

Correspondence.

FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

PUBLIC PRAYER.

The prevalence of Cholera around us, has aroused the vigilance of the public authorities, and sanitary regulations are being put in force to prevent the spread of the disease should it visit the City. But has any movement been made to humble ourselves before the God of Heaven, all human efforts without his blessing are nothing worth, and when the city authorities are doing their duty, shall not the Church do its part.

It is incumbent on the Christian Church as a body—those I mean who serve the Lord Jesus Christ and feel his love shed abroad in their hearts by his Spirit, to assemble themselves publicly under their respective pastors, and unite, in fasting and supplication to their Heavenly Father, for his special blessing on the efforts now going on. The Blessed Jesus has much people in this city, who cease not to cry day and night in secret for their brethren lying in wickedness, and who know but the fifty righteous may save the city.

Science has long since taught us that sanitary regulations are the means ordained by Heaven for averting the scourge of all disease in an epidemic form; but we should never forget that they are not our means but God's, and when not undertaken in faith and love, there is no promise that they will be efficacious.

A few years ago when the Cholera was expected to visit us, the sound of the Church Bell in the summer mornings was heard summoning God's people to his House. The hour of seven in the morning was found convenient, and the attendance was usually very good. Why not now? Let us all (for the Church is always one in Spirit), unite in taking means to open the respective Churches every morning, and there can be no doubt that a blessing will attend us in all our labors for the public safety.

A CITIZEN.

Halifax, Aug. 14, 1854.

SIR,—You are respectfully requested to give insertion in your paper, (should the article appear unobjectionable) to a Letter signed S. T. Rand, and published in the last number of the *Presbyterian Witness*. I am anxious that it should appear in the *Church Times*, as it is known that there are Missionary operations conducted among the Indians by the Episcopal Church in Canada.

Yours Respectfully,

P. G. MCGREGOR.

Sec'y. of Com. of Micmac Missionary Soc'y.
To the Editor of "The Church Times."

To the Editor of the Witness.

MICMAC MISSION—INFORMATION WANTED.

DEAR SIR,—As there are known to be several flourishing missionary stations connected with the various Protestant bodies in Canada, I beg to inquire, through the medium of your paper, if there may not be found at some of those stations, some of the Micmac tribe, or some who are conversant with the Micmac language, who might be obtained and usefully employed in the work of evangelizing their brethren in these Provinces.

My reasons for supposing there may be converted Micmacs in Canada, are founded upon the following facts, viz:—

1. There are plenty of Micmacs there. They go and come continually as far as Montreal and farther. Many of the remainder in that country. How possible is it that some may have united with the Protestants?

2. There was once a missionary establishment at Sussex Vale, N. B., at which many of the youth of both sexes were under a course of training. They belonged to the Micmacs and Miqmaqs. That establishment was afterwards removed to Canada, but I do not know to what particular locality. Information on this point is sought; but it does not seem an improbable supposition, that some of those connected with the establishment may have followed it, and that there may be some converted pious Micmacs who would be prepared to enter at once into this field, where we may truly say that "the harvest is great, but the labourers are few."

3. I have direct testimony, and I think of a reliable nature, to the point. An intelligent Indian woman belonging to New Brunswick once informed me, that several relatives of hers had been induced to abandon their religion and go to Canada, where others had preceded them, and there to adopt the dress, and habits, and religion of the English Protestants. She related, how fearful judgments had overtaken some of them for their heathenry. But possibly some may have survived the storm—the conjuring up of which is easily accomplished for—and might be ready to return to their own house, and to their own kin-

dred, and tell how great things the Lord had done for them.

As already intimated many Indians speak Micmac fluently, who do not belong to their tribe. The Indian dialects are so similar, that they are learned by the Indians of different tribes with scarce an effort. Thus there may be Indians, Protestant Indians, in Canada, not Micmacs, who can speak the language of the latter as though it were vernacular. And even though they cannot now speak it, a few months intercourse might enable them to do so, especially as they can be provided with books—a Dictionary and a Grammar—for their assistance.

If any of the Ministers in Canada, or any other persons will take the trouble to enquire, and will communicate the result of their enquiries to the writer, or to the Rev. Dr. Twining, or Rev. P. G. McGregor, of Halifax, they will confer a great favour.

SILAS T. RAND,

Missionary to the Micmacs.

Hantsport, N. S. Aug. 3d, 1854.

Canada papers favorable to the object will confer a favour by inserting this.

The Church Times.

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1854.

COLLEGE AGENCY.

No. 13.

To P. C. HILL, Esqr.

Sec'y Incomp. Alumni King's Coll.

I dated my last communication from this place, where I have spent about ten days, rendered in every respect pleasant, cheering and comfortable, by the kind and brotherly attentions of the Revd. C. Elliott, in whose agreeable family I found a home, and from whom I received the most cordial and unwearied assistance, in reference to my object. Agreeably to previous notice a meeting in behalf of the College was held on Thursday evening the 10th inst., on which occasion we had a very good attendance. The business was opened by an excellent address from Mr. Elliott, who spoke as warmly in favour of our object, as it he had been an Alumnus of King's. We had also kind expressions of good will from D. Hookin, Esq. (our first contributor.) Mr. Dwyer, &c. We were likewise favoured with an animated and energetic speech (he can deliver no other,) from the U. S. Consul, B. Hammett Norton, Esq., who strongly eulogised the principle of self reliance on which we are now proceeding. He "suited the action to the word," and said, that tho' he had come prepared only to give a certain sum, he felt constrained, after what he had heard, to put down four times as much. He has likewise done us good service in other ways. From every member of the Church indeed, in this place, I have received the most ready support and kind co-operation. The Ladies, whom I have found in general my ablest co-adjutors, have here too done their part well. Not content with what their husbands, or other relatives had given, they took the matter in hand themselves, and among their friends they very soon realised a very handsome addition to our list. Two ladies of the congregation took great pains and evinced a praiseworthy zeal in this matter, for which I tender them our best thanks. It gives me pleasure to add, that many members of other Churches showed their good will by joining in this contribution. Some few years ago it would have been thought a quixotic scheme to ask aid in Pictou for the College at Windsor. But I am happy to bear testimony to the kindly feelings now existing both towards that Institution and to the Church with which it is connected. This has been shown in reference to the latter, by frequent assistance in various parochial objects.

This good feeling, so much to be desired in every community, may be attributed in no small degree to the mild, prudent, and conciliatory line of conduct pursued by the present worthy Rector, than whom no one could be better fitted for the somewhat delicate position assigned to him more than twenty years ago.—He enjoys in large measure the respect and good will of the Ministers and congregations in whose midst, by the steady zeal of a little band of firm Churchmen, he has, under the blessing of God, established a most interesting and flourishing Parish. I had the pleasure of forming a personal acquaintance with nearly every individual in it, and it was gratifying to observe the harmonious action brought to bear on their local objects, of which some are always before them.

I preached twice on Sunday in St. James's Church to good congregations, before whom I again presented

the claims of the College, and I trust not without good effect.

Among the subsequent contributions I ought specially to mention one gentleman, who was present, a Wesleyan by profession, but expressing affectionate attachment to the Church, who generously and "with all his heart" gave me Five Pounds for the College, and moreover endeavoured to stir up others to do likewise. Upon the whole, I have much pleasure in announcing that up to the present time I have secured more than One hundred pounds in Pictou, and expect farther additions. This result is far beyond the expectations of our most sanguine friends, and is highly creditable to the Parish. One gratifying feature in this subscription list is its general character, embracing the smallest as well as the larger contributions, which I consider the most desirable mode, and most likely to create a general interest.

The Albion Mines for more than twenty years formed part of Mr. Elliott's charge. It is an interesting and important station, and has been for the last three years under the care of the Rev. Mr. Forsyth. I paid two visits in that quarter, and received the kindest attention, and most ready co-operation from Mr. Forsyth, who expressed much anxiety for the success of my Mission amongst his people.

Nor have we been disappointed. The number of Churchmen there is small, but their good deeds in the matter which I had the pleasure of presenting to their notice, deserve to be mentioned to their honour among the Parishes of this Diocese.

In the first place James Scott, Esq. the new Superintendent of the Mines, has set a noble example, by contributing, himself, the sum of One hundred and five pounds. This gentleman, who has only been a few months in the country, and could not therefore be under the influence of those motives and associations, which have prompted the gifts of others, deserves our warmest thanks for the liberality he has shown, and for the kind and ready manner in which it was done.

In the like spirit I was met by W. H. Davis, David Dickson, and Neil Mackay, Esqrs. and the Rev. Mr. Forsyth, each of whom gave £25,—thus increasing the contributions from this Parish to the very handsome amount of Two hundred pounds. Let the Church of the Albion Mines, and its open-hearted and generous supporters, be remembered with gratitude, by all the friends of the College, for this important aid in our time of need. Nor let me omit to mention, that I had the good fortune to find, in the families of two of the above gentlemen (I cannot wish the third a better thing than to do as they have done) three Windsor ladies, who not only are in all respects good specimens of the fair daughters of my native Town, but who have shown themselves on this occasion hearty well wishers to the Institution in sight of which their early days were spent. Among their engaging families are hopeful boys, who I trust may receive their education within its walls, and learn to help that College, as their parents have now done.

You will thus see, that from this locality, including Pictou and the Albion Mines, which until lately served but one Parish, I have succeeded, with the hearty assistance of the Clergy and Laity, in securing the liberal sum of upwards of THREE HUNDRED POUNDS, with the prospect of some further increase.

If numerical strength were to be our guide as to the proportion of gifts to the College, there are Parishes from which five times this sum might have been expected, which yet have not given half that amount.

I have written this account of our doings at Pictou and its neighbourhood, in much haste, and I was excused if I have not done that justice to our friends which I desire.

JAS. C. COCHRAN.

Pictou, 16th Aug. 1854.

His Lordship the Bishop will hold a Visitation of his Clergy on the 11th October, in Halifax. His Lordship's Circular, notifying this intention, and other important matters, we shall publish in our next paper, not having room for it in this week's impression.

Sermons will be preached to-morrow, Sunday, in behalf of the Colonial Church Society—in the morning at St. George's Church; and in the afternoon at St. John's Church, Three-mile Village, by Rev. G. W. Hill.

The Proprietor of this Paper will always be glad if the Subscribers will take advantage of the present of the Rev. Mr. Cochran among them, to remit their subscriptions—and will feel obliged to him if he receive and forward, or bring on any sums in payment of the Paper.