

all those extra efforts to revive the cause, if not successful, will prove injurious.

Last week, I had an interesting visit to New Jerusalem. On Wednesday evening, preached to a small collection of people on the Nerepis road; and on Thursday, at 11 o'clock, a. m., in Jerusalem, in the Methodist Chapel; and 4 p. m., in the Free Baptist house. The few Baptists in this settlement, although in a low and tried state, generally laid aside the bustling concerns of the season and attended to the more important concerns of salvation. If I may be allowed to judge from appearances, and my own feelings in the matter—the people there will see better days. They labor under a serious difficulty, having no convenient place of worship. They need help, and may God help them to help themselves. During the past week, I travelled over fifty miles—preached several times, visited a number of families—beside my other duties in the Sabbath School—prayer meetings, &c., and as I was exposed to rain, I took cold, and am laboring under its effects, but able to attend to my duties. Yesterday with much weakness, I preached twice—superintended our Sabbath School, and conducted an interesting prayer meeting in the evening. I am encouraged to hope that my feeble efforts are not in vain in the Lord. I never more sensibly felt the importance of heavenly wisdom and grace in my present sphere of labor.

I have received in aid of the Mission in donations, by the hands of Mr. David Ferguson:

From John Farris, Esq.,	£3	0	0
“ Charles Burpe,	1	0	0
To my self Donation, Mrs.			
Short, Jerusalem,	0	5	0
Collection, do.	0	13	7
Do, Summer Hill,	0	1	2
Po. Providence Chapel,	0	0	11
	£5	0	8

I am, as ever, yours in Christ,
THEODORE HARDING PORTER.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Springfield, Aug. 15, 1853.

DEAR BRETHREN,—You will please insert the following:—Mr. John Shannon, sen., deceased of late, was a native of Ireland, and a Roman Catholic, but a kind, open-hearted neighbourly man—not biggotted like some are of that society, but would attend the worship of God, especially Baptist preaching, and was always willing to receive good instruction. It pleased God to remove by death his first wife, who, although not a professor of religion was a person of a very kind and peaceable disposition. He married the second wife, who afterward became a member of the Baptist church at Wickham. His eldest son also professed faith in Christ, was Baptized, and joined the church, and when called away by death left a bright evidence that he joined the church triumphant. Since that one of his daughters has entered the Fold of Christ. Mr. Shannon never opposed his family in their professing Christ, but was friendly to it; and his own mind became much awakened in these important matters; but, as he remarked himself, he sought justification by his own works. It pleased God, whose ways are past finding out, to lay the hand of affliction upon him in the case of a Cancer, which preyed upon him until it caused his death. Under these painful circumstances he was brought to see that he could not take one step toward heaven of himself, that when he looked back on his past life it was a *sinful one*, and that his dependance must be in the *Blood of Christ*, who had satisfied the claims of Divine Justice in behalf of sinners. On one occasion, after I had done preaching in his own house (at his request,) he spoke for sometime of the mercy and goodness of God in giving his dear Son to die for his sins and to rise again for his justification. He was enabled to exercise great patience and christian fortitude under his sufferings, and thankful for all kindness shewn to him. When requested by some of his former church to have the services of a ROMAN PRIEST he utterly refused having anything to do with them, saying he was well satisfied with the visits of his Christian friends, and edified by the prayers they offered on his behalf.

How very different must the long weeks of affliction endured by himself and family and others have passed had he remained in a state of unbelief, and his mind be clouded and confused with Purgatory and Masses for the dead, the powers of the Priest, and intercession of Saints and the like! How the glory that breaks forth from the crucified Jesus, the tri-

umphs of bleeding love will drive away the dark gloom from the sinners heart, and bring all the noble powers of the soul to unite in submission to the Divine Government, and to enable a man to say, “not my will but thine be done.” The writer improved his death from that appropriate text in the 73d Psalm, 26th verse, “My flesh and my heart faileth, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” May the Lord be pleased to bless this bereaved family, in keeping them in the path of the just, that all may meet at last at the right hand of God—this is the prayer of the writer.

D. C.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

MESSRS. EDITORS,—According to appointment the Quarterly Conference of the Churches was held at the 2d Falls, St. George, C. C., on Friday, the 12th inst. Elders I. Walker, A. D. Thomson, G. F. Miles, W. C. Rideout, J. Wallace and G. Day, were in attendance. A social meeting was held at 2 o'clock, the exercises of which, were of such a character as led the people to expect a blessing; and they were not disappointed.

At half-past 7 o'clock Elder Walker preached to a large and attentive audience, after which followed powerful addresses by the rest of the Ministers in succession, which seemed to make deep, and it is to be hoped lasting impressions on the minds of many of the hearers. After a short but interesting discourse by brother Rideout on Saturday morning, the forenoon was spent in conference; two young persons came forward, and avowed their attachment and love to the Saviour, by offering themselves as candidates for Baptism; it was a Solemn Season. The meeting in the afternoon was engaged in receiving the reports of the different churches, which were on the whole encouraging, though the accessions were few. In the evening brother Day preached to a crowded audience from the words, “If therefore the son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed,—from this text our young brother showed us—1st. our bondage in Adam; 2nd. our liberty in Christ; and 3rd. the nature of our Liberty. The subject was handled with consummate skill, far surpassing what might be expected from one so young, and so lately entered upon the work of the Ministry. Notwithstanding that the Sabbath was somewhat inclement, very large congregations were in attendance to hear the glad tidings of Salvation proclaimed by Elders W. Rideout, and A. D. Thomson, whose powerful and soul-stirring appeals were listened to with the most marked attention. During the intermission, brother Miles, the Pastor of the Church, administered the ordinance of Baptism (in its only Scriptural mode) to the two young persons who had been received the day previous. At half-past 6 o'clock, brother Wallace addressed the congregation, choosing as the foundation of his remarks the first clause of the 12th verse of the 9th Chapter of Zechariah, “Turn you to the strong hold ye prisoners of hope,” divided his subject by enquiring, Who are the prisoners of hope spoken of in the text, Why is Christ represented as the strong hold, and finally showing urgent reasons why sinners should turn to Christ immediately. After the sermon the claims of the College were brought before the notice of the people by this good brother.

In the evening the members of the different churches met around the Table of their common Lord, and partook of the emblems of His broken body and shed blood, and felt that “Twas his own love the table spread,” &c. A meeting was appointed for Monday morning, at 8 o'clock, which turned out to be the best of all, inasmuch as 12 persons came forward confessing their sins; some of them manifesting deep anxiety for their souls salvation. Five were received by the church, three of whom were baptized at that time, the others are coming forward the next Sabbath. It appears evident that the fit time to favour this Branch of Zion is come.

The next conference to be held at LeTete, 2nd Friday in November, 1853.

By order of the Conference,
GEORGE ALLEN, Clerk.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Moncton, August 18, 1853.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Your esteemed favor of the 12th instant came to hand on Tuesday. The arrangement of the Board is quite in accordance with my wishes. The church here

has made arrangements for my services half of the time; the other half will be devoted to Shediac, and to-day I expect to leave for that place, where I shall remain for a few days. I shall probably make a short visit to St. John, soon after which I expect to engage fully in the Lord's work at Shediac.

Our beloved brother Joseph Crandal is greatly afflicted. His second son four years of age died on Monday morning. On Tuesday a little daughter died aged six months. The disease was hooping-cough. They were interred yesterday side by side. The mournful occasion was improved by a discourse from 2 Corinthians iv. 17: “For our light affliction which is but for a moment,” &c. Though a hurrying season, quite a congregation assembled to sympathize with the mourners. Our beloved brother and sister have manifested great patience, fortitude, and resignation under this heavy affliction.

I was much pleased to see in the “Christian Visitor,” the interesting result following the last meeting of the Board of Governors in connexion with Acadia College. I felt a good deal of anxiety in reference to the next Convention, but my fears are all removed, and no doubt the Denomination throughout New-Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edwards Island, will now be united and firmly bound together—“Bless the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.”

I am, dear brother, yours truly,
JAMES NEWCOMB.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

St. John, August 25th, 1853.

A Passage from the Journal of Father David Harris.

MESSRS. EDITORS,—In looking over the few manuscripts left us by my departed Father, I find but little that would interest the general reader; but many passages that would be read with pleasure by some of the older members of our Churches, with whom the author was contemporary. Hence, you will please insert the following; although I am not able to give the date, it relates to one of his Missions East of Halifax, N. S.

E. N. H.

“On Friday, the 25th, the wind came favorable, and I left the kind family who had entertained me for more than a week. After asking the blessing of God to rest upon them, I gave them the parting hand, as the tears rolled down their cheeks. Mrs. Hawbolt, said, ‘I hope your visit will not be lost among us.’ As I went on board the vessel, she sent her husband after me with a bottle of milk and a dollar. I found on board every thing necessary provided for my comfort. May God reward them for their labor of love. Put out to sea, the wind being a head were obliged at night to run into Pope's Harbour. I had been very sick through the day, but my good friend Hopkins put me on shore to Mr. Belong's, where I was refreshed with a good night's rest. The wind still ahead, I remained on shore, and on the Lord's day, preached in the harbor to a good congregation, that appeared very solemn. Among them all there was not one, who professed experimental religion. Went on board the vessel again at 12 o'clock that night, but our passage to Little Harbour was a very stormy and rough one, attended with dreadful sea sickness on my part. But I was put on shore again, by my friend Samuel Hopkins. Stayed over night at Mr. Stodard's, who showed me every kindness. Indeed his wife is a sister and mother. Would to God all the women in the different harbors had like precious faith; how pleasant it would be for Missionaries to travel along the shore. The next morning, I bade them farewell, and with their blessing went on board the schooner again. The wind still being contrary, we beat down in sight of Jeddore, when the wind died away. Being unable to enter the harbour, good brother Samuel and his brother took the boat, and rowed ten miles to their father's house, where we were all refreshed. I was glad to find that the little Church of Christ in this place had kept together, and were longing and praying for my return. Visited the little flock, and found that they had sent to Halifax for wine for the communion. In preaching to them, and in the breaking of bread, I felt the love of Christ in my soul. Dear Bro. Blaklee and wife went with me from house to house. A message came for preaching at the head of the

harbour. A Bro. Z. Harpel manned a boat, and conveyed me to the Dayz, where I had a meeting, which I pray God to bless to the salvation of poor sinners, who did not seem to know their right hand from their left. Returned to Bro. B's in the night, eight miles by water. O Lord, meet with us in Conference this day, and make the wilderness rejoice!”

It will be gratifying to the friends of the late Father Harris, if the *Christian Messenger* will please copy.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Caution for Young Men.

Amidst the surrounding beauties of nature, Man holds a prominent position, being only a little lower than the angels. New Brunswick being in possession of many of the facilities of the day, which we Provincials are unmolestedly allowed to enjoy, with all the advantages of a healthy climate, in which we can inhale the pure air. How wanting we should be in the best feelings of humanity to neglect to enjoy in a spirit of union, the bestowment of these benevolent Providences. Discord should not be known among young men, who are the bone and sinew of the country, who have characters to maintain, moral principles to implant for their criterion in future life. Young men, this is the day of advancement, let us study in our leisure hours, in order that we may advance with the times: and not stand in a proud and haughty sphere, if so, we shall be overtaken with innumerable troubles. We should not endeavour to detract from the character of any, which they hold sacred, and which also is to them as fine gold. How precious are the characters of young men. Reader, think for a moment, before you tamper with them. “Live and let live,” should be our motto. Let us exercise philanthropy and humanity to all, and extend to them the helping hand. Let us not be wedded to a spirit of rivalry. Neither allow gossiping to reign as a predominant principle, it is the most pernicious of all vices, it strikes at the root of the well-being of society. When such are found among us, let us expostulate with them, and, if possible, restore them to the wanting favour of their former friends. When nature's beautiful fields, peopled with intelligent beings as those of New Brunswick, are bedewed with a vapour which arises from a corrupt fountain, and mars their happiness—does it not behove us to seek the fountain and its secondaries, and place a restraint upon them, if such we find to exist among us? The answer is in the affirmative. We should be temperate in all things, in this day of reform.

A. KETH.

Butternut Ridge, Aug. 17th, 1853.

General Intelligence.

SEVEN DAYS LATER FROM ENGLAND.

[By Telegraph to the News Room.]

The Steamship *Arabia* arrived at New York on Tuesday morning, with one week's later despatch from St. Petersburg, and London dates to 12th inst.

RUSSIA.—The Czar has accepted the ultimatum, and orders were given for the immediate withdrawal of the troops from the Turkish principalities.

A revolution is threatened in Turkey, in consequence of the refusal of the Hospodars of Wallachia and Moldavia to obey the summons of the Sultan to appear at Constantinople. The old Turkish party is clamorous for war.

The Circassians have again defeated the Russians.

China overland Mail telegraphed. Trade in India dull. Imperialists preparing to re-take Amoy.

Ship Arab, with Bombay mail, foundered at sea, and 179 lives lost.

MARKETS.—Beef active with steady prices and no imports; Canadian Butter in demand.—Breadstuffs remain at former prices. Wheat dull; Corn and Flour unchanged. Tallow 1s. decline.

THE GREAT GOLD NUGGET.—The London Times states that the great Australian nugget lately exhibited in Leicester square, has been melted and sold for £5,532 (nearly 27,000 dollars). Its weight before melting was 1615 ounces, and it yielded 1319 ounces of pure gold, or 1466 of the American standard of 9-10ths.

CHINA.—It is evident from the tone of all the letters of the latest dates that intelligent foreigners in China are more decidedly of opinion that the Tartar dynasty is near its end. Some doubts are

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