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Correspondence.

British American Book and Tract Society.

To the Editor of the Christian Messenger.

DEAR BROTHER,—

Kindly permit a brief reference in your columns, to a late tour of one month through the Counties of Kings, Annapolis and a portion of Digby, in the interest of the Colportage work of the above Society. The places visited were as follows:—Kentville, Port Williams, Canard, Canning, Billtown, Lakeville, Woodville, Grafton, Waterville, Somerset, Aylesford, Kingston, Meville Square, Middleton, Lawrencetown, Paradise, Clarence, Bridgetown, Annapolis, Granville Ferry, Bear River and Digby. Donations received amounted to \$306.30, subscriptions to be paid shortly, \$66.50—making in all \$372.80, a large increase of donations from those sections—even taking into consideration the munificent donation of \$250 for two successive years, from W. C. Bill, Esq., M. P. P., of Billtown, for the support of a Colporteur in Lunenburg, Queens and Shelburne Counties. For this support, the warmest thanks of the Society are due to the 400 donors that have so readily and cheerfully come to our help. We are greatly encouraged by this tangible expression of the people's approval of this excellent union home mission work, which has for fourteen years aimed at placing, by sale or gift, God's Word and other good books—the choicest in the language—in every home on the mountains and in the valley. Christians then are not slow to recognise this invaluable agency that, at about half the ordinary prices, has been disseminating a pure, healthy religious literature to "counteract the poison of the press, to counterwork those vultures of the mind that swoop down on the carrion of humanity, and to drive off those literary vampires that are sucking the life blood of the young."

The people are heartily in sympathy with an effort which combines the strength of all the evangelical churches in our Provinces, to reach Roman Catholics and Protestants—even the most despised and poverty-stricken in our land—and shed the light of heaven into dark hearts and homes. There is no doubt that the \$307,000 worth of publications circulated by the Society since 1867—including a gratuitous circulation of books and tracts valued at \$14,000, has been a most blessed means of good to our churches, placing them under a debt of gratitude that they have no disposition to ignore.

The publications have been carefully guarded and have deservedly secured for themselves the strongest confidence of the Christian community. They are considered safe and good, as evinced by increasing sales to Pastors and Sunday Schools. There is no reason why this should not be the case when any member of the Publication Committee comprising a representative from each of the four evangelical churches—has the privilege of having removed at any time, a publication considered unsuitable for circulation.

The Baptist Sunday Schools hail with delight the privilege, not only of obtaining their general supplies from the Depository at exceedingly favourable rates, but also of securing at the ten per cent. discount through the same channel, the issues of the American Baptist Publication Society. A number of schools have already taken advantage of this offer and many others will follow.

My cordial thanks are hereby conveyed to the pastors of the various churches for their kind sympathy and co-operation, especially for the privilege of so frequently presenting to their

people the claims of our work. Their hearty approval of Colportage with good wishes and prayers did much to cheer and strengthen me and they will not soon be forgotten. Pastors realise that the work of the godly Colporteur as he goes from house to house in their fields of labor, combining earnest, personal effort with the distribution of "Come to Jesus," "Sinner's Friend," "Pike's Guide to Young Disciples," "Pilgrim's Progress" and "Saints Rest"—with scores of other books of equal importance, is an invaluable auxiliary to their own work.

From Christian brethren during my late tour, as the representative of this benevolent Society I have received marked kindness and hospitality, for which this expression of sincere gratitude is returned.

We have every reason to believe that, as our friends in these counties become better acquainted with the Colporteur's relation to the Society, the great pecuniary advantages of being thus supplied with the Society's publications, the incalculable benefits conferred by Colportage upon those outside the pale of any Christian church and the necessity for donations to continue and extend this good work, they will with much greater liberality come to our assistance. It would not be surprising if very many, before my next visit, reach the conclusion of the good lady who lately gave a dollar saved by a little daughter lately deceased. "That the Colportage work is one of the very best means of blessing our people."

Brethren, aid this Christ-like work in every way possible, by your prayers, your personal influence and your money, and thus foster an agency so pre-eminently helpful to every good work.

Yours most sincerely,
A. N. ARCHIBALD,
Secretary and Sup. of Colportage.
Halifax, April 24, 1882.

For the Christian Messenger.

Literary Entertainment by the Pierian Society of Acadia Seminary.

The young ladies studying at Acadia Seminary have for several years maintained in healthful vigor a literary society called "The Pierian." At their weekly meetings they have music, readings, recitations, dialogues and essays in happy diversity, and even formal debates. I believe, are indulged in.

Several public entertainments have been given by this enterprising society, partly to show the outside world what advantages they derive from their training in the society, and partly to get money for the Seminary library.

Their last public entertainment came off on Friday evening 28th, and was, as may readily be supposed, an advance even on their previous performances. The following is the

PROGRAMME:

- Music:—Processional March. By Misses Alward and Clinch.
1. Piano Duet:—La Baladine. By Misses Brown and McCleary.
2. Recitation:—The Knight and the Page. By Miss Amy Whidden.
3. Solo:—Song of the Triton. By Miss Ethel Clinch.
4. Vocal Duet:—Serenade: Good Morrow. By Misses Porter and Robbins.
5. Recitation:—Little Nellie in Prison. By Miss Hattie Harris.
6. Vocal Quartette:—Thou Lovely Star. By Misses Robbins, Clinch, Leck, and Clinch.
7. Piano Solo:—Priest's March. By Miss Alice Hamilton.
8. French Dialogue:—Les Orphelins. By Misses McLellan and B. J. Robbins.
9. Song:—Dermot Astore. By Miss Bessie J. Robbins.
10. Reading:—Painter of Seville. By Miss Bessie Porter.
11. Piano Duet:—Minuet. By Misses McLellan and Long.
12. Reading:—Briar Rose. By Miss Eva Andrews.

13. Song:—The Bend of the River. By Miss Harding.

14. Recitation:—Indignant Nellie. By Miss Helen Read.

15. Piano Solo:—Lustspiel. By Miss Julia Clinch.

16. Piano Trio:—Lucia de Lammermoor. By Misses King, Halley, and Masters.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

The readings and recitations were well selected and admirably given. The young ladies have evidently bestowed much attention upon the graces of elocution, and have well learned that in valuable accomplishment, the art of reading with ease and effect.

The music, both vocal and instrumental, was of a superior character, and was evidently thoroughly appreciated by the intelligent and somewhat demonstrative audience. Acadia Seminary has always given a thorough drill in pianoforte music, and during this last year there has been added a superior teacher in vocal culture. The results of this training were very apparent on Friday evening. Selections of acknowledged difficulty were rendered with apparent ease, and with the skill and grace of the finished performer. The vocal parts also exhibited a compass and flexibility of voice, a correctness of expression, and a richness of tone rarely heard on such occasions.

While all the pieces were warmly applauded, some were deservedly encored. These were the songs by Miss Robbins and Miss Harding, and the recitation by Miss Read.

The President and Vice-President of the Society, Miss Emma Leck and Miss Ida Jones, presided. The attractiveness of the platform was materially increased by a choice display of potted plants in bloom. By request the entertainment will be repeated on Monday evening.

We can cordially commend Acadia Seminary to those looking for a really good school for young ladies. It offers, at a very moderate cost, advantages which need only to be known to be prized, and we trust that many more will make their acquaintance.

AN AUDITOR.

April 29th, 1882.

For the Christian Messenger.
Rev. D. G. McDonald and the
Charlottetown Baptist Church.

Dear Editor.—

I regret to be compelled to write that we are about to lose our pastor. Bro. McDonald first came amongst us in the fall of 1875. He labored a few weeks with our pastor, Mr. W. B. Haynes, and the Lord blest their work in serving this church and by adding eighteen by baptism. In the following March Bro. Haynes left us, and the church unanimously called Bro. McDonald to the pastorate. We then had a membership of eighty, including those last added. Bro. McDonald has served the church faithfully and successfully. In addition to his regular work he frequently visited the country churches where his ministry was greatly blest in the conversion of souls. Of his success in defending our principles when assailed, your readers are already aware.

Bro. McDonald always had in his heart to spend a year in taking a course of study in Theology, and frequently wished to be relieved to carry out this intention, but the church prevailed on him to remain until now. They would gladly retain him still, but his mind is made up, and we are compelled to let him go.

His ministry has been greatly blest amongst us, both in the building up of God's people in the faith of the gospel and in the conversion of souls.

Two hundred and thirty have been added to the church since he came amongst us, and the work still goes on. We had a baptismal service a week ago last Sunday, and expect to have another next Sunday.
Bro. McDonald has given us till the

first of July to secure a pastor, but would gladly make room for the coming man at any earlier time. We are praying that the Lord will send us the right man.

If any one who may read this, feels drawn to us, we shall be glad to open a correspondence with him.

Yours truly,

NATHAN DAVIES,
Church Clerk.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 20, '82.

For the Christian Messenger.

Visiting the Churches.

Dear Brother.

Under the direction of the Finance and College Committees, it is my purpose to spend a few weeks forthwith in visiting the Churches in the neighborhood of the Intercolonial Railway, between St. John and Halifax, in the interest of our Convention objects. Public addresses will be given at as many places as possible, in relation to the "Progress and Claims of Baptist Enterprises."

Due notice will be sent to pastors or prominent Church Members, as to the dates and places of holding meetings. Handbills will also be forwarded. The aim of these meetings shall be to promote our Convention Scheme and gather funds for the various benevolent objects of our Denomination.

The cordial aid of pastors and other friends is respectfully solicited.

W. H. WARREN,
Financial Agent.

Bridgetown, April 29, 1882.

AN EPISCOPALIAN HORSE.—Rev. Dr. Broadus, an old Baptist parson, famous in Virginia, once visited a plantation where the darkey who met him at the gate asked him which barn he would have his horse put in.

"Have you two barns?" asked the doctor.

"Yes, sah," replied the darkey; "dar's de ole barn, and Mas'r Wales has jes build a new one."

"Where do you usually put the horses of clergymen who come to see your master?"

"Well, sah, if dey's Methodist's or Baptist's, we gen'ally put 'em in de ole barn, but if dey's 'Piscopal's we puts 'em in de new one."

"Well, Bob, you can put my horse in the new barn; I'm Baptist, but my horse is an Episcopalian."

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

Our Missions in India.

REV. RUFUS SANFORD has kindly sent us a copy of the Report of the Canadian Baptist Telugu Mission, for 1881. It comprises in a pamphlet of 30 pages, reports from each of the stations of the Ontario and Quebec Mission as well as from our Maritime Province Missionaries. We copy the more important portions of these for the information of the members of our churches:

Bimlipatam (1875).

REV. R. SANFORD.
MRS. SANFORD.
M. ANTHONY—School Teacher.
F. MITCHELL, Colporteur.
SUTTEVADHI PUTNAIK, Colporteur.
V. VENKATASWAMY }
N. LESLIE }
C. CHITTIAH }
M. APPAYAH } Preachers.

We began the year 1881 by observing the Week of Prayer. This was followed by a happy meeting of our missionary brethren in conference. By meeting with us, and reporting the Lord's work at their respective stations they added much to our encouragement.

Without doubt valuable good arises from these meetings. They not only afford an opportunity to co-operate together respecting the best methods of prosecuting mission work but the mutual cheer, zeal, and encouragement resulting therefrom make an important item in the general account. Clearly it is the duty of each missionary to contribute his part towards enhancing the value of these annual gatherings.

While endeavoring to note a few prominent features of our history for twelve months past, so as to embody them in a brief report, there is much to remind us that the Lord has fulfilled his word, "Lo! I am with you alway." Many things have been poorly done; and indeed we are not at all satisfied with our own work; but the thought quickly comes,—the result to be accomplished is in the counsels of Him who has "all power in heaven and on earth." It is ours to strive with singleness of purpose to be faithful over that which He has committed to our trust.

STATION WORK.—We have been able to pursue a more systematic course than in previous years. During the first five months our attention was occupied chiefly with outside work, such as touring and colportage at considerable distance from the Mission compound. At June 1st, near the breaking of the monsoon, we formed our native helpers into a class, and attempted something in the way of Theological study. Mr. Timpany's Compendium was our text-book. Also we took up the Epistle to the Romans as a second branch of enquiry. This work occupied two hours each day in class, during four days of the week. It was done in connection with the morning and afternoon sessions of the day school. Friday and Saturday have been devoted to preaching in the town and outlying villages. On Sunday mornings, all are expected to be present at the Sabbath School, with the prescribed lesson duly learned. There are thirty-six in quite regular attendance. The preaching services have been in part, an enforcement of some prominent thought contained in the Sabbath School lesson. At 5 p. m. it has been our custom to have street preaching at the clock tower near the bazaar. A weekly Prayer Meeting is also held on the compound.

An account of places visited on Friday and Saturday is handed in on Monday and entered in a book kept for the purpose,—a sort of mission log book, from which to gather data. From it I find that within a radius of eight or ten miles, some fifty villages have been visited repeatedly during the year. A few persons are reported as enquiring earnestly, some two or three having made considerable progress.

Owing to impaired health, Mrs. Sanford has not been able to accomplish as much as she ardently desired; but in so far as strength would permit she has aided efficiently. She has conducted a fortnightly woman's prayer meeting in English with the young women of the neighborhood. Also the three boarding girls and two boys together with the native Christian families on the compound have been a daily care. There is satisfaction in the thought that labor spent upon them has not been in vain. The three girls, and one boy, are now hopeful members of the church. Four of these, with two boys, sons of our native preachers, were baptized only a few weeks since. It was cheering to hear their voices mingling with those of older brethren during the week of prayer.

THE MISSION SCHOOL contains forty-three pupils, of whom one-third are girls. Mr. Anthony has charge of the school. The other teacher is a Brahmin, whose place we hope to have filled with a Christian as soon as one is prepared to do the work.

The school is supported in part, by yearly donations from the Woman's Aid Society; the monthly donation of our Christian friends Dr. and Mrs. Parker, now in England; and occasional help from other friends. Last year we received a Results Grant of sixty-two rupees. Dr. and Mrs. Parker also support the boy Peter, under our care. We purpose keeping the school subservient to the interests of the mission, rather than an institution merely to teach heathen children a knowledge of letters.

TOURING.—We have travelled quite extensively during the year, aggregating some 740 miles. Five tours have been made, but of these only three were intended as strictly preaching tours.

COLPORTAGE.—We have two engaged in this work. Francis Mitchell, at Bimlipatam has done very well in sale of books. He has acquired quite a tact for this work.

STATISTICS.

Church Members, January 1881.....31
Baptized during the year.....6
Present membership.....37
R. SANFORD.
Bimlipatam, January 1882.

Chicacole (1878).

MISS C. A. HAMMOND.

BAGAYAN BAYRAH, Ordained Preacher.

SUTHERNAH, Preacher.

PAULUS AND TUMIAH, Colporteurs.

NATHAN PATRO, School Teacher.

HERRIAMAH AND PAPAMAH, Bible women.

The time has arrived when duty demands a review of the year that has been added to the records of the past. It has been laborious, heavy with peculiar responsibilities and sometimes sombre hued. These things have enabled us to prove more abundantly the strength of God's sustaining grace.

After the middle of January the small-pox made its appearance on our compound.

There are many deaths in the town and villages, and processions with offerings to propitiate the idols were frequent. In sparing all lives we feel that our God was especially gracious to us.

Two events deserve special notice. In point of time, first, Suthernah returned in Dec. asked for the work he had forsaken in May last. The manner of his coming was pleasant; than that it is not necessary to state further here.

On the 28th December we experienced the long anticipated pleasure of welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson to Chicacole. We praise the Lord for this goodness.

RELIGIOUS WORK.—Every Lord's Day morning at 7.30 a. m. we have had our S. S. composed of all our own people, old and young, about 30 in number the heathen children in connection with the day school, and usually a few heathen men. An insufficient staff of teachers has been one of our difficulties. Two East Indian ladies have rendered valuable assistance. Some time since removal from town obliged one to discontinue her work; the other still meets with us, and we believe God has been with us in the Sunday School.

Our preaching staff has as if possible been more insufficient, yet we have always had a service after the school. For some months I have had a small class of Brahmin boys who came and asked to be taught about "the Life and Work of Jesus Christ." We have had our Woman's meeting on Wednesday, general prayer-meeting on Thursday, and some of them have been excellent because of the presence of the Lord.

The Naida of Komanevilly, who shortly after his baptism by Mr. Armstrong went back into caste, has once more taken a decided stand for Christ. The truth has been working in his heart and now he appears anxious to work for the Master he for a time rejected.

The young men have done a fair amount of visiting in the adjacent villages and have also spent a few days on the field doing what they were able. During the last six months two Bible women have been employed, and we have reason to believe that God is using them in the advancement of His cause. They have visited principally the lower castes in the town and have gone three and four miles to the villages.

COLPORTAGE.—Paulus is still employed in this work and in July another man, Tumiah, was engaged. The interest has steadily increased and the sales of the last three months have been most encouraging. In that period 344 Scripture portions have been sold, twenty of these in one village six miles from the station, besides these a large number of small books and tracts. In December 1,099 of these were sold. During the year over 6,000 books valued at Rs. 100 have been sold on the field. We consider this one of the vital forces of our work.

SCHOOL WORK.—We have made a daily average attendance of about 20, these are principally our own children who have attended with commendable regularity. Pupils who are able to read daily recite one Bible verse, in this way about 16 have learned six chapters of Matthew's Gospel. I have taught two daily Bible lessons; one class numbering 10 the other eight the greater part of the time.

Trials borne for Christ's sake well ultimately produce fruit to the honour and glory of His Name.

STATISTICS.

Number reported last year.....29
Baptized during the year.....7
Received by experience.....3
Present membership.....38
CARRIE A. HAMMOND.