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## Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.  
Colchester and Cumberland S. S. Convention.

The annual meeting of the Colchester and Cumberland Counties Sabbath School Convention will be held in Central Onslow on Thursday, 21st inst., to commence at 10 o'clock, a. m. Sabbath School workers in connection with the Convention have long felt the necessity of some effort being put forth to promote temperance principles among the young. At the last meeting it was unanimously resolved that the total abstinence pledge, including tobacco, be printed in connection with a "Roll of Honor," and sent to the Schools for consideration and adoption. This has been done, and we hope the Schools will take action at once, and report at the coming session of Convention.

Thus far we have not obtained all the information desired, and an additional form of letter will be sent to the schools calling attention to the different subjects, and we hope more attention will be given in answering these questions, in addition to the usual statistics.

### PROGRAMME.

**Morning Session**—Election of officers, reading and discussing letters, and reports from Superintendents.

**Afternoon Session**—Paper on Sabbath School literature, by Rev. H. Boal of Pagwash, and discussion thereon, Rev. G. F. Miles to open discussion.

**Evening Session**—1st. Exercise by the Sabbath School fifteen minutes. 2nd. A short paper on the advantages to be received by those who continue to attend Sabbath School. 3rd. Addresses to the children.

We hope for a large attendance of Superintendents, teachers, and all Sabbath School workers.

Will the *Amherst Gazette*, and *Colchester Sun* and *Guardian* please announce the meeting of this Convention.

A. J. WALKER, Secy.  
Truro, Sept. 2, 1882.

For the Christian Messenger.  
Home Missions.

The Home Mission Board held its first meeting yesterday. After the reception of a few tardy reports and attending to other matters relating to the work of the past year, the following brethren were elected as officers of the Board for the year:—A. C. Robbins, Esq., Chairman; Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., Vice-Chairman; A. Cohoon, Cor. Sec.; W. A. C. Randall, M. D., Rec. Sec.; Rev. J. A. Gordon, Treasurer. Auditors—James Crosby, Esq., and Rev. C. Goodspeed, A. M.

### FINANCIAL POSITION.

The financial position and prospects were then carefully considered. It was found that only \$145.00 had been received since closing the accounts at which time there was a debt of \$658.15. Fears were also expressed that the canvass being made in behalf of the Educational work of the denomination, will tend to lessen the contributions to Home Missions. Under these circumstances the Board feel that they will be compelled to retrench instead of enlarging their work as there is great need of doing. The announcement by the Treasurer at the afternoon meeting that he had just received \$10.00 from a sister in St. John, towards paying off deficiency, gave some encouragement, and excited the hope that others might do likewise. Brethren and sisters, will you not imitate this example and enable us to pay off at once the \$500.00 now due to the faithful brethren who have labored on our home mission fields during the past year?

### GRANTS, ETC.

1. To the Kemps field, Q. C., N. S., \$75.00 for the current year, Rev. J. H. Fletcher, pastor.

2. To the Lower Stewiacke field, N. S., \$150.00 for the current year, Rev. C. Haverstock, pastor.

3. To Windsor Plains, Hants Co., N. S., \$75.00 for the current year, Rev. A. W. Jordan, pastor.

4. To Scotts Bay, Blue Mountain, &c., Kings Co., N. S., \$100.00 for the current year, Rev. D. Trueman, Missionary.

5. To Calvary Church, Jacksonville, and other colored Churches in N. B. Western Association, \$70.00, Rev. J. D. Eatman, Missionary.

6. Rev. M. Normandy re-appointed a missionary to the French in Digby and Yarmouth Counties.

Other applications were deferred for further consideration.

A. COHOON,  
Cor. Secy.

Hebron, Aug. 31st, 1882.

For the Christian Messenger.  
Missionary Correspondence.

Dear Editor—

We have been now six months in India; six months of unintelligible Telugu, hard study, hard work, and rice and curry. Why, Sir, I have been driven to such desperation on this last point, that I have taken to reading your *Household Department*. After glancing at the marriages and deaths I console myself among your ideal roasts, puddings, and pies—for six months' isolation from these ingredients of civilization makes one desperately human. But think not that I value your paper the less on this account. I used to—but let that pass. The *Messenger* comes to us—by way of Bobbili—like a ray of sunshine.

"Breaking thro' the clouds that gather  
O'er the Christian's natal sky."

And we enjoy every line of it—obituary, poetry and all. I say nothing of that little joke about the buttons. But I hereby give notice to the friend who sent the letter to you, as to all others—the Foreign Mission Board excepted—that I will forever withdraw from them the graces of my style if another private letter is sent in for publication. I am not ready for fame yet, Mr. Editor.

We have thought very much of home, that is, of Nova Scotia during the last few months; for is it not the season of *Associations*? We have in imagination followed our Ministerial and other friends as, with heavy waggons but light hearts, they wended their way, at a meditation pace, towards the annual gatherings, with the usual perplexity as to where they shall "stop of nights." But again that jolly season for ministers to say nothing of deacons, can be jolly together, if the fare be good and they not dyspeptic—has gone by, and we are anxiously awaiting some account of the sessions. As *Convention* time approaches, too, we wish that we could take a flying trip over continent and ocean, and hear what you have all got to say—not so much as last year, let us hope; at least, that it will not be said in the same way. The *grammar*, to say nothing of the spirit of that *Convention Report*, is decidedly bad. But those who were present know it is correct. Oh, what have I written! I shall have a swarm of B's—buzzing about my ears for this, I suppose.

I don't know with what object I began this letter, Mr. Editor, unless it was to fill up the envelope, but perhaps you can discover one. I did mean to say, however, that we are all well; Bro. S. and Sister C. are still in Bimili; and Bro. S. is expected there to-day. Not a man can be spared from the field at present; more can be accommodated with houses and work. Miss Hammond is seeking strength at Moojyagheri, and writes that they are luxuriating over the warmth of an old-fashioned fireplace. We don't need it here, with the thermometer in the 90's. The Lord has been gracious to us this year. Eleven have been baptized—ten of whom are hopeful converts, and more are expected. Oh, for an outpouring of His Spirit upon this people! Brethren, are you working, are you praying for this?

Yours as ever,

T. R. HUTCHINSON,  
Chicacole, July 12th, 1882.

The following paper was sent to the Mission Board at St. John and forwarded to us by the Secretary for publication:

### Expenditure of Foreign Mission Funds.

BY T. R. HUTCHINSON, CHICACOLE, INDIA.

In the expenditure of the Foreign Mission Funds there are two elements:—

I. ORDINARY EXPENDITURES at the different mission stations; consisting of all monies paid for buildings, repairs, schools, preachers, colporteurs, books and salary of missionaries.

The home knowledge of all these items, except the last, depends upon the missionary. In imparting such information to the Board and people there should be a definite course of procedure. In some missions the plan adopted is this: Each missionary prepares an estimate of expenditures for his station and forwards it to his co-workers for their approval or disapproval. Thus each missionary knows just what the others propose doing and expending, and a mutual check is exercised, as well as union and confidence established. The estimate when approved is sent to the Board in time for the annual meetings. The Board is then in a position to say just how much they will need for ordinary expenses the following year. By this means the denomination know the amount of money that they must set aside for their mission enterprise. They deliberately count the cost; and cheerfully supply it.

II. EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURES In addition to the ordinary working expenses of the missions there are certain extraordinary expenditures which are wholly distinct from the finances of the station, and, for that reason, perhaps, are so frequently overlooked or forgotten. These are expenditures for reinforcement and expenditures for return of missionaries.

Reinforcement.—This I place first; for it ought in every possible case to precede the Return; and the actual return ought never to be a spur to reinforcement. The course pursued thus far in this mission seems to be this; when a station is vacated then begins a talk of reinforcement. The Board and people have talked on one side of the world and the missionaries on the other—the missionaries pleadingly, the people hesitatingly, the Board urgently. But only when sheer necessity was laid upon the denomination did it act, and enable the Board to act. Necessity is a fine whip, and soon gets the team out of the rut; but it cuts in more directions than one. Board, denomination, and missionaries have all felt it. The necessity that in the present instance, aroused the two former, also laid on the shoulders of a frail, brave woman a burden which she bore at the cost of her health.

This method of reinforcement is not the true way to arouse the denomination to its responsibilities nor to advance the interests of the mission. For the eight years that the present missionaries have been in India, the thought has, apparently, scarcely entered the Baptist mind that they must be reinforced. When they die at their post, or are compelled by failing health to come home, then—new men, of course. But what is the universal verdict in such a case? That new men should be in the country for some time ere the old ones leave it. A new missionary may have sufficient aptitude for the work to go at it immediately on arriving in the country; but there is a difference between going at a thing and accomplishing it. Some men, with the help of those remaining on the field, and of God, may even be able to at once shoulder the work and carry it on, as a rule, however, whose exception should

have no place in our mind or plan, the new missionary must be in this country, and in the society of older and more experienced men, a sufficient length of time to become fairly initiated into the work ere they take their departure. Even then he will find the burden heavy enough; while the effect of the change of directors is none too beneficial to the station.

One important defect, then, in our mission is this:—The absence of a system in obtaining and sending out recruits. Baptists do not believe in chance; they ought not to believe that Providence will bless their passive desires. But they ought to arouse and do. Supply this defect in the mission, and you get another life-maintaining principle into it—a principle of progression and success.

But further: Even if the older missionaries be relieved, the necessity for reinforcement is not diminished. You reinforce the mission that your missionaries may not die; what, do you say to reinforcing it that those multitudes of human souls, whom we cannot reach, may not die? Is the work to remain stationary? No, not even if you so will! This out of your hands now, the progression is, God urges it on. Converts are coming; but the burden of them rests on you. Every convert gives you increased responsibilities—responsibilities which can only be met by reinforcement and extension. Could you, brethren but be endowed with supernatural sight, I would point out to you the broad land that is before us with its teeming millions, the multitudinous villages overflowing with people and wickedness; the dozens of towns where you could establish your missionaries; and, above all, your weighty and awful responsibilities, for it seems that more than human sight is necessary that you may see these last.

Intimately connected with reinforcement is

The Return of Missionaries—Much of that old enthusiasm which led missionaries to declare their intention to lay their bones in an Indian grave, and of that stolid home indifference which accepted the sacrifice as well-pleasing in God's sight, was due to the absence of steamboats and railways. In this advanced age, when America can be reached in a few weeks, at small cost, the loss of a missionary in this way is a blot on the pure page of missions; and the only consolation offered is that Heaven is as near to India as to America! Perhaps, under these circumstances, it is a little nearer. But the missionary who leaves America for India should hope some day to leave India,—not for Heaven but for America, there to recruit.

And so ought Baptists in these Provinces to feel. Is there not reason to believe that by a large majority of our people the return of a missionary is looked upon with little satisfaction, and is regarded as an indication of weakness, not in the missionary, but in the mission.

To the properly equipped mission, however, such an event is a source of strength. But put it in the power of the returning missionary to place his work in the hands of another man; let the missionary carry his heart with him and bury it in the Home work of Foreign Missions—not, however, at the expense of his health—and the cause will receive an additional impetus from every such return that will soon give it a position glorious for strength and usefulness.

Let the burden then be imposed upon the denomination—or, rather, let the denomination assume it voluntarily, consciously and conscientiously. Once it is accepted as an inevitable fact that missionaries must return to their native country, the sturdy Baptist back of the Maritime Provinces will be

found broad enough to bear the load, and the Baptist pocket deep enough to foot the bill.

Now, I conceive that if a mission be on a true basis, these two elements—expenditure ordinary and expenditure extraordinary, i. e. for Reinforcement and Return of missionaries—will be recognized and provided for.

They lie at the foundation of the mission's success, even at the foundation of its very existence. I speak as unto wise men; judge ye what I say.

J. R. HUTCHINSON,  
Chicacole, India, June 30th, 1882.

### In Memoriam.

MRS. JANE McDORMAND, the beloved wife of Capt. Joel McDormand, of Bear River, departed this life, Aug. 1, 1882, aged 85 years and 7 months. This aged saint was baptized by the late Father Turner, when she was only eleven years of age. Her long Christian life is some of the fruitage of the great revival of 1806 and 1807, which is a very important item in the history of the Western Counties of Nova Scotia. It was a mighty work of divine grace. Very few survive our aged sister who were direct participants with her in its saving power. The 74 years of her membership in the Church here has wrought great changes in the religious condition of the County of Digby. When she was baptized there was but one Baptist Church in the County. Now there are twelve, with a membership of 2,144. Then there was but one pastorate now there are eight. Then there was not one house finished and dedicated for worship, now there are twenty-one, and some of these the largest and best equipped in the township. Baptists were then few—uninfluential and scattered, now they occupy centers of wealth and popularity. For many years this aged disciple was unable to engage in the service and work of the Church. To many of her younger brothers and sisters she was unknown, and it may be forgotten; but in her earlier life she was among the most active and zealous in every good work. Her house was a pleasant home for the servants of God. She was one of "those women" who labored with the pastors in the gospel. In the organization and work of the "Female Mite Society" for the support of Foreign Missions fifty years ago, she found delightful employment. Our modern "Mission Aid Societies" are now, with all their superior advantages, scarcely equal in benevolent efficiency to this aged sister and her associates half a century ago. Forty-nine years ago sister McDormand, as Secretary of one of these small societies, sent up £5.7s. 9d.—\$21 55, and two gold rings to one of our Associations for the support of missions in Burmah. How abundantly the necessities of our mission stations in Telugu land would be met if our sisters in this day preserved this ratio of fellowship and ability. These aged sisters of our Israel, laid amid many disadvantages, the foundations of our present prosperity. They are worthy of a large place in our memories.

The last days of this aged one were full of suffering and helplessness. By a remarkable providence her aged companion, who is a few years her senior, was permitted to attend to her many wants, and to administer tender consolation in her closing hours. He is now left after walking the rough path of life with her for more than three-score years, to take a few steps in great loneliness ere he meets her in the better land.—COM.

### DONALD MCQUARRY.

At Rustico Road, P. E. I., on the night of the 6th, July, brother Donald McQuarry, passed peacefully into his rest at the early age of 49 years. A standard bearer in Israel, fallen beneath his colors! A soldier of the front mil-

itary in his armor! Brother McQuarry was among the first of the little band at Rustico, who declared for the Lord about three years ago, and is the second to lay down the sword and wear the crown. From the day of his baptism he was an active earnest worker, for the Master. A man respected and esteemed by the entire community. A name never disfigured by one blot. The friend of all and loved by all, his loss is deeply felt, but felt most keenly by the "Fairview" church. He was amongst its most active members and leaned upon as one of its strongest pillars. His brethren in electing him Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Church property, committed to him the general management of outside legislative affairs, a duty which he faithfully performed until the end. Brother McQuarry's religion was that genuine kind which lays the whole life with all its activities and energies upon the altar. After a short but sure conflict with pleurisy and inflammatory fever, throughout which he expressed the most unshaken faith in the promise of God to save, he went home to enter into the inheritance of the ransomed, and reap the reward of the Christ-made covenant. Him that overcometh, will I grant to sit with me on my throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father on his throne! J. B. W.

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