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## Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.  
Amherst Point.

One of our Baptist families here is in deep trouble. On Monday morning, 13th inst., Mr. John Logan received two telegrams, one announcing that his second son Howard, was dangerously ill of typhoid fever in Montreal, the other that he had died on the previous afternoon.

On Tuesday morning, a third telegram informed him that the third son, who was expected home from sea, had been lost overboard. Howard Logan was a dear young man engaged as reporter for the Montreal Star, was working his way up in his profession, and had been representing the paper at Ottawa during the last session of the Legislature. The younger brother, had, on attaining his majority, carried out a long cherished desire of going to sea, and was returning from England on his first voyage, when he met his untimely fate. A large and sympathizing company attended the funeral of Mr. Howard Logan from the residence of his father, and all felt a melancholy satisfaction which was denied them in the case of poor Walter, who now lies in the tombless sea. No head stone marks the place of his departure, but the sea shall give up her dead.  
D. A. S.

For the Christian Messenger.  
Baptist Book Room.

The Central Baptist Association at its 29th Annual Session held in Berwick in June, 1879, adopted a report of the Committee on Denominational Literature, that strongly recommended the propriety of establishing a book room in some central locality at an early day, and a committee consisting of Bro. A. P. Shand, Hon. Dr. Parker, S. Sclden, Rev. S. Match, and J. W. Manning was appointed to make such arrangements as they might deem necessary and report at the next meeting of the Association to be held at Windsor.

The Committee reported as instructed. The report was unanimously adopted; and a Brother was appointed to make known to the Convention at its next session in Hillsboro, N. B., for the purpose of securing the moral support of that body, to the action of the Association. The decision of Convention may be found in the Year Book of 1880, page 30.

Resolved, That in that opinion of this Convention the report of the Nova Scotia Central Baptist Association on the question of the Book Room should be regarded with favor, and commended to the support of our churches.

It is sufficient for us to say that it was all that could be desired.

The Committee to whom was intrusted the task of working out the Book Room idea as thus conceived met from time to time, but it was found that very little could be done without money and that that could only be obtained by having a suitable agent in the field, making a through canvass of the churches and of the brethren particularly interested in the spread of a sound, wholesome Baptist literature. But where was the man? It was not until late last autumn that any one could be obtained. Mr. Dimock Archibald, who for a long time has had upon his heart this whole subject, was prevailed upon to enter upon the work of collecting funds, and at a meeting of the Committee held Nov. 16th, 1882, was enabled to report that there was subscribed the handsome sum of \$3800.00 a portion of which had already been paid into the hands of the Treasurer A. P. Shand, Esq., of Windsor, N. S.

Acting upon the conviction that a very considerable portion of the above amount would be immediately forwarded to the Treasurer before the end of the year, the committee have secured eligible premises in a central part of the city and have appointed three responsible business men, viz: A. L. Wood, C. H. Whitman and R. M. King, all of Halifax to manage the affairs of the society for one year.

It will be seen that the committee are agreed as to the importance of beginning work at once but at the same time desire to make haste slowly. Every

thing depends upon the promptness and despatch with which the friends who have contributed to the formation of the society shall forward the respective sums to the Treasurer, or if more convenient to R. M. King, Esq., Granville St., Halifax.

The committee take this opportunity to express publicly their thanks to Almighty God for putting it into the hearts of His people to contribute so heartily for this object, and to the people for the favor so generally shown to our Bro. Dimock Archibald in the difficult work so kindly undertaken by him. We take great pleasure in commending him and his work to the thoughtful consideration of every member of the "Household of Faith."

The committee would also call the attention of the churches to the fact that all the profits of the business are to be added to the capital or the benevolent fund from which needy families and Sunday Schools, may be supplied with Bibles and religious literature as the society at their annual meeting may decide. Our work is for God and not for self, and so we confidently appeal, not to Baptists only but to the general public as well for a share of their patronage. It is a Baptist Book Room however and Baptist interests will be carefully looked after. We shall have pleasant quarters, and brethren from the country who may be in the city will be cordially greeted and made to feel at home when they call. As a large number of Sunday Schools prepare early for the work of the New Year, any orders for the Baptist Teacher, Lesson Helps, Sunday School Papers, &c., entrusted to us will be promptly filled as cheaply and more so than by any other house in the city, or even if ordered direct from the publishers. Brethren may send an order and send on your contributions towards the capital fund, as early as possible. The earlier the better. All business communications should be addressed to A. L. Wood, Esq., of Wood Bros. & Co. Chairman of Com. of Management.  
A. P. SHAND,  
Chairman of Committee.

For the Christian Messenger.  
Home Missions.

The November meeting of the Home Mission Board was held on the 13th. Treasurer reported receipts of the month \$529.50.

Quarterly Reports were received from Brethren D. Freeman, Grant, Jordan, Normandy, McLeod, Haverstock, Eneas, Vidito and E. N. Archibald.

- GRANTS.
1. To the Hampton field, Kings Co., N. B., \$75.00 for current year. Rev. W. F. Parker, Pastor.
  2. To the Cow Bay field, \$100.00 for current year. Rev. J. C. Spurr pastor.
  3. To the Advocate Harbour field, Cumberland Co., N. S., at the rate of \$75.00 per year, from Oct. 1st, 1882, to July 31st, 1883. Rev. A. Freeman pastor.
  4. To the Shelburne field, Shelburne Co., N. S., \$150.00 for the current year. Rev. G. H. Gundy, pastor.
  5. To the Rustico field, P. E. I., \$150.00 for the current year. Rev. J. B. Woodland, pastor.
  6. To the Ludlow field, North Co., N. B., \$75.00 for the current year. Rev. W. M. Edwards, pastor.
  7. To the Sherbrooke West Church, Kings Co., N. S., \$60.00, or at that rate for the current year. Rev. W. J. Bleakney, pastor.
  8. To the Shediac field, N. B., \$175.00 for the current year. Rev. T. M. Munroe, pastor.
  9. To the Weldford field, North Co., N. B., \$60.00, or at that rate for current year. Rev. S. Smith pastor.
  10. To the New Maryland field, York Co., N. B., \$40.00 for the current year, provided they raise an equal amount for the pastor's salary. Otherwise an amount equal to what they raise. Rev. P. R. Knight pastor.
  11. To the Pleasantville Church, Lunenburg Co., N. S., \$30.00 for the year commencing Oct. 1st, 1882. Rev. S. March pastor.
  12. To Rev. N. Vidito, \$20.00 to enable him to continue mission work at Milford and Greywood.  
A. CONROY, Cor. Sec'y.  
Hebron, Nov. 17, 1882.

For the Christian Messenger.  
From Nebraska.

Dear Brother,—

Though so long silent, I have not been unmindful of my promise made you when we bade each other farewell at the meeting of the P. E. I. Association, at North River, that I should shortly write you. Since I have come out here, I have had so many engagements, that I found it easier to remember, than to fulfil the promises I made to write many of my eastern friends. Now that I have undertaken to write the Messenger, I find it difficult because so much can be written of this western country, and so much has already been written. Much however that has been written, must to the general reader appear very conflicting, and consequently one writer or another has been judged as being misleading, while doubtless, much of praise and dispraise are exaggerations, yet perhaps there is no other country, than these Western States and Territories, that will admit of a wider scope to the pen on either extreme, without conflicting with the truth. Perhaps in writing of the great resources of this country with few exceptions the truth has not been much overdrawn, on the other hand the hardships and discouragements which face the pioneer, unprepared for them, have not been at all exaggerated. Since coming here I have received many letters from the East, asking innumerable questions, which would occupy all my time to answer, and even then I would fail to satisfy my friends. To the readers of your paper I would merely say, in answer to the general question "What sort of a country is the West; to seek a home in?" My reply is, much depends upon your stock of perseverance and patience, more depends on the man and his resources than on the country. Here as in the East many prosper and are happy; while not a few fail and pine for the homes of their youth in the east. The majority I think are of the former class. Immediately after arriving here, I was so situated, that I could make travelling profitable financially, and thus all the more easily accomplish my object in coming West—to see the land for myself, and I have gone through several of the Western States and territories. I have noticed that many hardships and difficulties have been overcome, and conclude that the same thing can be accomplished by a similar class.

It is not my purpose to write of the natural resources of the country, my letter should be more in keeping with what your readers would naturally seek for in a religious journal. First of all then, I would tender this advice to such of your readers intending to seek homes in the West. Take your Bibles with you, take your Baptist principles with you, and be sure to leave none of your devotion and zeal for good works behind you; all are needed here. Too many have already come West, whose highest ambition is the getting of wealth. "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness &c.," has been too often forgotten. In my first few weeks' experience in this country, I was not at all encouraged to form a very high idea of the standard of piety among the people. In crossing the Missouri River, it costs fifty cents, by the Union Pacific transfer over the Bridge that leads from Council Bluffs to Omaha, "The Great Gate City of the West," if unprovided with a ticket, but otherwise twenty-five cents. This high charge has given rise to a saying, as an apology for the irreligious; that "it costs too much to cross the Missouri for a person to carry his religion with him." Judging from this saying one might suppose that Council Bluffs has more than its share of throw-off stock of religion, but there is little indication of beneficial results to that town. There is no place, that I know of, on the western route, where travellers require more vigilance than at that town and vicinity. So infested with confidence men as Council Bluffs is, whose profession it is to rob the innocent and unwary. They have no regard to the age or sex of their victims, an unexpired ticket is often as useful to them as cash. It is surprising what miserable attempts are made to detect and punish those robbers, who infest

every train in that vicinity, persistent coolness, and a silent contempt to their proffered friendship, will divert their attention. But I meant to adhere to the state of religion in the West, as I noticed it. Religiously, although the state of affairs is far from being satisfactory, yet matters, I think are not so hopelessly bad as many would represent them. Where there is so much foreign element, one must expect to find much disregard to the rules usually observed by a religious community. Sabbath breaking in all its forms, is much indulged in, there is much open contempt for religion, many just free from the oppression of a foreign priest craft, cannot conceal their detestation of every thing in the form of religion, not having yet learned of any form of it higher than that whose yoke so long galled their necks. This element though conspicuous, fortunately does not compose the entire population of the West, much sturdy piety can be found in almost every town and community. But the irreligious portions have often discouraged the religious pioneer. In passing through a pretty town, I remained over the sabbath. Here I learned of the residence of a lady and gentleman, of whom the former was a member of a well known Eastern Baptist Church. Shortly before the hour of morning service I called upon the family, hoping to be accompanied by them to church, but found that neither was going, the reason assigned being that there was no use going to church, there are no Christians here, no one can afford to carry their religion across the Missouri transfer. I was obliged to go alone.

While walking along I heard in a sweet musical voice these words, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength." I was in an embarrassed, perplexing over what might be called the sidewalk, beneath the shading branches of a large elm, I saw two very beautiful little girls of about five and seven years respectively, the elder with open Bible reading the words, the younger repeating them. I thought, what a condition of my friend's statement. Was there no Christian parent or teacher behind this beautiful scene? Here were two little prattlers, proclaiming God's Word, which was a portion of that day's Sabbath School lesson. To me the scene was impressive, and I was persuaded that even in that wicked town there were some of Christ's dear children, His living witnesses,—but possibly they never crossed on the Missouri transfer! Without further explanation, my remarks thus far, might lead you to think, that law and order are almost unknown in these western towns. Well as to the former, I can assure you there are many lawyers, but that is no evidence of an abundance of constitutional law. In many cases lynch law is, either by force of circumstances or by the choice of the people, harmoniously adopted. The good order, civility and absence of suspicion, which prevail, cannot but be noticed by a stranger. Walk the street when one will it is surprising how favourably the good order compares with that of eastern towns. I have not yet seen a corner loafer ornament a sidewalk of our streets. Rudeness, rowdiness and fighting appear to be confined to the rum dens, which alas are all too numerous in these towns. A town which has not at least one rum den for each hundred of its inhabitants, is not up to the average. In the face of this however temperance men are not despairing, strong hopes are entertained that Prohibition will soon be law in these Western States.

Pardon me for rambling so much. In my next I shall speak of my own Baptist denomination, of its Home Mission work, its demand for eastern men and the kind of material wanted. At Lincoln, Nebraska, about 70 miles from my present location the State Convention of the Baptist churches met this week. Rev. P. S. Henson of Chicago, editor of the Baptist Teacher, and Rev. Dr. Murdoch of Boston, have arrived, and will no doubt add to the interest of the meeting, which is looked forward to by Baptists as one of unusual importance.  
Yours truly,  
A. H. A. O.  
October 23rd, 1882.

## Our Foreign Mission.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 17th 1882.  
To the Editor of the Christian Messenger.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of a letter from Bro. Hutchinson, dated Chicacole, Oct. 2, 3, 4, in which are a few items which will be interesting to your readers and as the F. M. Board will not meet for two weeks, I sketch off a few paragraphs without an order; which you may think worthy of a place in your paper next week.

At Teckaly our most northwestern sub station of the Chicacole Mission, cholera has prevailed all summer, so that the school was reduced to only a few pupils. It is again increasing in numbers now that the disease is dying out. That good work, however, has been done is shown by the fact that although the government inspection took place under the most unfavorable circumstances, only eleven pupils being present, the results grant was greater than last year when the school was much larger.

Gorahuthe, though not a preacher—his leprosy preventing him from doing much work in the town—talks the gospel to his pupils daily, and is continuing to receive God's blessing upon his labors.

At Akalampara, where Bagavan Bayrah labors, the people are asking for a church, and are willing to contribute towards the erection of a building. The Rajah is to be asked to grant a suitable site, and the Naider, or headman, is expected to render liberal aid. The school under the charge of James continues to be successfully conducted.

Three youths have been sent from the Chicacole School to the new Seminary at Samulcolta, and there will probably follow. These are to become the future teachers and preachers upon our mission field, and are therefore especial objects of interest, sympathy and prayer.

Churohill, the only surviving child of our dear Brother and Sister Churohill at Bobilly, met with a severe accident by the upsetting of a caldron of boiling milk, whereby she was so badly scalded that it was necessary to remove her to Chicacole for medical assistance. A postscript to brother Hutchinson's letter of Oct. 4th, says her condition is somewhat more hopeful than on the previous day. This additional trial to which our missionaries have been subjected will elicit the deepest sympathy of the whole Baptist people of these provinces.

Miss Hammond has returned to Chicacole very much improved in health by her visit to the hill country. This is cheering intelligence for which our heartfelt thanksgiving to Almighty God is due. Her welcome home was as cheery as that she extended to Brother Hutchinson and his family on their arrival upon the field.

Yours truly,  
J. MARCH, Secretary.

## Review of Books.

GELLYVOR: A Christmas Legend of the North Land by Josephine Pollard, with illustration by Walter Saterlee, Anson D. F. Randolph & Co., 900 Broadway, New York. Sent by mail on receipt of 40 cents.

This short story in the style of a ballad is neatly printed on thirteen cards with stiff covers, and tied together daintily with a piece of red ribbon. A pretty Christmas present.

ELLIOT'S GENEALOGICAL AND CHRONOLOGICAL CHART is a valuable work of art as well as a grand compendium of English History, from the earliest period. It deserves a place in every family, if not for actual study, for reference and every day service in correcting and illustrating historical reading. The names of the sovereigns and the dates of their reign, also their connection with the previous sovereigns are clearly shown by colored lines, together with other leading facts of historical interest.

For schools it will form a fine compendium, and as useful and necessary in the study of History as a map is in that of Geography. We suppose it will shortly be found one of the essentials to the possession of every respectable school, and in the residence of every

intelligent family, as an ornament for its walls, more prized than any map, as representing the great events of the past in relation to our great and glorious country, down to the Egyptian war of 1882.

## November.

The Centaur, Sagittarius, am I,  
Born of Ixion's and the cloud's embrace;  
With sounding hoofs across the earth I fly,  
A steed Thessalian, with a human face.  
Sharp winds the arrows are with which I chase  
The leaves, half dead already with affright;  
I abroad myself in gloom; and to the race  
Of mortals bring nor comfort nor delight.—Longfellow.

## News from the Churches.

NEW CANADA, LUNenburg Co.—Rev. M. W. Brown writes 15th inst. "I am very busy holding Special Meetings at New Canada. This is the third week that I have been engaged in them. Our efforts are being blessed. Quite a large number have asked the prayers of God's people, and several have told us that they have found Jesus precious to them and feel that he has forgiven their sins. For which we give God praise. May the Lord truly be with us."

ISAAC'S HARBOR—Dear Editor,—Having entered upon the fourth year of pastoral work in this place, we cannot but record the kindness shown us by Christmas's goose etc.; our duty to us when winter seemed determined to press spring from its place, the deacons followed by others, piled in our yard several cords of wood and a lot of coal; with inconvenience to himself and at his own expense, one of the members brought us considerable freight; another supplied us all the season with fish, and to-day the bill is nothing; we have had the use of more than one horse sometimes for days free of charge.

So much for the brothers. But they have been closely followed by the sisters. These have presented Mrs. W. and children with many gifts, among which is a valuable French Merino dress. And all this in addition to a salary fully paid.

Lately the services have been more than usually interesting, and the prayer of many is "Arise O God, plead thine own cause." May this prayer receive a speedy reply.  
Yours, &c.,  
L. M. WEEKS.

Isaac's Harbor, Nov. 14, 1882.

We learn from Dr. Withrow, of Toronto that in reference to the prize of one hundred guineas for the best essay on Missions, the Board of Adjudicators are authorized to make the offer, and will be responsible for the same. A noble work for a properly qualified man or woman.

FREDERICTON, N. B.—We are glad to learn that the Baptist Church Edifice here, is now all roofed in. The meetings are full of interest. The pastor Rev. F. Crawley, baptized two on Lord's Day, 5th inst.

On Sunday, Nov. 12th, in Olivet Baptist church, Montreal, Rev. Dr. Clark baptized five young men and one young woman in the presence of a large audience.

Prof. Wells, formerly a professor in the Baptist College at Woodstock, and more recently a political writer on the Toronto, Globe, has arrived at Rapid City, where he will take charge of the Standard, which has been purchased by a company.