

CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

SAINT JOHN, FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1850.

An interesting Tea Meeting came off yesterday afternoon in Carleton, the avails of which were to assist in completing the neat chapel now in course of erection by the Baptist Church on that side the harbor. Our friends in Carleton have ever shown great tact and liberality in getting up their preparations for a Soiree of this kind; and, what is quite as important, have ever manifested a disposition to give them such a character by their deportment that no one should take just exception to them as any way prejudicial to religious character or enjoyment.

The attendance yesterday was very good and everything was so conducted as made it a most agreeable entertainment to the company. We hope the church will soon be able to enter their house, and that the prosperity which they have recently enjoyed may be continued, that when they enter they may fill it.

We regret to learn that the Baptist Meeting House in Milltown, Calais, has during the past week been burned to the ground. The letter which communicates this fact does not furnish any of the particulars. We have many times during our residence in Calais listened to the few who nobly contributed to the erection of that house, as they have dwelt upon the providential incidents connected with its erection, and the beginnings of our cause there. Few places have witnessed more signal displays of the power of God, and very few places have more happy associations in so many minds than that house and its vestry beneath it. It has been a Bethel to hundreds of souls, and of a multitude shall the Lord count when He writeth up the people that this man was born there.

We see in the Pacific Mail of July 1, announced the death of an esteemed friend and minister of Christ, Rev. Amariah Kalkock, who died in Placerville, California, at which place he had but recently arrived. Brother Kalkock left Maine less than a year since, partly, we believe, on account of his health. Many of our readers remember his visit to New-Brunswick and Nova-Scotia some years since, on which tour his preaching was highly acceptable. He has for ten years past occupied a prominent position among the Baptist Ministers of Maine, his native State. His former residence was East Thomaston, where for many years his ministry was very successful. We learned by a letter from a Minister in that vicinity last week, that brother K's son, who is connected as a student with Waterville College, was preaching at East Thomaston till his father's return.

We hope the parents and teachers connected with the Sabbath School in the City, whose children are under the tuition of Mr.

Bennison, will exert themselves in behalf of his Concert, which will occur on the evening of Friday next.

Mr. Bennison gives every attention to his vocation, and has very good success in teaching his juvenile classes to sing.

The accomplishment is a most desirable one for the children, as few things will affect their disposition more favorably or conduce more to make home a happy place.

We wish Mr. Bennison every success in his Concerts, as he has generously adopted this method of compensation, in order that a greater number of pupils may enjoy his instructions.

RAILWAY MEETING.—We cheerfully relinquish the space we usually allot for an editorial, to give an account of the public meeting held in this city yesterday afternoon, to consider a subject of the deepest interest to all our readers. We intend to seize the first leisure to give our views of the moral and religious bearing of this great work.

Brother Sears is informed that two years will up for the paper, about which he enquired, at No. 34 of the present Vol., twenty shillings therefore was the amount due. We credit him with ten shillings of that amount, and will stop the paper at the close of the year if the balance is paid.

Correspondence.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Wolfville, August 5, 1850.

MY DEAR BROTHER.—I have recently returned from the Counties of Halifax, Colchester, and Cumberland, since which I have paid my respects to a portion of brother Hunt's people, and from reports given below, I hope my success will not be considered discouraging. The exceeding pressure of money matters on eastward does all but forbid liberal contributions, and yet I received such. The friends in Cornwallis are seldom from their post.

I am now on my way for the western counties of Digby and Yarmouth, expecting, God willing, to return by the Southern shore. I have strong confidence in that direction, in the tried friendship and liberality of the people. I shall not be able to visit New-Brunswick before the first of September, but hope brother BHI will be induced to renew his agency in connection with his tried associate, brother Francis, much earlier.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Subscriptions received since my last: A Friend, £5 0 0; S. Seldou, 1 0 0; T. S. Harding, 25 0 0; Rev. L. H. Marshall, 2 0 0; James V. Tabor, 1 0 0; Levi Kerr, 1 0 0; George Davison, 1 0 0; James Soley, 1 0 0; J. & G. Gourley, 1 0 0; Thomas Fulton, 1 0 0; Isaac L. Fulton, 1 0 0; Ezra Layton, 1 0 0; John King, 10 0 0; Ditto, (conditional), 10 0 0; James Blair, 1 0 0; Alexander Conkey, 1 0 0; M. J. Archibald, 2 0 0; A Friend, 10 0 0; J. F. Burbidge, (conditional), 12 10 0; Elisha B. Cutten, Esquire, 4 0 0; Elisha Embree, 4 0 0; Cyrus Black, 4 0 0; Daniel Freeman, 2 0 0; A. W. Marsters, 1 0 0; Job Seaman, 5 0 0; Joseph Read, 8 0 0; James Atkinson, 1 0 0; M. Beckwith, Esquire, M. P. P., 25 0 0; W. Eaton, 5 0 0; W. Eaton, (conditional), 5 0 0; W. H. Lyons, 10 0 0; James E. Rand, 5 0 0; Wm. Eaton, 7 0 0; Joshua Ellis, 1 0 0; Elisha Harris, 4 0 0; A Friend, 1 0 0; Small Sums, 3 0 0; Total £176 10 0.

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DEAR SIR.—The remarks contained in the editorial of the last Visitor, under the head of "Formation of Sabbath Schools," I consider

as loudly called for as they are true. That there exists in this Province a great lack of Sabbath School instruction, is obvious, and that it might, to a great extent, be supplied, if there were a willingness, with but little sacrifice on the part of individuals, is also clear. It is to be hoped that an object which is now so universally acknowledged to be of such paramount importance by those who have seen the good resulting from it or felt its beneficial influences upon their minds, will be more generally taken up by our Pastors, held more prominently before their churches and congregations and its claims upon our attention and sympathy pressed with more urgency than has hitherto been done.

With you, I am decidedly of opinion that a Sunday-school destitute of a Library cannot be so efficiently conducted, nor so strict an attendance secured, as those in possession of one; laying aside the amount of benefit so likely to accrue from the perusal of so much choice religious information as is contained in good Sunday School Libraries. I might just say corroborative of this, that although a Sabbath School has been kept in operation here for a length of time, yet there were very many who failed to avail themselves of its privileges, and it was felt there was a want of additional advantages. To meet this several efforts were made from time to time to establish another Sabbath School in a more central part of the village, with apparently but little success, till in the former part of this season it was again got in operation, and means were adopted to procure a good Library in connection with it, by which the interests of many were enlisted in its success. It is now in a most prosperous condition, owing in a great measure, I believe, to the influence exerted by the library, the volumes of which are being distributed Sabbath after Sabbath to those whose juvenile minds render them easily susceptible of good impressions, and who shall say what good a Beneficent Creator may not cause to result from the placing in their hands of so many practical lessons showing the worth, excellence, and blessedness of true religion, and its sanctifying influences upon the heart. We pray that it may be as "Bread cast upon the waters, which shall be seen after many days." Yours, &c. J. MOORE. St. Martins, Aug. 6th, 1850.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Steamer Herald, off Cape Chignecto, August 7.

DEAR BROTHER VERY.—Flest the city of St. John, this morning, and am now on my way home. I did not expect to leave before Friday, but finding this morning that the Herald would leave in half an hour, I gathered up my traps and was off in a twinkling. I came down from Fredericton yesterday. I had a most delightful visit to that city. My particular object was to get acquainted with the Malaset Indians. I had an opportunity to do this. There was quite a large encampment just opposite the city on the other side of the river, which I visited twice, and on Monday a good brother Hart drove me up to a village about ten miles from Fredericton. Here I saw the nearest approach to civilization that I had ever witnessed among Indians. There was quite a cluster of decent houses—some of them plastered; and one of them two stories high, the men, and women too, were dressed quite in the English style, and there was quite an appearance of farming. I could not of course understand their language, but I ascertained very soon that it does not differ much from the Micmac. The numerals are nearly the same, several words I detected with only a slight variation in the accent, and some merely dropped a syllable. I saw two Micmacs there. They were all civil enough, but oh! what a difference there was in the way I was greeted by those whose mother tongue I could speak, and the others. One aged Indian Micmac seemed transported back almost to the days of youth while we were conversing together.

My stay at Fredericton was too short to allow of getting acquainted with many of our friends there. I found, however, two very agreeable homes. One was the house of brother Asa Coy, and the other, that of brother Spurden. I had never been there before; and I entered the city at 6 in the morning, feeling something like "a stranger in a strange land." But all this was soon dispelled. Brother Elder was absent, and I preached twice for the church on the Lord's Day. A lecture on the Indians was decided on for Monday evening.

Brother Spurden introduced me on Saturday to the Rev. Mr. Temple, Wesleyan, and the Rev. Mr. Brooke, of the Church of Scotland. We had a pleasant interview with both these gentlemen; they gave out my lecture on the Sabbath, attended themselves, and took part in the proceedings. They gave me a collection and two subscriptions, which amounted to nearly six pounds. The description of my visit to your fine city, and that of my trip down your noble river yesterday, I shall reserve for our paper. It will be, I dare say, interesting to those who do not know more about the scenery than I do myself.

I fear I left St. John's too abruptly. Several friends I know were expecting to see me again, and to make donations to the Mission. Several other things I left undone, but my friends can forward their donations, and they will be received all the more acceptably by proving that I am not forgotten though absent. This was my first visit to St. John's, it has been pleasant every way. I shall now be more anxious than ever to repeat it.

Your's in Christian bonds, SILAS T. RAND.

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St. Martins, Aug. 7th, 1850.

DEAR BROTHER.—As yet I have nothing very special to communicate relative to the Colportage. I am well convinced that it is a powerful agency for effecting good, and that this Province is a needful field for its operation. After I left you on Wednesday last I travelled to Little River, in the vicinity of which I spent two days very agreeably, and sold books to the amount of £2, besides distributing many religious Tracts. Thence I proceeded to this place, where I am now successfully prosecuting my work. It affords me pleasure to say that I met with a welcome reception and the kindest treatment from my brethren and friends. Elder Jackson also favors me with his co-operation here, as did Elder Bancroft on Little River. The people generally seem eager to obtain religious books. I herewith remit you £5, the result of sales, and wish you to send me the books mentioned in the accompanying list by the next stage. Your's affectionately, ISAIAH WALLACE.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Hillsborough, Aug. 1, 1850.

DEAR BROTHER VERY.—You will please give the following brief Obituary a place in your valuable columns, in doing which you will confer a favor on your readers, and oblige yours, &c. WILLIAM SEARS.

The subject of this memoir, Major Jeremiah Starrett, was born in Wilmot, County of Annapolis, N. S., of amiable and Christian parents, John and Hannah Starrett, August 24th, 1787; by the indulgent providence of God, the parents were equally delivered from the snares of poverty and of affluence. So far as the writer can gather information, they were both valuable members of the Baptist Church in that place; the stranger shared in their hospitality, their house was the welcome abode of Christian people and Ministers; this pious example was followed by the subject of this notice until the day of his death.

The good counsel of Christian parents, and the enjoyment of Christian privileges with God's blessing made undying impressions on his mind at the early age of 12 years, which conviction followed him until in his 23th year, about which time the family were visited with a severe stroke of family bereavement, in which he himself experienced a narrow escape from death. While himself and three brothers were engaged in digging under a high bank of earth, he himself being in the place digging, one of the brothers said to him, "here Jerry, give me the spade." He did so, and stepped out, when in a moment two of his brothers were buried beneath some tons weight of earth, and were taken out dead, and a third had his leg broken by the same fall; which circumstance in the providence of God so renewed his convictions that in a short time he was brought to experience the peace which passeth all understanding, and enabled him to rejoice in a happy union to Christ the Saviour of dying men.

In his 28th year he came to Hopewell, N. B., some short time after which he became united in marriage with Sarah, eldest daughter of the late Captain John and Elizabeth Dudgeon, of this place. The writer became acquainted with him some twenty years since, during