

For the Christian Messenger.
Sau Ah-Brah, a Karen Lecturer.
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, NEWTON CENTRE,
MASS., May 24th, 1879.

Dear Brother,—
Will you please make the following announcement through the *Messenger*? Sau Ah-Brah a converted Karen who came to this country about ten years ago, with the late Rev. A. R. R. Crawley for the purpose of obtaining an education, is planning to spend the summer in lecturing among the Churches in N. S.

Bro. Ah-Brah is an earnest Christian worker, and has become quite popular as a lecturer, both in this country and in the Upper Provinces of the Dominion. He is a graduate of Brown University, and is to graduate at this Institution in course of a few weeks. He will lecture on the Manners and Customs of his people, What the gospel is doing for them, etc., etc. He plans to attend the Association at Yarmouth, where he will spend a few days, after which he will visit the following Churches, viz.: Lockeport, Liverpool, Milton, Bridgewater, Chester, Halifax, Truro, Amherst, from thence crossing over to Windsor, he will visit all the churches from there to Digby, lecturing on week day evenings, and preaching on Sabbaths when desirable.

If any of the above named churches do not desire a visit they will please drop a card to the writer at New Albany, Annapolis Co. to that effect, and if any churches not named should desire a visit they can do the same, and the information will be forwarded to brother Ah-Brah. His object of course in going to the Province is to stimulate the churches in the great, and blessed work of Foreign Missions. But like most Theological students he is in need of means—and hence the admission fee to the lectures will likely be about ten cents. Bro. Ah-Brah is a worthy young man, and we hope that he will meet with a reception which shall be worthy of the Nova Scotia Churches, and of the good work in which he is engaged.

We hope that brother Ah-Brah's visit to the province may be a pleasant one to him, and productive of much good to the churches, and the cause of Missions.

Very truly yours,
E. J. GRANT.

Acadia College Agency.

LAWRENCETOWN, May 30, 1879.

Mr. Editor,—

Herewith I send you a list of new subscriptions for the Building Fund of Acadia College, taken since my last report. Those obtained in the Annapolis Valley are on ground previously worked by an indefatigable and successful agent—bro. Isaac Wallace, and to be duly appreciated must be regarded as merely the grapes gleaned after a well gathered harvest. It must be remembered also that the early summer is the most unfavorable time for working this field.

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Norman Rumsey, pd.....	5 00
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Hicks Chesley.....	3 00

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Eugene Cleaveland.....	2 00
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Jno. T. Roach.....	1 00
Rupert Banks.....	2 00
Henry Jackson, pd.....	1 00
Silas Jackson, pd.....	2 00
S. M. Jackson, pd.....	1 00
Wm. Jackson, pd.....	2 00
L. W. Elliot.....	5 00
E. J. Elliot.....	5 00
Zac. Wilson.....	2 00
Alfred Wilson.....	0 75
Joel Banks.....	2 00

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Rev. W. H. Warren.....	\$10 00
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Simeon F. Daniels.....	\$ 5 00
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Jas. C. Morse.....	25 00
Silas Lantz.....	15 00
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Mrs. Harriet Wilson.....	2 00
W. E. Starratt.....	5 00
S. R. Morse.....	5 00
J. W. Phinney.....	2 00
J. S. S. Leonard.....	2 00
B. R. Balcome.....	4 00
Mrs. J. S. Leonard.....	1 00
Wm. Crisp.....	2 00

\$78 00

Omitted from Lockeport list:

Mrs. Abby Churchill.....	\$ 2 00
Martin Ringer.....	4 00
Capt. Simon V. Dunn.....	4 00
Jno. Day.....	4 00
Capt. Bradford Page.....	2 00
Making in all for this place.....	\$247 00

Truly yours,
R. D. PORTER, Agent

For the Christian Messenger.

YARMOUTH, May 19th, 1879.—Dear Editor,—The eighth semi-annual session of the Yarmouth County Sunday School Convention met at Chegoggin on the 6th day of May, 1879.

Three sessions were held as usual, morning, afternoon and evening. The morning session with the usual business, devotional exercises. Afternoon—Model Class taught by Rev. A. Cohoon—Subject, "The suffering Saviour." Isaiah 53. 1-12. The Convention then discussed the following subjects:

1st. Possible dangers in Sunday School tendencies; opened by Rev. A. Cohoon.

2nd. What motives can be used to induce church members to feel the necessity of supplying the want felt for teachers. By Rev. H. N. Parry.

3rd. Preparation of heart an important part of the S. School teacher's work. By Rev. J. B. McQuillan.

A Paper on the same subject by Deacon P. D. Kinney.

4th. How shall the Churches be aroused to deeper interest in Sunday School work. By Rev. G. E. Day, M. D.

13 schools reported by letter.
21 schools in the County.
No. of Teachers 122.
Scholars in attendance 1090.
Average for half year, 614.
No. Church members in school 410.
The Session was not as largely attended as usual, owing probably to its being held later than usual. The exercises were very interesting and profitable, all felt the work demanded renewed consecration of heart and life to the service of the Master.

W. E. HUESTIS, Secretary.

For the Christian Messenger.

"J. C. B's." Oliver.

Dear Sir,—

The immortal Burns says, "Johnny Peep saw three sheep," but he sees more now, for J. C. B's reply has just come to his notice. And although, it is not a definition of the "church" it may be of its author, however I shall proceed with my "Roland."

You say, "I should most certainly notice the little fellow were it not, that I am otherwise engaged." But you have noticed me! You have devoted five paragraphs to me! You evaded my questions, and spent your powder on the "little fellow!" Are the scales falling from your mental vision? And you hope my "want of a knowledge of polite life will be pardoned." Let me tell you that "the want of knowledge" is generally a pardonable sin, and I will there-

fore hope for mercy. But how will you escape, if you have "a knowledge," yet violate all the rules of common courtesy? Would there be anything gained by discovering that pomposity or bigness is not politeness? You intimate that I "asked questions while others were talking." Did you dream that "J. M. C." was talking to you? You vainly attempted to stir up a talk with him but when you were done he left you in a "brilliant flash of silence!" I will not say that he treated you with contempt yet you say, "when others were talking!" You show your good sense in saying, "Many a little prattler has become a philosopher." But did you ever hear of a large gusher becoming a little prattler? If not his chances are as good as mine!

And in closing—when I am "a philosopher" I will tell you many things, but in the meantime I advise you to try always to give a respectful answer to a fair and honest question. By all means don't be too ready to catch "a Tartar," for he will most surely catch you. And then you will cry out "I have caught a Tartar!" And your friends will answer, "Bring him here!" And you will yell "I cannot!" When they will reply "Why not?" And your only explanation will be "He has caught me!" And the readers of the *Messenger* will say, "That's what's the matter!" And I will remain "your little brother"

JOHNNY PEER.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

HALIFAX, NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH.—On Sunday evening last, Rev. J. W. Manning baptized two believers, on profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Meetings of much interest are still being held in the Vestry on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

NEW GLASGOW.—Dear Brother.—The numerous friends of our cause in New Glasgow, N.S., will be pleased to hear that the interest is growing in the hearts of the people there. I have just closed my labors for the winter half of the year and returned home. Bro. McGregor from Newton, Mass., is expected to labor there during the summer vacation to good acceptance. During the last half year five have been added to the church, one by letter. Two by experience and two by baptism. Some have asked why I do not remove there and take that field. My answer is simply this, the circumstances of my family, especially domestic affliction, will not permit their removal.

Hoping that the Lord will direct some suitable man permanently to feed his flock in that field, and that the friends will still continue to pray for the little churches there,

I am yours in the hope of glory,

D. FREEMAN.

Canning, N. S. May 29, 1879.

P. S. A pleasing interest is springing up at the Mines as well as New Glasgow and a small meeting house is needed there. Costing say \$800.

D. F.

ST. ANDREWS, COLCHESTER CO.—Dear Editor,—The blessing of the Lord still attends us. Yesterday was a day of rejoicing at St. Andrews. Fourteen happy converts were led down into the flowing waters and buried with Christ in baptism by Bro. Meadows. Witnesses of various denominations gathered from far and near, lined both banks of the little stream in which the ordinance was performed, maintaining the most commendable order and quietness throughout. As the school-house would not seat half of the people who had congregated, the sermon following was delivered in the open air, after which fifteen in all were received into fellowship of the Lower Stewiack Baptist Church. Others have very recently found peace in believing and are expected to follow soon. Many more are under deep concern of mind. God grant the to captive liberty, and salvation to all the people. Amen.

Fraternalty yours,

R. H. BISHOP.

June 2nd, 1879.

AMHERST SHORE.—Rev. G. F. Miles wrote us on the 20th ult: "Four more baptized last Lord's day and connected with Beulah Church at Warren."

[We much regret that the above item contained in our brother's letter was by accident overlooked till after we went to press last week.—Ed. C. M.]

PARRSBORO'.—I had the privilege of baptizing one happy believer in the Lord at Diligent River on Lord's day, 18th inst. Hope soon to see others take the same step.

J. F. KEMPTON.

LAWRENCETOWN, ANNAPOLIS CO.—Dear Bro.—God is still blessing us with conversions, and additions to this church. We have administered the ordinance of baptism on three Sabbaths of this month, and three more candidates are now received for the ordinance. Greater is He that is with us than all that are against us!

As ever &c.,

J. C. BLEAKNEY.

May 27, 1879.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The Marquis of Lorne and H. R. H. Princess Louise were making their progress in Ontario last week. They laid the foundation stones of an addition to Queen's College (Presbyterian) at Kingston, on Friday. About 10,000 people are said to have been present.

The Vice Regal party are to visit Quebec this day, 4th. They are not expected to return to Ottawa for four months, as they visit the Maritime Provinces after leaving Quebec.

Two carloads of household servants and effects left Ottawa on Wednesday morning last for Quebec. It is His Excellency's intention to spend a considerable portion of the summer in the ancient capital.

The Princess Louise Dragoon Guards have been honored with an invitation from the 13th Battalion, Brooklyn, to participate in the 4th of July celebration in New York. They offer to furnish the troops with horses. The Dragoons have also received a similar invitation from the citizen's corps of Utica.

A deputation from Dartmouth, consisting of Dr. Weeks, John F. Stairs, David Falconer and James G. Foster, arrived at Ottawa on Friday last for the purpose of advocating the extension of the Intercolonial Railway into the town of Dartmouth, as originally projected by Major Robinson. The deputation maintain that the Eastern extremity of the Intercolonial has not been finished in the true meaning of the Act of Confederation, and urge a number of strong reasons, such as the shortness of the line, the security of a deep water terminus, etc., for the carrying out of the original project.

They had an interview with Sir Charles Tupper immediately on their arrival, who stated that he had always been in favor of the Dartmouth terminus, and regretted that it had not been located there. He promised to bring the matter before his colleagues, and have their fullest consideration.

The barque Chevalier has been chartered to carry flour from Thorold at 40cts. a barrel to Prince Edward Island, Halifax and Cape Breton, and to return with a cargo of coal at two dollars per ton.

20,000 men are to receive annual drill, and 1,276 horses and 42 non-commissioned officers and men per company (?).

Nova Scotia's quota is 2,000 men. Six clear days drilling in camp is rigidly exacted. Officers' pay, one dollar per day; N. C. officers and men, 50 cents.

At Carlton Place, Ont., a fire, which is supposed to have originated from sparks of a passing engine on Tuesday destroyed about twelve million feet of lumber lying on the line of the Canada Central Railway. Loss \$130,000.

P. J. Walker, a noted smuggler at Niagara, was carried over the falls on Monday 26th ult, by his boat being caught in the rapids.

The Mechanics Bank of Montreal suspended payment on Wednesday last. The amount of the bills held by the Banks and business people will aggregate about \$100,000. The total liabilities, exclusive of the paid up capital, amount to \$547,000 with assets nominally \$742,000. The cashier alleged that it was the refusal of Molson's Bank to give further advances that led to the suspension. The President, Mr. C. J. Brydges, is in Manitoba, and it is not known what course the Bank will adopt until his return.

The Lettiller question has been referred to Her Majesty's Privy Council.

A statement of the financial affairs of Ontario shows a surplus of about two and a half millions.

His Excellency and Princess Louise, on Monday made a trip through the Thousand Islands. His Excellency, on landing, addressed the assembled crowd in a short speech, and was loudly cheered.

Dr. Coderre has entered an action for libel, for \$30,000 damages, against the proprietors of the *Evening Post*, in ascribing the death of a child to taking an overdose of Coderre's Syrup.

UNITED STATES.—The President has returned the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill to the House with several objections.

A fire occurred on Thursnay last in the Washington Hotel Hagerstone Md., Two bodies were found in the ruins. Six persons are missing, supposed to be burned, 15 injured seriously from falling; 20 slightly.

At Gettysburg, Pa., thirty-five hundred

graves were decorated on Friday last. The Governor was present at the ceremonies.

On Thursday last a cyclone swept over Holt and Modoway counties, Mo., near Barnard and Bolickow, with a velocity of sixty miles an hour, and demolished houses, uprooted and twisted off trees and destroying property of all descriptions. Its track, a half mile wide, was devastated.

At Atlantic City, N. J. ten persons were badly poisoned by bread made by a negro servant. They were saved by the prompt action of Dr. Wood.

The Oriental Powder company's magazine, near Brighton, Illinois, was destroyed by lightning on Sunday week. It contained 50,000 kegs of powder.

A terrible wind and rain storm visited Frankfort, Kansas and other places on Saturday. The damage was terrible; houses were blown down, killing their occupants in many instances; trees were uprooted, crops were destroyed. The papers print the names of 60 persons killed and as many more dangerously wounded.

WEST INDIES.—At Port au Prince the French Minister and his two secretaries have died of yellow fever. Another secretary is sick.

SOUTH AMERICA.—A bloody naval engagement off Peru, occurred between the Chilean wooden war vessels Esmeralda and Covadonga, and the Peruvian ironclad Independencia. The three vessels were watching each other's movements some days, and finally came to close quarters off Iquique, a little seaport town in the southern portion of Peru. They all carried exceedingly heavy armaments. The fighting must have been of a most desperate character, as the slaughter was fearful, and all three vessels finally sank. It is not stated how many lives were lost.

The armament consisted entirely of Armstrong guns, twelve seventy pounders, and two pivot 150 pounders.

The Peruvian Congress sanctions declaring war on Chili, and to support the war a tax on sugar will probably be levied.

Business is in a fearful state in Peru. Exchange on New York is 218 per cent. and on England 16d., or at the rate of about 32 cents on the dollar.

ENGLAND.—Parliament adjourned for the Whitsuntide holidays till the ninth of June.

A telegram from Glasgow says the liquidators expect to receive sufficient funds, under the last call, to pay all debts of the Glasgow Bank.

GERMANY.—Negotiations are proceeding for a commercial treaty with Japan, on the model of the Japanese treaty with the United States.

ITALY.—Mount Etna is in full eruption. There are three new craters now near Randazzo, at the northwest foot of the mountain. The Lava is flowing down the western slope. Several villages are threatened. There is great alarm among the inhabitants.

The *Italia* says the Pope is preparing an encyclical protesting against the bill passed by the Italian Parliament, requiring civil marriage to precede the religious ceremony.

SPAIN.—King Alfonso opened the Cortes on Sunday. In his speech he declared the ministry will continue to practice liberal principles. The Government will submit measures to alleviate the effects of 10 years war in Cuba, and hasten the day for the complete abolition of slavery.

RUSSIA.—The death sentence of Sophia Hertzfeld has been commuted to banishment to Siberia.

Two more Keiff Nihilists have been sentenced to 10 years in mines.

INDIA.—A despatch from Simla says the treaty of peace between Great Britain and Afghanistan was ratified on the 30th of May.

The Indo-Afghan treaty provides for the payment of a subsidy to the Ameer of \$60,000, annually.

Major Cavagnari will accompany the Ameer of Afghanistan to Cabul, escorted by a detachment of guides. Cabul is tranquil.

A plentiful rain has fallen here and it is believed to be general.

SOUTH AFRICA.—A despatch from Simon's Bay says it is rumored that Cetewayo burnt the Royal Kraal at Hludi, with a view of leaving the British no point to strike at and adopting a system of bush warfare.

Dabulmanzi, Cetewayo's brother, while attempting to join the British, was killed in an engagement with his brother's troops.

Cape Town Dragoon Guards go to Transvaal. Some accounts say the change is intended to overawe the Boers.

It is officially announced that General Sir Garnet Wolseley has been appointed supreme military and civil commander of Natal, Transvaal and other districts that adjoin, and are included in the seat of war.

The chief clerk of the Government Dispensary says that no medicine chest is now complete without *Johnson's Anodyne Liniment*. No medical science for internal and external use possesses the wonderful power of this anodyne.

This paper has done as much as any other to expose the worthlessness of the big pack Condition Powders, and means to keep it up, too. We know of only one kind that are absolutely and strictly pure, and that is Sheridan's.