

during his last sickness. Brother McQuillin, of Isaac's Harbor, performed the funeral services. His widow, eight children and fourteen grand-children deeply feel their loss, but realize that heaven has another attraction for them. May they all meet him in glory at last.—Communicated by Rev. A. W. Barss.

son of the late Andrew Sangster, died at his residence in New Harbor, on the 10th inst., in the thirty-fifth year of his age, after six months illness, leaving a widow and three children. He professed religion fifteen years ago, and was baptized by the late Revd. Manson Bigelow, but did not unite with the church until four years ago. It was my privilege to visit him frequently during the last month of his sickness. His only regret was that he had followed Christ so far off, and that he had not worked for him faithfully; but he was able to cling to Jesus at the last. His last words were, "My peace is made with God." His funeral services were performed by the writer. A sermon was preached to a solemn audience from Ps. xlviii. 14. May God be the comfort of the widow and sorrowing friends, and guide them even unto death.—Ib.

DEACON WILLIAM CRAIG. "Friend after friend departs." By request the writer willingly furnishes a brief notice of this valued brother. He was born in Londonderry, Ireland, in May, 1803; came to Nova Scotia in 1823; and joined the Baptist Church of Upper Aylesford in 1833. In 1858 he removed to Cornwallis, and united with the 2nd Cornwallis Church; but in 1875 he took his dismissal, with others, to form a new church in Cambridge, with which he continued to the close of his life.

It appears that Bro. Craig, being evidently a suitable person for the office of Deacon, was appointed to it in 1835, and faithfully discharged the duties of it to the termination of his pilgrimage.

The writer, to one of whose beloved nieces Bro. Craig was married in Decr., 1832, was for many years intimate with him. He was not only a kind and affectionate husband and parent, but also uniformly, both in public and in private, a consistent and justly esteemed Christian. Without any peculiar educational advantages, he attained to an extensive knowledge of the Scriptures, with clear and correct views of doctrine and duty. Like the prophet Samuel (Ps. xcix. 6) our brother was eminently a man of prayer; constantly attending to it at home, and engaging in it abroad and in public, as occasion required, in appropriate terms, and with manifest earnestness of spirit. He was blest with the gift of exhortation in a good degree. The writer remembers hearing him deliver an address at a Sabbath School Convention, with much feeling and energy, on the need of fervent piety in Sabbath School teachers. This was indeed a subject in which he took a lively interest.

Brother Craig's faith in the Divine Redeemer was strong and unwavering. He never appeared to be troubled with any doubts or fears relative to his acceptance in the Beloved. It might be truly said of him, as of Abraham, "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God."

In his last sickness, which was very short, he exhibited, in a high degree, Christian resignation. When his affectionate and afflicted wife asked him if he did not desire to live longer, he said "Yes, if it was the Lord's will; but," he added, "if He should offer the choice to live or die to me, I would give it back to Him." Though his faith and confidence remained unshaken, yet he dreaded the last struggle. But on being told by Rev. Mr. Murray, "that dying grace would be supplied," he said, "He can make it easy." When the end came, Jan. 23, 1878, at the age of nearly 75 years, he passed away without as struggle or a groan.

At his burial, Bro. Murray preached an appropriate sermon from an appropriate text, namely, Gen. v. 24, "And Enoch walked with God, and he was not: for God took him."—Communicated by Rev. C. Tupper.

Dr. A. P. Reid has given \$5 each to the Charitable Irish Society and the Infants' Home!

For the Christian Messenger. Acadia College Building Fund.

To the Editor of the Christian Messenger. DEAR SIR,—Having been appointed agent for the collecting of funds in Cornwallis East, for the re-building of Acadia College. I beg to report through the Messenger what has been done thus far. We expect to have this amount supplemented.

Yours truly, E. M. BECKWITH. Canning, Feb. 21st, 1878.

Table listing subscribers to Acadia College building fund with names and amounts.

Annapolis County.

Subscriptions toward the re-building of Acadia College, per Rev. Isa. Wallace, (continued.)

UPPER WILMOT.

Table listing subscribers from Upper Wilmot with names and amounts.

PRINCE ALBERT ST., UPPER WILMOT.

Table listing subscribers from Prince Albert St. with names and amounts.

EVERGREEN AND MARGARETVILLE, UPPER WILMOT.

Table listing subscribers from Evergreen and Margaretville with names and amounts.

LOWER AYLESFORD AND SOUTH WILMOT.

Table listing subscribers from Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot with names and amounts.

Acknowledgments.

Dear Brother,—Permit me to acknowledge through the Messenger, further tokens of good will and helpfulness from the congregation at this place. In addition to the numerous acts of kindness and love, which almost daily cheer my heart—and overwhelm me with a sense of my responsibility to God, in ministering to this people,—on Saturday evening last, unknown hands directed by warm Christian hearts, left at my house a fine ulsterover coat and a well completed buffalo sleigh robe; both first class articles and timely in arrival. May God reward the donors from the treasury of His grace.

J. B. WOODLAND. Cavendish, P. E. I., Feb. 12, 1878.

Dear Editor,—Allow me to express my thanks to our friends of Melvern Square and vicinity who met at the parsonage on the evening of the 12th inst. At the close of a very pleasant evening, Rev. O. Parker in behalf of the company presented us with a donation of \$96. of which \$27.37 was in cash. A few remarks were made by the donee, the Rev. E. O. Read and others followed with excellent speeches. I am not able to recompense the people for their kindness, but I believe they will "be recompensed at the resurrection of the just."

Yours &c. Wm. E. Hall.

THE HANTSPOUR PASTOR IN TROUBLE.

Dear Editor,—What would you do if you were the pastor of a respectable church and congregation, like the Hantsport Church and congregation, and some unknown person or persons should commence on "New Year's eve" to secretly leave things at your door, and under your windows? Say first nice fowls, then a barrel of apples, and then—no longer ago than on the night of the twentieth, a barrel of superfine flour? Of course these are very strange phenomena, but the goods are none the less acceptable! Thanking you for your space, and feeling exceedingly obliged to all concerned.

I am as ever &c, J. C. BLEAKNEY.

The Donation Visit to the Pastor of the Great Village Baptist Church and congregation is an established institution. The time of our entering the New Parsonage was selected this year, as affording a suitable opportunity for the giving of an expression of their good will and sympathy to their minister and his family; for which, in the name of all participating in the favor renders grateful acknowledgements. M. P. FREEMAN.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

ARCADIA, Feb. 12, 1878.—Dear Bro.—Four more rejoicing converts were immersed last Sabbath afternoon, and in the evening we gave the Hand of Fellowship to sixteen. The occasion was a very interesting one. We feel much encouragement in our work. "The people have a mind to work." The church is united and God is blessing us.

Our Sabbath School is in a very prosperous condition. Officers, teachers and pupils are doing all they can to make the sessions instructive and profitable. The oldest members of our church are not too old to attend the Sabbath School and study God's Word. Last Sabbath there were fifteen in one class, the sum of whose ages was 772 years, or an average of 52 years to each "pupil" the youngest member of the class was 26 years. We are still holding special meetings, looking to the Great Head for continual blessing. A. H. L.

BILLTOWN.—Dear Messenger,—Since my last communication the work of grace in our midst has been moving steadily on. The interest has kept up surprisingly, and our large vestry is nightly filled with devout worshippers.

We have visited the baptismal waters for five consecutive Sabbaths, all of which have been exceedingly pleasant and well adapted for the administration of Christian baptism.

At our meeting last evening seventy took part by speaking, and at the close of the service quite a large number expressed a desire to become savingly acquainted with Christ. We have no doubt but many more will soon follow the Saviour as He has appointed, and be buried with Him in baptism on a public profession of faith.

The number baptized last Lord's day was six; making in all since the beginning of the work sixty. The Lord has truly done great things for us, whereof we are glad. SYDNEY WELTON. February 20th, 1878.

CANNING.—Rev. S. March writes Feb. 19th: Our meetings are increasingly interesting both in Canning and Pereaux. Backsliders are returning and sinners are being awakened, and enquiring the way to Zion. Pray for us.

BARRINGTON, Feb. 19th, 1878.—On the 13th inst., a number of friends gathered at our house and replenished the larder, wardrobe, haymow and purse to the value of seventy five dollars. May the Lord reward them.

The Wood's Harbor Church has been somewhat revived and two have been added by baptism. Having given up Pubnico, which is now under the pastoral care of bro. Bradshaw, I am spending a portion of time at the Head of Barrington and Villagedale. At the former place I have the privilege of telling the "Old, old Story" in the oldest place of worship, if not the oldest building in the County. It has been standing upwards of 100 years, but as the frame is oak it is still in a good state of preservation. In the yard alongside is to be seen the gravestone of the father of Rev. Theodore Harding, who died in 177—the last figure is delaced.

The public mind here is pretty well engrossed with the political contest now being waged. Both parties are working hard, and as the testing day approaches, the excitement becomes more intense. I have been endeavouring to call attention to the more important question "Who is on the Lord's side." Would to God there were as much zeal manifested in religion as in politics. If so, none would be able to say "No man careth for my soul."

Fraternally yours, W. H. RICHAN.

DIGBY NECK, Sandy Cove, 18th Feb., 1878.—The Lord's work at Rossway is progressing gloriously. On Sabbath, the 10th inst., eight were baptized, and yesterday, Sabbath, 17th, fifteen more were baptized. There were not far from five hundred persons present at the baptism. It was a great and glorious day for the church of God worshipping at Rossway. Twelve of the baptized are heads of families. Many more will be brought to God during this work of grace. This revival has already reached Waterford, a preaching station midway between Rossway and Centreville, and I humbly pray that the village of Centreville, which is the western limit of the 1st Church may soon be reached by this wave of salvation. It is very gratifying to me to know that my labors in the Lord are not in vain. I shall shortly have completed the thirty-seventh year of my pastorate in the 1st and 2nd Baptist Churches of Digby Neck. If God is pleased to spare my life to the 23rd of next month, I shall have seen my fifty-ninth birth-day.

Faithfully yours, JNO. C. MORSE.

Rev. Johannes Dr. M. Hayguni an Armenian convert, who is now studying medicine in this city, related his experience before the Calvary Church last Friday evening. Without knowing that there were any such people as the Baptists in the world, and although educated in a Presbyterian College, and Seminary, study of the Bible alone, had led him to adopt the entire Baptist faith. It was a striking example of the often demonstrated fact that studying the Word of God, with an unprejudiced mind, desirous simply to know the truth, leads to the conviction that Baptist faith and the faith of the Bible are identical.—New York Examiner & Chronicle, January 24th.

William Zell was baptized at Milton N. Y. Jan. 25th. referring to his inquiries for the truth after his conversion he said: I then read Watson's Theological Institutes, but having received in early youth a Theological training in the Roman Catholic Seminary at Feldkirch, Austria, Germany, I found in the perusal of Watson too many things with a popish savor; and Hodge as well as Dick appeared so very anxious to make infant baptism appear "the baptism" that I was led to "search the scriptures and to see if these things were so." Examining the German translation I found that taufen stands for tauchen, immerse.

When Christ was 'getauft' in Jordan he was "getaucht" and not "gespritzt", sprinkled. Laying however my case at the footstool of grace in prayer, I was daily convinced of and more and more resolved to abide by the truth. I applied for baptism by immersion and for fellowship at the first Baptist Church in Milton, and at the same time dissolved my connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Sara-

toga Springs, where I was holding probationary relations. Having in early youth acquired great reverence toward the writings of St. Jerome and the other Fathers, it naturally occurred to me that all the Romish Theologians and Prelates agree in one thing, namely, that immersion was the primitive mode of baptism, and sprinkling or pouring were instituted for "expediency" rather than "scripturally." IBID.

Rev. T. W. Crawley writes from St. Andrews, N. B., Feb. 21st, 1878.—Dear Brother,—This afternoon I was astonished and delighted at seeing again the cheery face of my old friend and school-mate, Dr. Clay, who had called at St. Andrews to visit any emigrant children that might be here. After spending an hour or so in talking over the happy days spent together at Wolfville, I accompanied him to the house of his friend, with whom he was stopping. On our way through the town, he met an old St. John friend wearing the blue ribbon, which at once suggested to Dr. the subject of Temperance, and just as he was bidding him good-bye, said, "If I were going to remain here a little longer, and you could collect a few people together, I would give you a half an hour's talk on Temperance," never dreaming that his friend was matter-of-fact enough to take him at his word; but he did; and in two or three hours from that moment, Dr. Clay had the Temperance Hall full up to the doors, of anxious expectants. When he mounted the platform, and looked over that large audience gathered together at such short notice, he was amazed, and exclaimed, that "he had no idea, when he casually made that promise to his friend, that he would be caught in such a trap; however, under the circumstances, he would try to do the best he could." For over an hour, the Dr. fairly electrified that audience with his eloquent appeals and thrilling illustrations. At the close of the meeting one of the most enthusiastic votes of thanks was given to the lecturer, that I have ever witnessed in this town. Sheriff Paul, acting as Chairman for the evening, said "that if he had never signed the pledge before, this eloquent address of Dr. Clay's, this evening, was so convincing, that he would be compelled to sign." Temperance has done wonders in St. Andrews, but still greater in Calais and St. Stephen.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Feb. 14, 1878.—The Lord is blessing us in our work. Nine happy converts have been received into our little—but rapidly growing band of workers on the 3rd inst., and four more on the 10th. We expect several next Lord's day. To God be all the glory. D. G. McDONALD.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE AND ITALY.—The deputation of the Evangelical Alliance to Italy, have presented their report to the council. The writers acknowledge the cordial reception they met with from members of every Evangelical denomination in Italy, and continue: And it in any case there were those who were not fully persuaded of the unity of our mission, nevertheless they received us with much personal kindness. We were unfeignedly glad to find perfect religious liberty existing everywhere, and extending even into the villages; in short, a state of things under this head generally which does immense credit to the Government of King Victor Emmanuel. We were informed, moreover, that in case of alleged or attempted oppression, the authorities of the State always maintain liberty.

Beginning with Turin, they visited successively La Tour (in the Waldensian Valleys), Genoa, Milan, Brescia, Padua, Venice, Bologna, Parma, Pistoia, Lucca, Pisa, Spezia, Leghorn, Florence, Rome, and Naples. Baptist churches were found in most of these places and in some three or four of them. At Leghorn the most numerous attendance we found at the Baptist place of worship.

At Rome the work of the Baptist Church, under the direction of Rev. Mr. Wall, is interesting under more than one aspect. Mr. Wall has taken much part in the distribution of tracts. One hundred thousand tracts, etc., have been issued from his printing-press (which we visited), in working which he commences the training of those who, in his opinion, give promise of future usefulness in the work of evangelisation. Ten thousand copies of the New Testament have been sold from his press in Italy, in two years, of which 2000 in Tuscany, and 225, on one morning, in Sicily. Mrs. Wall conducts a meeting of beggars. One hundred were present when we visited this unique gathering; and both Mr. and Mrs. Wall gave most admirable instruction. We also visited the new church which is being erected for Signor Grassi, who