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12 The defeat of Charles XII, by Peter the Great at Pultowa, A. D. 1709, which secured the stability of the Muscovite Empire.

13 The Battle of Saratoga, A. D. 1777, in which Gen. Gates defeated Gen. Burgoyne, and which decided the fate of the American Revolutionists, by making France their ally and other European powers friendly to them.

14 The Battle of Valmy, A. D. 1792, in which the continental Allies, under the Duke of Brunswick, were defeated by the French Revolutionary army.

15 The Battle of Waterloo, A. D. 1815, in which the Duke of Wellington hopelessly defeated Napoleon, and saved Europe from his grasping ambition.—*Courier & Inquirer.*

Anecdote of an Elephant.

An officer in the Bengal army had a favourite elephant, which was supplied daily in his presence with a certain allowance of food, but being compelled to absent himself on a journey, the keeper of the beast diminished the ration of food, and the animal became daily thinner and weaker. When his master returned, the elephant exhibited the greatest signs of pleasure; the feeding time came, and the keeper laid before it the former allowance of food, which he divided into two parts, consuming one immediately and leaving the other untouched. The officer, knowing the sagacity of his favourite, saw immediately the fraud that had been committed, and made the man confess his crime.

No man is so insignificant that he can be sure his example will do no hurt.

Obituary Notices.

For the Wesleyan.

Miss Ann Ross, of Gaysborough.

Died, at Gaysborough, on Sabbath morning, Feb. 1st, ANNE ROSS, aged nineteen years, second daughter of the late Mr. John Ross, whose mortal remains were committed to the silent tomb, first Sabbath in January.

Truly we may say—"God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform;" or, as the Psalmist—"Thy way is in the sea, thy path in deep waters, and thy footsteps are not known." But although "clouds and darkness" not unfrequently surrounded the divine providences in their development to man, many beams forth ever steadily to His Church and people, causing them, even from amid their sorrows, to exclaim—"He doth all things well." He doth not willingly afflict.

On the Saturday week previous to the death of Miss Ross, it was her providential mercy to be found among the penitent seekers of salvation, who knelt at the altar in the Manchester Chapel. There she believed on Christ, and experienced peace with God. She returned home that evening in her usual health. On the next morning (Sabbath) at the family altar, unaccountably, the fitness of her heart was poured forth in fervent prayer, and praise, pleading most fervently for the salvation of her brothers and sisters, and all around her; thus giving proof of the reality of her conversion, and that she had not believed a carnally devised fable, when she received Christ as her availing Saviour. On the following Wednesday evening also, she participated in the blessed services in that Chapel, and was heard to praise the Lord! But this was to be the last time there. Oh, how affecting is the language of Scripture—enforce it! "For what is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth but a little time, and then vanisheth away." Three days of bodily sufferings, after she returned home, terminated the brief span of her existence. She died happy in God, having most affectionately and faithfully warned her brothers and those around, with reference to their souls interest.

She has left a bereaved mother, to mourn beneath these reiterated strokes, yet in humble submission to His will who has said—"Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive, and let thy widows trust in me." This sudden death was a loud voice—resounding, as from the eternal world—"And because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God O Israel!"

The Lord appears to be sanctifying the same, at this memorable era, of a revival among us; so that while in his unerring wisdom, he has removed some from the church militant, we have scriptural ground for believing that they are received to the church triumphant. A.

Gaysborough, Feb. 1852.

Correspondence.

For the Wesleyan.

Bible Society Agent's Letter.

REV. AND DEAR SIR.—Since my last communication, which I forwarded from Liverpool, my progress has been sometimes difficult, and frequently retarded by the changes and severity of the weather; but my time has been fully employed in the prosecution of my work, and I trust with increasing success.

I visited Milton, Brookfield, Caledonia, and other places in the mountainous region between Liverpool and Annapolis, and returned—when the snow was all carried off, and I had to betake myself to the saddle and leave my sleigh behind me. From Liverpool I proceeded to Shelburne, Barrington, Tuskent, Yarmouth, Weymouth, Digby, Sandy Cove, Long Island and Brier Island; and then returned to Digby. Thence I continued to Hillsburgh, Clements, Annapolis and Granville. In fifteen of these places, meetings for the Bible Society were held; in some one, others two, and mostly with increased interest and more promising results.

In Harmony, where a meeting for the Caledonia Society was held, I was well assisted by the Rev. Mr. Parker; and though the night was uncommonly severe, a goodly number attended who seemed to take a very lively interest in the proceedings. Four pounds had been remitted for the purchase of Bibles and Testaments, which it was resolved, should be deposited in several localities, where some destination was known to exist, and where they could not fail to prove beneficial. It was expected that other subscriptions also, to the amount of three or four pounds, would be immediately gathered up, and remitted as a free contribution.

In Milton our meeting was rendered very interesting by the efficient help of the Rev. Mr. Tomkins and the Rev. Mr. Dickey. About six pounds were in the hand of the Treasurer of the Branch, and other contributions were expected to be obtained, and the whole remitted—part for the purchase of books, and the remainder as a free contribution.

In Liverpool a meeting, as previously intimated, was held,—but from several causes, it was so small, that after one or two short addresses, it was adjourned to the Tuesday evening following, and a better attendance was obtained, though the weather was still unfavourable. Several Resolutions were adopted, and addresses were delivered by the Reverend Mr. Tomkins, the Reverend Mr. Bentley, and myself. The Reverend Mr. Wedhall was also to have been present but was unwell. Much has been done here in the sale and distribution of the Scriptures; and from the disposition manifested at the meeting, much more, it may be expected, will be done. To the amount of £7 11s. 6d. in hand other sums were added, which made, with the collection at the Meeting, over ten pounds; and three or four pounds more, it was confidently expected, would be collected and the whole amount remitted without delay.

At Shelburne our meeting was almost frustrated by a heavy rain storm; but on visiting the principal friends of the Cause, in company with the active Secretary of the Society, Mr. McNaughton, we found them most favourably disposed. Four pounds had been collected for supplying the Depository, including some stock; and there were on hand, four pounds more when I left, (expected to be increased to six pounds) to be remitted as a free contribution.

At Barrington we held a meeting in the Baptist Chapel, at "the Island" (as it is called) which was numerously attended, and well sustained by the President of the Society, Winthrop Sargent, Esq. and many other zealous friends. An interesting Report was read by the Secretary, which stated that of 112 Bibles and 213 Testaments on hand, at our last meeting, 33 Bibles and 63 Testaments had been sold—and 1 Bible and 6 Testaments distributed gratuitously—leaving 78 Bibles and 174 Testaments of the value of £18 9s. 9d. on hand. To the amount of £3 18s. 6d. received for books sold, and few pounds previously paid in, a large sum was added, chiefly by the untiring exertions of several young ladies appointed as collectors at our last annual meeting, which swelled the amount to £22 18s. 13d. This respectable sum (with the collections at the meeting, other subscriptions, since paid, and some more promised) will enable the committee to remit twenty pounds as a free contribution, and four or five pounds to replenish the stock of the Depository. Several important Resolutions were adopted, and addresses were delivered by the President, myself, Rev. Mr. Jost, Dr. Wilson, Mr. J. D. A. M., Mr. B. D. A., Mr. H. W. L., Mr. T. Crowl, Esq., and Gen. Wilson, Esq., and all present seemed deeply interested. Surely the presence of the Lord was with us; and his blessing may be expected to follow. Though the inhabitants in the immediate neighbourhood, are well supplied with copies of the Scriptures, as also those of the other places where Societies are in operation along these shores, there are many families yet to be supplied in the remote settlements of the interior, and the Atlantic coast, whose attention has been, and will be, called to the importance of possessing the invaluable treasure of the word of life.

On my arrival in Yarmouth, I was invited to unite with the Committee of the Bible Society, who were already assembled, to prepare Resolutions for a Public Meeting to be held on the following evening, and was glad to find that some severe discouragements which had interrupted and retarded the operations of the Society, had been followed by a reaction which promised most favourable results. A connexion with the Halifax Auxiliary had been agreed to, and twenty pounds already remitted—seven pounds for the purchase of Bibles and Testaments, and thirteen pounds as a free contribution—and several pounds more are now in the hands of the Treasurer.—The meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, and very well attended. Several important Resolutions were adopted, and several addresses delivered. One by the Rev. Mr. Christie, and another by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, produced a powerful impression. The thanks of the Meeting were also given to the Ladies' Association, whose zealous labours were commended to the favourable consideration of the people generally. All seemed deeply interested, and no doubt a new impetus was given to the Society's operations. The Rev. Mr. Heudeborek was unavoidably absent.

Meetings were also held, with results similar to those already narrated—in Weymouth, Westport, Sandy Cove, Hillsburgh, Clements, Granville, and Annapolis. Some were well attended, but others, from storms and incidental impediments, were small, but in all the presence and blessing of the Lord were with us, and a growing interest was generally manifested.

I was ably assisted at Weymouth, by the Rev. Mr. Randall—at Westport, by the Rev. Mr. Murray, Rev. Mr. Cunningham, Rev. Mr. Morse and Rev. Mr. Chase—at Hillsburgh, by the Rev. Mr. Cogswell and Rev. Mr. Pickles—at Clements and Annapolis, by the Rev. Mr. Pickles—as also in all the places by the office bearers and other friends, who took a lively interest in the cause.

At Sandy Cove and Digby, our meetings were put aside by a severe snow-storm,—but at the former place, especially, a good attendance was obtained on the succeeding night,—and at the latter, £8 3s. 2½d. was gathered up for a remittance to the Auxiliary. The Rev. Mr. Taylor would have helped me, but was called away. Of many of these places, interesting particulars might be recorded, if time and space would allow—suffice it to say, that the operations and funds were likely to be sustained without diminution—in some places I hope with increase. At our meetings in Granville, tolerably good collections were taken up, but more would have been obtained if the weather had been propitious. At our meeting here (Annapolis) last night, our Secretary—though he had said, "We are all asleep here," was himself suitably awake to pay down twenty shillings, and the President, Treasurer, and other friends gave very freely. Other subscriptions were also paid in, to the amount in all, including sales of books, of nearly nine pounds.

The severity of the weather, besides delaying me, has been sufficiently trying. Sometimes the utmost fury of the elements seemed let loose, at one time pouring down torrents of rain, at another piling up the snow in fearful barriers, in a temperate often many degrees below the zero. In passing from Yarmouth to Weymouth, and returning from Westport along the black ridges of Long Island and Digby Neck—where I was overtaken with the heaviest snow storm known for many years,—I felt it most; and narrowly escaped being drifted out of Petite passage, with a large quantity of floating ice, into the tossing waves of the Bay of Fundy. But by the care of the Provisional land, I was preserved from fear and harm. I might have been further advanced in my tour, but had often to tarry awhile for the more efficient accomplishment of my object.

I remain, Rev. and Dear Sir, Your most obedient servant, ISAAC SMITH, Travelling Agent. Annapolis, Feb. 1st, 1852.

For the Wesleyan.

Hopewell Circuit.

We lately attempted to hold our Annual Missionary services on this Circuit, and seldom was our faith and zeal put to a severer test.

One of the brethren deputed by the District to assist us, Brother HENNINGER, arrived at the Mission House on Saturday evening, after a most tedious drive from Sackville, over heavy roads, and on Sabbath we were favoured with his valuable efforts three times, viz. at the new Chapel, at the Mission Corner, and at the Hill.

On Sabbath evening a snow storm set in, ere we had concluded the services—not one of your little Halifax storms, but one that must have been born in Greenland and melted on the passage across the sea to Hopewell—and Tuesday although we had but four miles and a half to travel to the Missionary Meeting, we were unable to reach the Chapel, and were glad to find our way back to the Mission House.

On Tuesday, after the roads were broken, we started for the Hill again, and notified people as we passed along that a Missionary Meeting would be held; the word soon spread, and we had a very interesting and productive meeting. The

subscriptions were 40s. in advance of last year; while the Sabbath collection previously taken was more than double.

On Wednesday we had another driving wind, and such was the state of the roads that we had no attendance. On Thursday we had a Donation Dinner at the Mission House, to help furnish it, and although the roads were in a sad state, upwards of eighty sat down to tables furnished gratuitously by the ladies, after which, Brother Hennigar treated them to one of his best speeches.

On Friday morning to our regret, we were compelled to part with our dear brother, and give up holding any more Missionary Meetings for the present—we shall hold them, however, in each of the preaching places, and have no fears that we shall raise less than last year; indeed we shall advance, as the friends of Missions are more numerous, and better furnished with the means than in any former year, and I may safely say they are not less willing to give.

While I am furnishing information respecting our department of the work of God on this Circuit, I avail myself of your wonted kindness, to say to your readers, that although this might be naturally expected to be a year of declension after the revival of last year, under the ministry of my zealous predecessor, yet we are not losing ground.

The Wesleyan friends on Cape Muscle Creek are at work with spirit to build a Chapel 26x36; about £90 are pledged, and the contract is let to complete the outside and lay the floor.

The Lord has converted a few souls during the year, and at one of our preaching places there are several seeking the Lord with purpose of heart, and a new class has been formed. Indeed I may say a revival of the work of God has begun evidently.

R. A. CHESLEY. Hopewell, Albert County, N. B., Feb. 14, 1852.

For the Wesleyan.

Newport Circuit.

DEAR BROTHER.—As it is always pleasing and encouraging to the real lovers of the blessed Redeemer, to be informed of the extension and prosperity of His Kingdom, I transmit to you a brief notice of the gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, with which we have been mercifully favoured at Keupt. On Sunday, 18th ult., we commenced a series of divine services—and notwithstanding the weather for several days was exceedingly unpropitious, and the roads were rendered almost impassable by reason of snow-dribs, yet the people made their way to the sanctuary of the Lord from a distance of several miles. Such a sight naturally led to the remark, "what labour we can perform, and what obstacles be surmounted when the mind is really intent upon accomplishing its desired object." Until Friday, 23rd, we witnessed only a few indications of "that tenderness of heart, which bows before the Lord," but on the evening of that day, and for eight succeeding days, from twenty to forty penitents, at each service, manifested their earnest desire of salvation, by coming forward to receive suitable instruction and a special interest in the importunate and fervent prayers of the Lord's servants. The God of our salvation did not disregard the decision and self-denial of those mourners in Zion. While they were directed to the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world, and prayer was ascending to the Father of Mercies from many hearts on their behalf, the spirit of faith came down and revealed to them the pardoning love of God. It was indeed just matter of praise to the God of all grace, to find, at the close of our services, sixty persons, who had up to the time when our meetings commenced, been living according to the course of this world, now enabled with joy and grateful feelings to sing—

"My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear, He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear. With confidence I now draw nigh, And Father, Abba, Father, cry!"

Of these, fifty-six have given us their names as candidates for church membership. Oh, may they prove faithful unto death! As many of the young men, when the navigation opens, will be obliged to "go down to the sea in ships, and do business in great waters," they will necessarily be deprived, in a great measure, of the refreshing ordinances of the Lord's house, and be exposed to many temptations peculiar to their worldly calling, and they have therefore a strong claim upon our christian sympathies, and will require an interest in our prayers. That section of my Circuit is now in a truly prosperous state—like a watered garden. My Son was with me most of the fifteen days that our meetings were continued, and rendered most efficient service. Bro. Moore also was with us a part of the second week, and afforded great assistance.

On the 9th inst, Mr. Moore went with me to Maitland, to assist at the Protracted Meeting commenced there by my son. A blessed work is in progress, of which you will no doubt have an account in due time. We also held our Annual Missionary Meeting there, and I feel gratified in being able to inform you, that the subscriptions promise an amount nearly double that of last year. The Lord be praised for all his mercies. Amen. H. FORZ.

Newport, Feb. 19, 1852.