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**LETTERS TO A YOUNG MINISTER.**  
Dear Young Brother—  
In my last letter I directed your attention to some important considerations to be made previously to deciding on a field of labor. I stated only a few of the things which should be considered in the selection of a field of labor. When, after mature reflection, a pastoral charge has been accepted, the relation thus formed ought to be a permanent one. Other things being equal, the usefulness of a minister will increase with the duration of his connection with any particular church. This is required to enable him to establish a perfect understanding with his people. As years roll on he grows in their affections, and acquires more of their respect. They become acquainted with his character, style of preaching, and cease to criticize any little imperfections in his manners or his sermons. The young who grow up under his ministry learn to cherish and affection for him, which under other circumstances they could not possibly feel; and will be far more likely to bear and heed his words than those of a comparatively stranger.

Of your election, the subject of far greater importance, we are assured from evidences the most conclusive, that the gospel, which is proclaimed unto you, is the same as that which was proclaimed unto the apostles. It is the same in its nature, its power, and its efficacy. It is the same in its object, its end, and its result. It is the same in its character, its spirit, and its power. It is the same in its origin, its source, and its foundation. It is the same in its truth, its reality, and its certainty. It is the same in its glory, its honor, and its majesty. It is the same in its love, its mercy, and its compassion. It is the same in its peace, its joy, and its life. It is the same in its power to save, to sanctify, and to glorify. It is the same in its power to conquer, to subdue, and to reign. It is the same in its power to create, to sustain, and to preserve. It is the same in its power to redeem, to purify, and to glorify. It is the same in its power to give life, to give peace, and to give joy. It is the same in its power to give wisdom, to give knowledge, and to give understanding. It is the same in its power to give strength, to give courage, and to give confidence. It is the same in its power to give hope, to give faith, and to give love. It is the same in its power to give grace, to give mercy, and to give kindness. It is the same in its power to give peace, to give joy, and to give life. It is the same in its power to give wisdom, to give knowledge, and to give understanding. It is the same in its power to give strength, to give courage, and to give confidence. It is the same in its power to give hope, to give faith, and to give love. It is the same in its power to give grace, to give mercy, and to give kindness.

**RECOLLECTIONS OF NAPLES.**  
The appearance of Naples when seen from the sea is very imposing. Situated upon a gentle declivity whose summit is crowned by the castle of St. Elmo—and stretching in a semicircular form along the margin of the bay, the clustered houses, the castles, churches, and palaces, all appear to great advantage. Most of the streets of Naples are narrow, dirty, and imperfectly paved, but the main thoroughfares—the Strada Nuova and the Strada Toledo, are broad and well paved. These streets with the Villa Reale and the Luogo Castellare are the favorite promenades of the inhabitants, and in them we discover much of what is novel or interesting in the character, disposition and condition of the Neapolitans. Higher we turn whenever, for the time animated with the external beauties of art and nature, and continually find something amusing if not instructive.

**PHILIP IN SAMARIA.**  
I had not content with the part which he had taken in the glorious martyrdom of Stephen, sought the destruction of the entire community of believers. The brethren, to save their lives and liberties from the assaults of their furious persecutor, were obliged to flee from Jerusalem. But this event was not so injurious to the infant cause as might have been anticipated. On the contrary, the apparent dissolution of the church resulted in its enlargement, and the event which threatened the destruction of the faith, only insured for it a wide dissemination. The members of the church, though forced to leave their homes, possessions and friends, did not forget their master and his claim upon them. Wherever they went they announced those facts relating to Jesus Christ, which had so cheered their own hearts, and transformed their own characters.

**A Nova Scotian in New Zealand.**  
The last number of the Halifax "Christian Messenger" contains an interesting letter written to that paper by Levi W. Eaton, dated at Auckland, N. Z., Jan 1st 1861. For the information of our readers we give an abstract of its contents.

**THE VOYAGE.**  
Mr. Eaton left Poughwash in the "Geo. Sanderson" in December 1859. He describes the voyage out as a very pleasant one. The passengers were all contented and happy. A number stopped at Sydney, N. S. W., among whom was Rev. Dr. Hobbs, now pastor at Newton, Sydney, whose letters we sometimes see in the "Messenger."

**THE SOCIETY BUILDING.**  
The Society building in this town is a fine specimen of modern architecture. It is a large and commodious building, and is well adapted for the purposes of a church. The interior is spacious and bright, and the services are conducted with order and solemnity. The members of the church are numerous and devoted, and the work of the Lord is prospering.

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