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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 result 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.

Lower the breakwater 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.

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.

erations, that many who think they are wise, have but a faint idea of how far they disqualify themselves for an honest profession of the principles of our holy Christianity.

AN AFFECTING LETTER.

It seems scarcely credible that an appeal like the following can have any substantial foundation in this land of abundance.

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.

I have an almost broken-hearted wife, and eight almost homeless, shoeless and half-starved children, for we have not had more than 10 or 15 lbs. of meat in the house since midsummer last.

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.

trolled the editor more than any other since coming into office, it has been to avoid politics. We have always found quite enough to do in "minding our own business;" and our readers may take our promise anew that the same 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.

We have received, from the Conference Office, Halifax, N. S., a copy of a "Hymnal for Use in Prayermeetings, in Sabbath-schools, and on other occasions."

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 a Methodist minister in Brooklyn, N. Y., renouncing his old faith and friends and turning towards close communion baptism.

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.

METHODIST MATTERS NOVA SCOTIA.

Mrs. Temple, lady of the popular President of the N. Scotia Conference, was presented recently with a purse of \$116 besides other articles of value.

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. 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.

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.

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.

Tenders have been received, and one accepted for the building of a church at Moosepath, three miles from St. John city.

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.

PERSONALS.—Rev. C. H. Paisley, A. M., has been unanimously invited to continue his pastorate at Woodstock.

Portland, Exmouth St. and Carmarthen street, St. John, are engaged in special service, and in each church there is en-

couraging evidence that still "the soul converting power" attends the preaching of the word.

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 still greater effort in the Master's Service.

WOODSTOCK, 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.

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.

The fire in St. John, reported in an article elsewhere, taken from a city paper, was a most sad affair.

If any one would ascertain the value of the Bureau system of Sunday School lessons let him go into some family whose members have been studying them during the past few weeks.

Our correspondence has accumulated to a degree which obliges us to set aside editorial matter prepared for this issue.

Rome—in the person of Rev. Henry J. Pigott—is extending an invitation to English Methodists to go over and witness the opening of a new Methodist Church in the seven-hilled city.

Wendell Phillips 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."

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.

Montreal anti-vaccination prejudices are bearing fruit. Fifteen deaths from small-pox occurred in that city last week.

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.

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.

MARCH CORN DARTMOU DEAR BRO true pleasure ing special kin Brunswick St given the Dar ble proof of t help them in t their church s ceived from t sum of \$170. On behalf tion and m thankfulness mended and s cessful an iss done it unto brethren, ye DARTMOUTH HYMN A DEAR BR tion has just torial notice "Guardian" sign of the p sufficient ex paragraph. upon which though not mbers of are append word of exp ference Com prepare mat be submitte next Genera tion done m of any sect West, shoul sponibility "We do not "Guardian" tended to an eral Commit a thought of trusted to t mitter, in the do with the p when first th was designed meet a pres work; but w cherished, th general way tribution to curing a b Church of G ment of hum of our peopl to the hymm our venera the historie —and shoul continued p ed "Collec ditional by able, we sho lection of a purposes fo The ne proved a d our minist and woul bring about British Me jects of by as that ne Conference for prayer missions, t convenient worship of dist hym psalms an ultimate of the Ge will still b cessities o possibly a -committee gest: on to fessedly Charlo The s streets; e The barb or two be its mirror themselves skates an ly gliding arraged quickly e man, the wind. F usual Ap on the persons dist para ments at that som plated. nal, the and unne the hal ture, the