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ONE PHASE OF THE GREAT CONFLICT.

Christian countries have their periodical seasons of discussion upon the question of popular amusements. Not only this, but most of the churches have spasms of agitation. caused by occasional inroads made by certain forms of questionable games and plays upon the peace of communities otherwise quiet and consistent. It is readily seen that an excessive love of amusement among Christian professors is the direct re sult of a decline in spiritual strength and faithfulness; hence, when a church finds it necessary to challenge the conduct of its members as regards worldly enjoyments, it may as well confess that religion among them has reached a low ebb. Souls closely akin to Christ Jesus, breathing much of His Spirit, living in His companionship, athirst for His favour, have little inclination to waste time in foolish or unprofitable society or pursuits. Humiliating though it may be, we are brought to the conclusion that much of the argument now forcing its way into our papers and pulpits upon the subjects of dancing and theatre-going, really weighs against Christians themselves. If they habitually incline in these directions, their love of religion must have suffered to a serious extent. And, perhaps, the surest antidote to the poison complained of would be less of contention with the advocates of those amusements and more of direct work for the promotion of such Christian piety as will not stoop to frivolity and

Lower the break water and the waves at once rush in. It is one part of the churches work to keep up the restraints of sin in the hearts of its members. Love to God and filial awe are the surest safeguards against improper conduct. Therefore, let us strive, as temptations increase, to render the people stronger for resistance by leading them directly to the Saviour. Satan, who gains some advantage from controversy, flees before the sword of the Spirit.

NO CHILDREN WANTED.

This heading is not original. A Montreal paper uses it as the text for some wholesome advice. Proprietors of dwellings are expressing west, as with ourselves, a preference for tenants without children. The consequence is that a new motive is given for the strengthening of a very foolish and sinful prejudice. It is quite enough to have children regarded as a hinderance to parental comfort and social intercourse, without having this new argument against offspring. Growing up in our midst there are hundreds of children who owe their existence to crime, and cannot be expected to profit the community in the same proportion as if they had honest, pure antecedents. Let them have all that genuine

harity can afford—shelter, education restraint. But side by side with this benevolence, will we allow a prejudice to gain strength year b year which must inevitably end in giving our country to the children of the weak and the fallen? While the homes of refinement have but few children, and in the lower abodes of society the superabundant offspring crowd out into the streets, to become beggars, or enter dens of iniquity to live in lawlessness, what may be expected? A medical gentleman of considerable experience and undoubted moral integrity, we heard some time ago express himself in severe terms against many men and women of these times. His conviction was that the prejudice-to call it by no harsher name—to which we have alluded, is so intimately inter-

wise, have but a faint idea of how far since coming into office, it has been to they disqualify themselves for an honest profession of the principles of our holy Christianity. Our pulpits and press have neglected the discussion of take our promise anew that the same this subject too long. Modesty may be cherished sometimes to the serious injury of a nation.

AN AFFECTING LETTER.

It seems scarcely credible that an appeal like the following can have any substantial foundation in this land of abundance. Yet the writer gives every evidence of possessing a degree of refinement which entitles him to the utmost respect. We suggest that the Methodist minister nearest the settlement from which this letter comes, visit the place or enquire directly into the circumstances. Should the facts be as represented, there is surely enough benevolence in our provinces to bring to the distressed some amelioration of their sad condition. We will cheerfully become the medium for forwarding assistance so soon as the facts become

BALMORAL, N. B., MARCH 1877. DEAR SIR,-Will you allow me a short space in your well conducted paper to say a word or two to your numerous readers. Three years ago May next, I, in connection with many more, being persuaded by emigration agents, was induced to leave England for Balmoral near Dalhousie, Restigouche, New Brunswick. That spring being wet we could not get "a burn," and therefore schools, and on other occasions." It congot no crop that year. The following tains 216 hymns. Hymn 13 is "God summer we did our best, but could not raise enough to support us during the ensuing winter; however through the work found, and the provision granted by the Government, and the assistance received from kind friends at Dalhousie and Campellton, we struggled through the second year. During the little time we had last year. (I say little time, for the frosts continued till June and commenced again the latter end of August,) we toiled hard, but being left by the Government, we could not raise enough to sustain us through the winter. I am speaking in respect to ourselves as a family, although our fellowcolonists (with a few exceptions) are in a similar position. Having been in the ministry 25 years before leaving the old country, on our arrival here, I commenced preaching to the people, and have continued doing so until now, and on this account, together with burying their dead, baptizing their little ones, and constantly ngling with them, I have go knowledge of their temporal as well as their spiritual state; however I wish, Mr. Editor, particularly to lay my own case before your readers.

I have an almost broken-hearted wife. and eight almost clothesless, shoeless and half-starved children, for we have not had more than 10 or 15 of lbs. of meat the house since midsummer last, but little tea, no sugar, and not more than half enough bread; potatoes have consti-tuted the principal of our food, and here we are, shut up in this forest, with the little seed only we had preserved for the coming spring, to live upon, for three weeks or a month longer Great God; what a state we are brought to! Well to do Christian friends, it being well with you, will you think of us? A few of your left off clothes, prepaid to Campellton station, would be thankfully received by · Humble servant,

GEORGE BLACKWELL, Balmoral, Dalhousie. Restigouche, N. B.

P. S. We are asking the Government of Kansas to lift us up out of this bleak

and dreary region.

A LETTER which appeared in the WESLEYAN of 3rd inst. from St. John, we are sorry to find, has been quoted by a paper of that city against the present Government of New Brunswick. We would be slow to think there was any intention to use this paper as a political medium; at all events we must repeat what previously we have expressed most emphatically :- That we disclaim any political mission or intention in the management of the WESLEYAN. We have personal triends on both sides of politics in all these Provinces, and the paper is received alike into the homes of persons holding every variety of political opinion. It would at once interrupt between us the confidence necessary to secure for our paper a cordial welcome, if the irritation of subjects beyond our sphere were allowed to come in to our pages. There are abundance of political newspapers in the land; and they can do their work much better than we can. When a question of moral character is on the surface, we always deem it a part of our duty to speak out, whether the accused be politician or what else; but as to policies, pure and simple, we invariably leave them to men who have made them a study, and journals designed for their elucidation. If there

erations, that many who think they are trolled the editor more than any other avoid politics. We have always found quite enough to do in " minding our own business;" and our readers may solicitude shall still guide us.

FROM THE SOUTH.

We took the liberty of asking by a private note, as to the time and place of meeting for the next General Conference of the Southern Methodist E. Church. At the same time we forwarded a copy of our little Hymnal to Dr. Summers Editor of the Nashville Advocate. Here is the reply—genial as Southern sunshine and carrying information from which some of our brethren may gather a profitable hint. Will some good executive mind enter on the plan of conveying a party from our Province to Atlanta next year? He might find a sufficient number to make a very delightful excusion. Dr. Doug las and Judge Wilmot are our delegates to that body. Under the ample folds of the reputation of two such menapart from the hospitable invitation of Dr. Summers—ascoreat least might find admission into the Atlanta General Conference. Come, let us-God sparing our health-become birds of passage to Georgia in May 1878. Here is Dr. Summer's note:-

WE have received, from the Conference Office, Halifax, N. S., a copy of a "Hymnal, save our gracious Queen "-showing the true loyalty to the throne of our British American friends. The great body of the hymns are taken from our standard books; and we must say that we feel complimented by the fact that many of them are taken from the Southern Methodist Hymn Book, bearing the titles which we prefixed to them. There are some of the best of the popular songs which are sounding over the world—which we have in our Songs of Zion and Sunday-School Tune-books. It is a good book, and we hope our British American brethren will use it to the exclusion of Hymnals of questionable doctrine and doggerel poetry which are flooding the land. There are no stancher Methodists in the world than those of the Canada Connection. We have them in very high regard. The WESLEYAN, edited by Bro. Nicolson, at Halifax, and the Christian Guardian," edited by Bro. Dewart, at Toronto, are capital papersis excellent—as are other of their publications. Canada Methodism is a living, growing branch of the great Wesleyan tree. We hope to see its representatives at our General Conference in Atlanta. Ga., May, 1878. We have received a private note from the Rev. A. W. Nicolson, editor of the Weslevan, dated Halifax, N. S.. Feb. 14-from which we beg permission to copy a paragraph—assuring our esteemed correspondent that Southern hearts and hands and houses will entertain all the "visitors" that may accompany the "delegates" to our General

REV, J. EMORY HAYNES.

Our Baptist brethren are in high feather. The "Messenger," for instance gives two or three columns this week to the edifying spectacle of Methodist minister in Brooklyn, N. Y., renouncing his old faith and friends and turning towards close communion baptism. It may be assumed there are those who know Bro. Havnes better than the men with whom he has been coquetting for a year or two. Young lovers are apt to see rose-color in each other's habits. But here is the judgment of one of Mr. Haynes near and intimate neighbors, writing from New York to the "Central Advocate." This writer sheds no tears.

You will have heard perhaps of the defection of the Rev. Emory J. Haynes, who, stationed at the Seventh Avenue M. E. Church in Brooklyn, has decided to leave us and join the Baptist denomination. It is his undoubted right; but we may find room for comment. When younger we heard a wise man say among simple folks, something about ":hickens hatched out of a big egg," which applies aptly to this case. Indeed we may go further, and quote a sermon preach local preacher from the text, Mal. 4:2, "And grow up as calves of the stall." Now," said the speaker, "Some Christians think they are like bumble bees, and wasps, full-sized when they are first hatch.d. but they must grow like calves in the stall." We fear Bro. Haynes has taken the text a little too much to heart, and sought the water courses to enhance a growth that is not possible, It may be that Darwin's theory of evolution is at work in his case; but he should recollect that to make the least change in a horse, according to that doctrine, takes ten thousand years at the least; and to make close-communion Baptist out of a live Methodist preacher certainly ought to take three times that. Meanwhile we commend to our departing brother, and all such as are inclined to go with him, the very touching story of Esau, who sold his woven with religious and moral consid- be one cautious thought which has con- birthright for a mess of pottage.

METHODIST MATTERS

NOVA SCOTIA.

Mrs. Temple. lady of the popular President of the N. Scotia Conference, was presented recently with a purse of \$116 b-sides other articles of value. A donation visit in the Amherst vestry was the occasion of the gift.

Rev. J. Strothard received a donation of \$128 last Tuesday-week. This was a very thoughtful act on the part of his good people. Rev. E. B. Moore holds the superintendency of Avondale till the ensuing Conference, receiving help from several Ministers in the District.

Rev. J. B. Giles reports having received last Sabbath to membership at Acadia Mines, Londonderry, 13 persons, 5 by baptism; followed by a solemn sacramental season. He has a good work at Folleigh Mountain, "nearly every person in the settlement seeking Jesus." Mr. Giles recived lately a purse of \$80.

At Liverpool, Mr. and Mrs. Shenton are giving much satisfaction by their social as well as other good qualities. A concert there last week, in which both took active part by readings and otherwise, was very entertaining. A correspondent says of it :- The programme opened with ausic, Miss Hemeon presiding at the organ in her usual efficient manner. Rev. J. Shenton gave an original reading entitled "Extracts from the Autibiography of Liverpool." Then came Dialogues, Recitations, and Readings, interspersed with Music. We would like to particularize and give names here of many who excelled in the different parts, but space forbids. However, we would make honourable mention of Wm. Marshall, a former student of Sackville, whose intonation and Elocution were of a high order in the parts he performed, both in recitation and dialogue. One of the most pleasant features of the evening was a recitation by Mrs. Shenton, an original poem, entitled "A Dream." The audience concluded they would always like her to dream before a concert. The programme closed by another original reading from Rev. J. Shenton, "That girl what shall we do with her."

NEW BRUNSWICK & P. E. ISLAND.

CHURCH PROPERTY.-The premises owned by the Methodist Church on Main Street in this town, including the church and parsonage, were sold at auction on the 1st inst., and realized the handsome sum of \$4,705. Messrs Andrew Ruddick and Thompson and Edwin Taylor were the purchasers. This property could probably have been bought six months ago for about \$3000. The difference between these amounts is a tolerably fair indication of the growing value of real estate in the business centre of the Town. The sale was made by Geo. C. Peters auctioneer. The Trustees of the Metho. dist Church have purchased, within the past week, a lot of land adjoining their property on Church St., from James Robertson, Esq., and also another lot from Wm. J. Robinson, Esq., adjoining the lot purchased from James Robinson, Esq., and on the corner of Robinson and Queen streets, These purchases secure for the new Methodist church and parsonage, a block 100 feet wide by 370 feet long, and bounded on the east by Church street, on the north by Queen street, and on the west by Robinson street. The situation s a very fine one.—Moncton Times.

Tenders have been received, and one accepted for the building of a church at Moosepath, three miles from St. John city. The preparatory work has been energetically pushed forward by the pastor of Exmouth St. Church, under whose charge this preaching station is. It is expected to be ready for opening in June.

As an instance of the work being done by our ministers for the cultivation of a pure and elevated literary taste among their people, we see it announced that Rev. T. L. Williams gave an evening of Readings' in Hardwicke, which the Union Advocate" describes as a "far off parish in the Mirimachi District. To persons in remote settlements a treat of this sort might be furnished betimes to excellent advantage.

PERSONALS.—Rev. C. H. Paisley, A. M., has been unanimously invited to continue his pastorate at Woodstock. Rev. D. Chapman has been unanimously invited to take charge of Sackville. Rev. J. S. Allen has been lecturing in P. E. Island on "Mahomet." Rev. J. Prince is again out and beginning his loved duties. Mr. John Gardner, long a faithful Supt. of Centenary Sunday School, has been waited upon with a testimonial and address. Revs. J. J. Colter, of Florenceville, and T. Stebbings, of Hartland have been generously treated in donations by their

Portland, Exmouth St. and Carmarthen street, St. John, are engaged in special ervice s, and in each church there is en. not understand.

couraging evidence that still " the converting power" attends the preaching

A friend writes from Charlottetown We have been receiving rich blessings here in Charlottetown this winter, and I rejoice to say our Sabbath School has shared largely: very many Bible class scholars have consecrated themselves to the Saviour, and all have been encouraged to still greater effort in the Master's Ser. vice. The attendance in our school has wonderfully increased, three Sabbaths ago there were present 525.

WOODSTOOK, N. B .- Our special services have, after about five weeks duration, been brought to a close with very satisfactory results. Week after week the basement of the church was thronged with deeply affected congregations, numbering usually from 250 to 300 persons, upon whom the Holy Spirit rested with power. The result has been that the Church has been quickened and revived. Backsliders have been reclaimed and sinners convert. ed. Our classes which have been well attended during the year, are full to overflowing, and the experience of the members is most encouraging. I am much indebted to Bro. Dobson, and Rev. T. Marshall for efficient aid during the progress of the services.

C. H. PAISLEY.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Bliss's "last Hymn" as published by us some weeks ago, was merely the last hymn he set to music. We imagined this would have been understood. Whether he was the author of the verse, or who was the author, we have no means of knowing. But it was very remarkable that his musical genius should have been engaged upon a verse of that particular nature-beginning "I know not what will befall me, "&c, just as he was about to pass into the fearful railway catastrophe.

The fire in St. John, reported in an article elsewhere, taken from a city paper, was a most sad affair. Rarely now-a-days do fires attain to great proportions where facilities for extinguishing them are in existence; but more rarely do the papers report such calamities in connection with these serious occurrences. With all haman precaution, how uncertain after all

If any one would ascertain the value of the Berean system of Sunday School less. ons let him go int some family whose members have been studying them during the past few weeks. The eager interest which even very young children take in the narrative of Elijah's marvellous life is sufficient evidence that an agency of immense power for good has entered our religious and social economy.

to a degree which obliges us to set uside editorial matter prepared for this issue. Our readers will find a great variety of letters this week. A few contributions are held over till next issue.

Rome—in the person of Rev. Henry J Pigrott-is extending an invitation to English Methodists to go over and witness the opening of a new Methodist Church in the seven-hilled city. And this without saying to His Holiness the Pope—" By your leave, Sir." We wish we could go. Dr. Punshon has gone to visit stations in France and Italy.

Wendell Philips is announced to lecture in St. John this week and next. This will be a rare opportunity for hearing a great orator—a man who has done not a little toward moulding public opinion in the United States.

The Canadian (like the British) House of Commons, is gaining a reputation for great debates," "stormy nights," grand field-days, &c." This will make Ottawa a centre of attraction in March; but how much better if the session were held at a season when travelling would be more pleasurable.

The new Hymnal has been introduced into several social meetings in central circuits. The first edition will soon we hope, be run off, when improvements will be in order. Any necessary changes can be made without interfering with the use of the first edition.

Montreal anti-vaccination prejudices are bearing fruit. Fifteen deaths from small-pox occured in that city last week. Twelve of these were Roman Catholics three Protestants. Perhaps this is about the relative proportions of the population who oppose vaccinating measures. The worst of it is that the innocent suffer with the guilty in these instances.

Our friends the publisher and editor of the Woodstock Sentinel, are in trouble. Mr. E. D. Watts, one of the victims in the distressing St. John fire, was their brother. We sympathize deeply with them in their loss.

The second annual Report of the Educational Society of the Methodist Church of Canada has reached our office. The array of names on this Committee ought to command attention; we are quite sure they will secure the perfect confidence of our people as to the administration of the Educational affairs of the church. The Board call for \$16,000 this year, which will need an immense advance upon last year's receipts. The report shows an inequality in the expenses of examining Boards in the several conferences which we can-

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