

CORRESPONDENCE.

HALIFAX, N.S., May 10th, 1880.

MR. EDITOR—With reference to the agitated question of Invitations and the advisability of longer continuing a custom that undoubtedly has its evils as well as advantages—is not the suggestion of recent correspondent "Layman" worthy of consideration viz: a mixed Stationing Committee. It had occurred to me some time since as the best solution of the difficulty and one that would be accepted by the Quarterly Boards as an equivalent on foregoing a recognized inconvenient right.

It is quite evident those Boards are unwilling to leave the appointment under the sole control of the Committee as at present organized, and as to any objection on the part of the Conference to such new departure it would only be in keeping with their late action in reference to the Lay element and in fact recognize formally what is now positively acquiesced in, for at present such an element may be said to exist without the advantage of concerted action as the laymen virtually, and dogmatically at times, claim an appointment outside the Committee, an undoubted evil but one which rises from the non recognition of an indispensable axiom no law or enforced without representation.

Your's truly, E. L.

MONCTON, N. B., May 5, 1880.

MR. EDITOR—Knowing that you are interested in all matters relating to the temporal as well as the spiritual welfare of the people of Moncton, I write to tell you of a social we had here last evening in connection with our church. This was gotten up, as is customary on such occasions, for the purpose of bringing the members of the church and congregation together in order that they might enjoy a season of social converse—a feast of reason and a flow of soul. And although this was the prime object I need not say that the wants of the "inner man" were abundantly provided for.

Tea was served at 6.30, and some 400 persons from fourteen years of age and upwards, sat down to the tables at intervals. Of the fragments that remained—not 12 baskets only were taken up, but a sufficient supply to warrant the committee in undertaking to give a similar entertainment to the children of the Sabbath schools connected with our church—this evening.

You know the liberality of our people, especially in cases of pic nics and tea meetings is proverbial. After the tea the superintendent of the circuit, Rev. Mr. Duncan, in a few words expressed his pleasure in view of the enjoyment which the occasion furnished to so many, and introduced the Hon. James Ryan, who ably filled the chair and carried out the programme submitted by the entertainment committee—

1. Music by the choir.
2. Address by Rev. Mr. Tweedie.
3. Reading by Mr. George Ackman.
4. Solo by Miss Alice Humphrey.
5. Recitation by Miss Hattie Tweedie.
6. Reading by Mrs. Albert Saley.
7. Music by the choir.
8. Address by Mr. G. K. Sangster.
9. Reading by Miss Alice Humphrey.
10. Recitation by Miss Bessie McGowan.
11. Solo by Miss Lydia Henderson.
12. Reading by Mrs. W. B. Knight.

Doxology.

The programme was admirably rendered, and the whole affair was a complete success—as is variably the case with any thing undertaken by the ladies, and an evening pleasantly spent and long to be remembered by many—especially among the young people of our church.

"Sweet eyes looked love to eyes that spake again,
And all went merry as a marriage bell."

We have only to regret Mr. Editor that you were not there by your genial presence to add to the enjoyment of the occasion. During the evening a collection was taken up in aid of the Sabbath school, and a nice sum realized. W. B. K.

NEWCASTLE, N.B., May 12, 1880.

DEAR SIR—The following items of news respecting English Methodism received from a letter which I have just culled from an English minister may interest the readers of the WESLEYAN

PERSONAL—Rev. S. Coley is completely laid aside. He is suffering from paralysis, was recovering, but has had another seizure. Before he came out to our General Conference in Montreal he had been suffering from brain affection, but was much worse after his return home. He is only 55 years of age and ought to be in his prime.

The cause of his trouble is over work and want of physical exercise. It has always been his boast that he could study afternoons, or evenings just as well morning. So he has gone on studying morning, noon and night and the result is seen in his present lamentable condition. Besides early in his ministry he took a good position in the ministry and has worked hard to maintain it. Rev. E. E. Jenkins, M.A. Missionary Secretary, who has done valiant service in India, is confidently expected to be elected President at the Conference to be held in August next in London.

THANKSGIVING FUND—It is expected that the astonishing sum of £300,000 sterling will be raised. Great spiritual good has followed many of the "Thanksgiving meetings." Either the hard times or this Special Fund is seriously interfering with the regular income of the ordinary funds. The Missionary income is £10,000 below last year and the other funds are behind in a proportionate degree.

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.—Several circuits will have to give up one of their preachers at next Conference because of their inability to sustain the

Circuit funds. It is thought that for the next two years no new men will be called into the work. Last year out of over a hundred accepted candidates only two were stationed, all the others were kept on the President's list of Reserve. It is thought that at least twelve or fifteen young men who have already spent three years at the College will have to return for a fourth because of the scarcity of circuits.

CIRCUIT EXTENSION—One circuit—Oxford Place, Leeds—has spent in five years in building and improving Church property the sum of £18,000 sterling yet it intends next Conference to exchange its fifth minister who is unmarried for a married man.

The following has been written by a New Brunswicker in New York city:—

"You can't live here decently on a salary much less than \$15 a week, and that is a bare sufficiency. There are a number of St. John boys here working for all kinds of salaries, from \$5 to \$12, and I don't believe, with a few exceptions, any of them get more than \$10 a week, and a large majority less. How they live I don't know, as ordinary board is \$5 per week. Before August next, I predict that you will see two-thirds of the St. John people who are here back again, and the other third will be prevented from lack of means, which they can't get, and will have to stay. The mania for leaving St. John comes from letters in which untruths as to pay have been written home, and others have followed, but do not care to let the truth be known."

IMPORTANCE AND NECESSITY OF WORSHIP AND PRAYER.

The Rev. John Hall, at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, preached last Sunday from Psalms cxviii: 19— "Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go into them and I will praise the Lord." The reverend preacher first explained the meaning of the entire Psalm. This, said he, is not the language of a soldier thundering at the gates of a fortress; it is the poetical expression of joy at being able to enter the gates of righteousness. This should be brought home to every one here in church. God has ordained the Sabbath, while the mode of observing the day has been, perhaps, somewhat modified. The great obligation of using it for the worship of God still remains as strong as ever. The spirit of God has ordained the ministry; it is not a human institution, but a divine appointment. People attend the sanctuary in vain, however, if they do not first realize the fact that Christ is the way to the Father; but if they realize that, then they indeed have the basis for true worship, and all their feelings are truly sanctified. You do not allow bad weather to deter you habitually from attending your office, so do not let it deter you from habitually attending this place of worship, continued the preacher. Let all say of the altar—"Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord."

The same may be said in sitting at the feet of the throne of the Most High. When we have spiritual intelligence, he expects us to come to him and express our wants. A religion without prayer seems to us inconceivable. If God made me in his likeness, I cannot feel my kinship to him without coming to him, telling him of my wants. Brethren, pray for yourselves, your children, your pastor; pray in your families, pray in this house of the Lord; put your whole heart and strength into it. Fathers and mothers, if it has ever happened to you that your children have grown up strong, but at the same time have become independent of you, so that your heart has been hungry and yearning for the sense of oneness with them, remember that God is your Father, who is yearning for this sense of oneness with you. The observance of the feast of the sacrament implies an acceptance of the Redeemer. Do not be afraid, in attending communion, of recalling your own failings and shortcomings, and comparing them with the divine perfection of the Lord. Let your affections be busy.

Relaxation of the body is an excellent thing, but often this relaxation of the body is also accompanied with the relaxation of principal, of will, of purpose, against which I cannot sufficiently warn you. Do not enter upon another season of Christian activity with a relaxed purpose and a relaxed will. Last spring one of our fellow-members declared his intention of attending June communion, but before that time came he was laid in his grave. It is inexpressibly sweet and consoling to us all to know that this noble purpose was in his mind before he died.

Let every one use his whole influence and power for Christ's sake. He says, "My son, go work." It is not, "Go and criticize others, go and talk," but "go work." It is a good thing to be imbued with the spirit of thorough Christian work.

Every human life has a distinct and original history known only to God. How deep are the valleys of humiliation into which we have to descend! How steep and rugged are the mountains which his children have not to climb alone, the heart alone knowing its own bitterness. But in all our distress and sorrow let us come to him, and he will comfort, aid; sustain and save us for Christ's sake. Amen.

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Messrs. Scott & Bowne—Gentlemen—In September 1877, my health began to fail and my physician pronounced spinal trouble; under his care I got some relief from pain, but my general health did not improve, and early in the winter, I began to raise blood and rapidly grow worse. In May last I was taken with a violent bleeding, which brought me to my bed and my life was despaired of for many weeks; violent symptoms appeared, night and morning coughs, night sweats, short breath, and a return of the spinal trouble. My physician stopped the bleeding and then ordered Cod Liver Oil and Lime: and I used various preparations, but they did me no good. I lost all hope of life, and was an object of pity to all my friends. Last September I purchased a bottle of your Emulsion, before it was all taken I was better. I then bought a dozen bottles and have taken all with the following results: Cough subsiding, night sweats stopped, appetite returned, pains in spine disappearing, strength returning, and my weight increased from 118 to 140 pounds in sixteen weeks. I have taken no other medicine since commencing with your EMULSION and shall continue its use until I am perfectly well. I frequently meet some friend on the street who asks, what cured you and I answer SCOTT'S EMULSION OF COD LIVER OIL, &c. I have a friend who has not spoken aloud for 15 months and he is getting better. I gave him a bottle, and he bought two more, then got a dozen and says that it is food and medicine for him. He was given up to die a year ago; but he is improving now wonderfully. My recovery is exciting the surprise of many people, and I shall do all I can to make known your valuable medicine. Very truly yours, H. F. SLOUM, Lowell, Mass.

About the 25th of last April I got a bottle of your EMULSION, and at that time I was so prostrated that no one who saw me thought I could live but a few days at most. I could retain nothing on my stomach and was literary starving. I commenced the use of the EMULSION in small doses; it was the first thing that would stay on my stomach; I continued its use, gradually increasing the dose; and from that hour I commenced mending, and now am able to ride and walk and am gaining flesh and strength rapidly. I have advised other parties to try it, and some two or three have already tried it. I am sure I shall entirely recover. I am yours, R. W. HAMILTON, M.D.

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