

I feel assured that we can not, and that we will not forget them!

I am pleased to see so large a proportion of ladies present on this occasion. They can do much. They cannot but feel for the poor Indian mothers, and wives and daughters in their present state of degradation and misery. Their exertions, I am sure, will not be wanting in the behalf of this Society. Much has already been accomplished, and this affords a pleasing anticipation for the future.

Mr. McLearn closed his remarks by referring to his long acquaintance with the Missionary, the high esteem in which he had always held him, his ability to grapple with the difficulties of learning a language, and mentioned several instances which had come under his own observation, of the patience and perseverance displayed by Mr. Rand, in meeting and overcoming obstacles in the way of his progress along the rugged pathway of life.

Rev. Mr. FORRESTER seconded the Resolution and spoke as follows:

I rise to second this Resolution which has been so ably proposed. I deem it necessary to enlarge upon the merits of the Report to which it refers. It is in itself admirable, clearly conceived, lucidly expressed, and eloquently delivered, so far as I had an opportunity of listening to it. The facts embodied in it are very encouraging and sufficient to animate us all, and to satisfy the friends of this mission that the Lord is on our side.

Two things are indispensable for the successful carrying out of such an undertaking. First the proper adaption of means to the end; and, secondly, unvarying perseverance and steadfastness in carrying those means into effect. I was satisfied, sir, at the commencement of our labors in this undertaking that we were in the possession of the former. I saw clearly that as we had a peculiar work to perform so we had got a peculiar agent, one admirably adapted to the work. Every succeeding year has tended to deepen this impression. All I know of Mr. Rand, is in his capacity as our missionary, and I am well satisfied with him as such. In fact, he has ever appeared to me as the very *beau ideal* of a missionary. The mission is being prosecuted with the most unflinching perseverance. It is well always at the outset to have our weapons prepared for the warfare; it is better still to persevere until the warfare shall be accomplished.

We hear in the Report pleasing intelligence of success. Portions of the Scriptures have been translated, the Gospel of Matthew has been printed and circulated among the Indians. Our missionary is gaining their confidence; and the project of a missionary establishment is sketched out, with it necessary appendages, for the complete carrying into effect the design of this undertaking. There is one point upon which I am inclined to dissent from my excellent friend the secretary. He observed that the best part of the statement in the financial Report, was the fact that there remains, in the hands of the treasurer over and above all the expenses of the past year, the sum of £45. Now, Sir, I do not think this is the best of it. It may be all very well to keep out of debt, and in general organized bodies as well as individuals should go upon the principle of "owing no man anything, but to love one another," but I would far rather this money had been properly expended. Is there a coadjutor to be found, to go along with Mr. Rand in his noble work? I would of course prefer that he should be from some other of the denominations who are united with so much harmony and christian satisfaction in this work. It might tend to give increasing confidence in the mission among people at a distance, and to those who are not acquainted with Mr. Rand as we in Halifax are. It might tend to remove something of remaining prejudice against our undertaking. But, Sir, rather than he should remain in the field alone, and the money should remain locked up idle in the treasury, I would say from my heart, let us have an additional Baptist.

I cannot but deem it a sad indication of the great lack among us of the true missionary spirit that we have now been engaged four years in this work, and no other person has been induced to come forward and engage in it. The field of missionary operations is on all sides ripening for the harvest. Paganism and Islamism are waving to and fro, and tottering to their ruin. Jewish infidelity is giving way, and the cast off people of God, are turning their eyes toward the land of their fathers; going round the spot upon which

their temple once stood singing and chaunting their mournful melodies.

The anti-christian faction of Rome are exerting all their influence add subtlety to continue and extend their unholy combination against the Lord and his anointed. Every section of the Protestant church is on the alert, no longer content with standing on the defensive, but going forth with a determined front to carry the warfare into the very citadel of the enemy, and yet here we seem to stand aloof, and seem hardly to sympathise in the grand movement. Oh, "this is a lamentation and shall be for a lamentation."—Seven hundred thousand ministers are at this moment needed to supply the world even at the rate of one to every thousand of its inhabitants. Is it not, sir, a proof of the want of a real evangelistic spirit among us, when so few young men are seen preparing for the great work of the christian ministry! when so few christian parents seem to be looking forward to this as the occupation of their sons.

Anniversary of the American Bible Union.

The Fourth Anniversary of the American Bible Union was commenced in the Meeting-house, of the First Baptist Church in New York, at 9 o'clock on Thursday, Oct. 6th, the President, SPENCER H. CONE, D. D., in the chair. The exercises were introduced by prayer and singing.

The Meeting was largely attended, and fraught with deep interest. The Cor. Sec. said—"A review of the year that has passed affords abundant matter for grateful acknowledgment to Him who hath guided our counsels and blessed our operations. We recognized the finger of Divine Wisdom in the marked providence which have attended our course, and we would therefore, at the commencement of our report, erect another Ebenezer of adorning thankfulness, and inscribe upon it, 'Hitherto the Lord hath helped us.'"

We exceedingly regret we cannot give the particulars, for want of room, this week. The following extract from a letter, written by our venerable brother, the Rev. A. Maclay, D. D., will be read by our friends with interest.—Eds.

NICTAUX, N. S., Sept. 1853.

I have obtained 23 life members, including last year's, in the church in this place, of which Bro. Parker is Pastor. We have just concluded a very encouraging and profitable session of conventions of the Baptists of these provinces. The principle of giving faithful translations of the Scriptures in all languages, has been very clearly recognized without, however, specifying any particular Bible Society in such recognition.

The endowment for Acadia College of \$40,000 has been completed, and an effort to raise the additional sum of \$20,000, has been already commenced with a good prospect of success. I felt glad to contribute my subscription to this noble object. The addresses on the subject of education, recently delivered at the convention, were, in the highest degree, interesting and impressive. I was especially pleased with the one made by Theodore S. Harding, now 80 years of age, and one of the pioneers of the Baptist cause in these Provinces.

An auxiliary to the Bible Union is to be formed in this place, and I expect the valuable assistance of the Rev. W. G. Parker and Rev. J. Francis in connection with it. The services of the latter have been secured to prosecute the endowment of Acadia College.

The Western Association of New Brunswick met this year at St. George. The church there, of which Rev. Geo. F. Miles is pastor, made him a life member of the American Bible Union, and I obtained 11 other life members among them.

I bless God for the enjoyment of good health, for the aid which has been so liberally given to the cause in which I am engaged, and for the general sympathy with it of the Baptists of the Provinces. A. MACLAY.

We are delighted to find by the "BRITISH BANNER," that the BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, intend to send ONE MILLION copies of the Sacred Scriptures to China. Had we room we should give all the particulars of this interesting movement. We insert two Letters addressed to the Rev. J. A. James on this subject, and also a few beautiful Verses:—

"Dear Mr. James,—I see from the papers that there is a subscription for sending Bibles to China. As I am going, Dear Sir, immediately abroad, I am anxious to send you my contribution to the excellent scheme, and, therefore, have the pleasure to enclose you a cheque for twenty pounds.

I remain, Dear Mr. James, sincerely yours,

"GAINSBOROUGH.
"9, Cavendish-square, Sept. 18, 1853."

A worthy Minister of the Word has thus expressed himself:

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRITISH BANNER.

Sir,—If the annexed lines are worthy of a place in your publication, you will kindly insert them, but that I must leave to your better judgment. The proposal of sending the Scriptures to China has touched a cord in my heart, as I hope it will in the hearts of many more, that will lead to acceptable service for God.

Yours in much sincerity,
Chiswick, Sept. 17, 1853. E. MILLER.

THE SCRIPTURES FOR CHINA.

A million copies thither send,
Of Christ's most Holy Word;
Britons arise, the offering make,
Acceptable to God.

Scatter the rays of sacred light,
O'er that benighted land;
Send them the Gospel's joyful news,
'Tis Jesus' kind command.

And oh, blest Spirit of the Lord,
Do thou thy grace impart!
Convey the glorious tidings home,
To many a softened heart!

How long the foe has China held,
Bound in his cursed chain!
Now may the captive be set free,
His liberty obtain!

Now from the millions of that land,
May grateful incense rise!
Presented through a Saviour's blood,
To God above the skies.

Where darkness, ignorance, and sin,
So long have held their sway,
There may a glorious morning rise,
Leading to endless day!

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Correspondence.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Carleton Tea Meeting.

DEAR BRETHREN,

One of the very best Tea Meetings ever enjoyed among us, came off at the Temperance Temple in Carleton, on the evening of the 6th inst. The Ladies of the Baptist Society served up an excellent tea with the usual accompaniments of every thing good, which was bountifully partaken of by 400 persons.—The rich repast was succeeded by music, admirably performed by the sweet singers of "Israel" in Carleton. Then came the speeches. The first was well timed by Bishop Robertson, who dilated in his happy and good common sense way, upon the elements of prosperity to any community; showing that among them *Industry, Temperance, and Religion* are CARDINAL. These he amplified and was glad to know that the people of Carleton so generally answered to the description given. The subscriber followed in remarks which had particular respect to the *foundation* on which the principles discussed by the Bishop, were based. Hence the importance of acquainting ourselves more perfectly with its intrinsic value and in every way laboring to extend it (the Bible) more universally. More sweet songs of praise were then chanted, after which our worthy Brother, Alex. Sime, of the Portland Church, addressed the meeting on the marked improvements in Carleton, and the signs of the times generally. His speech was fraught with instruction and interest.—The last address was by the pastor of the church, whose year's labours in that growing field, have been signally owned and blessed by the Lord; not only in the growth of the church of God in grace and knowledge, but in the hopeful conversion of a goodly number of precious souls, to truth and salvation. Brother Clay's remarks were rich and varied, having respect to general topics. It would be difficult to imagine how a pastor, so deservedly beloved, and on the eve of departure could have been more happy in his selections and in his manner of communicating them to a people, who so generally admire him. Mr. C. left this week in the steamer for New-York, where he intends to remain for some time in the prosecution of useful knowledge. D. V. he proposes to return to resume the important functions he has so ably sustained in that field since he came to this City.

May it be the good pleasure of our Heaven-

ly Father in the mean time to send another labourer into that growing field, whom he shall delight to honour, in gathering into zion a multitude of redeemed souls.

E. N. H.

St. John, Oct. 13, 1853.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

DEAR BRETHREN,—It is with deep regret that I send you an account of the death of our beloved young Brother Jesse E-tabrooks, whose natural life terminated on Monday, the 10th inst., in the 23rd year of his age.

Brother E. was first awakened to a sense of his situation as a sinner by witnessing the baptism of his eldest sister, at the commencement of the revival in Canning, in 1848. His convictions were deepened by some remarks made by the Pastor, Rev. W. D. Fitch, during the exercises of the day. He soon after experienced the joys of salvation, and publicly professed his faith in Christ, by being buried with him in baptism, in March, 1848. His christian deportment ever after gave clear evidence of the sincerity of his profession. His prayers and exhortations were scriptural and soul animating, and it soon became evident to several members of the church that he had a gift for public speaking. At the same time his own mind became deeply impressed with the spiritual destitution of our province, and he felt an ardent desire to be the means of advancing the Redeemer's cause. Accordingly in February 1851, he attended the Baptist Seminary in Fredericton, to qualify himself for the discharge of the sacred duties of a christian minister. During the winter vacation of 1852, he commenced to preach the gospel in his native place, (Canning.) When the seminary re-opened he resumed his studies, but continued to preach occasionally—during his stay at Fredericton he made rapid progress in learning, was much beloved by those who knew him and considered a young man of much promise. In April, 1853, he was seized with the influenza which terminated in consumption. He made a visit to St. George in the hope of restoring his health, but finding himself rapidly declining, he returned home where he remained until he fell asleep in Jesus.

During his sickness he manifested great patience and resignation to the divine will.—If he spoke of recovering, it was only with the desire to be useful in the Saviour's cause, and in that he could say—"thy will be done oh God!" When visited by the writer and other brethren, he manifested truly the christian spirit, and gave strong proof of the value of religion. He has left a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. May they be still, and know that the Lord is God, often

"Behind a frowning providence,
He hides a smiling face."

E. F. FOSHAY.

Canning, Oct. 11, 1853.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

We have been obliged for want of room to omit a third part of Brother Jackson's obituary notice of Brother John McCready. He says:—

Our respected brother Father John McCready, was a native of New York State, U. S., his father's name was William McCready. He was born June 22nd, 1776, and deceased February 8th 1853, being in his seventy-seventh year. He came to this country with his stepfather, and his mother, (his own father having died in the State of New York before the subject of this memoir came to New Brunswick, which was in the eighth year of his age.) He was baptized by old Father Ennis, who was amongst the first Baptist ministers of New-Brunswick. When the Church was organized at Hampton, he was elected a Deacon, in which office he continued till death, and by using the office well he purchased to himself a good degree, a great boldness in the faith. Deacon McCready was married twice, and had twelve children by his first wife, he has left forty grand-children. His prayers for his children, and grand-children and all his connexions were very fervent to Almighty God that he would prepare them, the Church, and mankind generally to meet him in the unseen world. Br. McCready during his life had many fits of sickness but what would come he always seemed content with the will of God. His last sickness lasted for eleven months, but he bore all with christian fortitude as he felt that the God whom he had so long endeavoured to serve was with him to support and comfort him as he passed through the dark valley of death. He continued his family devotions till within a week of his death. As long as he had strength he could not bear the thought of neglecting family prayer. He had seen many revivals

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