weekly fair at Bulgapetta, two miles from Pedda Penkie.

Our third centre was Poram, about five miles from Razam. From this eighteen villages were visited, and one day was spent at a large fair, in preaching, selling books and distributing tracts.

Our fourth and last centre was Razam. From this fourteen villages were reached, but for lack of time we were obliged to leave many unvisited.

I arrived in Bobbili on Tuesday Jan. 5th. Our Telugu Association began on Saturday the 9th. The sessions of this day were occupied mainly with the reading of the four church letters and in eliciting from the delegates further information regarding the work on the different fields.

On Monday five practical questions vital to the prosperity of the work, were earnestly discussed. Our native brethren did better than ever before in Association, so far as speaking to the point is concerned, and also in reference to the expression of appropriate thought.

Akalaumpra church was represented by two delegates, Chicacole by three, Bimlipatam by five, and Bobbili by five. Satyanadhi was present from Seypore, and, in common with all present, was much encouraged and strengthened by what he heard.

Association closed on Monday evening, and on Tuesday evening about 8 p. m., we arrived in Bimlipatam. On the following Monday morning we went on board the steamer for Cocanada. The conference began on Wednesday morning, Jan. 20th, and closed Saturday noon. Throughout the whole we missed sadly the loved form and wise counsel of Rev. A. V. Timpany.

On Monday evening, Jan. 25th, we left Cocanada by boat for Nellore. Thursday noon found us on the Godavery. Wednesday noon at Ellore.

Letters from Rev. J. R. Hutchinson.

CAMP PALATALAGAM,
30 miles N. E. of Chicacole,
Jan. 30, 1886.

As you will see from the above, I am again upon the field. Two years ago I started on this tour and was turned back by sickness. Since that time I have been able to find no time for visiting this part of the country; other, older, and more important interests demanding my attention. So far as I can learn no missionary has ever visited this part of the country—a fact the more surprising from its easy accessibility and proximity to the sea. We are, therefore, working virgin soil on this tour. I left home on the 15th in company with my wife, and little boy and Mr. Sewell, who drove us in the Calingapatam, where Mrs. Sewell was waiting for us, and where we were to be their guests. Here we spent four days; during which time brother Gibson and I (with the helpers—all of whom, with the exception of Tammiah who is still unable to work, and Sookriah who was recalled home at the start by the serious illness of his wife) did some good work in the town and near villages. One English service was also held. On Friday the 19th I crossed the river and camped in Polaki. Here we remained four days preaching the good news of the kingdom in all the villages about with varying success. This part of the district I had visited once before. We next moved on four miles to Lakshmapuram, up the coast, where we remained another four days, preaching with good results. Yesterday we moved on again, camping here. About ten o'clock I began to have premonitory symptoms of fever, and by twelve was about as bad as it is safe to be in the jungle. All day I lay with raging fever, but with the set of sun it left me and I had a good night's rest and feel almost myself this morning. From here I propose working up the coast by easy stages as far as Tekkali. I hope to make a 30 days' tour before returning home. The men are all in fine spirits and very helpful. Good old Bagavan Bayrah is especially so. He girds up his loins to the work like a lad of 18.

P. S.—LATER.—Continued violent attacks of ague have made it necessary for me to return home. Was very bad yesterday.

CHICACOLE, India, March 2, 1886.

As I wrote you in the P. S. to my last, I was compelled to return home on the fourteenth day of my tour by severe fever. The past month has been one of almost constant suffering from the same cause. The fever was varied some ten days ago by a threatened attack of inflammation of the bowels. On Saturday last, and again yesterday, I was down with severe ague. I have been laid by in all about fifteen days during the past month, while the remainder of the time I have spent in weakness and reluctant abstinence from work. How much longer it will please the Lord to lay me by in this way, I do not know; but I long to be at work again—there is so much to do and so few to do it. I am having the best medical assistance to be obtained here.

After my return home the men continued their tour and completed the contemplated thirty days. They seem to have had a good time and to have worked faithfully. To-morrow I expect to marry Venkiah and Utchima; after which the men will start out again.

On the nineteenth I was summoned to Calingapatam by the sudden death of Mrs. Gibson, whom I buried on that day. She leaves a husband and three small children. Her case was a very sad one, except that she died triumphant in the Saviour.

This, That, and The Other.

—The masses are at length being reached to a large extent in France. It is estimated that more than 400,000 persons attended the McAll Mission in Paris alone last year; while Mr. Gibson reports 35,000, and Miss DeBroen, in her Belleville Mission, counts 20,000 a year.

—When old Jonathan Edwards was dying, he asked: "Where is my old friend Jesus of Nazareth?"

—The ground-hog day has come. He retreats when winter comes into a dark hole—goes into winter quarters, just as many of our country Sunday schools do, but he comes out with the coming of spring. Let every hibernating Sunday school follow his example.—*Rel. Herald.*

—A Jewish traveller recently visiting Palestine, describes the region of Mamre: "The following day I took my supper under a grape-vine, whose stalk was one and a half feet in diameter, height was thirty feet, and with its branches and shoots covered a hut of more than fifty feet long and wide. It called to my mind the passage of Micah iv. 4: 'They shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree.' The wine raised by native Jews is carried as far as Egypt, and is very popular all over the Orient. Its taste is like that from the Rhine, richer in sugar and natural flavor. There are clusters of grapes twelve pounds in weight, and the berries are as large as German plums."

—A certain German Lutheran congregation of Austria insists that the sermon shall at least be one hour long. How far behind the age!

—As the ground must be prepared for the reception of the seed, so must the heart of the sinner be softened by prayer and communion with the Holy Spirit, that the words of the Gospel may sink into its depths, take root and bear fruit for the service and glory of our Master.

—Dr. E. Heckel has discovered in Central Africa a tree, called by the natives karite, the berries of which yield a kind of wax, and its trunk, when cut into after the age of four years, will yield an annual supply or from five to six dollars' worth of gutta-percha. Dense forests of this tree grow in Central Africa.

—A great-grandson of Alexander Carson, Belfast, Ireland, has recently given himself to the Congo mission, Africa.

—A BRAVE BUT KIND SOLDIER.—Lord Charles Beresford is almost as fearless a soldier as his friend Colonel Burnaby, and consequently a great favorite. It is related of him that during the hot fighting in South Africa, as he was riding back after an engagement, he overtook one of his troopers, wounded and slowly making his way afoot. He stopped and told the trooper to get up behind him; the trooper refused on the ground that if he got up they would both be taken by the enemy, but if Lord Charles Beresford rode on alone, he was certain to escape. Lord Charles Beresford looked at him a moment and said "If you don't get up, I shall have to get off and knock you down." Whereupon the trooper mounted and both escaped.

—"The best way to get rid of the worry which some people inflict is to lend them money. Soon after I moved to Louisville, a cranky man gave me great worry by calling often and staying long; but, after a time, he asked me to lend him $2.50, and said he would return it in a few days. With unutterable pleasure I lent him the $2.50, and have never seen him since. If you wish to rid of a man, lend him some money."—*T. T. Eaton.*

—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir William Harcourt, stated in the House of Commons that the diminution of revenue from alcholic liquors the past year was £1,179,000 or in round numbers, five millions of dollars. The diminution in ten years had been £4,500,000 or more than twenty millions of dollars. This result he attributed to a change in the habits of the people. As a set-off to this loss of revenue, there had been an enormous increase in that from taxation of articles of necessity and comfort. But there could not have been such an increase but for the increase in quantity and value of the consumption of such useful articles. Both sides of the account testify to an improvement in the national character and prosperity.

—There can be no question about the efficiency of prohibition when the execution of the law is in the hands of its friends. Jesse Hamner, a Kansas probate judge recently revoked all the druggist's permits, for selling liquors in his county, and is said to have entered upon his record the following: "It is said that during the year 1885 that prohibition did not prohibit in this county, but by the grace of God and Jesse Hamner prohibition will prohibit in the year 1886." We venture that prohibition will prohibit in that county from this time on.

Time is Short.

We should consider it a very high privilege to be truly testifying for Christ, down here where everything is against us and against Him. Those who have slept in Jesus, can no longer do so; they have left opportunities of serving Him which yet remain to us. Let us not fail, then, to take them as they offer. "The time is short"—short for suffering, and that is comfort to the wearied; short for serving, and that is a stimulus to the faithful, loving heart. That word "As ye have opportunity," is very blessed. Are we not conscious of missing many opportunities? I have often thought of the sad and bitter feeling that Peter, James, and John must have had when they looked back upon the opportunity their gracious Lord afforded them of watching with Him and soothing Him in His hour of deep distress. What a time for a servant to be resting—while the Master was in agony! But they had missed their opportunity—such an opportunity as was never given before to man, and never can be again. And are we not often like them? Christ is not here personally, but He has left us an opportunity of serving Him.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.—In a private note, Bro. D. G. McDonald writes:—You have learned by my last item of news to the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, that I am again to work with Bro. Bancroft—giving an occasional meeting to Bro. Caldwell of Sydney. I preached for his people on Friday evening, and Saturday p. m. He baptized on Lord's day. I spent last night with him also, and shall go again (D. V.) Thursday evening. Showers of blessing are falling upon the people. Great doors and effectual are opening up in every direction. Last Lord's day, p. m., I preached at Boularderie for the first time. We had special evidences of God's blessing. We want to begin work there this week. It is a station of Bro. B.'s field.

FALMOUTH.—The good work still goes on here. Bro. H. Foshay was over and baptized on a recent Lord's day.

GRAND BAY.—One was received for baptism in this section of the Fairville field, last Wednesday evening.—Bro. Thomas writes:—The brethren of Grand Bay have given me an invitation to supply for them during my vacation. I have accepted, and expect (D. V.) to begin work the second Sabbath in May. B. H. THOMAS, (Lab.)

MURRAY RIVER, P. E. I.—Last Sabbath I baptized four and gave them the hand of fellowship into the Murray River church, and a prospect of more to follow. Our pedo-Baptist friends are saying all manner of things against the ordinance of baptism, which answers as a grand advertisement to call up the attention of the people to the subject, and they are searching the scriptures daily to see if those things are so. Please make a note of it.

BEDEQUE.—At our conference last Saturday, one man, a head of a family, offered himself and was received for baptism, and will be baptized soon.

A short time since we buried one of our veteran church members, and now another, in the vigor of manhood, is brought in to fill up the ranks. Thus the Lord carries on his work. I. J. SKINNER.

Tryon, April 28th, 1886.

ALBERT ST. BAPTIST CHURCH, WOODSTOCK.—Baptized three persons yesterday morning. To these, and four others received by letter at our last conference, was given the hand of fellowship at the close of our evening service.

RIVER HEBERT.—Two united with the church by baptism yesterday, and one by letter. Meetings are still very interesting and we are praying for a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit that many more may become followers of our Lord and Master.

May 3. I. B. SKINNER.

TRURO.—The beautiful springtime has come, and every pastor will be constrained to put his people on their guard, lest the busy season divert attention from the good work in the church, and the interest which has been happily manifest during the winter months be allowed to dwindle and die. Let us not forget, Beloved, that souls are as precious in May as in December, and in as much danger of being lost. No effort should be relaxed, no church work laid down. Surely Jehovah's voice is sweet and his words applicable, when the sunshine of summer makes us glad and the songs of birds make music in our ears. In this beautiful May month he is saying as he said in January, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me." I am happy to say, that the interest continues with us, without any signs of abatement. Yesterday we visited the river (the brightness of the day made it preferable to the font,) where five were baptized, a young man, two young women, a mother in middle life and an aged sister, all happy in the love of Christ. More are on the way.

May 3rd. J. E. G.

MONCTON.—Five were baptized on Lord's day, April 25th, and two were awaiting baptism last Lord's day. About seventy have been added to the church since the beginning of the year, and the work still goes on steadily.

SUSSEX, N. B.—The Lord's work is prospering in our midst. A large company gathered to witness the ordinance of christian baptism yesterday administered by our pastor Welton, who has already entered upon his fourth year of service with this church. The church in all departments is characterized by spiritual life. We are united and happy in the work and full of hope for the future.

NOTICE.—The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the W. B. M. Union will be held on Wednesday, 12th, at 3 p. m., in the Mission Rooms, 85 Germain Street.

M. E. MARCH, Cor. Sec'y.

May 4th, 1886.

HANTSPORT.—The pastor, Rev. J. A. McLean, has been laid aside from work by hemorrhage of the lungs. His physicians give hope of his recovery. The church shows much sympathy with its esteemed pastor and has most cordially offered him a rest of three months from May 1st. Many outside of Hantsport will join the brethren there in sympathy and prayer for this devoted minister.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—The Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board acknowledges the receipt of ten dollars from an old friend of missions, sent through Mrs. James E. Masters, St. John.

WOODSTOCK.—The work of the Lord is prospering among us. Our meetings are well attended and the people have a mind to work. Last Sabbath I gave the hand of fellowship to three; two of these joined by letter and one on experience.

Bro. J. C. Blakeney, who resides here, has rendered me very valuable assistance since my coming here, for which I feel very grateful. That the Lord may continue to bless us is our united prayer.

May 1st. A. T. DYKEMAN.

NOTICE.—The Annapolis County Ministerial Conference will take place at Williamston, Wednesday, May 11th, commencing at 10 o'clock, a. m. It is hoped that the ministers and licentiates of the county will endeavor to be present and contribute to the general interest of the meetings. Each church can send two delegates. Preaching in the evening.

J. CLARK, Sec'y.

TOBIQUE.—I wish very gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of the several sums received for the Tobique mission as a special offering from the following churches:

Jacksonville, per Rev. B. N. Nobles	$10.70
Jacksontown	7.60
Centreville and Florenceville, per Rev. Geo. Howard	5.00

I trust the Lord will more abundantly bless those pastors and churches who have thus encouraged us in our work for the Master. It was Rev. W. E. McIntyre, at our last quarterly meeting, who proposed to our churches to give a little extra help to the Tobique mission. I thank him for the interest he took in this very important field. I wish that some of our churches would be kind enough to present us with a few second hand S. S. Books. They would be very thankfully received. I hope that the many prayers of God's people for Tobique will soon be answered in the salvation of many souls. Pray for your Tobique missionary. C. HENDERSON.

NORTH ESK AND LITTLE SOUTH-WEST.—The interest in this field continues good. We have not had any additions to our membership lately, yet it is encouraging to see those who have professed to be followers of Christ, faithful in the discharge of their duty.

Our meetings are largely attended, in general, and better than all we enjoy our meetings on account of the Saviour's presence. The children of God in giving expression to their feelings often repeat the words of St. Peter, "It is good for us to be here." We have three prayer and social meetings during the week at the above places, beside our regular service on Sunday.

At Little South-West the sisters hold a mothers' meeting once every two weeks. Thus far it has proved a success, in giving encouragement and strength to those who attend. We also have two Sunday schools, which are quite largely attended and full of interest. May the Lord bless all these efforts to the advancement of his cause, and the edification of his people. During the revival last summer there were sixty-five baptized and added to the above named churches. Others professed conversion and united with other churches. It is encouraging to still hear them give expression to the desire of their hearts in the language of the poet, "Oh, for a closer walk with God."

I will also state that owing to my health failing, I have found in necessity to resign the pastoral charge. I have labored with great satisfaction among this people. I have found them kind and generous. They have assisted me amid all my want of qualifications and my shortcomings, and have stood by me amid discouragements. My prayer is that the Lord by his providence may sustain them, and through boundless grace redeem them. I trust they will soon be enabled to secure the services of another man to assist them in the good work of the Lord. THOS. STACKHOUSE.

April 28th, 1886.

MOUNTAIN ST.—One was baptized at the close of the Sunday evening service.

PT. MURRAY.—I have been spending a few days here, and baptized three persons yesterday. The outlook for the future is promising. If there is continued labor here, more will soon follow.

April 26. A. W. BARSS.

PERSONAL.

The many friends of the Rev. W. P. Everett, will be interested to know that he has resigned at Quincy, Ill., and has accepted a call to the pastorate of the church at Upper Alton, in the same State.

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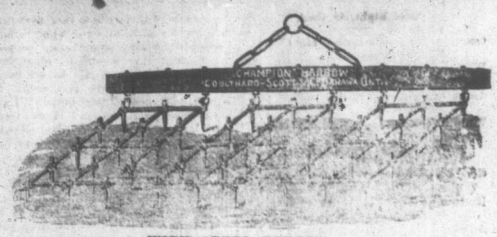

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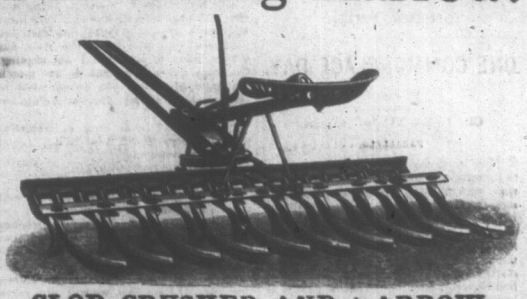

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