

WELL. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Ever your devoted brother and sister in Jesus, WALTER C. & FLORENCE PALMER. New York, May 10, 1859.

Obituary Notices.

Died, at Tryon, the 27th ult., after a few days sickness, Mr. JOHN WAGNER, aged about 35 years. Mr. Wagner was a hard-working, sober, honest and peaceful member of civil society—much loved by his family, and respected by all that knew him.

Some few years ago, our departed Brother embraced religion, and for some time held on his way rejoicing in the God of his salvation. But at length, like too many others, through unweariness and inattention to the means of grace, he allowed the holy fire to go out, and his lamp to burn down. Hence, when sickness and death approached, he found himself in a fearful state. His sins and guilt then pressed heavily upon him; and as eternity unveiled her terrors, and realities to his astonished view, he trembled, and prayed earnestly to God for mercy, and sent for the people of God to come and pray with him. The last night that he spent on earth was awfully solemn. Death was rapidly approaching, and he had not yet obtained a sense of his sin forgiven. Though so sick, he lost all thought of his body in deep concern for his never dying soul. Two of our pious brethren spent the night with him in prayer; and so anxious was the dying man, that he would not let them cease praying until he knew that God had, for Christ sake, pardoned all his sins, and made him happy in his sweet forgiving love. At length deliverance came, the Saviour appeared about the 4th watch of the night—the winds were hushed—the sea grew calm—he spoke words of peace to the dying man. About twelve hours after this blessed event our brother died, blessing and praising God.

On the same day, at Searletown, Mr. JAMES BURNS died happy in the Lord, aged about 30 years. Brother Burns had been sick for some days before he died. When he became sensible that death was near at hand, and yet he was without God and without hope in the future, he began earnestly to seek the Lord, and sent for the "Elders of the Church" to pray with him; and while in prayer with him on Friday the 20th, the Lord more fully opened his eyes and he cried aloud for mercy; and on Sunday night, while our friends were praying with him, God honoured the faith and piety of his servants, and to the sake of his beloved Son, Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit, lifted the abject sinner up, and set him among the princes of his people. On Friday, 27th ult., he died, glorifying the boundless grace of the Gospel.

On Sunday, the 12th instant, Mrs. ISRAEL HEWAT, daughter of Mr. James Leard, of Tryon, after a lingering illness which she bore with singular patience and resignation to God, departed this life in the 24th year of her age. Sister Hewat had been much distressed at times three months ago, while a good brother was talking and praying with her, our dear sister was enabled, by faith in Jesus, to "lay hold on the hope set before her in the Gospel." And some two or three weeks before her death, the Lord blessed her with a far richer baptism of the Holy Ghost, so that she became wonderfully happy and fully triumphed over death and the grave, and continued to do so till her sanctified spirit passed from earth to join the Church of the first-born in heaven.

I am happy and thankful to say that the blessed work of God is still prospering in different parts of the Circuit. Our people are much alive to God, and the salvation of souls. They work well with their minister in striving to bring souls to God, and in building up his Church. About 110 souls have professed to receive God in our meetings, and have joined our classes.

To God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be all the honour and praise. Yours, &c., J. M. BARRATT.

Died, at Barrington, on the 23rd April, in the 35th year of her age, ANNA, second daughter of John Sargent, Esq., and the beloved wife of Captain James Coffin. Sister Coffin was received into the Wesleyan Church by the Rev. W. E. Stonehouse, at that time laboring on the Circuit,—of which communion she continued a zealous and faithful member till called by her Saviour to join the church of the first-born in heaven.

For several years before her marriage, which took place in 1835, she acted in the capacity of Class Leader, Sunday School Teacher, and even in default of male attendance, the duties of Superintendent of the School at the West. She devoted much time to the study of the Bible, and was a most diligent and self-sacrificing worker. Her husband was destined to set while it was yet young. And the now sorrowing relatives had hardly commenced to realize the fact that the Master was calling for her when the fetters of her spirit were snapt by death, and her purified spirit set free.

Free to visit the weary toils of being. Liberate from the air of this vile age. And look it in the sunshine of eternal love. This solemn event we endeavored to improve the Sabbath after the funeral, in the hearing of a very large congregation, from the words, "O death where is thy sting? When we trust, the words of many a heart were embodied in the prayers of the psalmist—"So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." ROBERT DUNCAN.

Provincial Wesleyan

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 1859.

In consequence of the official relation which the paper sustains to the Conference of Eastern British America, it is necessary to inform our readers that the subscription to the Provincial Wesleyan, which has been continued by the Conference, shall pass through the hands of the Proprietors. Communications designed for this paper must be accompanied by the name of the contributor. We do not undertake to return rejected articles. We do not assume responsibility for the opinions of our correspondents.

Wesleyan Home Missions.

It has been well said that the Home Missionary work was the primitive work of Methodism. Although the motto of Wesley was "The world is my parish," his own labours and those of his chief coadjutors were principally expended upon that portion of it comprised within the boundaries of Britain and British Methodism would assuredly fail of its duty if, in its eagerness to carry the glad tidings of salvation to the heathen abroad, it neglected to prosecute the same good work among those who are involved in the darkness of heathenism at home. But British Methodism is not recreant to either

duty. We have lately been able to record the evidences of its activity, and success in the field of foreign missions, and now we have the satisfaction of presenting to our readers some extracts which will show the fidelity and energy with which the work of evangelizing the masses in England is being pursued. At a Public Meeting held on the 23rd May in Centenary Hall a statement of the position and prospects of the Home Missionary movement was made by the Reverend Charles Prest from which we extract some most interesting details. We also give the valuable speech of the Rev. Dr. Rule, valuable as showing the spirit with which the Methodists of Britain are determined to withstand the religious encroachments of Popery, and to take up the position of determined antagonism to its political influence; and as exhibiting within a brief compass facts of the most cheering character in relation to the importance and success of the recently established mission to the Camp at Aldershot. To these extracts we add one from the speech of Mr. Punshon.

Mr. Prest in the course of his verbal report said:— The work going on at Bradford was an astonishing one, in two or three points. A young man there had been held by the Ministers and friends in the neighbourhood, and as one result, he (Mr. Prest) held in his hand a plan of twelve regular cottage services, independent of the regular work, held by that young man in that place every week. A letter recently received stated the Centenary Society at Bradford was rising and flourishing; that on Sunday last, the annual school sermons were preached; and £60 19s. raised—(the usual sum being about £18)—this was the result of the Home Missionary movement; for, a short time ago, Mr. Wamley took a house to commence a Sunday-school, and there had been an increase of 110 scholars on the year, and 24 teachers, and an increase in the Society; and they were talking of starting for a new chapel, the present one being too small for the ordinary congregation; and the Foreign Mission contributions by the young people there would be increased from £20 to £50 this year—showing, as indeed was the case everywhere, that there need be no fear of the Home Missionary movement injuring the Foreign. Indeed, it had already benefited it. At Torpoint, in Cornwall, in the chapel, which had been nearly deserted, well attended; and the minister had established a night school for the lads of the town. At Atherfield, near Sheffield, more than two-thirds of the population neglected work, and the Missionary found a group of twenty houses whose inhabitants, with few exceptions, never attended the ministry. From January 2, to April 7, he had made 620 visits; the congregations had greatly increased; the collections, especially for the Foreign Missions, had been increased; the scholars multiplied; a night school established; and some had been brought under religious influences, and joined the Society. In Spitalfields, the Missionary had been visiting some of the lowest parts conceivable, and had been the means of pouring consolation into the bosom of a poor girl who had been a Sunday school teacher in Derbyshire, but, worn out by poverty and sickness, had retired to one of those equal places, to die. At Manchester, the Missionary had succeeded in putting down some organized gangs of gamblers, partly by persuasion, and when that failed, by the right and justifiable use of the police; he had visited some of the worst classes of the inhabitants, in many cases returned convicts, and who figured in Sunday broils and upstarts, but who were at length brought to a better state of mind, when that failed, by the right and justifiable use of the police; he had visited some of the worst classes of the inhabitants, in many cases returned convicts, and who figured in Sunday broils and upstarts, but who were at length brought to a better state of mind, when that failed, by the right and justifiable use of the police.

country; and in places where its ministrations had not been established, nor for want of sufficient means prosecuted, there were scattered and backslidden Methodists, some of whom needed, and others thirsted for, the means of grace proposed to be established by the Home Missionary movement. At the last census there were worshippers at the same Sunday in England and Wales about two and a half millions of persons under the common name of Methodists. That number had not since diminished; and if that were the aggregate number, the majority being in connection with their own Conference, it must follow that there could not be found a town, village, hamlet, or cross of iron which did not contain a considerable number of persons who had been familiar with the ministrations of the gospel by Methodists. In the large cities, too, there were similar classes, who only needed to be reminded of the teachings of their childhood, or of the associations of their early days, or of the love of God once burning in their souls, to be recalled to the Saviour and gathered into his fold. There was not a region in the world, which came within the scope of which did not contain a considerable number of such persons. Whether English, Irish, Welsh, Scotch, or Canadian, every regiment in the South Camp had men who had been accustomed to the Methodist ministry, or whose parents had been severe Wesleyans. The last instance of the kind he (Dr. R.) had met with was the Antrim Militia. He was told that it did not contain a single Methodist; but he requested that the hours of Methodist worship should be inserted in the regimental orders, and no sooner was the order issued than twenty to thirty men claimed the Methodist ministry. There was in the rank and file a strong sympathy with the Methodists. The Canadian, or 100th regt., was told that there was only three religions recognized in the army, no sooner was the order issued than twenty to thirty men claimed the Methodist ministry. There was in the rank and file a strong sympathy with the Methodists. The Canadian, or 100th regt., was told that there was only three religions recognized in the army, no sooner was the order issued than twenty to thirty men claimed the Methodist ministry.

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together, they lived in such a dash and vigor, and their lives were so full of spiritual endowments, that they should not be surprised to learn that it is spoken of only in terms of admiration. To-day, the meeting of the Board of Trustees for Sackville Academy takes place. The Book Committee is expected to meet tomorrow, and then on Wednesday the business of the Conference commences. We anticipate a good time, of which, more anon, from your faithfulness.

Mr. Editor.—At the instance of our esteemed Book Steward, I have again assumed the capacity of special correspondent to your valuable journal during the session of Conference in this city, and although conscientiously inclined to discharge adequately the duties involved in that capacity, yet I am sensible that any information respecting the regular working and prosperity of our Wesleyan organization in these Provinces will be interesting to your numerous subscribers. I shall cheerfully endeavour to furnish a synopsis of the proceedings of the successive sessions of the Conference.

In consequence of the distance and comparative inaccessibility of this Island, fewer Brethren than usual were deputed by the various Districts to attend the Conference this year, and many of these were subjected to much disappointment and inconvenience in reaching their destination, created by the inclemency of the weather and the irregularity of the steamer during the past week. However, by Sabbath upwards of fifty ministers had arrived safely, and joyfully participated in the delightful religious services held in town and country on that day.

In the morning at 6 o'clock the Rev. R. A. Temple preached with much acceptance and profit, the themes of his discourse were the sacrifice and example of Christ. The forenoon service was conducted by the Chairman of the Newfoundland District, Rev. H. Howard, who delivered a very masterly and useful sermon on the Christian Ministry based upon the text "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord we persuade men."

In the afternoon the Rev. J. Allison, B.A., preached a sermon especially to the Sabbath school, which was replete with truths of deep interest and importance, arrayed in language and enforced by illustrations which not only rendered them impressive and intelligible to the juvenile portion of the auditory, but also commended them to the admiration and sympathies of those of maturer years. At the termination of the service it was unanimously concluded that the address in point of beauty, pathos and appropriateness may be equalled but scarcely exceeded.

In the evening the pulpit was occupied by the venerable and universally beloved Colleague, Rev. R. Knight, D.D., who gave a very earnest and practical exposition of the parable of the "Prodigal Son"—during the progress of the sermon, the preacher appeared mastered by his emotions, (as were many in the audience) when he adverted to the changes which had occurred, the vast numbers which Methodism had gained in this city since it was the scene of his early ministerial toil.

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under the conviction that "the best of all is, God is with us." The brethren Churchill, Allison and Albrighton were appointed to prepare an address to be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of P. E. Island, G. Dundas, Esq. The details of the afternoon session, and the report of the very excellent missionary meeting held this evening, I must reserve for my next communication. Yours, &c., T. M. A.

Mr. Editor.—Will you allow me to inform the friends and patrons of our Institution at Sackville, through the Provincial Wesleyan, that the summer term will commence July 28th—when we hope to see a large attendance of pupils. We would refer to the easy and comfortable modes of conveyance from Halifax and the surrounding country, either by rail to Truro, and thence by very comfortable coaches and exceedingly courteous and careful coachmen to Sackville, or by Windsor, and thence by thence to Parraboro by the Emperor, where good stages will await the arrival of the boat. The most careful arrangements will be made for the safe and comfortable conveyance of the young ladies, as far as such arrangements can be controlled by us. J. ALLESTON. June 23rd, 1859.

General Intelligence. Colonial. DOMESTIC. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, HALIFAX, 9th June, 1859.—His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to make the following appointments:—To be a Surveyor of shipping at the Port of Sydney, C. B.,—William Joseph Hill, in the place of John Bourne, resigned. June 20.—To be one of the Commissioners for signing Treasury Notes—Thomas Kenny, in the place of the Hon. Edward Kenny, resigned.—To be the Commissioner for the construction of the St. Peter's Canal—Isaac Le Viscount, Joseph Martel, and Robt. Kavanagh, in the place of the former Commissioners, resigned.—To be the Commissioner for the relief of Insolvent Debtors in the County of Cumberland—Donald McKay, (of Wallace).—To be members of the Board of Commissioners of Schools for the District of Cumberland—Rev. James Christie, in place of Rev. James Duff, removed from the County; Rev. Peter Danaher, in place of Dr. Pape, removed from the County; Rev. James E. Balfour, in place of Rev. B. Demill, removed from the County.

New Brunswick. Several vessels have been wrecked, we regret to say, during the thick fog which lately prevailed at the mouth of the Bay of Fundy, and a number of lives have been lost. The ship Dolphin, bound to the port of Philadelphia, was ashore on Cross Island, and the Captain, his wife and daughter, and thirteen of the crew, were drowned. The ship Nellie Southward, Reed, hence for Penarth Roads, for the Murr Ledges, and became a total wreck; and crew saved by a fisherman, and taken into Portland, Me. Rev. Evergreen, from Barrington, in place of Dr. Pape, removed from the County, N. S., has been got up again, and will probably be saved. Brig Advance, from Boston for Yarmouth, was wrecked on the point of the Murr Ledges, and the crew saved. Church Witness.

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The traffic on the Railway between this City and Hampton, is said to be very great—much greater, indeed, than was anticipated. We are glad to hear this, and we are also glad to hear that the road will be open as far as Sussex Vale (45 miles) on the 1st November next.—Church Witness.

Canada. THE WEATHER AND THE CROPS.—We continue to receive accounts of the effect of the late frost in the local papers, both from Upper Canada and the United States. In Upper Canada a considerable quantity of wheat, in an advanced state, has been much injured, and so in the Northern States. Indian crops are also in many places much injured, and it is reasonably anticipated the pleasure of ever again uniting with brethren beloved in the Gospel, or occupying the position in which I am this day found. I have learned during that period of affliction to set a higher value upon the cultivation of feelings of confidence and respect for the brethren who are engaged in the same glorious work. I believe that our great means employed by his arch fiend for the accomplishment of his designs consists in the dissemination of feelings adapted to destroy confidence between brethren—and it is in the dissemination of these feelings that I may utter a sentiment opposed to the purest principles of brotherly kindness, it will be in deviation from the determination to which I have now come.

I would gratefully record my gratitude to the Superintendent of the Windsor Circuit, for his unremitting attention to me during my painful illness. I feel also indebted to my beloved colleague and relative, the Co-Delegate, for his sympathetic and frequent correspondence; and also to the venerated Chairman of the Halifax District for his ever ready prayers and intercessions, by which much of my mental depression was relieved.

The returns of members from the various Districts were presented, and it was deemed a cause of devout gratitude to God that he has so vouchsafed his blessing to the labours of his servants as that every District exhibits a most gratifying numerical increase. Amid some examination of the subject authorized statistics is eminently calculated to induce both pastors and people to thank God and take courage.

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Mr. Editor.—Will you allow me to inform the friends and patrons of our Institution at Sackville, through the Provincial Wesleyan, that the summer term will commence July 28th—when we hope to see a large attendance of pupils. We would refer to the easy and comfortable modes of conveyance from Halifax and the surrounding country, either by rail to Truro, and thence by very comfortable coaches and exceedingly courteous and careful coachmen to Sackville, or by Windsor, and thence by thence to Parraboro by the Emperor, where good stages will await the arrival of the boat. The most careful arrangements will be made for the safe and comfortable conveyance of the young ladies, as far as such arrangements can be controlled by us. J. ALLESTON. June 23rd, 1859.

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