

## Correspondence.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

DEAR BRETHREN,—I feel it to be my duty to send you a short notice of the decease of my much esteemed friend and brother, John W. Moore. Brother Moore departed this life October 23rd, 1853. Our brother was born in the County of Donegal, North of Ireland, the 14th day of October, 1825, hence his age was twenty eight years and nine days. Alas for my brother who has thus found so early a grave! However, I must say as he was accustomed to say when speaking of his end, and as his christian relatives are enabled to say in relation to his departure, *the will of the Lord be done.* He sailed with his parents from Lough Foyle on the 31st of May, 1826, and landed in St. John on the 16th July, 1826. He became a firm believer in the Lord Jesus Christ in a revival under Elder James Blakeley, in New Jerusalem, N. B., in the year 1840. His parents, in that reformation, saw it to be their duty to be baptized, on profession of their faith, and John soon followed their example. Brother Moore's life and conversation, from the time that he professed faith in the blessed Redeemer till his death, clearly manifested the holy principles which God had graciously implanted in his soul, of love to God, and love to man. Bro. Moore was a first class School Teacher, and I believe from the knowledge I had of him whilst he taught School in St. Martins, that he might be considered as amongst the best Teachers in the Province. The people in St. Martins were exceedingly sorry when his health failed him so that he had to give up his School. For a number of months after he gave up his School he travelled as a Colporteur, selling religious books to the destitute, and distributing gratuitously Christian tracts. For a number of weeks past his strength gradually declined, till the blessed Lord, last Sabbath morning, took him to his eternal rest. I visited him last Wednesday, at his request, and it was the last time I saw him alive. It was a precious interview that I had with my dear brother. He conversed freely in regard to the crown of glory laid up for him in heaven. When I told him of the revival at Hampton, he said, bless God for that. He desired that I would remain till Thursday morning, and administer to him and others, that night to be gathered, the emblems of the Saviour's body and blood. I could not refuse his request, and the season was one of deep interest. His father and mother, and the dear wife of his youth partook with him of the fruit of the vine, knowing that it was the last time till they should drink the new wine of eternal life in God's everlasting kingdom.

Bro. Moore has left his wife and one son to mourn their loss—one of his children having gone to his eternal rest before him. Three years ago last January, I married him to Miss Mary, only daughter of Mr. John Wallace, of Black River, County of St. John, N. B.; and this day I preached his funeral Sermon at the house of his father in law, at Black River, to a deeply affected and very attentive congregation, from the xiv. chapter and 13th verse of the Revelation by John—"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." When I took my farewell of Bro. Moore on Thursday last, I asked him if he felt sure of heaven, he replied, my sky is becoming more, and more cloudless. "How," said I, "does Jesus appear to you?" "Oh," said he, "his glory is beyond all expression, and I hope soon to see him in his beauty." "I am sure," he added, "that I am now going home to my eternal rest, and I hope to meet you and all my dear friends in that blessed world." May God prepare us all to reign with Bro. Moore in heaven for ever and ever!

WELLINGTON JACKSON.

St. Martins, Oct. 25th, 1853.

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DEAR BRETHREN,—As you always love to hear of the work of God prospering in the salvation of souls, I feel it to be my duty to inform you of a work of religious revival in progress at Hampton. I visited that place, last winter, and a number were added to the

Church, the most of whom continue steadfastly, walking in all the commandments of their blessed Lord and Saviour. I have spent four Sabbaths of late with the Church and people at Hampton, and three Sabbaths of the four, I have been engaged in baptizing. One that had wandered in the dark and cloudy day, has manifested deep repentance, and has been restored to the fellowship of the Church—another has been received as a candidate for baptism; and the blessed work of reformation is still advancing.—And may the work of the Lord rapidly increase till New-Brunswick is filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea!

I am, yours truly in the Lord,  
WELLINGTON JACKSON.

*Extracts from the Minutes of the recent Convention at Nictaux, as published in the Christian Messenger.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 20TH, 1853.

The past year must be reviewed with deep interest. In one important department of denominational labour, the year past presents a measure of success, that tells plainly and forcibly what our Churches can do when excited to action by powerful motives. In other portions of the christian field, we have not seen the same determined resolve, to reach the end aimed at.

Our Foreign Missionary work yet hangs heavily upon the hands of our Churches, and at this our annual review of the past, we have the painful duty of announcing the loss the Board has sustained in two Missionaries, one by death, another by separation from our service, in order to employment in the same work by another Board.

It will be remembered by those who were present at the meeting of this Convention in 1852, that our late beloved Missionary, the Rev. R. Burpe was then present, aiding us with his counsel and prayers. We were encouraged by the good degree of strength and energy manifested, to hope that he yet might cultivate some section of the christian harvest field. In this the Lord has disappointed our hopes; with the approach of winter, brother Burpe's health evidently declined, and his physician finally advised his spending the winter in the Southern States. Late in October last, he left Nova Scotia for the more genial climate advised, but without the hoped for effect. Continuing to fail, he was urged to seek a situation yet more southern, he accordingly left his family in Philadelphia, and himself took a sea voyage to Florida, hoping there to feel the influence of its far famed health restoring character. A wise Providence had not so determined. His days below were now numbered and his work complete, separated from his beloved wife and little ones, in a strange land, on the 26th of February in the town of Jacksonville, East Florida, after much bodily suffering his spirit passed from time to eternity, from earthly scenes to the joy of heaven. Our brother's character as a christian, as a minister, and a Missionary is before the world, and so familiar are our Churches with all that pertains to him, that at this time lengthened observations seem uncalled for. We can bow to the hand of the Lord and say "Thy will be done," and in tendering our christian sympathies to his bereaved family and friends, pray that God will raise up in our Churches, many men of like zeal, faithfulness and devotedness to the missionary work! It affords us much consolation to know, that, though among strangers in a foreign land, our dear departed brother found kindred friends, and in his last moments was aided and comforted by those who loved him for the love they bore to his Divine Master.

The Board has already recorded its expression of thankfulness to the Christian friends now referred to, and the same has been forwarded to their address.

Our departed bro. Burpe has left a widow and four children.—Mrs. Burpe, it must be remembered, is the Missionary of this Board, recognised and sent by us to a foreign field of labor. In all the toils, anxieties and privations of her devoted husband, she bore her part, and returned with him to this country, at the request of this Board. Mrs. Burpe's claim upon this Board, arising out of the relation above referred to, will appear in the following extract from a document put into Mr. Burpe's hand by the Secretary of this Board when about to depart for India. It bears date April 14th, 1845.—"All Missionaries

supported by this Board, shall, with their wives and children be considered as having claims on the missionary funds for equal support in similar circumstances, the rate of allowance being fixed by the Board, and widows of missionaries, while they continue such, and orphans until the age of sixteen, shall receive the usual allowance." The duty of the Board therefore in reference to this subject is distinct and plain.

Having thus briefly referred to our departed brother, the Committee would now direct the attention of the Convention to the efforts that have been made for carrying out the design of our missionary organization.

On the return of Mr. Burpe from Burmah this Board, in reviewing their past efforts, saw distinctly that in all future operation, not less than two missionaries should be employed in joint labour, upon this decision the Board passed its solemn resolution, and all subsequent arrangements were made in view of that decision. Previous to the last meeting of the Convention, inquiries were put forth and desires expressed that a fellow labourer for Bro. A. Crawley should be secured. At the last Convention this desire stood prominently forth in our Foreign Missionary meeting, where a strong missionary feeling seemed present, and bro. A. Crawley urged the claims of the heathen world, and reiterated the desire for an associate missionary.

In the meeting now referred to, bro. S. N. Bentley, of Liverpool, a brother esteemed and loved in the Churches came forward, and so revealed the working of his own mind on this subject; that the Convention unhesitatingly indulged the hope that God had consecrated him to the work of preaching Christ in heathen lands. A Committee was appointed to confer with him. They did so, and a correspondence commenced, the substance of which is already before the public. We may however add, that our expectations and hopes were very reluctantly withdrawn from brother Bentley, and only from the conviction that his health did not warrant the confident hope, that labour in an Indian climate could be endured, did the Board close this correspondence.

At this time bro. A. Crawley was appointed to visit the Churches of the Convention, with a view to arouse a more enlarged missionary spirit as well as to replenish the funds of the Board, in order that our engagement with the accepted missionary might be met at an early date. At the time now referred to brother A. Crawley could not but feel anxious about the future intention of the Board. The time was approaching, when he had hoped and decided to leave for his longed-for employment, he became urgent to know when, how, and where he was to be sent, and who was to be his missionary associate. In view of the above urgent considerations, and with little prospect that a second missionary would present himself to the Board in time to accompany bro. A. Crawley; the mind of the Board was again directed to a suggestion that had been previously entertained, viz: a union with another organization. A correspondence was opened with the English Foreign Missionary Society, and the American Foreign Missionary Union, the object of which was, an inquiry whether a union could be formed with them, and upon what terms.

The Board in England, in a very cordial and christian-like letter, offered to admit our Missionary as a joint labourer to a station in Dinagepore in Bengal, we wholly sustaining our own missionaries. An answer was not then received from the American Union—our letter probably miscarried. The year previous we had consulted our American brethren, and had their answer. The Board finally sent Bro. A. Crawley to Boston for consultation with the officers of the American Foreign Missionary Union. He was received most cordially, but they stated that their answer could be no other than that previously forwarded by Dr. Peck, their Secretary. The substance of this reply was, that they would gladly accept, of our missionaries, receive whatever funds we could remit, and relieve this Board from all responsibility in the support of Missionaries. This, in fact, would be giving up our organization, except so far as it was needful in the collection of funds.

The offer from the English Board was not brought forward for the action of this Board, as our accepted missionary had long since concluded that Burmah was the field to which Divine Providence had directed him, and where duty called. The affections of the people also, seemed in his view especially directed

to the land where Judson lived and labored. The opinion of the Board on the subject was expressed in the following resolution:

"The Board do not feel themselves at liberty to comply with the proposed arrangement with the American Foreign Missionary Union, and will therefore continue their independent action as heretofore, and feel prepared to fulfil their arrangements with their Missionary, Bro. A. Crawley."

The views of Bro. Crawley at this time will appear from the following letter read to the meeting at which the above resolution passed (A).

The resolution above referred to, was communicated to Bro. A. Crawley, who after careful consideration, determined to ask the Board to dissolve their engagement and free him from his connection with them. His views and feelings are best presented in his own letter (B) from some portions of which, however the Board dissented.

The request contained in this letter was presented to the Board at its meeting on the 27th of June, and after due deliberation the following resolution passed:—

*Resolved*,—That while we regret the necessity that compels us to relinquish our connection with Bro. A. Crawley, on whom the affections and hope of our Churches were placed, we nevertheless comply with the desire of Bro. Crawley as expressed in his letter, and relinquish our engagement with him as the accepted Missionary of this Board.

Are we now to abandon this branch of Denominational labour entirely? Shall we unite with some other Body; or by putting forth renewed strength shall we yet continue to sustain an independent mission in some portion of the heathen world?

On these questions the Convention is called to decide. The Board however cannot but feel that there is a deep and strong feeling in our Churches in favor of Foreign Missions, it has long been cultivated, our late lamented missionary, who possessed enlarged information on this subject, always felt that the devotedness of the people to the cause of Missions was most encouraging, and if called forth would prove adequate to any reasonable demand. We have like impressions now; we have a strong impression also upon our own mind that this branch of christian labour is interwoven, in its influences, with all our interests. Foreign Missionary work is but the embodiment of the most enlarged christian feeling, the same that appears, under a slight modification in the progress of Education, the Bible Cause, Sabbath Schools, and other labours of the Church. In all these, we believe, the Missionary spirit to be the grand impulsive element, and the motive it presents, to be the great incentive to christian effort in every direction. If this view of the relative power of the missionary spirit be correct, the necessity for renewed and more decided exertion is most distinct. To insure success elsewhere, to gain stability and consistency to our whole scheme of effort, we must respond to the claims of the heathen, and ever have abiding within, the spirit of the great commission "go preach the gospel to every creature." To relax exertion in the work of preaching Christ to the heathen, is a thought ever to be regarded as unworthy of those who have tested the word of life, and hope for a blessed inheritance in heaven. The state of our churches at home, the pressing demand from heathen lands, the influence of christian consistency upon the unconverted, and on the world at large, unite in proclaiming to us our obligation to carry forward a work, begun in faith and love, and upon which we are assured the blessing of Almighty God will ever rest.

In conclusion, we may add, that Bro. A. Crawley having separated himself from this Board, has been accepted by the American Missionary Union, and in a few weeks expects to sail for his destined field. May the God of Missions be with him and bless his efforts in the conversion of the heathen!

A. S. HUNT,

Sec. For. Miss. Board.

[The Letters referred to in the above Report, will appear next week.]

CALIFORNIA ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS AGO.—The following description of this country as it was a century and a half ago, is taken from the published transactions of the London Royal Society, from 1700 to 1720, and printed in the year 1731:—

"California, the Peninsula, has been known nearly two centuries. Its coasts are famous for pearl fisheries. Nor do I doubt that there are mines to be found in several places if they were sought for, since the country is under the same degree as