

For the Christian Visitor.

COLPORTEUR CORRESPONDENCE.

The account of the Association having already been given, in which I am satisfied, I shall make no further mention thereof. On Thursday, 13th July, I journeyed towards Sackville, passing through the French settlements on the Petitcodiac, and on the Memramcook. The settlements are large and densely populated, I conversed with a number speaking English, and distributed twenty French tracts. I rejoice that the fetters of Priestcraft are, to some degree, becoming broken, from some of them. One man declared himself convinced that the priests wish to keep them in ignorance, but there were many that wanted French Testaments and that would like to go to meetings if they dared; but there are others that it is astonishing to know what they have to submit to from their priests.

A woman in Shediac last winter paid £30 for getting her deceased husband's soul prayed out of Purgatory: and a man dying on the Memramcook about a fortnight ago gave orders before his death that his stock should be devoted in the following manner, one cow to his widow, another to a boy living with him and the third and last remaining, an ox to be sold to pay the priest for masses over his body! Should not the priest be ashamed of this!

On Tuesday I reached Dorchester Cape, having, between the Bend and the Cape, visited about 15 families, and sold 21 volumes; receiving cash 17s 8d. On the Cape I visited 14 families, and sold 5 volumes receiving cash 11s 6d. Attended with the people to worship on the Lord's day, and addressed them as the Lord gave ability, at 11 and half past 3 o'clock. This people are without any stated ministry and unless there is preaching sustained by them, there is no doubt but others will take their place and lead the people away from our sentiments. They are nearly surrounded by Mormons, there being quite a large number of them here. I tarried a night at the Father's house of their Preacher and had a debate with him, he set forth the doctrine of the wicked being released from punishment when the justice of Almighty God was satisfied with him. This I clearly proved, by the fact that God was immutable, to be a doctrine of the Devil, showing that with him all his attributes are alike dear (and that he possesses an eternity in every attribute and while he reigns God over all, it is with that unchangeableness that completely prevents mercy to triumph over justice. He would have evaded the point but thanks be to God for his truth that overcomes error, he declared that he must have another conversation with me, but although opportunities were given, he did not commence it again.

On Monday I journeyed to Sackville, falling in with a funeral at Westport, called upon to sing and pray, at the corpse being removed from the house toward the place where the meeting was to be held, in which exercises I felt the presence of my Lord and master—met Elder Parker at the place appointed for preaching and heard an excellent discourse from "Prepares to meet your God," after the funeral, I went to Brother Barnes's, whence I now write.

Intending to give an account of my travels as opportunity permits, I remain obediently yours, JAMES V. TAYLOR.

Sackville, July 17, 1848.

THE WOODSTOCK TRIALS have at length been concluded, and the result as follows:—Seven of the parties convicted of riot, and twenty-seven of unlawful assembly. The former were sentenced to the Provincial Penitentiary for different periods, viz: three for one year, two for eight months, and one for six months, and one for four months. Twenty-one of the latter have been sent to Woodstock Gaol for one month, three for six months, and three for three months. Fifteen were acquitted. —New Brunswick.

SIR WM. COLEBROOKE.—The friends of our late Lieutenant Governor Sir Wm. Colebrooke will be pleased to learn, that instead of proceeding to British Guiana, his Excellency will proceed by the first August steamer to Barbadoes as Governor General of the Windward Islands. The health of Lady Colebrooke we are happy to state, has greatly improved since her Ladyship arrived in England, and is now quite restored.

REPORTED INSURRECTION AT PORTO RICO.—Com. Perry, of the U. S. ship Cumberland informs us that a report had just reached Havana that an insurrection had broke out at Porto Rico, and that the government at that place had sent to Havana for assistance. The report was not believed. He sailed from Havana on the 8th inst. He reports all quiet at Havana on the 8th, but an outbreak was daily expected. —N. Y. Express.

REPORT OF THE N. B. BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The President of the Education Society having taken the Chair, Rev. Charles Spurden, Principal of the Seminary at Fredericton, read the following Report:

Officers and Board of Directors of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society:

President—Elder Joseph Crandal.

Vice Presidents—Elders John Marsters and Samuel Robinson.

Treasurer—Solomon Hersey, Esq.

Secretaries—John T. Smith and Samuel W. Babbitt, Esq's.

Principal—Rev. Charles Spurden.

Assistant Teacher—Mr. Thomas B. Smith.

Every Minister of the Denomination is a Member of the Board.

STUDENTS

SENIOR CLASS.

1. Edmund Knight, St. George.

2. Arthur O'Connor, Fredericton.

3. Stephen H. Estabrooks, Canning.

4. Enoch Barker, Sheffield.

5. John Skinner, Wickham.

6. Joseph B. Peck, Hopewell.

7. Cornelius Flower, Wickham.

8. George Gerow, St. John.

9. Joseph A. Wetmore, Springfield.

10. Robert Emerson, North Esk.

11. David Horsman, Salisbury.

12. John Cutton, Amherst.

13. Joseph McDonald, Wickham.

14. Ward H. Estabrooks, Fredericton.

15. Henry A. Vradenburg, Wickham.

16. John H. Watson, Fredericton.

17. Dow Vandine, Wakefield.

18. Donald Livingstone, St. George.

19. Duncan McDougall, Woodstock.

MIDDLE CLASS.

20. John Barker, Fredericton.

21. George Barber, St. John.

22. Richard W. Thomas, "

23. Alex. McPherson, "

24. Enoch W. Chestnut, "

25. William H. Richards, "

26. Henry Hade, "

27. Frederick R. Harris, "

28. William Blizzard, Fredericton.

29. James A. Kinnear, "

30. William F. Kinnear, "

31. William J. Taylor, "

32. Francis J. McBeath, "

33. William A. McBeath, "

34. Richard Phillips, "

35. Timothy O'Connor, "

36. Francis W. Turney, "

37. William Nisbet, "

38. Robert Davis, "

JUNIOR CLASS.

39. Thos. O. Chestnut, Fredericton.

40. James D. McPherson, "

41. Allen L. Turner, "

42. Thomas Russell, "

43. Jesse Safford, "

44. Charles A. Nelson, "

45. John W. Knight, "

46. Charles D. Phillips, "

47. Charles Davis, "

48. John Greenlow, "

49. Ingram B. Harris, "

50. William R. Turner, "

51. Charles W. Richards, "

52. Charles H. Lincoln, "

53. Edwin B. Lincoln, "

54. Enoch B. Turney, "

TUITION FEES.

Under 10 years of age, 10s. for each term (11 weeks).

Between 10 and 14, 15s. "

Above 14 years, 20s. "

2s. 6d. for fuel each Spring, Winter, and Autumn Term.

Accommodations are provided in the Seminary, at the rate of 8s. 6d. per week. This includes board, the washing of six articles, and necessary attendance. Each student provides his own bed and bedding. Every attention is paid to the moral behaviour and correct deportment of the students.

At the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Society, held at Moncton on the 11th July, 1848, the following Report was presented by the Committee:

REPORT.

As the names of the Scholars who have attended at the Seminary for a longer or shorter period, during the past year, are subjoined, it is needless for the Committee to enter into any further detail. A classification according to the studies pursued has not been attempted, because of the difficulty of doing so with precision, when a variety of subjects engage the attention of the same student.

The Principal bears his testimony to the indefatigable industry, as well as the excellent behavior which has marked the young men of the Senior Class, whether studying as School Teachers, or with some other object in view.

The friends of the Society will be gratified to learn that the debt upon the Institution has been gradually diminishing during the last three years. It appears from a statement in the Cash Account, that since the year 1845, when the Committee published the liabilities of the Society as nearly as they could be ascertained, there has been a reduction of debt to the amount of £92. This has been in part effected by means of the assistance afforded by the Union Society; for during the two years that the Union has been in operation, this Society has received £49 from that source; they must observe, however, that the formation of Union Societies has prevented their receiving the sums which had been promised several years ago, and which the Rev. C. Tupper was collecting at the rate of £20 a year.

They leave these statements with the friends of the Society, in the confidence that when these facts are known, the Union Society will meet with no hindrance in any quarter from the circumstance of its combining education among its other important objects.

The interest upon Mortgages, &c., amounting to £35, every year, necessarily cramps the exertions of the Committee, and they are extremely anxious to be free from the incumbrance of a debt which draws so largely upon their annual income; the sum now paid in interest, if it could be appropriated to the purchase of books for the Library, would soon furnish variety of interesting reading, which would be an attractive source of instruction and improvement.

The Committee referred in their last Report, to the repairs which would be required to secure the property, and fence in the premises; they judged it absolutely necessary to incur some considerable expense this year, in the erection of a new fence, painting and repairs; the income of the Society, together with the tuition charges to the parties who have done the work, has enabled the Committee to meet this outlay, without incurring the Society with debt. Some trees were planted in front of the building about three years ago, and the Committee rejoice in having been able to render the external appearance of the building an ornament to the part where it is situated, and worthy of the object for which it was founded.

The following Resolutions were therefore unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolution 1st. That the Report now read be received and laid before the Churches.

Resolution 2d. That the friends of the Society rejoice in the measure of prosperity with which it has pleased God to bless their efforts, and anticipate the time when young men of piety will be found to enter the Institution, in order to cultivate their talents for the Ministry of the Gospel.

Resolution 3d. That the Executive Committee for the ensuing year consist of C. Spurden, S. Elder, Hon. W. B. Kinnear, Z. G. Gabel, S. W. Babbitt, Aaron Hart, and W. Sewell.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to report the following preamble and resolutions.

Whereas, this Association entertain a unanimous sentiment and deep conviction of the indispensable need of the Word of God for the calling, comforting, and sanctification of God's people, and also of the duty of those to whom these lively oracles are committed, to employ every practicable means for their universal circulation; and, whereas, we recognise the principle of the American and Foreign Bible Society as the only one through which the whole mind of God can be made known to man, viz: "that the original in the Hebrew and Greek are the only authentic standards of the Sacred Scriptures; and that aid for the translating, printing, and distributing of them in foreign languages should be afforded to such versions only as are conformable, as nearly as possible, to the original text; it being understood that no words shall be transferred which are susceptible of being literally translated.

Resolved, therefore, that as the Agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society, is at present in this Province, we cordially recommend him to our churches to receive collections and such donations as may be obtained without injury to the General Union Society.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

The Financial Committee beg leave to Report:—That arrangements under the direction of the General Board have been made, for appealing by deputation, consisting of Elders McDonald & Francis to all the Churches of this Association. The Deputation visited all the Churches except a few on the Grand Lake and vicinities. The Committee are happy to be able to report that the Deputation have been received with kindness, and their appeal responded to with a good degree of liberality considering the general pecuniary depression. Some impediments to the successful operation of the Union plan have been discovered, among which appear to have been an impression that the effort was special and temporary instead of permanent, and the amount subscribed to be continued from year to year as God shall give ability. Unless this character of permanency is admitted not only must there be a new organization from year to year, but the services and expense of a special agent must be continued, which throws us back again upon our former uncertainties. The Committee regret that some Churches have not forwarded their amount, and others nothing at all, which will not permit of a complete report at this end of our financial year, which we consider of great importance and which can be remedied only by an immediate attendance to collections and forwarding the amounts to Mr. Hersey, the Treasurer of the General Board in St. John, to which we call special attention. Your Committee, are however, gratified to learn that the want of cash has not restricted the liberality of some of the friends of our cause, but articles of produce and domestic manufacture which are equally acceptable and valuable have been contributed. We beg leave to call special attention to this method and hope that considerable collection of this description will be made. Such articles of any description forwarded to St. John, can be immediately converted to money and will doubtless in some cases command an increased price in consideration of the object.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report:—

That they have learned that the latest accounts received from Brother Burpe were favorable as respects the state of his health, and of his success in the great object of his mission—that he had baptized eleven converts, was beginning to preach to the benighted Karens, in their vernacular tongue the wonderful truths of the gospel—and also that the Mission Board are in correspondence with a suitable brother who is likely, if approved of by the Board, to soon proceed to join our beloved Missionaries, accompanied by an amiable and devoted partner.

Resolved, therefore, that this Association feel that our utmost gratitude is due to the God of our salvation, for the cheering accounts which have come to our knowledge, and recommend the churches connected with us to make the greatest possible exertions to provide money for sustaining an enterprise of such magnitude as the Foreign Mission.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FROM JAMAICA.—The Royal Mail West India Steamer *Trent* arrived yesterday from Jamaica, the Gulf of Mexico, and Nassau. We are in possession of Jamaica Papers to the 21st June. The only intelligence that requires some notice here is a counterpart of the deplorable tidings we have been receiving thence for several months past. Trade continues depressed, and the state of Agriculture is retrogressive. Superadded to these difficulties is the threatening of an insolvent Treasury: a sum of money not less than 140000*l.* would be required to meet the public expenses for the quarter ending 30th June, but there was no money in hand. Under a law of the Colony, the Commissioners of Public Accounts have authority, in case of an emergency, to raise money by loan certificates to the extent of 20000*l.*; that body, however, at a meeting held for the purpose of considering whether the necessary sum of 13000*l.* should be so raised, decided not to exercise their power, because of the large addition which would thereby be made to the public debt. They passed a resolution desiring the Governor to call the Legislature together forthwith, in order that the financial affairs of the country might be considered. The Governor replied, that if he should call the Legislature, he would not state for any specific object, but in the usual way, for public business generally. The matters stood at the last dates; bankrupt Treasury starting the whole community in the face. —*Bermudian*.

RAPID SAILING.—The bark *Auckland*, (of Lynn,) Capt. Cutler, sailed from New Zealand, April 2, 1848 passed Cape Horn May 4, crossed the Equator June 6, and arrived in Boston, June 29, making the passage from New Zealand to Boston 88 days, a distance of about 12,000 miles.

MR. MITCHEL ON BOARD THE SHEARWATER.—It appears from an explanation which the Government has at length made, that Mr. Mitchel was not entertained by the officers of the Shearwater at their mess-table, but was merely admitted to the gun-room after they had breakfasted, to sit down and eat his meals with the policemen who had the charge of him.

IMPORTANT FROM TAMICO.

NEW ORLEANS, Thursday, July 13.

Important rumours have been received from Tamico. The Mexican Government having sent a force to take possession of that town, the citizens opposed its entrance. No further particulars are given.

Paredes and Jaurata are operating against the Government with renewed energy. They are likely to cause serious trouble to Herera's administration.

ACCIDENT ON THE HOUSATONIC.—Over 100 feet of the new Rail Road Bridge, over the Housatonic, fell down, in consequence of the supporters underneath being too weak. The frame work which is permanently to support the Bridge, was not finished. The loss is estimated at about \$2000, but we are informed it will not essentially retard the completion of the Road. —*New Haven Journal*.

SUICIDE AT SEA.—The brig *Highlander*, Captain Pendleton, which arrived at this port yesterday from Pictou, reports that a man by the name of Thomas Weeks, a passenger on board, bound to Boston, is supposed to have jumped out of the cabin window on the 15th of July, in lat. 42 25, lon. 65 27. Weeks had complained the night before of being unwell, and was left for a few hours asleep in his berth. One of the crew of the brig, on going to the cabin, found that he had disappeared. By papers found in his trunk, it appeared that he had been a Surgeon in the English army. —*Boston Bee*, 21st inst.

SPECIE.—The demand for specie for Europe is not entirely over. The money tables show that \$325,000 was shipped last week. The total of the shipments since the first of November last is \$14,400,000. —*Boston Transcript*.