

For Christian the Messenger. Letter From Ongole, India.

Ongole, the central point of those missionary operations which have been so remarkably blessed during the past year, is a town about one hundred and eighty miles north of the city of Madras.

Ongole is situated in the broad densely peopled plain which extends from the sea back to the Eastern Ghats, a range of mountains, sixty or seventy miles inland.

One of the hills in the vicinity of the town is known among the missionaries as "Prayer meeting Hill," because on its summit, overlooking the town and the surrounding country.

A few days ago I stood on the same spot with Bro. Clough, and Hon. Robt. O. Fuller and his son from Cambridge, Mass., and as we looked around over the wide-extended plain, dotted with towns and villages, we thanked God for what had already been accomplished in answer to those prayers offered in former years, and again asked that all the region round about us might be brought under the power of the blessed gospel.

Ongole has a population of about eight thousand, chiefly Hindoos and Mohammedans, for though we read about many thousands of Christians in the Ongole mission, we must not suppose that most of them are in the town of Ongole.

Bro. Clough settled here about thirteen years ago. At that time there were scarcely any Christians in the place and the Telugu mission was known as the "Lone Star Mission."

Two thousand two hundred and twenty-two were baptized in one day, last July, at the town of Velumpelly, ten miles north of Ongole, and it may be interesting to some of your readers to know how long it required to perform the ordinance.

The ingathering still goes on though the numbers are not as great as a few months ago. Four hundred were baptized in December. Last Sunday evening I had the privilege of baptizing fourteen disciples.

There are multitudes all around who are ready to embrace the Christian religion, but care has to be exercised in receiving them as most of them have been, up to this time, so utterly ignorant of the nature of Christianity.

society, but the great work of the mission is to carry the glad tidings to the vast multitudes of helpless, hopeless, neglected ones.

There are at present a great many village schools in operation in different parts of the field. Here in town a large mission school is maintained, having five native teachers and nearly one hundred and fifty boarding pupils young men and women, gathered in from the Christian villages of the surrounding country.

There are thirty eight native preachers employed on this field, but when we think of the immense number of villages, we may ask, "what are they among so many?"

It is a great field of labor, affording opportunities for the wide dissemination of gospel truth, and for the gathering of an abundant harvest.

There are two mission houses, here in Ongole. One of them has been occupied by Bro. Clough since the commencement of the mission.

I have spoken of the Hon. R. O. Fuller. He, and his son, nineteen years of age, are making a journey round the world, and at the same time visiting our mission stations in various places.

Ongole, Feb. 13, 1879.

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., March 26, 1879.

The question of abolishing the Legislative Council, or limiting and diminishing, its number of members has been under consideration at former periods of our history, as it was again last week.

Perhaps there is no benevolent institution in our city that more deserves encouragement than this one. The public support hitherto given to it has been in the way of donation to a charitable institution. We think it should claim support from the Common School Funds as well.

There are at present 22 pupils, 20 of whom reside in the Institution; of these, 3 are from New Brunswick and 2 from Prince Edward Island.

of both Assembly and Council may possibly do as much by way of retrenchment in the expenditure of the Province, and thus effect as much good as the removal of one entire branch.

Is it scripturally right for an unmarried man, without family, to be an officer of the church?

A BROTHER IN CHRIST.

So far as bishops are concerned, we say, No. For the best of reasons they are required to have proved their ability to rule by a wise management of their own families (1 Tim. iii. 4, 5).

We copy the above from the Christian Standard, the organ of the Disciples published in Cincinnati. Our Western contemporary does not assume infallibility, although he gives an answer so very explicit and positive.

Sunday last was quite stormy. Many of the regular church attendants left their places vacant. This was doubtless quite right and prudent in cases of sickness, or where there would be danger of sickness from exposure.

"Anonymous" should send his or her name. A majority usually decides a matter in Churches or Societies, but it is better to be unanimous, often times it is undesirable to carry a measure when any important number are opposed, and, generally, it is better to defer action till the whole are prepared to act together.

REV. H. BOOL has accepted a unanimous invitation from the churches at Pugwash and Wallace to become their pastor. He wishes all communications for him to be directed to Pugwash.

Acadia College. Rev. R. D. Porter has been appointed an Agent to solicit contributions and collections for the Building Fund. It is hoped that pastors of churches, local agents and all others interested in our Institutions, will afford Bro. Porter all necessary information and assistance in prosecuting this work.

of sight. We hope to hear of a generous support being given by the Legislature.

Since the above was in type, on Monday evening, the Teachers and pupils of the Asylum gave a very successful musical concert in the Masonic Hall before a large, respectable audience.

Notices.

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY MINISTERIAL AND MIS- SIONARY CONFERENCE.

The next meeting of the above-named Conference will be held at Lawrence- town on Tuesday, the 8th day of April, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. John Brown is expected to read a paper on the Second Coming of Christ, and the Secretary to preach a sermon. Other brethren have consented to present papers on topics of general interest.

W. H. WARREN, Sec'y. Bridgetown, March 18, 1879.

CASH RECEIVED TOWARDS FUND FOR RE- BUILDING ACADIA COLLEGE.

Joseph Longley, Paradise.....\$15 00 W. H. DeWolf, Wolfville..... 40 00 Dr. Mullen, do..... 10 00 Ansley Bishop, Canaan..... 10 00 Henry A. Eaton, Low, Cornwallis..... 100 00 Leonard Eaton, do..... 10 00 Judson A. Melvin, do..... 12 00 A Friend, do..... 1 00 Alfred Eaton, do..... 5 00 Leander Eaton, do..... 15 00 Ross Chipman, do..... 10 00 W. J. Sweet, Billtown..... 10 00 C. B. Lamont, do..... 2 00 W. H. Chute, West Cornwallis..... 5 00 W. H. Skinner, do..... 5 00 Jno. L. Beckwith, Kentville..... 10 00 H. S. Dodge, do..... 5 00 J. W. Barss, Wolfville..... 250 00 C. W. Shaffner, Wilmot, M. P. P..... 25 00 \$540 00

A. D. W. BARSS, Treas. Wolfville, March 22, 1879. (Christian Visitor please copy.)

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Pine Grove—Mrs. J. P. Dodge.... \$ 5 00 Bear River—Mrs. John Harlow... 10 00 M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y. Halifax, March 25th, 1879.

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D. F. HIGGINS, Secretary. Wolfville, March 1st, 1879.

Letters Received.

Thos. White, \$2. Rev. P. F. Murray, \$2. A. P. Shand, Esq., \$25. Haas Mills, \$6. J. E. Hankinson, \$36. A. Freeman, \$2. N. R. Morse, \$6. N. Miller, Esq., \$8. Rev. Dr. Welton, \$150. 1 sub. J. Miers, \$2.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

P. E. ISLAND.—The new Government has dissolved the House of Assembly. The general election will take place on the 9th of April.

UNITED STATES.—Congress met on Tuesday last and organized in both branches. In the Senate nothing was done but administering the oath of office. The House of Representatives balloted for the Speaker electing Mr. Randall, Democrat, by 143, against Garfield, Republican 135.

The President's message is a very

brief document. It deploras the failure of the last Congress to make the requisite appropriations which led him to call an extra session.

Terrible prairie fires recently in Republic and Cloud counties, Kansas, extended over an area of ten miles long and three wide and swept everything before them. It is said that about one hundred homes were consumed and a large quantity of grain, farming imple- ments, hay and other property. Fortu- nately but one life was lost, though several people were severely injured.

Pine Ville, McDonald County, Mo., was almost destroyed by fire on Wednes- day. Only the court house, one hotel and two business houses escaped destruc- tion. Rumors are current that steps have been taken to impeach Mayor Cooper of New York.

Two cargoes of rags from Italy have been seized in New York and the vessels sent back to quarantine by Collector Merritt, as their certificate from the quarantine authorities was defective. They had begun to unload.

A storm of the severest nature swept over Memphis on Saturday last just after midnight. It came from the South and West and continued three hours. Light- ning struck the Memphis cotton and woolen mills in the Southern portion of the city, and which entirely consumed the mills, valued at \$90,000. They employed one hundred and twenty-five hands, who are thrown out of employ- ment.

ENGLAND.—Belfast was excited till a late hour on Monday night on account of the difficulties between the police and Nationalist processions. A good many people have been treated for wounds at the hospital.

The Sultan has declared that he wishes to publicly recognize the services rendered to him by the Queen, the British Government and the British fleet, during his hour of trial and mis- fortune.

FRANCE.—The French Exposition cost 55,000,000 francs, and the receipts were 30,000,000 francs.

The French floating battery Arrogante foundered off Hyeres in a gale on Wed- nesday. 47 men were drowned out of 122. The storm arose during firing practice, and the Arrogante sprang a leak. The ship Souverain was near by, but unable to render assistance. An effort was made to beach the Arrogante, but she sank about a kilometre from the Isles of Hyeres. The Arrogante's armor was five inches thick at the water line. She carried 96 ton guns, was 1338 tons burthen, and the engines were of 500 horse power.

Le Temps says, after the Cabinet Council on Tuesday, Waddington had an interview with the President about attacks on the ministry. Grevy declared in favor of a strict adherence to the Parliamentary system, and was of opinion that the Cabinet could not think of resigning at the very time it had official- ly secured a majority in the Chambers.

SPAIN.—Senor Castelar and 103 former Deputies of the Cortes have issued a manifesto to the Democratic party.

They announce as their programme a return to the constitution of 1869, which proclaimed religious and educational liberty, freedom of the press, and liberty of meeting and association. The man- ifesto also declares in favor of universal suffrage, inviolability of the Spanish territory, and the payment of interest on the public debt, and recommends a policy avoiding alike reactionary excesses and demagogic utopias.

GERMANY.—Colonel Basilewitch, of the Imperial Russian Guard, visiting Berlin was sentenced to three months imprisonment on a charge of picking a lady's pocket. Colonel Basilewitch is supposed to have been the victim of conspiring circumstances. He has gone to St. Petersburg to lay the case before the Czar, having been liberated on an appeal after giving personal security for 300,000 marks.

ITALY.—Menotti Garibaldi, with 3,000 Italians from Taranto, will colonize this summer on the southern coast of New Guinea. The money required for the colony, \$6,000,000, is ready. Applica- tion to join the expedition are more than can be granted. Many Deputies are amongst the adventurers.

The expedition will be divided into an industrial and agricultural party, and a military organization under Ashille Fazzari for protection against the natives. The equipments will include a telegraph cable to connect with Northern Australia.

RUSSIA.—It is reported that eight of- ficers of the Imperial Guard have been arrested as Nihilists.

AUSTRIA.—A furious storm has again damaged the dykes protecting Czongrad, Szentes, Vasarhely, Zombar and Tittle which the inhabitants have been mak- ing every effort to strengthen for twenty days.

Seven thousand pounds has been subscribed in London for Szegedin.

BURMAH.—A great fire was raging in Rangoon on Tuesday last. The King is constructing fortified works and making other warlike prepara- tions, and summoned the Burmese es- sidents of Rangoon to their own country, threatening to have families executed in case of non-compliance.

The origin of the trouble between the Burmese Government and the British