

was laid upon the altar, a type of the lamb which was sacrificed intermediate between the '72 of Abraham's time and the '72 which now dawns upon us.

A blaze of light pours upon the '72 of to-day which could not have been comprehended or believed by Abraham, had it been revealed. Then, scarce a Christian worshipper was not found outside of Abraham's family; now, the earth is literally girdled by churches where the true God is known and worshipped. Then, there was no literature, not even a Bible. Now the earth groans under the issues of the press, and it can be truly said, "of the making of books there is no end." To this the telegraph is added which brings us within speaking distance with all the inhabitants of the world.—*Ch. Weekly.*

For the Christian Messenger.

REV. W. GEORGE.

Dear Brother,—

I received by the last mail a letter from Brother George. It was dated Dec. 7, 1871. The following is an extract:—

"I expect to start on Monday next with Mr. Crawley for the jungle. My knowledge of the language, though by no means perfect, will now admit of my doing something. The heaven is working among the people. Four were baptized a short time ago at one of the outstations, and more will come soon. We have good reason to be encouraged in the work. Men listen and are converted. The gospel of Jesus Christ will ultimately prevail over all the earth. Seed is being sown, influences are being set in motion, that will tell powerfully on this people.

"We have just returned from Maulmain. We were advised to take a little change on account of the health of our child. She is now quite well, and we have strong hope that in the enjoyment of health, and an assurance that God is our Father and Jesus our Saviour and Brother, we shall be spared to labour many years in Burmah."

I take this opportunity to observe that as it has been decided that the brethren Sanford and Armstrong shall leave in the Fall of next year, it is desirable to commence at once the collection of funds for their outfit and passage, and the additional expenditure which will be unavoidably incurred for their support. In resolving to establish an Independent Mission we have undertaken a great work, and must be prepared to sustain the cost.

Yours truly,
J. M. CRAMP.

Wolfeville, Feb. 17, 1872.

For the Christian Messenger.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

SAINT JOHN, Feb. 12, 1872.

The Foreign Mission Board met this evening, at 7.30 o'clock, in the Committee Room of the German St. Baptist Church. Members in attendance, the President, Hon. A. McL. Seely, Secretary, W. S. McKenzie, Revs. T. Harley, I. E. Bill, Jr., and W. E. Boggs. Brethren A. W. Masters, S. Skinner, and J. H. Harding, being present were invited to participate in the deliberations of the Board. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. T. Harley. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report from Rev. Dr. Hovey, as President of the Newton Theological Seminary, on our missionaries elect, engaged in study at that Institution, was read, in which report our brethren are spoken of in terms of cordial approval and esteem as students for the Christian ministry.

A letter was read from Rev. Dr. Murdock in reply to a communication from this Board enclosing the Resolution, in which the A. B. M. Union was requested to exercise a directing power over the labors of our sisters De Wolfe and Norris, so long as those sisters shall continue in the service of Union. Dr. Murdock replies that the Executive Committee, "thankful for the confidence reposed in them by this Board, accept the trust confided to them, and hope always to exercise it with kindness and with such wisdom as may be granted them. It will be their aim to consult at once the happiness of the young ladies and the good of the mission."

A letter was read from Rev. Dr. Cramp, conveying a report from him and Rev. Dr. Tupper on the matter referred to them as a special Committee. The report was accepted, and

the question of appointing another female missionary to the foreign field is deferred for the present.

The Circular to the churches, as ordered by the Board, and prepared by Rev. Dr. Cramp, was read, and with one or two additions and alterations was approved and ordered to be printed in the *Christian Messenger* and the *Christian Visitor*.

A recent letter from Rev. A. R. R. Crawley, was presented to the Board, in which letter Bro. Crawley appeals for an enlargement of the salaries paid to the native Burman preachers under his superintendence. Also a letter from Rev. Dr. Cramp relative to the same subject. It was resolved, that Dr. Cramp open a correspondence with the parties now contributing to the support of these and other native preachers, in order to inform them of the ulterior plans of the denomination relative to an independent mission and the connection therewith of the question of making donations to native laborers, as well as to place before the contributors of specially designated funds Rev. Mr. Crawley's statements as to the necessity for larger salaries.

Two letters from Rev. Dr. Tupper, one to the Secretary and another to the Treasurer, were placed before the Board, in which letters Dr. T. expresses his regret that the directing power, granted by the former Board to the Missionaries of the A. B. M. Union over our sisters De Wolfe and Norris, should be transferred to the Executive Committee of the Union. The Board having recently seen so much confusion in the movements of our sisters, and so much detriment to the cause of missions by the exercise of a directing power in the hands of the missionaries of the Union, felt it was proper to place that directing power in the hands of those who would use it more to the advantage of our female missionaries and the cause in which they are engaged. Besides the Board felt that some deference should be accorded to the judgment and wishes of the Union on whose mission fields and in whose mission services our sisters are laboring. Neither this Board nor the Executive Committee of the Union had any authority to regulate the services of those whom we had sent into Burmah. Such disorder needed correction, and this Board felt called upon to correct it. The Board is sorry to find Dr. Tupper complaining of the action taken, but fail to see the force of his objections.

The Treasurer reported through Rev. Mr. Harley that he had transacted the business ordered at the last meeting of the Board.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. I. E. Bill, Jr.

W. S. MCKENZIE, Sec'y.

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., February 21, 1872.

The Fourth Anniversary of the BRITISH AMERICAN BOOK & TRACT SOCIETY was held in Temperance Hall on Monday evening last, Rev. J. A. Clark occupied the chair.

From the Report presented by the Secretary there appears to have been an immense amount of religious literature sent forth on its mission throughout the country, and doubtless great good is being done by the society. We may copy some of the figures giving the statistics, but they convey only a very imperfect idea of the work which is being done through its instrumentality. It would be necessary to follow each printed page on its way from the shelves of the depository to the colporteur, and thence to the families of readers, and observe how it effected an ameliorating influence on the individual, the family, and the community, and in numberless cases resulted in the conversion to God of those who received and read them. In these days of pernicious literature it is most important that Christians and the friends of wholesome reading should supply it in as great abundance as possible and that the freest access be given to the writings of Christian men, so as to counteract the evil tendencies of the pernicious.

Many of the colporteurs have also well supplied the place of the missionary, and, by the family visits they have made, commended the gospel where it is not often carried and scarcely or not at all known. It appears from the Report that "twenty-five Colporteurs were employed during the past year—the whole or part of their time. The aggregate time of their service amounts to 14 years, 3 months and 4 days.

They travelled 25,711 miles, and visited 31,610 families. They held conversation on personal religion, read the Scriptures or prayed with 16,066 families, and took part in or conducted 1,126 prayer meetings; 419 Protestant families were found destitute of the Bible; 640 of all other religious books, and 755 who neglected public worship. 920 Roman Catholic families were visited.

For the past four years the time employed was 28 years, 1 month and 25 days; miles travelled 52,755; the amount of sales has been \$25,351.17; and grants \$1,961.59.

17 Colporteurs are now employed: 1 in New Brunswick, 1 in P. E. Island, 4 in Cape Breton, and 11 in Nova Scotia proper.

Two have been commissioned for New Brunswick, since the beginning of the year, making three for that Province. At a public meeting held in St. John, near the close of the year, a deep interest was manifested in the work, and liberal contributions were made in aid of Colportage.

The receipts for the year ending December 31st, 1871, have been—in donations and subscriptions \$2,891.74; store sales, including \$3,205.30 for periodicals, \$12,085.69; Colporteur sales \$14,914.81; other sources \$157.87, which with the balance on hand January 1st, gives as the total resources of the year \$30,487.61.

The receipts from Colporteur sales have been \$3,231.58 in excess of the total receipts from the same source for the first three years, and more than one hundred and twenty per cent. in advance of the preceding year.

The total value of Bibles and religious publications sent out from the Depository, including free grants is \$31,481.36.

Of Bibles there were 14,549 distributed, and of Testaments 13,879, making a total of 28,428.

J. S. McLean, Esq., moved the adoption of the report.

Rev. G. W. Hill gave an address on Colportage, its spirit, mission and results.

Rev. A. Simpson showed the power and influence of periodical publications.

Rev. J. E. Goucher spoke on the religious press as a means of evangelization.

Voluntary Tract distribution was the closing address by J. B. Morrow, Esq.

FUNERAL SERVICE, AND REQUESTS OF SENATOR BILL.—The *Visitor* give an account of the funeral services of the Hon. C. R. Bill.

After recounting the difficulties experienced in crossing the Bay, occasioned by ice on the shore and his arrival at Kentville at 8 P. M. on Saturday the editor, brother of the deceased, gives the following account of the funeral services.

"The day was stormy and the roads fearfully drifted; but notwithstanding these obstacles a large concourse of people assembled to pay their tribute of respect to departed worth. The scriptures were read at the house by the pastor, and prayer offered by Rev. S. T. Rand. The procession then formed, and proceeded to the Baptist Chapel, under the guidance of Sheriff Colwell. The pall, which covered the beautiful rosewood coffin, was borne by Daniel Moore, Esq., and L. D. V. Chipman, Esq., the former a representative in the Local Legislature, and the latter a member of the Dominion Parliament, and by Deacons C. E. Parker and C. N. Rockwell. The remains were taken into the church, where, after the singing of appropriate hymns by the choir, the reading of the Scriptures and prayer by Rev. S. T. Rand, Pastor Kempton delivered a rich gospel sermon from the passage in Timothy, "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his." This cheering passage had been quoted very frequently by the departed during his last illness, and had shed light upon his pathway as he passed the dark valley. The sermon was appropriate and impressive, and commanded throughout the deepest attention. In speaking of the deceased, the preacher said, "that his acquaintance with him had been comparatively limited; but that all that he had seen of him and heard from him in health, in sickness, and in death, tended to fill him with the assurance that he was ripe for the mansion prepared for him above."

By the special request of the pastor, the writer, at the close of the sermon, briefly addressed the congregation, and then the remains were removed to the family cemetery, where they were interred in the full assurance of a glorious resurrection to life and immortality in the rest which God has prepared for his people.

All classes of the community deeply deplore the death of our departed brother, but none more sincerely than the hundreds of poor people scattered over the mountains of Cornwallis, Aylesford, and other sections, who were largely dependent upon him for the comforts of their homes. Some of this class came to us, with sad countenances and weeping eyes, saying that they had lost their best friend.

We were glad to learn that, in his last Will and Testament, he has directed his executors to pay over at a given time \$400 for the benefit of Home Missions, and \$1000 to Foreign Missions. These sums are to be disposed of under the direction of his brother I. E. Bill, Rev. J. F. Kempton, and Rev. Maynard Freeman. Besides these amounts, he has left certain shares of undivided property to the same objects. What these will amount to cannot at present be known, but probably to hundreds if not thousands of dollars."

NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST MINISTERS.—The *Visitor* brings us the following items respecting valued ministering brethren in that province:

Rev. T. Harley has resigned the pastorate of the Brussels Street Church on account of the feeble state of his health. He is invited to the pastorate of the Baptist Church in Savannah, and expects to spend the month of March in that city. His health improves he may decide to accept the call of the church and remain there permanently; if not he will probably return to England. In either case we shall lose his valuable services in this city. This is a matter of deep regret by his many friends; but we pray God that his health may be fully restored, and that he may be long spared to proclaim the message of redeeming love in some part of the Lord's vineyard.

A note from Rev. J. C. Bleakney, informs us that his health, which has been in a debilitated state for some weeks past, is slowly improving. We trust he will be able to resume with his usual vigor, his pastoral duties.

Rev. J. E. Fillmore fears he will soon be compelled to resign the pastorate of the Late Mountain Church, because of failing health. In a recent note, he says, "We were never in more harmony, and have good prospects of increase to our numbers. One is received for baptism." This physical prostration on the part of so many of our ministers, should stimulate us all to pray more fervently, that God would strengthen in body as well as soul."

We much regret the necessity for the removal of our esteemed Brother Harley. It will be a great loss to the denomination in these provinces. We shall miss him at St. John, and also at our annual gatherings in either province, just now too when he was becoming more familiar with, and able to serve our various denominational organizations.

To-morrow, Thursday, is the day appointed for opening our LOCAL LEGISLATURE. There has been a remarkable silence in the secular press respecting the measures that may be expected to be brought before the assembled wisdom. There appears to be more concern about the men and the shape the parties shall severally take. This will of course be early tested, and it will be soon learned how large a portion of the new House of Assembly may be reckoned upon to sustain the present government. There will doubtless be less of disparity between the ins and the outs, than there was in the last House.

Two names have been mentioned as probable candidates for the speakership, Hon. J. C. Troop, and M. B. Desbrisay, Esq. The election of one or the other of these gentlemen will, we presume, be no indication of the strength of parties, as both were last year generally on the same side.

Some interest will be felt in the reports of surveys for railways east and west, which have been recently made. What measures may be brought forward affecting our educational affairs will be carefully watched by the people.

It is not remarkable that the Roman Catholic church should be opposed to Common Schools. As they hold that ecclesiastics should be employed in the education of their children, they would, it is pretty well understood, prefer that no instruction should be given to them unless it be imparted under the direction of the priest. The statement made by Cardinalullen that "mixed education by excluding Catholic teaching puts itself in direct hostility with the principles of Catholicism" is sufficiently a hint to

show that no concessions less than the entire control will satisfy them.

Protestants do not wish for the Common Schools to supply Protestant teaching. That may be done by the various churches without interfering with the Common Schools. This should be sufficient for all denominations—Protestants and Catholics, so that the schools might all be on the same level, and all have the same advantages.

Protestants believe that the establishment of Separate Schools is a combination of Church and State, scarcely less injurious than a regular church establishment. On this basis they oppose the demands of the Roman Catholic Church in New Brunswick, and wherever attempts are made to give a denominational character to the public schools.

We have to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt by mail from England of a copy of the Baptist Hand Book for 1872, published under the direction of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland. It is full of information respecting the Baptist denomination all over the world.

It appears from it that there are 1,940 churches in England, with 2,346 chapels, 178,183 members, and 556,074 Sunday-school scholars. In Wales there are 519 churches, with 550 chapels, 51,905 members, and 52,638 Sunday-school children. In Scotland 108 churches, 112 chapels, 8,873 church members, 5,283 children in Sunday schools. In Ireland, 37 churches, 38 chapels 1,434 members, 1,055 Sunday

scholars, there being 22 counties in which there is no Baptist church. This gives a total in Great Britain and Ireland of 2,602 churches, 3,044 chapels, 233,395 members, 415,080 Sunday-school scholars; and an increase of membership of 9,720. Ministers, England and Wales, 2,021; Scotland, 60; Ireland, 27; total, 2,108, of whom 418 are without a charge. On the whole, says the editor, there is very considerable increase in the active labours of the several associations, and it is delightful to notice the earnest spirit in which nearly all of them are addressing themselves to the work which the Master has devolved upon His followers of "preaching the gospel to every creature."

The Hand Book has, in addition, a number of cuts of new churches opened during the year.

The assassination of Lord Mayo the Governor General of India by a Mohammedan convict is a sad termination of a valuable life. The circumstances of the case do not point to anything of a general political character in respect to British rule in India. A similar casualty might occur in any European country where attempts have frequently been made on the lives of sovereigns, from various motives. It is however another case added to the number of Governors of India who have met their death whilst in the discharge of their duties.

Notices, &c.

ACADIA ATHENÆUM.

The fourth lecture of the course before the Acadia Athenæum, will be delivered by Professor R. V. Jones, A. M., in the vestry of the Baptist Meeting House on Friday, the 23rd inst., at 7 o'clock, P. M. Subject—"Robbie Burns."

F. H. EATON, Cor. Sec.

Wolfeville, Feb. 12, 1872.

COLCHESTER COUNTY BAPTIST BATHS SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Convention will be held in the Meeting House at Debert River, on Friday, March 22nd, commencing at half past two, P. M. There will be a sermon at the beginning of the afternoon Session. Evening Session to commence at 7 o'clock.

A. J. WALKER, Sec'y.

Truro, Feb. 16, 1872.

CANNING, Feb. 17, 1872.

Dear Bro. Seiden,—I wish to acknowledge through the *Christian Messenger*, the following notices. For notices of the Sabbath School Convention at the Central Association:

Peru, S. S.	\$0.61
A. A. Pine, Esq.	0.50
Canning S. S.	1.00
Porter S. S.	1.50
Union S. S.	0.25

will nearly defray the expenses of Mission for September, 1871. It will be necessary to take collections in the next before the next Convention in May for the Minutes of 1872. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, F. H. EATON, Sec'y.
For missions will I want to be able to do so, D. FREEMAN.