

aged ten years. This interesting youth was a member of the Sabbath School, and for some time appeared thoughtful. A few days before his death, which was caused by an affection of the lungs, he was overheard by his parents earnestly engaged in prayer. On his mother entering the room he called her to his bed and told her not to weep. Christ, he said, had appeared to him as his Saviour, and he feared not now to die. Heaven, he felt assured, was his home. The day before his death the children of the Sabbath School called to see him. He besought them all to seek the Saviour. His two elder brothers deeply occupied his thoughts. In his last moments, he earnestly directed them to Christ as the only Saviour, and then calling upon the Lord Jesus to receive his spirit, calmly fell asleep, thus showing the sustaining power of religion in the dying hour, and the benefits of Sabbath School instruction to the young."

S. ELDER.

Fredricton, 28th November, 1849.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Liverpool Harbour, on board the "Elizabeth Bentley" Nov. 14th, 1849.

DEAR BROTHER,

I hasten to inform you of our arrival in this port this day at 12 o'clock. We made land (supposed to be the Fasnac Rock on the S. W. Coast of Ireland) at 4 o'clock P. M. on Friday last, being 16 days from the hour we left the wharf in St. John. But in consequence of the weather being foggy, and the wind blowing hard from the South, and no observations having been taken during the past week, in which time we had sailed 1000 miles, we were obliged to put back to sea, and made but little progress until Monday morning, when the wind altered and blew from the N. W. sweeping away the fog, and enabling the Captain to take the sun and determine our position. We then proceeded on our course to Liverpool, passed Cape Clear Light at 12 o'clock Monday night, thus making the last 300 miles of our voyage in 36 hours. When the Custom House officer came on board he informed us that the ship "Edmond," Captain Scott Robinson, which left the wharf in St. John the day before we sailed, had arrived two hours previous. We feel under renewed obligations to praise God for His goodness in providing for us such a noble ship, of whose sailing qualities you may judge from the above as well as from the fact that in five hours after we left the wharf in St. John we were opposite Briar Island light, a distance of 60 miles. We desire to feel grateful to God for disposing the owner's heart, through whose kindness every thing necessary for our comfort on the passage had been provided; we would not be unmindful of the acceptance which the Lord gave us in the sight of the Captain and crew of the "Elizabeth Bentley," who treated us with much kindness; we humbly hope that our exercises will prove the means of bringing eternal blessedness to their precious souls.

How true it is that the works of the Lord and His wonders are to be seen in the deep. When I look at the Ocean itself, I see God in it as its Creator; for it was He who measured it with His hand, and gave to it life and motion. "Then God said let the waters under heaven be gathered together into one place, that the dry matter may appear, and it was so; the dry matter He called Earth, but the collections of the waters He called Seas. This He saw to be good." Here we have the origin of this great Atlantic, and all large collections of waters. God commanding the separation of the mud or earthy parts from the moisture, and condensing it into solid earth, arched over the waters around as an outer crust or shell, full of water within, with which the hollow parts on the outside are filled, called waters or seas, made originally salt to prevent it from putrifying by heat; for this reason it is more salt in hot climates than in the temperate and cold; about a seventh part of it being salt in the former, and about a twenty-eighth part in the latter.

When I behold the effects of the wind upon this world of waters, I see God in it. "He holdeth the winds in his fist. He commandeth the stormy wind which lifts up the waves thereof. He maketh the storm a calm, so that its waves are still." When I view the gallant ship braving the fury of the storms and tempests, I see God here also, for it was He that gave man wisdom, skill, and understanding to construct a piece of workmanship enabling him to press into his service one element to waft him on the bosom of another, to any place in this lower world.

Since writing the above we have landed, and find that the prayers of our beloved brethren in Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick, are being answered. God we hope will give us acceptance in the sight of the people in this place. A communication to the "Messenger," forwarded, if finished in time, will contain more particulars, which you will please publish in the "Visitor." We earnestly solicit the churches to continue their supplications at a throne of grace on behalf of our Mission, and hope that the Committee in Saint John and Nova-Scotia, will obtain letters of recommendation from brother Spurden, and Ministers of different denominations, and business men, and forward them through the kindness of brother DeMill to Mr. Houghton, (an excellent young man) who will kindly forward them to the deputation. What an excellent opportunity for those who love the cause of God and precious souls in the Colonies, who may have friends or correspondents in Britain, to do something towards extending the knowledge of the glorious Gospel. I desire to be kindly remembered to my many personal friends. God be with you all.

Yours, very respectfully,

JOHN FRANCIS.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

COLPORTEUR WORK.

DEAR BROTHER VERY.—In my travels I am induced to report a few incidents that may not be wholly uninteresting. On my landing at Digby I passed through the examination of the Customs with satisfaction and proceeded in the sale of my excellent volumes—sold in Digby, 30 volumes, Dr. Bent being a large purchaser, and journeying around the Joggins to Hillsborough, Smith's Cove, and Bear River, sold 48 volumes, among which were my largest works. Warmly met by the readers of the American Messenger, which is in high esteem. Endeavoured on the morning and evening of the Lord's day to set forth the claims of the divine word, and found Elder Cogswell a valuable auxiliary to our enterprise. On the 4th of October, reached Annapolis for Granville. Landing at Granville, I drove six miles down the Basin where prayer was wont to be made, where my feelings were elated. Elder Cunningham received me with warmth and helped me in my labours. Heavy rains impeded my march, yet I made sale of 91 volumes, made a general visit in upper and lower Granville; addressed the people there in prayer-meetings, and in Conference, and twice in public called attention to the Christian and American Messengers; and left them in a favourable frame of mind toward the Colporteur, feeling to bless God for the expressions of kindness manifested towards me. Reached Bridgetown on Tuesday the 16th. Reached Wilmot on Wednesday, Aylesford on Thursday, and crossed over the Mountain to the Bay, where I sold 20s. worth, returning I spent the night of Friday with brother Thomas Tupper. On Saturday, I passed through Pleasant Valley to Deacon A. Strong's, on Sunday, at Billtown, heard our esteemed brother W. G. Parker ably declare the truth, who with his lady were on a visit here—in the evening addressed a thronged house in exhortation, and on Monday, 22d October, reached Wolfville, where I received a fresh supply of books, of good variety from Elder J. Chase. In my travels my mind has been rather beclouded, and strange faces have not divested my mind of the charms of Home; yet I am rejoiced to find by statements received from Elder Morse, that the gift of a Testament to a family in Digby has resulted in the conversion of the Mistress, and the Master who heretofore did not frequent the Sanctuary is now evidently an anxious enquirer. Let those contributing to aid the Colporteur feel that they have interest in this conversion—and let the penny-a-week subscribers feel that eternity alone can declare the benefits resulting from Tract distribution. Aid me my brethren and friends with your prayers that every day's travel may be conducive of some benefit to the cause of God. In Christian sincerity.

J. V. TABOR,

Colporteur.

November 4th, 1849.

DEAR BROTHER VERY.—Went on Thursday, 25th Oct., from Wolfville to Lower Cornwallis; sold in Canaan, 45 volumes, in Town Plot and Church Street, 25, in Pereaux, 9, in Canning, 13, and in Cornwallis village 10, in all 102 volumes. Received Cash for sales £7 10s 0d. and collected 12s. 5d. from the Canar people,

whom I addressed on the Colportage Sabbath afternoon. On the 4th November, addressed the Pereaux people twice. The Lord owned the truth spoken, and while many wept, two backsliders confessed their wanderings; one of whom had not been connected with the Church for 20 years, and sinners manifested conviction for sin. On Thursday 8th, Nov., I journeyed to Canaan, prayed on my way with a Roman Catholic whose companion was a Protestant but not a professor. They bought three volumes and I left the house with both man and wife affected with my visit. The wife rejoiced that the poor was visited, and in leaving I thought we do not make conscience enough to visit such, for it is they who truly esteem gospel privileges—sold in Canaan, 20 volumes, and journeyed through Gaspareaux Village to Wolfville, which I reached Sabbath morning, 11th November. Visited the families on the Lower Horton Road—sold 10 volumes. Reached Hansport on Wednesday—having taken in a fresh supply of books, of Elder Chase. Attended prayer-meeting, finding a few met for worship, I addressed them in exhortation, and was prevailed upon to address them the following evening. The minds of the people were low, yet God's presence attended the word spoken Elder Vaughan having been sick some time the people enjoyed but little preaching. I reported my travels and success; held forth the claims of the Colportage, and found a people willing to respond to my visit. The Church moved for me to attend a series of meetings. I agreed thereto, and from that small beginning the Lord manifested his presence, and I rejoice that God's people are much refreshed. The Sabbath past has been one of deep interest. The house of the Lord is thronged. At a social meeting, at 3 o'clock, p. m., not less than thirty of God's people declared their evidence of the divine presence. Elder Vaughan is much encouraged to believe that souls are under a work of grace. May God revive his work. Sold since Wednesday evening last 113 volumes, and received ££4 6s. 0d. for sales, and 12s. 10d. collection. In best of bonds, I remain,

J. V. TABOR.

Hansport, November 19th, 1849.

Our readers will not fail to rejoice at the encouraging prospect of Bro. Rand and the Micmac Indians. We noticed two weeks since the public meeting held in Halifax. The following circular which we find in several Halifax papers announces the result of the application for aid.

MICMAC MISSION.

A second public meeting in relation to the Rev. Mr. Rand's Mission to the Micmac Indians was held, according to appointment, in "Chalmers' Church" in Barrington street, on Monday evening the 19th inst.

This commodious and beautiful edifice, recently erected for the accommodation of the Free Church of Scotland in this city under the Pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Forrester, was crowded at an early hour by an audience numbering many of our most respectable inhabitants of all denominations.

The services of the evening having been introduced by an appropriate Psalm and prayer the Rev. Mr. Rand communicated a number of deeply interesting facts in relation to the history, habits, and language of the Micmacs, and of his occasional intercourse among them, and his labours to promote their spiritual improvement.

This address was listened to with deep interest, and was followed by a collection which amounted to between nine and ten pounds.

A Psalm was then sung, and several resolutions presented, with many appropriate and eloquent remarks, by ministers and other gentlemen present. Among the speakers were the Rev. Mr. Forrester, the Hon. H. Bell, Mr. Charles Robson, Rev. Mr. McGregor, Rev. Mr. Heudebouteck, and Rev. Mr. Martin.

An apology was offered for the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Mr. Evans and the Rev. Mr. Smallwood.

We here append the substance of the Resolutions, which were most heartily responded to by the crowded assembly—

1st. That this meeting views with equal delight and satisfaction the efforts which are now making for the temporal and spiritual welfare of the Micmac Indians in these provinces, and pledges itself to encourage and support the Micmac Mission.

2nd. That this meeting believing the Christian Religion to be the chief instrument of civilization as well as intellectual and moral

improvement, is happy to learn that means are about to be adopted for translating the Scriptures into the Micmac dialect, and for acquainting that Indian Tribe by written as well as oral language with the principles of the Christian Faith; and with those practical duties which minister so much to the happiness of the life that now is, and prepare us for the enjoyment of the life that is to come.

3rd. That this meeting feeling its insufficiency for so important an undertaking without the Divine assistance and blessing, desire to commend this cause to God; and solicits the earnest supplications of all the friends of the Mission, that its labour for the spiritual welfare of so necessitous a portion of our population may be crowned with success.

The fourth Resolution appointed an enlarged Committee of clergymen and laymen from different denominations in the city for the furtherance of the general objects of the mission, with power to add to their number if needful, the names of whom will be published when the list is completed.

The benediction was then pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Miller, and the meeting separated with evidently deep interest in the object which had been so ably presented and advocated in their hearing. It was delightful to see the concord and hearty co-operation with which leading men in the different sections of the Protestant Church are entering into this work of benevolence, so long due, but so long delayed.

On Tuesday the 20th inst., a meeting of the general Committee on the Micmac Mission was held in the School Room under Poplar Grove church, when several needful preliminaries were established, the most important of which are here in substance presented.

A sub-Committee was appointed for perfecting the system proposed for collecting funds by securing the services of lay gentlemen who will obtain subscriptions in the several congregations in the city towards the general objects of the mission, and who shall by acceptance of that office become members of the general Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Evans was then unanimously chosen as Chairman of the general Committee. The Rev. Mr. McGregor, Recording Secretary; the Rev. Dr. Crawley, Corresponding Secretary; and Mr. George Morton, Treasurer.

It was then Resolved, That there shall be an acting Committee consisting of seven members besides the permanent office-bearers, whose duty it will be to meet monthly for the purpose of attending to the general business of the Mission, including the needful correspondence with the Missionary, and to report quarterly to the general Committee.

Gentlemen were nominated to this important office whose names will appear hereafter.

The Rev. Mr. Rand, who attended the meeting of the Committee, having declared his willingness to make the Micmac Mission henceforth his exclusive object, the Committee entered into a Resolution recorded on their minutes, by which they pledged themselves to obtain a sufficient sum for the payment to Mr. Rand of a salary of £160, together with the needful travelling and other expenses; the friends of the mission may now therefore receive the assurance that this enthusiastic and laborious missionary will henceforth enter on his deeply interesting labours sustained by the sympathy and aid of the public through a regularly organized association.

Besides the applications for subscriptions that will be made in the different congregations in this city, measures will be also taken to secure the co-operation and aid of the various Churches throughout the Province.

The same spirit of harmony and cordial co-operation that breathed so delightful an influence on the public meeting of Monday, prevailed no less on the deliberations of the general Committee, and affords, we trust, a most auspicious promise for future success.

Let this be the earnest, constant prayer of every friend of the Micmac and lover of Divine Truth.

The Rev. Mr. Rand will set out immediately, we understand, on his return to Charlotte Town, where he will henceforth devote himself exclusively to the Micmac Mission, in perfecting himself in the language, completing a dictionary of this singular language as well as translations of parts of the Scriptures, and aiming as opportunity offers, to promote the intellectual and spiritual improvement of the aborigines of these Provinces.

In the progress of these labours Mr. Rand it is supposed will visit different settlements

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