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Poetry.

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"THERE REMAINETH A REST."

When vexed with cares, by sin oppressed,
How long we for the promised rest
From sorrow, sin, disease and pain,
From our own works with Christ to reign.

Oh glorious rest for which we faint,
What pen can all thy glories paint;
What earthly honors can compare
With those we will with Jesus share?

From wars the nations then shall rest,
With peace all people shall be blest,
Justice and judgment then shall blend,
The king will be the poor man's friend.

"Thy kingdom come," for this we pray,
To hasten on that glorious day;
Oh come Lord Jesus, quickly come
And lead us to our rest and home.

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Religious.

For the Christian Messenger.

WHAT A WORD MAY DO.

TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN BY
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A gentleman stood one morning on the platform of one of the railway depots of New York, holding by the hand his little daughter, Alice, a child of about seven years of age. They were hindered by the crowd from at once taking their seats in the cars; so that the little one had time to observe the many new objects presented to her view. Suddenly she heard behind her the heavy, measured tread of a dozen feet. On looking round, she observed something which she had never before seen;—there were six policemen, two walking in front, two bringing up the rear, and in the middle, a wild-looking man, chained to two others. This man was one of the worst characters in the city, who, having been detected in the commission of a very heavy crime, was now about to be taken to prison. Alice had been told that morning by her father that this criminal would be condemned to life-long punishment, and that a sharp watch would be kept over him, because it was feared that some of his comrades might attempt his liberation. While her father, engaged in lively conversation with a friend, failed to notice the passers-by, Alice could not take her eyes from the prisoner, and regarded him with an ever increasingly earnest glance of deep compassion. The thought was so sad to her, that after this last walk in the warm sun-shine, on the banks of the laughing river, he would be thrust into a dark cell, and never, never more be allowed to walk about in the golden sun-light, let him live to be ever so old.

Once the prisoner glanced towards her, but turned quickly away. Yet unable to withstand the pitying looks of the child, his eyes returned to her again and again. His feelings at length became so deeply moved, that he impatiently turned his back on her. The little one thought she had grieved him, and her tender heart was troubled; she ran up to him, and said:

"I will not tease you, poor man! I am only so sorry for you; and Jesus is sorry for you, too!"

One of the policemen stopped hastily forwards, and took her back to her father. Only the prisoner himself had heard what she had spoken to him in a whisper. But, God be thanked, he had heard it; and the echo of those words, and the remembrance of the tender, sad glance of the child, followed him on his way, and accompanied him into his dreary cell.

The gaoler wondered that his terrible prisoner made no disturbance, but on the contrary, became constantly more orderly and submissive. At length the marvel was explained. When, after the lapse of some months, the chaplain asked the criminal how it was that he proved to be so entirely different from what was expected; he made this answer:

"It is a simple story. A child told me that she was sorry for me, and that Jesus was sorry for me, too; and this child's compassion, and the compassion of Jesus broke my hard heart."

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PROGRESS OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF ANNAPOLIS

from June 23rd, 1834, to June 20th, 1874—40 years.

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Annapolis County enjoyed the privilege of being the birth-place of the first Baptist Association ever formed in any part of what now constitutes the Dominion of Canada. This took place in Lower Granville, June 23rd, 1800. The Association embraced the Baptist Churches of the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The Ministers present—worthy Pioneers—were Edward Manning, of Cornwallis, Theodore S. Harding, of Horton, Joseph Dimock, of Chester, Harris Harding, of Yarmouth, Joseph Crandall, of Sackville, N. B., Thomas H. Chipman, of Nictaux, and James Manning, of Lower Granville. With the faithful and useful labors of the two last named, as also, for a number of years, with those of our zealous Bro. Thomas Ansley, the people of Annapolis were favored to the close of their lives. Through the Divine blessing accompanying the good seed sown by these men of God and their faithful successors, the Baptist population are proportionately more numerous than in any other county in Nova Scotia; being, as appears by the last Census, a little more than 55 out of each hundred of the inhabitants.

As Moses, a little time before his departure, called the Israelites to contemplate the dealing of the Most High with them during the 40 years preceding, it seems not inappropriate for the writer—now the senior minister in the body, dating from his ordination, July 17, 1817, and whose exit cannot be remote—to present a brief retrospective view of the Lord's gracious conduct toward us in the County of Annapolis during the 40 years prior to the last Session of the Western Association, June 20th, 1874.

The following list of churches with their Pastors, and statistics, is copied from the Minutes of 1834.

Annapolis & Upper Granville.....	107
Lower Granville, J. B. Cogswell.....	106
Wilmot, N. Vidito.....	143
Clements, N. Saunders.....	174
Nictaux, I. E. Bill.....	280
Wilmot Mountain, R. W. Cunningham.....	138
New Albany.....	86
Upper Wilmot, (then with Aylesford Ch.).....	68

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By the letters in 1835, it appeared that the churches in the County, which had reported pretty large accessions in 1833, could report but few this. In this year, however, the churches of Springfield, with 12 members, and of Dalhousie, with 13, were received into the Association.

The statistics of 1836, furnish pleasing evidence that a special blessing had attended the energetic efforts of Bro. Bill, to whose church 106 were added by baptism, of Bro. Vidito, by an addition of 85 Bro. Chase, at Wilmot Mountain, by an accession of 26, of Bro. Delong, at New Albany, to which small church 18 were added; and at Upper Granville Mountain, without a pastor, 52 were received into the Church.

At the next Session it was apparent that the gracious visitation of the former associational year had been continued to some extent. Several of the churches which had then shared largely in the revival influences, had subsequently received considerable accessions. It is pleasing to observe, also, that in the Clements Church, to which our late Bro. Israel Potter, Senr., was then ministering, 6 were received by baptism, and 7 by restoration. It may be remarked here, that some churches are quite too remiss with regard to discipline, and the exclusion of obdurate offenders; but when any are excluded, they are not subsequently looked after

as they should be, and encouraged to return. It is, therefore, cheering to notice instances in which restorations have occurred.

In the year 1838 no considerable additions to the churches in Annapolis are reported; but in 1839 showers of blessings appear to have been graciously diffused on several of them. To that of Annapolis and Upper Granville then under the pastorate of Bro. J. Chase, 48 were added by baptism, to that of Lower Granville 12, Wilmot 34, Clements 30, and 6 restored. In 1840, through the continued favor of the Most High, in Lower Granville 23 were added, and in Nictaux 26; but in general the increase was small, or none.

It is obviously very desirable that the interests of vital religion should be constantly progressing. But, owing to human frailty and depravity, the records of Scripture, and others of a reliable character, show, that seasons of religious declension have frequently followed those of revival. It can not, therefore, reasonably excite surprise to learn, that this was verified in Annapolis in the year 1841.

Through the riches of Divine grace, however, this state of declension was of comparatively short duration. The returns in 1842 present the cheering statement that Annapolis and Upper Granville Church received an accession by baptism of 47, Lower Granville, 19, Wilmot 88, Clements, 73, Nictaux, 75, Granville Mountain, 34, and Wilmot Mountain, 64. There were therefore added to the churches in Annapolis during this special visitation of mercy 400 persons. At the next Association 75 were reported as added, and in the year following 62. During several succeeding years the churches in this County appear to have been generally in rather a barren state. In 1849, through mercy, the reports are more exhilarating; as the additions amount to 185; and in 1850, to 145.

At the Association held in Nictaux in 1850, after due deliberation, it was resolved to divide the one Association, the bounds of which were inconveniently extensive, into three Associations, namely, the Western, Central, and Eastern. In 1851 Bro. Jarvis Ring was reported as the pastor of Annapolis and Upper Granville Church, Bro. Israel Potter, who had been junior, now that his venerable father, of the same name was deceased, as Pastor of the Clements church, Bro. W. C. Rideout pastor of Wilmot Mountain Church, and the writer, C. Tupper, in the pastorate of that of Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot. As this church, which united with the Western Association, has been subsequently divided by mutual consent, with nearly equal numbers, that of Upper Wilmot, in Annapolis County, may be justly regarded as consisting of 107 members in 1851.

In 1852 Bro. I. E. Bill having removed to St. John, N. B., Bro. James Park became Pastor of the church of Nictaux; and Bro. J. Potter having resigned the pastoral charge of that of Clements, Bro. A. Cogswell succeeded him. Bro. Park, after laboring faithfully for a short season, was called home. During several years about this time the state of vital religion among the Baptists in Annapolis appears to have been low; and the additions to our churches in the county were small.

In the year 1854, Bro. W. G. Parker having accepted a call to the pastorate of the church in Nictaux, he and the writer united in labors, with the aid of other brethren. A special Divine blessing evidently attended the efforts put forth; and 125 were added to the Nictaux Church by baptism, 78 to that of Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot, (of whom 39 might be reckoned as belonging to Annapolis); at Wilmot also there were 39 received by baptism, at Clements 6, and at Parker's Cove 14. These, with 6 added to other churches in the County, raised the number reported that year to 229. In the cases of the principal additions received this year the benefit of united effort, in de-

pendence on Divine influence is apparent.

In the course of the next year the Annapolis and Upper Granville church, under the pastorate of Bro. G. Armstrong, received 47, and that of Lower Granville, where Bro. J. Spencer was then laboring, had an addition of 43. In 1856, 17 were added in Upper Wilmot, 25 in Lower Granville, 12 in Clements, and 15 in Nictaux.

It is painful to record the humiliating fact, that the two subsequent years appear to have been seasons of declension rather than of progress. In the year 1859, however, we are permitted to acknowledge the Divine goodness manifested in extensive revivals, by which large accessions were made to a number of our churches;—to Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot 143, (of whom 71 may be reckoned as belonging to Upper Wilmot,) to Annapolis and Upper Granville 30, to Clements 10, Chute's Cove 20, Nictaux 123, Port George—an offshoot from Nictaux—46, Springfield 27, Wilmot 39, Parker's Cove 17; and to other churches 10; making the number baptized in the County of Annapolis in the course of the year preceding June 11, 1859, 392. Blessed be the Lord for the riches of His grace bestowed at that season!

The principal additions in 1860 were, at Nictaux 28, Port George 13, and Clements 47. In the year following the number baptized in the County was small.

The returns in 1862 were, at Annapolis and Upper Granville 25, Chute's Cove 18, Lower Granville 13, Nictaux 44, New Albany 10, Wilmot Mountain 17. There were also 3 new churches added this year, namely, Pine Grove, consisting of members dismissed from Nictaux, combined with what had been Port George church, together 208 members. Greywood and Milford 25, and Litchfield 36.

The next associational year there were added in Lower Granville, Bro. I. Wallace Pastor, 40, New Albany, Bro. R. S. Morton—a faithful but now long afflicted servant of Christ—Pastor, 9, Pine Grove, under the pastorate of Bro. W. H. Porter, 22, Clements, under that of Bro. Samuel Richardson, 7.

In 1864 very few baptisms were reported. At the next Association, however, the reports were more cheering. It appeared that 27 had been added to the Church in Clements, under the pastoral care of Bro. G. D. Cox, 18 to that of Upper Wilmot, 11 at Lower Granville, 16 at Pine Grove, and 38 at Wilmot Mountain. In 1866 12 were received in Annapolis and Upper Granville, 39 in Upper Wilmot 25 in Lower Granville, 44 in Pine Grove, and 21 in Wilmot Church.

In 1867 there were 24 reported as baptized in Nictaux; but in general this seems to have been an unfruitful season with our churches in Annapolis. At the session following 30 were reported at Clements, 18 at Grey Wood and Milford. In 1869 16 were reported at Annapolis and Upper Granville, 19 at Clements, 90 at Nictaux, 21 at Wilmot, and 23 at Wilmot Mountain, where Rev. J. M. Parker was Pastor.

The additions to the churches in 1870 and 1871 were in general few; but in the latter year there were 39 added to that of Lower Granville. The next Associational record shows accessions to Annapolis and Upper Granville church of 9, Clements, Bro. J. Williams, Pastor, 11, Nictaux, Bro. M. P. Freeman, Pastor, 10; but no large increase in any church. The Church of Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot having been divided, by mutual agreement, this year, (1872,) that of Upper Wilmot, in Annapolis County, was recognized as a separate body, consisting of 244 members.

By the returns in 1873 it appeared evident that the state of vital religion was still quite low in our churches generally in the County; yet there were added to that of Annapolis and Upper Granville 28, and to that of

Wilmot, under the pastorate of Bro. A. Cohoon, 20.

In the present year of special grace, during the seasons of extensive revival of the Lord's work in many parts of our highly favored Province, the Baptist Churches in this County have been richly blessed. The following table exhibits the increase by baptism in each Church during the year preceding from June 20th, 1874, and the number of members in each, with the sum total, at that date:

	Baptized.	Whole No.
Annapolis & Upper Granville.....	6	307
Clements.....	10	342
Dalhousie West.....	0	96
Grey Wood & Milford.....	0	57
Hampton.....	5	96
Lower Granville.....	6	313
Litchfield.....	0	35
Nictaux.....	68	291
New Albany.....	46	101
Pine Grove.....	40	328
Parker's Cove.....	0	58
Springfield.....	27	85
Wilmot.....	36	320
Wilmot Mountain.....	53	255
Upper Wilmot.....	74	301
Lawrencetown & Valley West.....	38	117
Annapolis Town (New Church).....	14	14
South Wilmot,—members in.....	29	60
	436	3006

In contemplating the statistics now presented, it may be remarked, that a large and sudden increase of numbers in any Church does not furnish a certain criterion as to the real advancement of the interests of truth and godliness; as such a state of things is sometimes followed by an extensive declension. A more gradual and continuous increase not unfrequently appears ultimately to be more conducive to the furtherance of the cause of Christ. When, however, there is no increase, or very little, in a Church for a year two, it indicates a low state of piety, that is greatly to be deplored. Moreover, as our Churches are, in general, obviously replenished by revivals, as is clear from the statistics presented above, these evidently ought to be encouraged and earnestly sought by us. It cannot be reasonably doubted, that in the late gracious visitation, during the last associational year, in which upwards of 3000 persons have been received into our Churches in these Maritime Provinces by baptism, and of these 436 in Annapolis County, an extensive and precious work has been wrought in the salvation of souls.

While a review of the past 40 years evidently presents cause for deep humiliation on account of our apathy, and neglect of the energetic efforts which we ought to have put forth for the honor of the Divine Redeemer and the salvation of our fellow men, it obviously exhibits abundant reason for unfeigned thankfulness to God, that, notwithstanding our numerous departures from Him, He has dealt very graciously with us by granting precious revivals, and bringing many in this County to confess His name, and to unite cordially with Baptist Churches.

*This church numbers 34; but about 20 were received from other churches in the County.

SEVENTH-DOLLAR THIEF.

A traveller on his journey meets a robber in the woods.
"Give me your money," cries the highwayman, "or I'll shoot you."
"It may be," thinks the traveller, "the man is in want;" and he generously gives him six dollars. "Take this. God bless you. Farewell."
"Stop! stop!" cried the robber; "I see another dollar, and I must have that."
"O, sir," replied the traveller, "be content. Of my all, seven dollars, you have six, and I have only one to help me on my journey."
"Give me that seventh dollar," cries the robber, drawing his pistol.
"What do you think of the robber?" "The meanest thief I ever could conceive of!" What is his name? Sabbath-breaker.

Let prudence always attend your pleasures; it is the way to enjoy the sweets of them, and not be afraid of the consequences.