

is decreasing in population and resources. Since her independence, her revenues are falling off, her villages are decaying, her public works falling to ruin. She has lived by the sword, she must perish by the sword. *The time for her to die has come!*—Yet, like South Carolina, she talks large. She whipped Spain, Spain whipped France, France whipped the world—and consequently, Mexico is the mistress of the world! Yet fifty thousand Americans conquer eight millions of souls! The clergy plunder the people, the army now begin to plunder the clergy, while independent robbers begin to plunder the Government, the clergy, and the people.—Such is the fearful retribution of Nature's violated laws. Seeing Texas, that it was a lovely land, we coveted our neighbour's good; seeing the weakness of Mexico, we took it by force.

## THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

SAINT JOHN, JUNE 21, 1848.

### TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS, AND OTHERS WHO ARE IN ARREARS.

We again request those who are indebted to us for the *Visitor*, and otherwise, to render immediate payment of the respective amounts due by them. Our expenses are heavy, and we now imperatively require immediate liquidation of the claims which are due to us, to enable us to discharge our liabilities.

We had reserved a small space for an editorial but the interesting letter from Brother Jackson, coming to hand, we resign it. Our readers will certainly not complain of a lack of original matter this week.

We are happy to be able to furnish more particulars of the English Baptist anniversaries, and we hope shortly to be able to announce a London Correspondent.

Want of room prevents our copying a letter from R. B. Dickie of Liverpool, N. S., to the *Christian Messenger*, announcing a revival amongst his people, with whom the Nova Scotia Association meets this week. Bro. D. had baptized for several weeks in succession.

**TO CORRESPONDENTS.**—Our Correspondent S. having commenced a series of articles on the Sabbath, Brother C. will allow us to withhold his upon the same subject for the present; it is a valuable communication, and will doubtless follow well what S. will present. The article of S. on account of misdirection, though near us for several days before our last number, was not in hand. We are much obliged to the many contributors for this number, and hope to be as liberally remembered often. Brother B. will see that Brother McDonald's letter from Harvey leaves no occasion for his kind note.

We are obliged to defer Brother Farquharson's letter which came safe to hand. His request in regard to papers will be attended to.—Ed.

There being some deficiency in the expense of the Colporteur, and he being called upon also, to make gratuitous appropriations of books occasionally, the undersigned consulted with several life members of the American and Foreign Bible Society and procured leave to send for their quotas of Bibles and Testaments for this year, amounting to 5s each, to be disposed of by Colporteur Committee. By advice of Brother Farquharson, their agent, I sent for those of the other life members, hoping they would extend the same privilege, as this appropriation by the American and Foreign Bible Society is upon the express condition that they are gratuitously distributed. These Bibles have arrived by this day's steamer, and will the following brethren please let me know at their earliest convenience if they will resign them to the Committee. If any one will not, they are subject to his order after the expense is paid of procuring them from New York, Duty, Freight, &c.

Rev. J. Magee, Rev. Wm. Hall,  
" J. Stone, Mr. David Stone,  
" J. Walker, " J. Moran,  
" — Cleveland, " S. Vaughan,  
" J. Crandall, " D. Horseman,  
" S. Keith, EDWARD D. VERY.  
St. John, June 21, 1848.

**MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.**—We regret to learn that on Saturday last, Perry, son of Mr. Samuel Fairweather, of Hampton Ferry, accidentally shot himself while out in the fields. It appears that in the afternoon he went out to work, taking his gun with him, and not returning in the evening, search was made for him, when he was found lying dead, with the contents of the gun lodged in his breast. It is supposed that the gun accidentally went off while in the act of loading her, producing instant death. He was about 16 years of age; and was a young man of much promise.—*New Brunswick.*

## CORRESPONDENCE.

For the Christian Visitor.

### VISITATION TO THE CHURCHES.

Mr. Enron.—Since our last, three days were spent by us in connection with the Church at Norton and the friends at Hampton, which were chiefly occupied in attending religious services and family visitation. In our most sanguine moments we hardly dared to anticipate much increase by way of numbers to the Union Society in this locality, from the fact, that the church in this place had, from the beginning, been distinguished for their liberality and support to this institution; yet we succeeded in obtaining seven new subscribers to the Union objects. It is, moreover, worthy of remark, that this community have, since the commencement of the present financial year, sustained a Missionary for three months to the Northern part of this Province.

The heavy rains on Wednesday, (May 31,) prevented us from arriving at the Upper Settlement of Sussex in time to call the people together, and our arrangements for the following day would not admit of our calling a meeting until our return. We hope, however, that no serious declension will be evinced by this people from last year. It was very gratifying to learn that the union and Christian activity of this church are presenting signs of an encouraging character.

Three meetings were held in connection with the Upper Salisbury church, in which a full explanation was given of the objects embraced in the Union Society. This was particularly called for in this place, inasmuch as some minds were labouring under false impressions respecting the expenditure of the contributions. A respectable number of the inhabitants in this vicinity gave liberal pledges at the introduction of the Union to the churches, but through some misunderstanding or influences, which are to us unaccountable, little was forwarded since the first year. There are, however, strong attachments existing in this neighborhood towards the cause of Missions, as well as the other objects presented for support; and, we doubt not, in seasons of less financial embarrassment, a respectable offering will be secured to the cause of God. Four supporters were joined to the Union cause, and reasons were given to believe that others who did not feel prepared to give their names at the time, would forward their tribute to the Association.

In new Canaan we held a meeting of a most entertaining nature, so far as religious feelings and a thirst for the Word of Life were concerned; and though the subscription list was not much enlarged, yet impressions of a permanent character were made and no feeling was more apparent throughout the congregation than the regret of their inability to respond, under existing circumstances, to the claims of the objects exhibited on the occasion. A Society was formed here two years since, and continues to work, and will gather strength at the first revival of business. The *Christian Visitor* is exerting a good influence in this community. Brother Harrit, the Pastor of this interesting people, met us in another section of his charge. Butternut Ridge is a district of a considerable size, situated between Upper Salisbury and Canaan. Here we met an attentive assembly of willing hearers to the things that were spoken. Bro. Keith, who was from home at the time, ministers to the brethren in this place. This Church, from the commencement, identified itself with the cause of benevolence. Their Union Society has worked well according to the number of members professedly Baptists. We doubt not, in ordinary years, the list of contributors would be considerably enlarged.

The first Church in Salisbury embraced the Union system and contributed nobly for the first year, but the same misapprehensions to which we have alluded in connexion with works of benevolence at the head of the river, produced the same state of things here, in crippling systematic co-operation. Our financial meeting inspired confidence in the minds of many of the people to benevolent institutions, and their determination to sustain a share of their support. Several pledges were given to the objects of the Union, and ten shillings to the Foreign Mission, while others, equally convinced of the laudableness of the undertaking, were compelled, from the scarcity of money, to forego the pleasure of subscribing for the present. It was a matter of much regret to us that our venerable brother, the Pastor, could not, from indisposition, be present with us at this meeting. The frequent excursions which brother Crandall has been in the habit of taking to every part of this and the adjoining townships, have resulted in the establishment of Baptist principles in this extensive district; but we cannot at all expect that his health at this time of life will justify the amount of labor necessarily devolving upon him. The Churches should immediately strengthen his hands by securing the labours of an

able coadjutor, or rather every Church should have its own Pastor.

As Baptist people we profess to have received all our views in matters of faith and practice from the holy writings. From what part of these Scriptures, then, do we learn that one Elder, for two or more churches, was anciently regarded as competent to edify the people for the inheritance of the saints? The *idea* and the *order* are the creation of human wisdom, and are as destitute of reason and decorum as they are unscriptural and destructive to the advancement of pure and undefiled religion. Where is the intelligent schoolmaster that would be willing to hazard his reputation as an instructor of youth, by undertaking to teach alternately the children of three or four districts? And shall the means for the instruction and government of the children of light be subject to this state of latitudinarianism? If we regard this subject in view of pecuniary matters, experience has proved wherever a systematic effort was put forth, that it is easier for a community to secure the entire services of a Pastor, than to sustain him either one half or one third of his time.

We are now about leaving Hillsborough, to which we shall refer in our next.

ALEX. McDONALD,  
JOHN FRANCIS.

Hillsborough, June 14.

For the Christian Visitor.

HARVEY, June 16, 1848.

DEAR BROTHER—We were informed, since our arrival here, that Bro. Blackney has baptized nine believers last Lord's day, at Upper Salmon River, a settlement of some extent, about 16 miles below this place. Brother B. has been for some time laboring among the people in this district. No part of the province presents a more inviting aspect than this county throughout. We had one baptism at Hillsborough, before we left, and appearances would justify the belief that many others will soon follow.—Bro. Francis is to return there on Sabbath next. To leave the place destitute under existing circumstances, would not be at all wise. O for more men that understand the truth, and able to teach others also. The souls of men are perishing for lack of knowledge, and the churches weak by want of order and discipline.

Yours affectionately,

A. McDONALD.

P. S.—But for the pressure of the times, I could procure a large addition to the list of Subscribers for the paper.

A. M. D.

The following extract of a letter from Bro. Jackson to Br. Robinson, conveys interesting intelligence from an important field, for which many have felt a deep interest. May the Lord greatly extend the work.—Ed.

ST. MARTINS, June 10, 1848.

DEAR BROTHER—We had a very good visit from Elders McDonald and Francis, and I was much gratified to see the people here take such an interest in the objects of the Union Society. Three persons, during their visit, offered themselves for Baptism, who were baptized Sabbath before last, in the presence of not less than four hundred spectators.—The morning was pleasant, the candidates happy, and the congregation uncommonly attentive; and to me, and I believe to many, it was a season of deep interest.

Our Conferences are very well attended, and some of the brethren told me that there were more at the table of the Lord last Sabbath than they had seen for seven years. We have commenced a 6 o'clock Meeting on the Sabbath evening, to the West of Brother Estey's, in the school-house, which is numerously attended. Everything seems to go on very well with us, and may the Lord humble us before Him more and more, that in due time he may exalt us to greater enjoyment of his love—to greater additions of members to His church—nay, that he may exalt us at last to untarnished crowns of glory in the Heavens.

(For the Christian Visitor.)

ST. MARTINS, June 19, 1848.

DEAR BROTHER—The work of the Lord is quietly progressing in this place. Having had a request from brethren of the second Church of St. Martins to spend a Sabbath with them before the Association, to comply with their request I left home last Friday—spent a part of Friday and Saturday laboring to remove some difficulties that had stood in the way of the prosperity of the Church for some time, succeeded in removing hardness which had kept some of the brethren and sisters from uniting in Church fellowship for a length of time. At 3 o'clock Saturday the brethren came together in conference. It was a season of refreshing. A spirit of humility and love characterized the

whole meeting. God, I humbly trust, by the influence of his Spirit, was in our midst. Four willing converts offered themselves for baptism, and were received by the Church. They were baptized on the Sabbath, and received as members of the Church. After preaching the Church came around the table of the Lord to commemorate the death and sufferings of the Lord Jesus Christ; and during the whole exercises the brethren appeared greatly revived. During my visit two were also added to the Church by letter, and one of the leading brethren in the Church appointed to the office of Deacon. It is thought that others will soon offer themselves there for baptism. I returned and preached at 6 o'clock to my own people, and felt greatly encouraged to see the marked attention which they gave to the word of the Lord. Brother Newcomb continues to assist me in advancing the interests of God in this place. The Lord be praised for all his mercies. I hope the Great Head of the Church will be with us in our Association, which is close at hand.

Yours in Christ,

W. JACKSON.

The following letter is handed by Brother Robinson for publication, and will be read with special interest in Charlotte County, from which part of the Province those alluded to emigrated to Canada a few years since. Though their emigration was a discouragement to the 2d St. Patrick Church, lessening greatly its number and influence, they seem to be greatly blessed in their new and distant home.—Ed.

PICKERING, May 9th, 1848.

DEAR BRO. ROBINSON,—I presume that you have, ere this time, received a letter from Sister Dorcas Clark, through which, to a certain extent, you have become acquainted with the state of things in this our neighborhood, in a spiritual point of view. For a long time, we, who professed to love the Lord in this place, walked in darkness, being in a very indifferent state of mind, and as a consequence, feeling no great anxiety about the salvation of sinners, though we oftentimes prayed that God would be pleased in his own way and time to cause the light of his saving grace to shine upon us. Our prayer, we trust has been answered, and our most sanguine expectations realized, as the Lord has lifted up upon us the heavenly light of his countenance, so making us to be glad and rejoice in his name. In the end of May 1847, our present Pastor, Rev T. D. Davidson came amongst us, from the Baptist College, Montreal, and labored with us till August, when he was called to the Pastorate and ordained. A gracious revival followed. The labors of our Pastor were instant in season and out of season, and God blessed them.

There has never been a time when the ordinance of Supper has been administered save twice, but there have been additions to our little band. Baptism has been administered every month, and latterly twice a month. Our church now numbers 79, and there are others on the way, who will soon be among us. We have erected a new chapel, 46x36, and will soon have it ready to hold meetings in, though it will not be finished.

The church at present is keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and cultivating a spirit of brotherly love. Those of our families and friends who came from New Brunswick, have participated largely in the blessing bestowed. There is not a house in the immediate vicinity that has not felt the power of God to some extent. My second daughter, Harriet, is among the number of the baptised. Bro. Robert Vardon has seen his four sons and his daughter make a public profession of discipleship to Jesus Christ. Bro. Jeremiah Turner's two daughters and also his wife, are among the number of those (we trust) whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Bro. Isaac Turner's three sons and three daughters are in the number also. Bro. James Haley's youngest daughter; Bro. B. M. Clark's two eldest daughters have also given evidence of a change of heart. But pause I must; many men of property and influence—heads of families are now in the "Camp of the Israelites," rejoicing in the God of Abraham. The state of things generally at present is encouraging; the crops look well here as yet, provisions are cheap. We are about 26 miles from Toronto. My dear wife is at present deeply afflicted, nigh unto death, though there are hopes of her recovery.