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An economical fanily，in connection
with Meloodism，in country places，at
least，will have the cumforts referred to，
and something to spare，if the whole al－ and something to spare，if the whole al－
lowance apprraches near one thousand dollars．But how rarely is this the case ！
During the greater part of the exist－ During the greater part of the exist－
ance of the Eastern British Anerican Conference，the fixed salary of a married
preacher was s650，exclusive of the chil－ dren＇s fund．BBat of late years that snm
bas been increased $\$ 100$ ．Te Conterence has been increased $\$ 100$ ．The Conference bas sald we may have it，if we can get rit；
but there is the dififulty．The few cir－
cutts that are ableand willing to meet the Conterence engagement，appear n on the list of our mission stations，b
have assumed an independent pusitio Cave assumed an independent pusition．
They number in our Cunference twenty．
two，while those receiving grants from two，while those receiving grants from
the Missionary Board are fiftr－eight．On
thees 58 stations there these 58 stations there are 44 married
preachers，who must suffer a loss this year of $\$ 11,000$ ，on the $\$ 750$ basis，or on
the $\$ 650$ arrangement，a loss of $\$ 6000$ ． there is only one way to prevent the
 increase of 25 pere．cent．on can be done．An
wuald meet the difficulty． We doubt very much＇whether the
amount of giving to the cause of God is anywhere wbat it ought to be．Fhere
may be individual cases quite up to the courrect standard，but generally not so．
There have been，of late，a good many hants and saising our mission stations into independent circuits，and although，Mr．
Editor，you have very gracefully sought tion on that agitation，yet，as we some－ tiues sing a verse ol two after the bene－
diction，you will allow a short strain in the minor key，which may bo soothing to
all，and perbaps a waken songs in the I beliere that，in proportion to thein
number and means，the mission stations in this Conference are doing quite as well
as the independant circuits．Having oc－ cupied both classes of appointments，I
speak from personal knowledge．
And yet，I think that some of the mis－ sions ought at once to assunie an inde－
pendent position．Whether our people
will come up to the mark or no，the
per preachers are obliged to come to it．
Let me illustrate，by a statement or
tow，respenting our present circuit．Year
before last，this station raised $\$ 500$ cir－ cnit reeceipts，and on that basis the cran
from the Missionary Board was $\$ 122$
which added the circuit，gave the incumbent a salary
of $\$ 887$ This year the grant is $\$ 32$,
which，with last year＇s circuit receipts，
will will give a allary of only $\$ 597$ ．But w
shall makea atrenuous effort to raise，a
least，$\$ 100$ more than last year，which will ter，in an independent position．
There is a circuit in the Truro District
which，until recently，had a young man； which，until recontly，had a young man
but when a married man was sent $t$
them，the Stewards at once resolved to increase their subscriptions．One of th
largest givers said－＂We Wust double our payments，＂and accordingly put down
$\$ 30$ instead of the former $\$ 15 ;$ others fol．
lowing the example，the circuit made a lowing the example，the circuit made
very good showng at the next Confer gencies of our work．And wit must b
done，or those circuits，which were portions of a large circuit，but now，i
order to have more．preaching，are separt
ed，will have to ed，will have to connect the selves borent as formerly．Better do

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nder．Betrer still，to raise the manas rations of the Word．
There are， dences of progress in the pleasing evi deal，and come out all right in the end Bu：if some kind Providence would send
relief this year，many bearts would relief this year，many hearts would be
gladdened．There are bretrren who，not－
withstanding the withstanding the most rigid economy，
will not be able，at the end of the Metbo－ distic year，to square accounts with their
ereditors． creditors．Mr．Editor，that some good
I think，Mr．Edin
will resalt from the cantions agitation will result from the cautions agitation
and ventilation of this important subject．
There are set so we in our congreg There are jet so．we in our congrega－
tions，and emong cur neighbours，who tions，and emong cur neighbours，who
think that all the financial deficiencies of Methodist preachers are made up by
the mysteriuas funds of the C．nference Maitland，March， 1878.
$\qquad$ It was a dreary November evening in brave and pluas King of Sweden，Gusts．
vus Adolphas，had landed on the German coast，to help his brethren in the new them against the Catholic legions，when， under their leader，the cruel and heartless
Tilly，the deestroyer of Magdenburg，had pressed them hard and threatened to over wheln them．Twelve long years already
bad this fearful religions war raged through cut Germany．The sioin was soak－
d with the blood of the slain；the fields devastated，the towns depopulated，and the whole country sighed and moaned un－
der the burdens of war．The chroniclee of those times are far．Tled we chith thice ase
stries of atrocities and barbarities com mitted by the armies on buth sides
against the unfortunate inhabitants against the onfortunate inhabitants ；
wherever those armies passed they left a On this November evening the
old woman in a farubouse on
okirts of a Saxon village．He skirts of a Saxan willage．Her son，a
young man of about twenty years had
sol just brought howe the news of a rumor
that had spread in the villaze，that a de tachment of Spanish troops was approach－ ing，and would probably pass through the
village during the night．Terror and anxiety reigned．The yonng man be
songht his mother to take refuge in the montains．But she remonstrated that
ment were in Gud＇s protection they were in Gud＇s protection，and that if
he willed it so they would be saved ；and ee willed it so they would be saved；and
exhorted him to seek consolation in prayer．
She lighted the lamp，and took ber
prayer－book and began to sing her favor－ ite hymn，＂A wall O Lord around ins
build．＂At this the son revolted，telling
and his mother that by her foolish singing， and by the light of her lamp，she would certainly show the way to their house and
uselessly expose themselves．But she persevered．and continued to
wall $O$ Lord，around us build．
The on grew angry and soolded his
mother．＂How can the Lord build a
wall nother．＂How can the Lord build a
wall around us？Stop that nonsense，
mother ；the time for miracles is past．＂ mother ；the time for miracles is past．＂
＂The Lord，can，if he will，＂she quiet．
ly answered，and continued to sing and to pray through the whole long night，
＂A wall O Lord，around us bild．＂
When the morning broke the son took
courage and went to the door：but when
$\qquad$ not give way．A heary snowdrift had
obstructed it and perfectly buried the
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