

prejudices of the people begins already to warrant the hope that soon female education may become the practice and desire of every native class.

"It remains to speak in a very few words of the Society's Mission in France. None can deny the great need of the Gospel to heal the miseries of that disturbed country. By the last revolution principles were embodied in the Charter which gave the liveliest hope that the time was come when the Word of the Lord would have free course and be glorified. Those hopes have proved fallacious. For a time, tracts and Scriptures were freely circulated and sold, liberty of prophesying was enjoyed, and the brethren could meet for worship without molestation. These rights are being every day invaded. The movements of the missionary and his assistant colporteurs are on every hand restrained.

"The Committee cannot close their Report without adverting to the providential dispensation which has visited Jamaica. The Committee resolved to appeal to the churches for aid, and to undertake the distribution of any funds which might be entrusted to them for this special object. In a very short time they received for a West India Cholera Fund rather more than 2,000*l*. They sent out directions to every pastor of our churches in the island, to draw on the Treasurers for certain amounts, accompanied with this general instruction, that in case of need, they might appropriate one half to their own necessities, for it seemed a primary object to take special care of the pastor. These brethren have had not only to comfort the sick, administer consolation to the dying, and bury the dead; but in the absence of medical practitioners, have had to do what they could to supply the need; it was felt that their lives were indeed precious, and after such a display of noble self-denial, they were worthy of the most generous confidence. They have all been signally preserved amidst disease and death. The moral effects of the dispensation have been very striking. Backsliders are returning. Inquirers are multiplying on every hand. The chapels are full to overflowing. And while our brethren rejoice with trembling, yet in these signs of prosperity they do rejoice, and brethren at home, who can never forget Jamaica, nor the honored men once connected with the mission there, will rejoice with them."

#### Meetings of Baptist Associations for 1861.

THE WESTERN NOVA-SCOTIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION will meet, according to vote of Association last year, at Yarmouth, on the Monday before the 15th of June, i. e. on the 9th day of the month.

THE CENTRAL N. S. ASSOCIATION meets by vote of last year, at Cornwallis, on the Monday after the 20th of June, which will be the 23d of the month.

THE EASTERN N. S. ASSOCIATION meets at Ouslow, on the Monday after the 15th of July, which will be the 21st of the month.

THE EASTERN N. B. ASSOCIATION will meet at St. Martins, on Saturday preceding the 3d Monday after the 20th June, which will be the 5th of July.

THE WESTERN N. B. ASSOCIATION will meet at Douglas, on the first Saturday in September, which will be the 6th of the month.

The preachers of Introductory Sermons at the above meetings in the order named are Rev. I. E. Bill, Rev. T. S. Harding, Rev. C. Tupper, Rev. S. Bancroft, Rev. W. Harris.

DELEGATES to the Western N. S. Association from the other Associations are Rev. A. S. Hunt, Rev. W. Hobbs, Rev. S. Robinson, Rev. W. G. Parker.

To the Central N. S. Association, Rev. W. Hobbs, Rev. J. Wallace, who was alternate to Rev. A. McDonald, deceased, and Rev. J. D. Casewell, who was alternate to Rev. E. N. Harris, who has removed from the bounds of the Association.

To the Eastern N. S. Association, Rev. G. F. Miles, and Rev. J. A. Smith, unless otherwise ordered at St. Martins.

To the Eastern N. B. Association, Rev. G. Rigby from the Western N. B.; N. S. Delegates not yet appointed.

Brother Bill, in a letter to the Messenger, describes an interesting Sabbath, the first of this month, when 12 willing converts were baptized.

In this City nine were baptized at Brussels street Sabbath before last, and 4 last Sabbath. Seven were baptized at the colored settlement at Loch Lomond on Wednesday last.

An interesting account of the meeting and baptism has been received from brother Casewell, who preached on the occasion, but we have not space for it this week.

We have had the unexpected satisfaction of welcoming Dr. CRAMP to this City during this week. He reached this City in the Creole late on Sabbath evening last, having been detained by the storm on Saturday. Not being apprised of his coming beforehand, it was impossible to make suitable arrangements for such an Educational meeting as we had hoped to have had on the occasion of his visit. We shall expect this pleasure however early in July, when he attends the meeting of the Eastern Association.

Dr. Cramp was present at Brussels street at the prayer meeting on Monday evening, and preached in Germain street on Tuesday evening, and left at midnight on Wednesday for Windsor and Halifax, where he intends spending the next Sabbath, and the Sabbath following at Wolfville.

We greatly enjoyed his excellent sermon on Tuesday evening, and hope something of the same style of preaching the glorious gospel may be acquired by those young men who may hereafter enjoy the benefit of his teaching and preaching. The sermon was of that kind so simple and clear in arrangement, so practical, and so convincing as to insure attention during delivery, and of its being long remembered. We are confident, if we live and enjoy health for many years to come, to be able then to give the text and a correct analysis of this discourse.

One of the most interesting scenes of Anniversary week, in New York, was the annual celebration of the N. Y. and Am. Sunday School Union; when no less than twenty-five thousand Scholars, with their Teachers, marched through the streets of the city. Five thousand more in Brooklyn and other suburbs shewed the usefulness of this Institution. In the afternoon of the day the Children and Teachers met at three different places, and were addressed by Rev. Dr. Tyng, in Tripler Hall, Rev. C. G. Somers in Castle Garden, and by Rev. B. W. Chidlaw, in the Oliver street Baptist Church. Others also addressed them.

Rev. Alfred Bennet, of New York State, who for forty years has been intimately identified with Baptist Foreign Missionary operations, died at Homer, N. Y., May 10th.

THE ADMIRAL.—This safe and excellent Steamer came punctually on Wednesday afternoon. We acknowledge the kindness of Col. Favor, of the Express, in furnishing Boston papers of Tuesday, from which we have given the news.

LETTERS RECEIVED.—Mr. Isaiah Wallace, with remittance; Mr. Mark Young, do.; Rev. D. Crandal, do.; Rev. J. Trimble do.; Mr. John Fillmore.

#### Correspondence.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

We proceed to illustrate the injury which may be inflicted upon a young Christian if placed among a society where there is not a natural and free expression of that warm christian regard which was the subject of communication last week.

Our friend was brought from a state of deep depression on account of unforgiven sin, to rejoice in the love of a newly found Saviour, she embraced the first opportunity that was presented of (after this happy change) offering herself to the Church, was accepted, and received a cordial welcome from its members individually to a participation in all their joys and sorrows.

Her society was sought by those near her own age, and often with one or another of these beloved and loving friends she would steal forth in the quiet of the evening, and seek a secluded spot where surrounded by the beauties of nature they might interchange "sweet thought." Then they would dwell upon the Christian's warfare, the efficacy of prayer, and the boundless love of Christ. When they gazed up into the clear blue vault of heaven, they would picture the mansions of bliss that were awaiting them in some unknown regions beyond, and their happy entrance into that eternal rest, when all the trials of this life should be over. It was then that religion appeared very precious, and heaven very near, and they

would return to their homes mutually strengthened and encouraged. But there were other places of meeting equally dear.

"Oh 'twas sweet mingle where Christians met for praise and prayer."

Thus "her peace flowed like a river," her heart was the palace of peace, and sorrow was almost "a stranger to her soul." But when in the full enjoyment of her first love she was called to part from those who were closely entwined about her heart's best affections. The rending of ties thus firmly knit was very hard and yet she was comforted. She felt that she was losing the counsel and guidance of the few aged, and the companionship of the few young, for the counsel, guidance and companionship of the many. And thus they parted. Soon after she arrived in her place of destination she was received into a church much larger than the one she had left; but what was her surprise and grief, when not one member of that church addressed to her a word of welcome. They stood aloof from her, and it fell like a heavy weight upon her spirits. She felt that she was suddenly and unexpectedly deprived of one of the purest sources of happiness, and one of the richest foretastes of heaven, that it is our privilege to enjoy upon earth, the communion of saints; and yet they could not at first drive back the tide of love which was flowing toward them. Again and again when meeting at public worship with those whom she had often borne as a precious burden upon her soul when addressing a throne of grace, she would return to her home and her closet; and no doubt if we could follow her there, we would find that she was pouring out the anguish of her soul in the ear of Him who knows and realizes her secret sorrows.—Oh! it was then that she pictured the happy scenes of the past, and her soul yearns for the society of the beloved absent ones. But no doubt the burthen of her prayer was that she might be reconciled to her mysterious lot, and that prayer was answered. For two years the struggle continued, and then the pure flame of love flickered and became almost extinct, being well nigh quenched by the cold waters of neglect. An indifference of which she could not repent replaced the feelings of affection that she had entertained.

Yet who will say that a serious injury was not inflicted upon that young, and perhaps sensitive heart. Who will say that she could not better have contended with the Christian's enemy and run the Christian's race, if she had had the sympathy and prayers of that church than without them. We think there are none. But there may be some who do not regard the above named duty as of equal importance with many others. We would refer such to the life of our Saviour, which was one continued scene of love; and to his positive commands, (with which the bible is richly laden) which were not only given to us by himself, but repeated by his disciples, and put into practice by the Church. We would ask them of what did Christ complain; was it not of neglect? when he said, "thou gavest me no kiss when I came in;" and again, "What could ye not watch with me one hour?" And if our Creator complained of neglect, he will lend a listening ear to the complaints of his children whom he has so constituted that they are dependent upon each other for happiness.

We have said that we required love for the proper discharge of the duties of life, but our necessities do not end here. Without that sublime affection we are unfitted for the enjoyment of heaven. Without it how can we bathe in the inexhaustible fountain of love which we will find there. How will we join in the song of the redeemed to Him who by a mighty act of love, procured us a place there; how will we faithfully perform missions of love to distant worlds. In short, how would we enter into any, or all of the enjoyments and pursuits of heaven? Its whole atmosphere is love; this is the mainspring of every thought, word and deed. There is "an electric charm" which proceeds from him, who inhabits the great white throne in the centre of that place, who is its light and joy, and passes down link by link through the whole heavenly host, embracing the cherub of a day and blending them all together in one great bundle of love. And if it were possible (which it is not) for one who is unacquainted with this heavenly privilege to obtain admittance there, they would find no employment, they would be compelled to stand aloof from the body. And it will be a place of torment, they would long for release from their misery, even though it should be by annihilation. If these things are true, how essential it is that we should examine our hearts to find whe-

ther we have burning within us the pure and heavenly flame of love; and if we have whether we are making that use of it which God has designed. We are his agents upon earth; placed here to carry out his designs; and it should be the first inquiry of every Christian, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do." And when we have ascertained what is the will of God, we should endeavour to act in accordance with that will; under a sense that our "life is but a shadow that appeareth for a little moment and then fleeth away." That we may be useful in time and prepared to reign with God in Eternity.

MARY.

P. S. We hope that through the medium of the Visitor some able pen will soon be employed in setting before us the several studies of the Christian, such as our duty to our Pastor, visiting the sick, afflicted and poor, forbearance, forgiveness, &c. And if the Church put on her beautiful garments, and come up in a united body to the help of the Lord against the mighty, we might look for such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the surrounding world as history has not recorded, and as heaven has never witnessed.

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[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

DEAR BROTHER VERY,—As the friends of your valuable paper, no doubt, feel much interest in the success of my agency, in its behalf, allow me to submit the following particulars for their information.

I spent the first week of my agency, commencing the 5th of May, in St. John and Carleton, during which time I obtained the names of 19 new Subscribers, and collected £10 of arrearages.

On Monday, 12th May, I left St. John at 6 o'clock, P. M., in the steamer Gypsy, and arrived at Dorchester next morning at 2 o'clock. Thence I proceeded to Amherst, where I purchased a horse and carriage, and the next day travelled to Pugwash, a distance of 30 miles, in company with Elder J. Francis. Here I obtained 13 new subscribers, collected £1 7s., for the American Messenger, and sold religious books to the amount of £5. Pugwash is a fine thriving little town which has sprung into existence during the last 16 years. It is pleasantly situated near the mouth of a river of the same name that empties into the Gulf of St. Lawrence. So extensive is the lumbering business carried on there, that from 30 to 35 ships are annually laden with timber for foreign ports. Twelve vessels are now in process of building, five of which exceed 500 tons in burden. This place promises soon to become quite an interesting and extensive town. I had the pleasure while there of attending a meeting of a Branch of the New Cumberland Bible Society, at which Elder Francis delivered an appropriate discourse, founded on these words—"For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." He was followed by others, who dwelt upon the importance of contributing to send to the destitute parts of the world that precious word which is able to make souls wise unto salvation. I fear that many of our churches are too inactive in this great matter.

I left Pugwash Friday evening and came to Goose River, where I enjoyed the hospitality of brother Mills during the night. I received the names of 3 new subscribers there. To-day I returned to this place, where I will spend the Sabbath. It affords me pleasure to observe that my Nova Scotia brethren extend to me much kindness, and treat me with Christian cordiality and friendship.

Your paper here, as far as it is known, is highly appreciated. Yours in the Gospel,

ISAIAH WALLACE.

Amherst, 17th May, 1851.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Moncton, May 10, 1851.

DEAR BROTHER.—We have enjoyed some interesting meetings since my return from the City. We had an interesting baptism of six last Lord's day; all in the bloom of youth. After an excellent discourse from Brother Newcomb, who is now with us, I gave the token of christian and Church fellowship to the candidates. We then enjoyed a delightful season at the Lord's Table, receiving the emblems of his precious body and blood. How it must cheer the heart of christian parents to have their dear converted and baptized children with them at the Table of their Lord, instead of in the ranks of this wicked world. There are a number more in this place who will soon we expect acknowledge the Lord in his commands.

Yours in the Lord, D. CRANDAL.