

From Burmah.

TAYO, Oct. 31.

An item in the *Messenger and Visitor* respecting our health may give unnecessary alarm to our friends. I therefore write to say that we are both improving. The cool weather is now beginning and we hope to build up more rapidly. The school and other work which we have kept going all the time, consumes our strength almost as fast as we gain it, or leaves but a small balance in our favor. The great demand for educated natives for subordinate positions under the government in Upper Burmah has raised the price of such assistance as we need in school beyond our reach, and so we have to do work that we would like to make over to others. Of course this demand is only temporary, as the supply is rapidly increasing. Government service is fascinating to a native, be it ever so low a position, or the remuneration ever so small. There is a chance to rise to where he will be looked up to by others, and that is worth any effort.

This season has been trying in the score of health. The rain has been light, but long continued, just when the sun was over our heads there would be several days without rain, and at such times the heat was intense. A good many missionaries have been ailing. Mrs. Kelly, widow of Mr. Kelly who was drowned a few years ago while touring in the Shan States, and who since his death has labored with great faithfulness and efficiency for the Shans, is now very ill in Mainlain. She is daily waiting for the message to depart. Her illness is internal cancer. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson of the Keachin Mission, and Mr. and Mrs. Peabody of the Burmese Boy's School in Mainlain, all of whom came out new last autumn, have been obliged to go home. Miss Wilson, who came out the year previous, then the picture of health, has also failed and gone back to America. These early breakdowns have a depressing effect on the churches at home, but the Lord does not see fit to prevent them. The Baptists of the Provinces have much cause for gratitude that all their missionaries are graciously preserved, and do so much work at so small expense. May these evident tokens of Divine approval incite to more effort and prayer on the part of the churches. We are glad the mission is to be so strongly reinforced, and trust the new workers may be greatly blessed. We are glad we had the opportunity of even a brief visit to this mission field, and cannot but admire the heroism of those who toil on from year to year in that trying climate, and against obstacles that we do not have on this other shore.

There is nothing of special interest in our work in Burmah at present. We can only hope that seed is being sown, and the fruit will appear by-and-by. The lamented Crawley did not see all the fruit he desired, but until today one after another in Henthada and the regions round about comes out for Christ, and tells how he was awakened under Teacher Crawley's preaching. This fact is encouraging to weary workers.

The *Messenger and Visitor* gives us much pleasure, and we congratulate you on your success. The news from the churches and institutions are read by us with interest. I am glad that Acadia, so chary in giving her honorary degrees, appreciates the services of laboring men when she does move in that direction. I wish she had not allowed another to get ahead of her in the case of Bro. Boggs, so worthy a son. The degrees of small colleges across your border are so often fiddle D. D., that many do not feel honored by them. H. MORROW.

Manitoba Correspondence.

THE CRISIS OF THE BAPTIST CAUSE IN MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST.

The greatness of the cause and the wishes of my "fellow laborers" call upon me to give more light upon our Western heritage. The West is truly a great and glorious country. I might also say that it covers considerable ground. But to say where this part of the West begins and ends, and what is between the beginning and the end, is not the object of this letter. I have a broader, weightier and more extensive subject, one that extends beyond all West, even beyond the West of the Judgment day; it pertains to the everlasting weal or woe, life or death of souls.

Having faith in God, the Gospel and the Baptists of Canada, we wish to place before the Baptist churches and Sabbath-schools of Eastern Canada the greatest opportunity for soul saving, ever within their reach.

Canada has half a continent. The most fertile half is west. Here are boundless resources for development. Here a nation is being born almost every year. Here is the world's great soil mine of about 500,000,000 acres of grain-growing land, out of which the bread of future generations must come. Here is room for one million bread miners before the country will be as thickly settled as Ontario. Here is room for the overcrowded millions of the Old World. They are coming. Nearly 20,000, during the past six months, have arrived. Immigration is rapidly increasing. The government of Canada, regardless of nationality, race, or religion, is "putting forth every effort" (7) that it may increase, because the

material development of this vast country is dependent upon immigration.

God made gold and iron mines and soil for development. Therefore, this land must soon be the centre of a vast population. Our great need, however, is a present rather than a prospective one. Our uneducated and unchristianized immigration is already a menace to all our civil, social, and religious institutions. There are thousands without a single missionary. Baptists should win them for Christ while the country is in a formative state. The crisis is a present one. Therefore we call upon you to help us. At our last H. M. Board meeting our treasury was empty.

Brethren, Sunday-schools, Missionary Societies, now is the time for work that will yield glorious results. If you expect the Baptist interest of the West to increase, then with liberal spirit you must help us lay broad plans and develop them with invincible determination. We believe you will help us. Please don't wait for the regular day that's appointed; pay part of the old debt to the Lord now, and then begin on Bro. Cohoon's plan and give systematically in the future.

We give the following reasons for asking you to help us and to do it in a systematic way:

1. This is to be the centre of a vast population.
2. It is a strategic point, because of the possibilities of material growth, wealth and political power.
3. The Catholic church expects by means of immigration to supplant our free schools by the parochial system, to subjugate our liberties, and to control our political institutions.
4. All classes of immigrants are in great need of knowledge for their minds, light for their consciences, and salvation for their souls.
5. The evils of intemperance must be checked by God's appointed power—the Gospel.
6. As the country unfolds, new methods of work must be adopted at an increase of expenditure.
7. New missions, yearly increasing, enforce further subdivision of means and laborers.
8. Our Home Mission Board cannot lessen present grants to churches, and at least twelve new fields are calling for aid.
9. We cannot permanently advance with fragmentary and disjointed plans, which are unavoidably caused by spasmodic giving.
10. We need systematic giving as a data from which to calculate plans for the future.
11. Our churches as yet receive but little aid financially from immigrant converts.
12. Statistics show that in proportion to our membership we have given more liberally than any other section of Canada, like situated (not boastful).
13. You are Christians under the command of the great commission; and this is a part of God's great world-wide calling loudly for immediate help.

H. H. HALL.

Emerson, Man. Dec. 14.
P. S.—A merry Christmas and a happy conscience to all who will help us to hasten on the Lord's great New Year.
H. H. H.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

ST. GEORGE.—The Mission Band, composed of seventeen little girls, organized last April, gave a concert Friday evening, 13th, which was a decided success. They had a good audience and kept their profound attention. Monies collected by the band and the collection at the concert amounted to \$20.18 for Foreign Missions. We have a noble band of workers here. C. E. PRINCE.

MARGARET.—I baptized two into the Maccabee Baptist church, Sunday, Dec. 15. This church is without a pastor. I have been preaching to them occasionally since I came to St. George, and last Friday afternoon, 13th, we met in conference, and at the close of the meeting all were able to say, "Praise the Lord, oh my soul." Brethren pray for this church. C. E. PRINCE.

JACKSONVILLE.—Bro. S. J. Archibald has been made glad by the receipt of a donation from his flock in Jacksonville, amounting to over \$40.00, chiefly cash. Bro. Archibald in a note adds: "We are looking and praying for God's blessing in a true revival of religion. We hope before long to have our new house of worship opened, then we will have two handsome churches."

GRINBORO, N. S.—We accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church in the town of Grinboro, in connection with Boylston, a few weeks ago. The Baptists are not numerous in this locality; yet there is good material; we received a very hearty reception, our congregations are good, with increasing interest; one has asked for baptism. We contemplate special services in the near future and pray for a great blessing.

WILLIAM F. ANDERSON.

THE BAPTIST MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF ST. JOHN.—The reports from the churches were as follows: Bro. Welton stated that one had been received by experience, and one had professed conversion, in Portland since last session. Bro. Coombs reported for Rethesda, where he has been laboring. The prospects are good. He was at Willow Grove on Sunday, with Bro. May, and the interest was good. Bro. Hartley's church is encouraged by a quickening of spiritual life, and the prospects are good for gathering. Last week he was at Dutch Village, baptizing eight candidates for his son. At the mission, Bro. Ingram reports increasing congregations. Bro. Capp read an interesting paper on the Jesuit Question.

BATHURST, N. B.—Mercy drops have fallen upon us all along. At our meetings for the Master have been made manifest in the usual way. Of late we have been holding some special meetings. God has blessed our labors in giving us several witnesses for the Master. Last evening at the call of decisions for God, some eight or ten arose. To God be all the praise. We are expecting many more soon. Brethren, pray for us.
F. C. WAGNER.

MONCTON.—On the first of December we preached our fourth anniversary sermon. Reviewing the four years, we found there had been added to our fellowship three hundred and fifty. Speaking of the last pastoral year, we had to report that our membership had been increased one hundred and three, which is the largest increase during any one year that we have had. We found ourselves in the possession of an enlarged church, and thank God, a correspondingly large congregation; and of a new church in Cherryfield, with regular services. We reported regular meetings in three outstations, held the whole year round; and a marked increase in the attendance at our Sunday-schools; also that during the present month the church and its branches will be holding some eighty-three services of one kind and another. And although the pastor was some time ago consumed from visiting (sore sick calls) we reported twelve hundred and forty sick calls made during the year. It was given us that same day to baptize a brother and sister, and to receive by letter two others, so that the new year of church work is encouragingly commenced. We also expect Bro. Isaac Wallace to work during January in the outstations, the church, of course, meeting all his expenses. May we not hope that some of your readers will ask God's presence to be with our brother during his labors with us.
W. B. HINSON.

BEAR RIVER, N. S.—By invitation I spent last Sabbath, the 15th, with the church at Bear River. We were in time to attend the conference meeting on Saturday afternoon. Although the day was unfavorable, a large number was present, and all, without exception, voluntarily testified for Christ. On Sunday we were greeted with large and very attentive congregations. Having been some time without a pastor, the people are hungry, as one sister expressed it, for "Baptist preaching." It was a pleasure to speak to such eager listeners. This is a grand field for an earnest, faithful minister, and the pastor who comes here will find a large number of active and sympathetic Christians to co-operate with him in Christian work. The place itself is a delightful spot, surely, in its summer garb doubly delightful, and from what we have seen of the people, we believe they are worthy of the place. Had I not have felt the claims of a previous call from the church at Beaver River and Maitland, I doubtless, would have been constrained to have cast in my lot with them. I trust that the Great Head of the church will soon send them a judicious, devoted and energetic leader. Bro. Ganong, of "Acadia," who so acceptably supplied the pulpit during the summer, is expected to spend his Christmas vacation with them. But the church are very anxious to have a settled pastor, and it is hoped that their desires will soon be realized. Where is the right man for this large and important field? Whoever comes will find plenty of work to do, and a good field for earnest Christians to rally around him. W. H. ROBINSON.

PERSONAL.

Rev. G. W. Springer wishes his correspondence addressed to Newcastle, Northumberland Co.

Turtie Creek, Albert Co., wishes all our correspondents to address him at that place.

Bro. W. H. Robinson has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Maitland and Beaver River Baptist churches, Yarmouth Co., N. S. All correspondents are requested to notice the change.

ACADIA COLLEGE.—The Rhetorical exhibition of the Junior Class, at Acadia College, was held on the evening of Thursday, the 19th. The large college hall was well filled with an attentive audience. Dr. Sawyer, the President, presided. After music by members of the class and prayer by Dr. Sawyer, nine young men, selected out of a class of thirty-nine, delivered orations. These were listened to with marked interest, by the audience. Perhaps this of itself, is proof enough of their real merit. Without using any comparisons, the papers were certainly well written, and very well delivered. The music, both violin, vocal and piano, was excellent. The exercises from first to last were very interesting, and fully up to the high mark reached by junior classes of former years. The following were the speakers: "Satire and Satirists," E. A. Read, Berwick, N. S.; "France Under the Republic," E. E. Daley, St. John, N. B.; "Our Recent Knowledge of the Deep Sea," H. G. Estabrook, Sackville, N. S.; "The Peace of Aristophanes," W. N. Hutchins, Halifax, N. S.; "Alfred Russel Wallace," C. R. Higgins, Wolfville, N. S.; "The French in Canada," J. E. Bars, Wolfville, N. S.; "The Monastery as a Civilizing Force," Z. L. Faab, Bridgetown, N. S.; "Joseph Rowley as Author and Orator," J. W. Litch, Bridgetown, N. S.; "Elizabeth Barrett Browning," H. N. Shaw, Boston, Mass., U. S. S. B. K.

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Marriages.

KINSMAN—PAUL.—At Canning, Nov. 27, by Rev. W. C. Vincent, Mason Kinsman, to Emma Kinsman.

DUNHAM—BAILEY.—At Randolph, N. B., Dec. 16, by Rev. C. H. Martell, Ernest Dunham, to Hattie Bailey, both of Long Resolt.

JUSTARON—SHAW.—At the Baptist parsonage, Fennfield, by Rev. C. S. Stearns, Capt. Sydney L. Justaron, to Minnie Shaw, all of Fennfield.

FREEMAN—TUPPER.—At the Parsonage, Liverpool, N. S., Dec. 14, by Rev. S. H. Cain, Archie Stanley Freeman, of Green-

field, to Mary Emma Tupper, of Milton. ALWARD—MURRAY.—At Fennfield, N. B., Dec. 3, by Rev. L. A. Palmer, E. A. Edgar, F. Alward, to Bardilla Murray, both of Kinross Settlement, Parish of Salisbury, N. B.

ANTHUR-HARRIS.—At the residence of the bride's father, St. Mary's, York Co., Dec. 19, by Rev. F. D. Cranley, Joseph Anthur, of Westfield, Kings Co., to Christina Harriss, of St. Mary's.

Deaths.

GRANT.—At Roschvale, Guysboro, N. S., Dec. 15, James Grant, Esq., aged 86 years.

TUPPER.—Suddenly at Newton, Mass., through an aneurism, John, son of John A. Tupper, Esq., of Bridgewater, N. S., aged 29 years. The deceased left a wife and two small children. His death has caused deep sadness to prevail throughout his native place. The sympathies of all are extended toward those who mourn.

VINCENT.—At Johnston, Queen's Co., Dec. 12, after a lingering illness of consumption, Maggie, the beloved wife of Albert Vincent, aged 26 years. She chose God for her guide when fourteen years of age, and ever since her greatest delight has been to do His will. A sorrowful husband weeps in a lonely home, a little son will miss the dearest of earthly friends, and the church of God, with the community at large, has lost one who ever sought to advance the Kingdom of Christ and do good to all.

ALEXANDER.—At Jacksonville, N. B., Dec. 4, Deacon David Alexander passed to his rest after great suffering, aged 76 years. Born in Scotland, of Presbyterian parents, he was one of the first settlers of this place. Bore of God and united with this church in 1856. He was baptized by Rev. Thos. Todd. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor, assisted by two former pastors, Revs. Thos. Todd and Geo. Howard, who spoke very tenderly and warmly of our old friend. He was a Baptist of the old stamp. We meet very few men or women now who love, read, and have such a firm grip of Bible truth. He was a man of far more than ordinary intelligence. It was pleasure and profit to any one to visit him. He leaves an aged and lonely widow, who nursed him most tenderly all through his sickness, and sons and grandchildren to mourn their loss.

FELCH.—Deacon W. Clark Felch, of Torbrook, passed on to the better land on Dec. 4, at the ripe age of 86. In death the Nictaux church has lost one of her true and tried standard bearers. For between 50 and 60 years he has been a consistent and loyal member of the church. He was baptized by the Rev. I. E. Bill, and converted to God during his pastorate at Nictaux. He was constant in his attendance of the meetings of the church, and until recently was active in Sabbath-school matters. He took a deep interest in the moral and spiritual interests of the community. For 25 years he has been an esteemed deacon of the church. In that honorable position he strove to appreciate the responsibilities of the office, and carried out his best judgment with vigilance and integrity. Bro. Felch was a man whose presence and power were felt. His presence will be missed for many a day by the congregation, by the pastor, and also by the transient visitor. His partner with whom he lived for nearly 50 years passed over the river some years ago. Bro. Felch felt her loss, but it was a consolation to him in his last years to enjoy the kindly attentions of his daughter, Mrs. Parker. He died in harness. As the time of his departure drew near, he constantly expressed his great desire to go beyond this world of sin and pain and death to his eternal abode. He has gone. His work is done. His sorrow is past.

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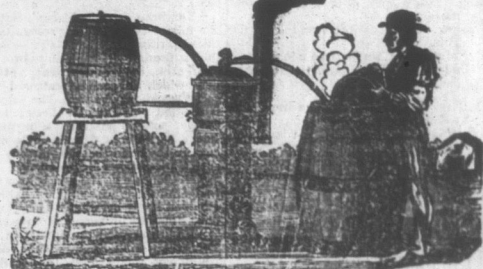
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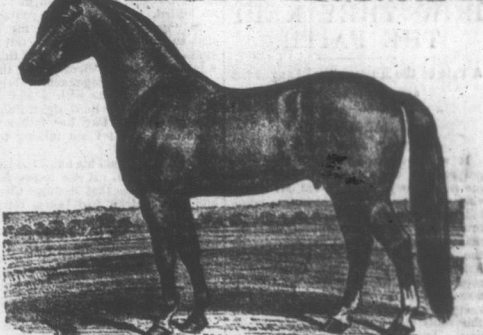
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