

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE

Extracts from Recent Letters.

BIMLIPATAM.

All is well. The Lord's blessing rests upon our work; thanks to his Holy Name. Our need of a Girl's Dormitory and a chapel-schoolhouse has rested upon my heart and mind for some time. Last July I proceeded to put in the foundation for the former, and gradually the work has gone on until it is now nearly completed. To-morrow (Christmas) we hold a meeting for laying the foundation stone. (One large stone has been left for this purpose.) Towards the latter we, that is the little community of christians, and others friendly, have joined and raised nearly eleven hundred rupees. A good deal of interest clusters around this work. It is a grand thing for the christians and for the cause. The cost of the Dormitory will be about 450, for which I ask an appropriation. The Chapel-school building will likely cost 4,500 rupees. I hope to raise the balance required without putting any additional strain on the Board.

On January 10th, and three following days our Telugu Association meets here, and on the 14th the annual session of the Canadian Telugu Conference opens. Brother and sister Archibald and their christian community have already arrived.

By SANDFORD.

Bimlipatam, Dec. 24, 1884.

CHICAGO.

Brother Hutchinson, after a prolonged tour to the villages north and north-west of Chicago, returned home in December, and was laid up with fever at the close of the year. An interesting account of his work may be expected by next mail.

NOBILLY.

Early in the quarter I had the house in the town on the land recently purchased, put in very fair order at an expense of about ten rupees. Having no immediate use for it, I rented it for half a rupee per month, the usual rate for a house of that kind. Before leaving Bobbili I had the house and wall of the compound well white-washed, at an expense of about eight rupees. It has improved the appearance of everything very much, and it will render life there during the coming hot season, more healthful and enjoyable.

The church has contributed 3 rupees to the salary of the native preacher and 4 1/2 rupees to the support of a christian widow in Jeypore. Two colporteurs and two Bible women have been kept steadily at work. Our Jeypore colporteur has just arrived here with his son, about 15 years of age, and Gungathara Behara, whom I baptized in Bobbili last May.

We are now in the midst of the week of prayer, subject to-night, "The Mind of Christ." We are encouraged by the interest which our native people are showing. I know that you are praying that God will prepare us for more effective service during the new year which he has spared us to see.

Our last tour covered 23 days—Nov. 26th to Dec. 19th. Our work was among villages east of Bobbili, and within eleven miles of the station. Our tent was pitched in six different places, and from these as centres we visited 43 villages. Except in one or two instances, we did not go to villages which were more than two miles from the tent. I am sure you can have but little idea of the density of the population. We were much encouraged by the readiness with which many purchased the new scripture portions. There are many scenes and experiences of which I would like to write, but suffice it to say that in general our message was, so far as we could judge, well received. Good seed was sown; the harvest will assuredly come.

I. C. ARCHIBALD.

Bimlipatam, Jan. 8th, 1885.

EN ROUTE.

To-morrow morning I shall have the pleasure of posting this at Colombo, Ceylon. Our voyage down the Red Sea was very pleasant. As our state room is on the port-side of the steamer we had it delightfully cool. The captain said it was fifteen degrees cooler than he had known it for years. On the Indian Ocean, also, we have had pleasant weather, but it has been the most monotonous part of the voyage. Day after day, no land to be seen, nor steamers. Some of the passengers are very nice.

Some of them are musical, so we have all the singing we possibly can. This morning we had a pleasant surprise. Before we left our state room the captain's wife sent us very pretty Christmas cards, and a missionary lady kindly remembered us in the same way. It is difficult to realize that this is Christmas day—the weather as lovely as in July, the thermometer at 78° and a fair breeze all day. To-night it has risen to a gale, the waves are just sweeping over the deck, and it is not at all likely we shall be able to sleep much. Miss Gray has been quite well on this part of the voyage, and has gained all she lost on the first part.

HARRIS WRIGHT.

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ARRIVED.

We arrived safely on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, just two months from leaving Halifax. Mr. Sandford and Mr. and Mrs. Archibald gave us the hand of welcome to our home in India. At Madras we had time only to go from our steamer to the coasting one. We are quite well and happy; thankful to our Heavenly Father for his kind watch-overs all the journey through.

HARRIS WRIGHT.

Bimlipatam, Jan. 7th, 1885.

Rev. Mr. Sanford has fixed upon the last of March as the time for his leaving India, on his return to this country for rest and the recuperation of his health. fervent prayer will be offered that his journey may be a prosperous one, and that his visit to the home churches may prove a great blessing to the home work.

Foreign Missions in the West

The Baptist Year Book for Ontario and Quebec, recently issued by the Standard Publishing Company, of Toronto, contains much interesting information relating to the denominational work carried on by our brethren in those provinces. Among a variety of other matter, it includes a report of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario and Quebec, for the year 1883-4, from which we wish to gather a few facts to lay before the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. This report shows that remarkable progress has been made in the Foreign Mission work in which our western brethren are engaged, and that the outlook for future growth is in every way encouraging. As the last mission year completed the first ten years of the independent work of the society, the Secretary introduces the report by giving a brief review of the whole history of the mission, from which it appears that during "the first seven years of its existence, the society served as an auxiliary to the American Baptist Missionary Union, and contributed both in men and money to the work of that body." In March 1874, the society entered upon independent work, in a part of the Telugu country north of that occupied by the American Baptist Missionary Union. This was done in connection with the removal of Rev. John McLaurin from Ongole to Cocanada, where he took up the work which a native christian, Thomas Gabriel, had already begun.

In reference to the results of ten years' work, the Secretary says: "We have to report that three distinct stations or centres of missionary operations have been established, viz.: at Cocanada, at Tani, at Akkidi. On the entire field there are seven regularly organized churches, and into these churches have been gathered 1,350 converts, baptized on a profession of their faith in Christ. This number does not include the baptized converts who have passed away to the better land." "As to the Seminary, its power for good must resemble that of the truly christian school or college in our own land."

Passing on now from the spiritual and moral, and coming to the material, we find that this society has become the possessor of property in that far-off land, to the value of about \$17,500. This property consists of station chapels, homes for the missionaries, dormitories for the station schools, village school houses, the Seminary building, boats, tents, and the ground by which all these are occupied.

For these ten years the total sum raised and expended by the Baptists of these two provinces in this enterprise has been about \$88,000.94. Results for the year 1883-4: "We have to report one new church organized, several new sub-stations oc-

cupied by native preachers, the gospel preached in a number of villages which had never heard of Christ before, and two hundred and fifty six converts baptized on a profession of their faith in the Saviour."

The Treasurer's report shows that the total amount contributed to the funds of the society during the year was \$12,657.29. This is a large advance on the annual contributions of nine years ago, which, if the writer's memory is not at fault, were \$4,000 to \$5,000. The rapid growth in the home work of the society has been, to a large extent, due to the active co-operation of the women connected with the churches. They have shown an increasing interest in the work since the organization of the Women's Missionary Societies, some seven or eight years ago, and during the last year contributed through those societies \$3,553.00 to the general fund.

The facts given above make, we think, an encouraging exhibit. When it is borne in mind that the membership of Baptist churches in Ontario and Quebec numbers only about 26,680, the extraordinary extent and character of the work done, and the results achieved, will be the more readily appreciated. Well may our brethren in the west, and all who sympathize with them in this work, thank God and take courage. G.F.C.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

DORCHESTER.—Three more were added to our numbers last Sabbath, by baptism. We rejoice in the many accessions to our churches, reported in our excellent paper. Feb. 20th. A. T. DYKEMAN. NORTH CHURCH, HALIFAX.—We are moving on in church work in a quiet way. I do not know when I have seen the brethren more hearty and united in work for the master. I baptized two on the 8th, one last evening the 15th, one other has been received for baptism, and several have expressed themselves as having a good hope in Christ, Jesus their Saviour. Our meetings are interesting, and we are hoping and praying for a rich blessing to rest upon us, and upon all our churches. At the beginning of the year the pastor's salary was increased \$300.00. This is an index of the healthy condition of our finances—and I trust we shall do more for the Convention Fund than formerly. We have a number of brethren, good and true, who stand ready to second every good work the pastor may propose. J. W. MARSHALL. CHURCHVILLE.—Pastor Grandall baptized eight on Sabbath, Feb. 8th, and the work is moving on.

CARLETON.—One baptized on the 15th inst. Quite an interest among the people. ALMA, P. E. I.—Four years ago, there was not one Baptist family nearer than six miles, now there are four families within a distance of four miles, and there are several families who seem to be much interested in the new departure. During last season we procured the services of Rev. H. G. Mellick, now at McMaster Hall finishing his studies for the ministry, and, in a great measure owing to his very able and efficient declaration of the glad tidings of salvation, we had a revival of religion at Alma, and precious souls were saved, resulting in the baptism of eleven in this community. Mr. Mellick, on leaving, established a Sabbath day prayer meeting which has been well attended, and, since then, we have established a week day evening meeting, with gratifying results. We are looking forward hopefully to the time when Brother Mellick will return and prosecute the blessed work with renewed energy.

W. G. CLARK, Montrose. MIDDLETON.—Rev. Young is still laboring with us at Middleton and Spa Springs. The work of the Lord is progressing, 17 more have been received for baptism, and many others are enquiring for "the old path." E. H. SVETET. WOLFVILLE.—Rev. T. A. Higgins received the sad intelligence by telegraph on Wednesday last of the sudden death of Thomas Cramp, Esq., of Montreal, Mr. Cramp was the oldest son of the late Dr. Cramp. The bereaved sisters and friends will have the deep sympathy of many of our readers.

HILLSBORO.—The Lord is blessing the Valley church with a blessed revival of grace. Ten persons have been baptized into the fellowship of the church, and two have united by experience. The Rev. M. Gross has been with us rendering valuable assistance. We expect to baptize next Lord's day. Pray for us that the good work may extend to other fields. E. H. HOWE. HALIFAX.—It was my privilege to baptize two happy believers at the close of the evening service yesterday. Others are enquiring the way to Zion. Pray for us. A. W. JOHNSON. WILMOT, ANAPOLIS.—Rev. D. Peirce, who arrived in Halifax about the end of November, from Holyhead, Wales, accepted the pastorate of this church early in Dec. The brethren cordially welcomed him and his good lady on their arrival here. He is a young man of excellent promise, great sincerity, and devoted to the master's cause, and has already won the love and esteem of the church and congregation. Our prayer is that the union thus formed may prove a blessing to pastor and people. May God send his Spirit to accompany the earnest labors of

the pastor, so that many may be added to our membership who shall be eternally saved.—Com.

SACKVILLE, N. B.—God is visiting us in providence and grace, with death and with eternal life. During the last 42 days it was my painful duty to visit our cemeteries eleven times to bury our dead, there to await the promised resurrection; (one of those visits was yesterday). It was also our joyful privilege, in the same space of time, to visit our "Jordan" seven times to "bury with Christ through baptism into death" twenty-five happy believers (ten of them yesterday) to rise to "walk in newness of life," believing that if they "have become united to him by the likeness of His death they shall be also by the likeness of His resurrection." Our congregations, which are always large and attentive, are now unusually so. Reader pray for us. Feb. 23 1885. D. G. MACDONALD.

MILTON, YARMOUTH.—This church is in the midst of an interesting, The work goes on quietly and steadily. There have been baptisms for several Sabbaths. We hope to have particular next week. HEBRON, YARMOUTH.—Bro. Cohoon is also in the joy of harvest. With the Hebron church, this joy is well-nigh continuous. There is no revival, popularly so-called, but the ones and the twos are coming during most months of the year.

NEW ROSS.—There is still a lively interest in the work, felt by all. Weather and roads have been exceedingly rough. The people live so far apart that we have been hindered from having any extra services. S. I. ARCHIBALD. TEMPLE, YARMOUTH.—Quite an interesting state of religious feeling is prevailing at the Temple at present. We are holding meetings most every night. Bro. Woodland is greatly esteemed by our people. God is blessing his earnest faithful preaching to the salvation of souls. You will doubtless hear from him soon.—Com.

TRURO.—The prayer of years is answered. Truro is moved by the mighty power of God. Every class in the community is effected to a greater or less extent. Scores have come to Christ, and the work still moves on. Union services have been continued since the week of prayer. A brother from an adjoining county, who is called to do the work of an evangelist, is with us. He has the confidence of the christian community. He is not yet much known, but he will be. He is wise, godly and earnest. His presentations of gospel truth are simple but powerful. He believes from his heart that the gospel is the power of God. Three of the pastors, representing as many branches of the church, have labored with him, taking their turn in preaching to the vast audiences that gather from night to night. All the churches will share in the blessing, even where the pastors cannot see their way clear to join in the work. Many of the best workers in their churches are at Truro heart and soul. We held a special conference in our vestry last evening, to hear experiences. Thirty were received for baptism. Others are saved and will in due time follow their Lord. Oh! that the churches might be aroused all over the land. Brothers, up and be doing, the season so favourable for special effort is passing. J. F. GORRER.

PERSONAL. Bro. O. C. S. Walker, one of our Acadia graduates who has recently accepted a call to the First Baptist church, Lawrence, Mass., was ordained on Jan. 28th. Rev. O. P. Gifford of Warren Avenue, Boston, preached the sermon. May great success attend our brother, as he girds himself for his great work.

He had a pleasant call from Rev. S. F. Huettis of the Methodist Book Room, Halifax, this week. Dr. Bill's 80th birthday occurred on the 19th inst. The St. Martins church, of which he has been the much loved pastor for the last ten years, celebrated the event by a reunion in their S. S. rooms. The occasion was a very pleasant one. There are few men who maintain their vigor to such an age, as Dr. Bill has done. We hope he may yet long be spared to the labor on earth which he loves so well, if he does not long too much for the rest which remains, and to be a link between the old pioneer days, and the present with its progress and its dangers.

Dr. Rand, of Acadia College, Wolfville, has been invited to attend and address the meeting of the International Congress of Education, to be held in connection with the New Orleans Exposition from the 23rd to 28th inst. Rev. John Hughes has accepted a cordial and unanimous invitation to the pastorate of the Acadia and Deerfield churches, in Yarmouth County. We hope our brother may be abundantly blessed in his labors on this interesting field. He begins his work in a few weeks. Rev. C. C. Burgess, the pastor of the Hopewell Baptist church, has resigned his charge.

The church at New-Ross has purchased a sleigh and robe for the use of their pastor, viz.: S. I. Archibald. Bro. Archibald has also been remembered by the friends at Sherwood, and wishes to acknowledge gratefully the kindness of his people.

Bro. E. C. Corey has received a donation of over \$50, from the Second Sackville church and congregation, and one of \$40 from friends in Midgie, for which, and for kind words of encouragement, he desires to express his appreciation.

GENERAL. At Whitehaven, England, a man was lately fined five dollars for his enthusiasm in religious worship. His offense, more specifically described, was singing "too loudly" in church. Evidently a church afflicted with over property—a very bad disease.

The enormous cathedral of Moscow, built to hold 10,000 persons, and at a cost of \$2,000,000, is just completed. It has taken fifty years to build, and was intended to commemorate the defeat of Napoleon.

A report of Mrs. Spurgeon's Book Fund, just issued, shows that it has now been in existence ten years, and in that period 71,270 volumes have been freely distributed, and 9,149 of these were sent out during 1884. The recipients last year numbered 1,011, representing all the principal denominations, including the Established Church. The income was \$7,300, exclusive of the supplementary Pastor's Aid Fund, which gave away \$1,050 in cash, besides quantities of clothing suitable for ministers, their wives and children.

Cardinal McCabe, the R. C. Archbishop of Ireland is dead. It is said that a determined attempt will be made to secure a successor who will favor Ireland.

In Germany the percentage of suicides is greater than in any other nation, being 150 annually to each million.

Robert Ingersoll is going to Europe to spend five years. Poor Europe!

UNITED STATES. A majority of the candidates for full graduation in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, this year, have avowed their preference for the foreign mission field.

A Baptist Theological Seminary has been opened in Yokohama, Japan, to prepare young men to be pastors of the Japanese Baptist churches. The Northern Methodists report 23,022 ministers, of whom 12,511 are local, 1,004,412 members in full connection, 182,927 on probation,—a total, ministers and laymen, of 1,800,150. They baptized last year 67,970 adults and 60,965 infants, or one to every 29 members. In the Sunday schools there were 80,338 professions of conversion.

Four converts from Romanism were recently baptized in Woonsocket Mass. by Rev. E. Legar, French missionary. The First Baptist church (Chicago, Dr. Hanson) have cancelled their debt, paid \$15,000 for current expenses, beside giving \$5,000 to outside objects. The Second church has a membership of about 1200.

Chicago University, which has been adjudged to pay \$300,000 to an insurance society from which money was hired at an exorbitant rate of interest, years ago, is in a critical state, but it is hoped, may be saved to the denomination and its great work for the Northwest.

Between 50 and 60 Chinese attend the S. S. of the Second Bay church Chicago. Mr. Wilson, of Portland, is authorized to act as agent for the MESSENGER AND VISITOR in New Brunswick.—H. M. Harris, of Margarettville, N. S. has been appointed agent for the MESSENGER AND VISITOR for the Upper Wilmet church.

Our Missionary Appeal

Contributors to the present needs of the Foreign Mission Board: Previously acknowledged, \$724 00 Brussels St. Baptist Church, 45 75 Germain St. Baptist Church, 30 00 South Musquash and Dipper Harbor Churches, 12 00 Oscar Hanson, 5 00 A Friend, 1 00 Mrs. C. McNeill, 1 00 Mabel Ham, (in gold dollar keepsake), 1 00 Bertie Clinch, 10 10 Freddie Clinch, 5 50 A Friend, Lockport, 20 00 A Friend, Halifax, 5 00 H. P. Bezanon, 2 00 W. J. STEWART, Portland, N. B., Feb. 23, 1885.

Ladies' Baptist Seminary Aid Society of N. B.

Will the Ladies of New Brunswick who have been nominated to the office of Vice-Presidents of this Society, and notified by circular that they were elected, please send word whether they accept or not. Sums have been done so enclosing their office fee, for all of which the Society returns grateful thanks, trusting the others who have not replied, will send a favourable answer in a few days, to the corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Wm. ALAWOOP, 66, Elliott Row, St. John, N. B.

NOTICE.—At the last quarterly meeting of the Provincial Committee of Nova Scotia, held in Halifax, in connection with the Women's Baptist Missionary Union, Mrs. J. T. Eaton, of South Ohio, was appointed mission agent for Yarmouth Co., and Miss Emma Jackson, of Clarenceville for Annapolis Co. M. R. Selden, P. Secy for N. S.

Convention Funds Received.

Hebron Church, installment, \$75 63 North Church, Halifax, 32 00 Digby, " " for H. M. 12 00 Lower Economy & Five Islands, 12 00 Westport Church, installment, 45 08 Truro Church, Mrs. 7 00 North de. Halifax, 9 00 Mrs. J. W. Lovett, Yarmouth, 20 00 \$270 35

J. G. E. DAY, Yarmouth, N. S., Feb. 23, 1885.

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Falmouth, Mrs. J. Lockhart, 1 00 Amherst, Est. to Grandall, 2 00 " " Adelaide, 1 00 St. Margaret's Bay, Nathu Hubby 2 00 Harvey, Albert Co., N. B., Geo. W. 5 00 Tryon, P. E. I., John Nichols, 5 00 John Howatt, 5 00 Aylesford, John Burdick, 2 00 Sagnel J. Morse, 1 00 Mrs. Benjamin Dodge, 1 00 GEO. A. McDONALD, Secretary.

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