Two others are lying in a very precarious state. The hearts of the parents have thus been fearfully taxed. Their affliction is very sore. Only the consciousness of the loving kindness of their Heavenly Father could enable them to say, "Thy will be done," in such circumstances.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

FOREIGN MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS.

The time for meeting of the Associations is just at hand. Many churches make this the time for their principal contributions to the different departments of Christian work in which we as a denomination are engaged.

I would like to bring to the notice of the churches a few facts in reference to contributions for our Foreign Mission.

In the first place, there has been for two or three years past a serious falling off in the contributions of a considerable number of churches in this Province.

For example, one church three years ago, gave \$118.75; the next year \$61.60; and last year \$36.95; and another church, the same three years ago gave \$32.47, \$19.00, and \$12.32. Now this seems very much like retrograding, and if continued, will reduce the resources of the mission to very narrow limits, and seriously cripple its operations, or bring it to bankruptcy. Some will say—"O the extra demands of the College account for that." But the falling off commenced long before the College was burned, and even before the special effort to raise the increased endowment was commenced. But others may say, "It is because of the hard times." But there are many of our personal expenditures which are not retrenched on account of the hard times. And ought not retrenchment to be practiced, if necessary, in everything before the interests of God's cause? Ought we not to deny ourselves luxuries before we deny the bread of life to India's dying sons? Paul commends the Macedonian Christians because "their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality."

In the second place, nineteen churches in the Western Association contributed nothing last year towards the great enterprise of the evangelization of the heathen. And they were not all small, weak churches. Two of them embrace upwards of two hundred members each, and eight of them have over a hundred each. But yet, not one dollar to carry out the Redeemer's last command! In the Central Association eleven churches have the same record.

Besides those churches which gave nothing, some made contributions which were exceedingly small. Think of a church, of 226 members giving only \$2.00 to the great work of Foreign Missions! Less than one cent per member. Think of the mighty magnitude of the work, its incalculable importance, and its pressing necessity, and how can a disciple of Christ be satisfied with contributing but one cent, unless that is the very utmost that he can give!

The Moravian Christians, numbering 16,000 members gave during last year, for Missions \$85,000—nearly \$5.50 per member old and young, rich and poor. We as a body in these Maritime Provinces give at the rate of about seventeen cents per member for Foreign Missions, and less than that for other Missions.

Pastors and churches, how can we expect that our Mission to the Telegus will be a cheering success under such circumstances! How can we expect prosperity at home, or the approval of Christ, whose parting charge to his church was "preach the gospel to every creature?"

That Telugu Mission field will be our glory or our shame. There are glorious possibilities there, but if we sow sparingly we will reap also sparingly. Instead of being represented in the great harvest field of the East by three men, ought we not, a body numbering 37,000 church members, to have ten there proclaiming salvation through Christ?

Brethren, send forward to the Associations something worthy of the cause, something worthy to be consecrated to the Master's service—and let us gird ourselves anew for this great work.

Yours sincerely,  
W. B. B.  
Truro, N. S., May 30, 1878.

Just after we had gone to press last week we received the following from the Rev. W. P. Everett, the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board:

SAINT JOHN, N. B., May 27, 1878.

Dear Bro. Selden,—  
On Saturday night last I received a letter from Rev. G. Churchill, dated Bimlipatam, April. He informs me that he, Mrs. C. and son were all attacked by a violent fever occasioned by miasma arising from their water-tank and low wet land in the vicinity of their dwelling. After 10 days severe illness, at the

suggestion of the physician, they removed to Bro. Sanford's dwelling to escape the influence of the poisonous exhalations.

Mrs. C. and Willie have entirely recovered and Mr. C. is rapidly convalescing. But this sickness has very materially disturbed the plans of both Mr. and Mrs. C. in reference to the Mission work. Two schools were just on the eve of being opened, and must now be given up.—The establishment of a station at Bobbili must also be delayed.

We are also informed by Bro. C. that a most promising young native helper, Lazarus Edwin, has been called into eternity. He was bitten by "something,"—Mr. C. does not specify whether an insect or reptile, and after 5 hours suffering he passed to that land where nothing of noxious dwells. His death is a severe loss to the Mission.

A brief note has also been just received here from Rev. A. Estabrooks, Pastor of the English Baptist Church, Maulmain, Burmah, announcing the death of his wife, on 31st March.

She was in the service of the American Missionary Union. No particulars of her death have been received. She was estimable woman, devoted to her Master and his divine service. Mr. and Mrs. Estabrooks were both natives of New Brunswick.

The receipts of our Treasury during the present year are slightly in excess of the corresponding period of the previous year, but there has been a considerable falling off in the Nova Scotia contributions.

It is very desirable that the churches should send increased contributions for our Foreign Mission to the Associations soon to convene.

Yours fraternally,  
W. P. EVERETT,  
Secretary F. M. Board.

A similar note has also since come to hand from Rev. Dr. Cramp. He adds as the cause of Bro. Churchill's fever, the decaying vegetation in and about the tank.

With reference to the death of Lazarus Edwin, Mr. Churchill informs Dr. C. that "he thought the bite was from a rat or a mouse as it did not hurt much at the time. He merely put on some caustic and thought little of it. But after an hour or more, he began to feel strangely, and roused Brother Sanford. He gave pain killer, and rubbed the bitten part in it, but without any benefit. Between five and six, Brother S. called in. I found him (Lazarus) very bad. We sent at once for the doctor. He came, and gave at once some very strong medicine, and opened the hand; after a while, he succeeded in getting the blood to flow. But all efforts were in vain. He continued to sink rapidly, and died about 8.30, A. M. During the last hour he was only partially sensible, and suffered a great deal. Before this, however, he was fully conscious, and knew he was going to die, but expressed his readiness to go, in a confident assurance of going to be with Christ. Several times, while we were trying to do something for him, he said, that it was of no use—that he heard Jesus calling him, and he must go. We have reason to believe that he is now with his Saviour. But his death is a great loss to our mission, when we are in such need of helpers. And he was beginning to be a true helper.

Such things seem hard for us to understand; but He whose the work is can raise up others, or carry on the work without them.

We do not know what it was, the bite of that caused the death. The natives thought it was a spider of the Tarantula species, the bite of which is said to be deadly. It was not the bite of a snake."

Notices.

Anniversary of Acadia College and Semi-Centennial Celebration.

June 5th and 6th.

The Governors of the College will meet on Tuesday evening, June 4.

Examination of classes in the Academic department during the day, Tuesday, and the forenoon of Wednesday: Public exercises connected with graduation in that department Wednesday afternoon.

Business meeting of the Associated Alumni Wednesday at 4 o'clock. Oration before the Alumni Wednesday evening, by Rev. C. H. Corey, A. M., of Richmond Va.

The commemorative exercises of the Semi-Centennial will be held in the Baptist Church on Thursday. Rev. E. A. Crawley, D. D., will give an address on The Development of Education in connection with Acadia College. Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., will present a Review of the Religious History of the Institutions at Wolfville.

Biographical notices of Alumni and former students will be communicated by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock. Rev. S. W. DeBlois, B. H. Eaton, Esq., and H. C. Creed Esq. At the close of these exercises the graduating Class of the College will receive their degrees and the Annual Prizes will be awarded.

The Alumni with invited guests will dine together in the afternoon. After dinner the time will be given to impromptu addresses and reminiscences and the consideration of plans for the further development of our educational institutions.

The Secretary of the Executive Committee sent notes of invitation to former students, so far as he could learn their address. The imperfections of the lists and the frequent changes of residence make it impossible to reach all in this way. It should be understood that the Committee desire that, as far as possible all who have been students in the College or Academy, should be present at the approaching Anniversary.

A. W. SAWYER.

Wolfville May 17th 1878.

The Friends and Delegates to the Western Association from whom notices have been received to this date are located as follows:—

- Benj. Millar and wife, at James Kelley's, East Brooklyn.
- Rev J H Saunders, at Daniel Fiendall's, Middleton Corner.
- Rev G B Titus and Mrs Trefry, James Morton's, Middleton.
- Dea Wm Gouley and wife, Obadiah Dodge's, Middleton.
- Reuben Raymond & wife, Clark Neily's, West Brooklyn.
- Thos Corning and wife, and Mrs D Corning, Thos Wheelock's Middleton Corner.
- Rev W B Boggs, Daniel Fiendall's, Middleton Corner.
- James E Potter and wife, Rev W Parker's, Pine Grove.
- Rev Dr C Tupper and wife, Parker Dodge's, Pine Grove.
- Rev Aaron Cogswell and wife, at Francis Burbage's, Pine Grove, West.
- Rev Edward Whitman, at John McKeown, Senr, Pine Grove, West.
- Rev H N Parry and wife, at Obadiah Dodge's, Middleton.
- Nelson Corning and Eben Rose, at O M Taylor's, Middleton.
- A J Ledbetter and B L Telfer, at George Dodge's, Brooklyn East.
- Rev Adoniram Cogswell and wife, at Theron A Neily's, Brooklyn West.
- Rev P R Foster and wife, at Rufus DeWolfe's, Pine Grove, West.
- Rev John Brown and wife, at Isaiah Dodge's, Brooklyn East.
- Rev W L Parker and wife, at Rev W Parker's Pine Grove.
- Rev Isaiah Wallace and wife, at Isaiah Dodge's, East Brooklyn.
- Rev J B Gates and wife, at James Kelley's, East Brooklyn.
- Rev Wm H Warren and family, at Dr J Woodbury's, Middleton East.
- Rev George O Gates, at Manning McGregor's, Farmington.
- Rev Thos Delong, at Francis Burbage's, Pine Grove, West.
- W W Saunders and wife, at Dr S N Millar's, Middleton Station.
- Rev A Cahoon, at O M Taylor's, Middleton.
- Dea W R Doty and wife, at Albert Gates's, Nictaux.
- Dea Wm Durkee and wife, Albert Gates's, Nictaux.
- Dea Joseph Saunders, at Manning McGregor's, Farmington.

By order of Committee,  
JONATHAN WOODBURY,  
SAMUEL ROOP.

June 3rd, 1878.

P. S.—Names coming in after this date will receive notice of their location in Christian Messenger of 12th inst.

J. W.

THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION. Meets with the Church at Amherst, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Saturday 13th July. Delegates, expecting to attend are requested to send their names to James Moffat, Esq., by the 6th of July.

H. BOOL, Sec.,

NOTICE.

Brethren and friends who intend coming to the Annual Meeting of the Home Missionary Union, and the Central Association, will please send in their names to Otis Eaton, Clerk of the Church, or to the pastor S. B. Kempton, Canard, as soon as they can conveniently. State whether coming by train or otherwise; and what day they will be likely to arrive. Kentville is the nearest Railroad Station to the place of meeting.

By order of the Church,  
S. B. KEMPTON, Pastor.  
Canard, May 18th, 1878.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Dearfield,—Mrs. Mrs. M. C. Stubbert..... \$7 00  
Mrs. Uhman, Dearfield..... 4 00  
Onslow,—M. McNutt..... 7 00  
Mrs. E. E. Card, Chester, (1877)..... 2 00  
M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.  
Halifax, June 4, 1878.