

tained by trust in the Lord, and by the spirit of prayer, which I saw manifested among our Christians.

"One evening at nine o'clock, there was a false alarm. The warriors rushed to man the walls, and the Christians who were unable to bear arms went to prayer, and God only knows how many fervent petitions arose in that moment to the throne. I accidentally overheard a woman of my church call upon God with such importunity that I could not refrain from tears and I felt sure that her prayer, if there had been no other, must have reached his ear. It was, as nearly as I can translate, as follows :

'O Lord! lift up thine arm and deliver us from the hands of the terrible Dahomeys. Remember what they have done to thy saints at Ischagga and all the innocent blood they have shed. O Lord! O Lord! suffer us not to fall into their hands. Thou hast sent to us thy messengers with thy word, and we trust in Thee; O Lord, our God! forsake us not. Thou didst once redeem thy people Israel from the hands of Pharaoh and destroyed the whole host; thou didst also deliver Hezekiah and his people from the land of Sennacherib, who blasphemed thy holy name. Lord! O yes! think on thy church! think on thy servants! think on our children! O Lord God! save us for thy Son, our dear Lord and Saviour's sake.—Amen!"

The same evening, says the missionary, as I was unnoticed in the twilight, I overheard two warriors who were hurrying by to the walls, say: "Let us fear nothing! God will save us." I am satisfied this retreat of the Dahomeys is a great victory for Christianity in this country. Their terrible king did not send a single arrow into the city and is gone back by the way that he came without doing us any injury. Great is the rejoicing of the people. The Christians loudly declare, with greater confidence than ever, that whoever but calls upon the name of the Lord will never come to shame; and many among the heathen acknowledge that the finger of the Christians' God is manifest in this deliverance.

MY BURDEN IS LIGHT.—A wise man sought to explain to his little child the nature of a cross. He took two slips of wood, a long and a short one, "See, my child," he said, "the long piece is the will of God, the short piece is your will; lay your will in a line with the will of God, and you have no cross; lay it athwart, and you make a cross directly."

The child of God, by his unbelief and un-submissive spirit, too often raises and rivets his own cross, to the pain and torture of which the unquestioning heart is altogether a stranger.

It is a serious thing to live. It is the course of an endless existence whose future will be influenced by the present and the past. It is that which must receive a shape and perform its work by us. "To be or not be?" is not the question. We are, and must exist forever. The life that is within us will continue and develop itself evermore. It must then be of momentous consequence to us *how* we live.

NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, &c.

Monies received by the Treasurer from 20th March, to 20th April, 1864:—

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From Maitland Missionary Society, £4	6	6
Rockville Miss. Society, Maitland,	2	13 1/4
Charles Millar, Esq., Maitland,		6 0
Andrew Robertson, Esq., Secy., } Laganchteer Street, C. P. C.	25	0 0
Montreal, Dr. Taylor's, } D. MacKay, Esq., Treasurer, } Sabbath School Children, do. }	6	5 0
Sabbath School in connection } Rev. W. Ormiston's Church, } Hamilton, C.W., per. Rev. J. } Bayne.	5	0 0

HOME MISSION.

Maitland Juvenile, Miss. Society,	2	16 7/4
Chas. Millar, Maitland, 3s. 8d., } Woodville, Cong. P. E. I., 6s.		9 9
Harbour Grace, Nfld., 2l. 2s. 6d. } Little Creek, C.B., 3l. 16s. 0 1/2d.	6	2 6 1/2
Bedford, 9s., a Friend, per Rev. T. } Cumming, 2s. 6d.		8 6
Rawdon towards expenses of supply } A Friend to the cause, per Rev. J. } Bayne,	3	18 0
	2	0 0
Col. Prince St. Church, Pictou,	8	3 10
Annual Col. Primitive Church, New } Glasgow,	14	7 6

SEMINARY.

Maitland Missionary Society,	1	5 0
St. John's Church, Halifax,	5	0 0
Knox Church, New Glasgow,	4	10 0

MISSION VESSEL.

Prince Street Church Sabbath } School, Pictou,	6	0 0
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The Church Accounts are closed Annually on the last of May. All monies for the Schemes of the Church are requested to be paid to the Treasurer, previous to the 20th May.

A. K. MACKINLAY acknowledges receipt of the following sums:—

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Parrsboro, per Rev. D. McKinnon,	\$4	00
Mr. Thomas Reid, Maccan,	4	00
Alex. Campbell, Esq., Big Glace Bay,	6	00
Ladies Penny-a-week Society, Chipman, } N.B.,	11	40

HOME MISSIONS.

A Friend, Annapolis,	4	00
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