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#### THE DEATH OF MOSES.

The promised land at last is near, And Israel's tools are o'er; Behind, a lonely wilderness, A land of rest before. Dreary and wild their path had been Where man before was never seen, Nor human voice was known. They trod the burning sand by day, At night upon the sands they lay Their pillow the cold stone.

Ah, long and toilsome was their way Over that desert plain; Of those who came from Egypt forth How few did then remain. The aged of the flock were dead; Among the rocks and caves they laid Like wrecks upon the shore. Those who were young had waxen gray, The men of war all smitten lay; Their voices heard no more.

And Moses now to Nebo's top Ascended from the plain, And saw the land of Gilead, Naphtali, Ephraim, Dan: Manasseh's fertile plain was there And three was Judah's country fair Unto the utmost shore; The valleys of the south outspread Luxuriant by the river's bed, And all the land of Zoar.

Then spoke the Lord, behold the land Which I to Abraham sware :-And Israei's long tried children now It's promised sweets shall share Thine eyes its distant shores have seen Its happy hills and valleys green, But thou may'st not dwell there: Thou may'st go out and in no more, Thou may'st not cross to yonder shore, aby pilgrimage ends here.

And there in Moab's land he died Upon the mountain high; Though six score years he numbered Infaded was his eye: Age had not stamped him with decay. Nor taken his youthful strength away; His vigor had not fled When here, his toils and wanderings o'er, In sight of Jordan's happy shore, He laid his dying head.

And Israel's children thirty days For him made sore lament; They mourned, they wailed, in bitter tears Their bitter grief found vent. In Moab's vale his grave was made, The place wherein his bones were laid Still keeps its sacred trust, Unmarked by a memorial stone, His sepulchre is still unknown. Even unto this day.

#### N. B. & P. E. I. CONFERENCE.

EIGHTH DAY.

After the reading of the Journal. and several arrangements. Conference proceeded to the further consideration of the report of the Memorials Committee. Under this head several important recommendations from the Districts were submitted to the Conference. One, from the St. John District, has already appeared in the WESLEYAN, the chief points of which were the desirability of asking from General Conference a Missionary grant in a lump sum for four years. and the privilege of incepting any scheme the Conference might think proper within its bounds, by which such appropriation may be used. This was carried.

A memorial was also presented from the Sackville District, praying for an early and more thorough in-quiry into the working of the Children's Fund and its bearing upon the different circuits and missions, with a view of adopting some plan that would help needy circuits, and be more in harmony with our connexional system. A similar one was presented from the P. E. I. District. After a brief conversation the resolutions were referred to the Children's Fund Committee. The Rev. J. S. Allen at this point moved a resolution recommending a change in the mode of disbursement. This evoked a long discussion on the bearing of the Foud on the circuits and missions. The Rev. R. Duncan moved the following amendment, which was carried unanimously, "That the whole ques-tion of the Children's Fund be referred to a representative Committee to report to the Conference at the earliest date. The Committee was ordered to be appointed by the nominating Committee. The Rev. R. Duncan read report of Missionary Committee, which was adopted.

Educational matters were presented to the Conference in the afternoon. Much regret was felt by the brethren that Dr. Inch, who had been in the city several days, was obliged to leave before getting an opportunity to speak. However, Revs. Professor Burwash, Chas. H. Paisley, M. A., Dr. Kennedy and Dr. Stewart, spoke at considerable length on the state of the Institutions and the excellent character of the work done. A resolation was afterwards drafted and passed expressing the satisfaction of the brethren with the general state of our Educational department.

The Conference then proceeded to the election of delegates to the General Conference. On the first ballot the following were declared elected Revs. Dr. Sprague, Robert Duncan, Douglas Chapman, Edwin Evans, Duncan D. Currrie. The time having arrived for adjournment, the election of the remaining three was postponed.

A large congregation assembled in the evening to hear an address. which proved to be of great interest, on the North West. Dr. Young, for abon: an hour, interested and instroated the people with facts and and that bearing upon Missionary work in that part of the Dominion.

NINTH DAY.

The Contingent Fund Committee submitted the following resolution:-"That the Conference be recommend-

more efficient working of the Fund by public meetings so as to more largely aid in carrying out the second object of the Fund, namely, to help poor circuits to pay the salaries of ministers and probationers." Adopted. The report of the Children's Fund Committee was received and discussed—On motion it was laid on

the table. Leave of absence was granted to the Rev. J. K. King for two weeks to visit Boston; also, to the Rev. W. R. Pepper to visit England during the summer. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the choir of the Methodist Church for efficient services rendered at the public meetings of the Conference; to the Rev. Dr. Young for his sermon on Sunday morning, ordination charge on Monday evening and instructive address on Wednesday evening; and, to the Rev. John Read for his excellent sermon on Sunday evening. The Rev. gentlemen briefly replied. The order of the day, the further consideration of the Centennial was then taken up. Quite a number of visitors attended in response to the invitation of Tuesday. Interresting addresses on the growth of Methodism in the Provinces, and ministerial experiences, were delivered by Revs H. Daniel, F. Smallwood, Dr. Pickard, Dr. Stewart, D. D. Currie, J. Duke

J. V. Jost and others.

The first work of the afternoon was the hearing of the Pastoral Address, prepared by Rev. H. Daniel. On motion it was adopted and ordered to be placed in the printed Minutes. The report of the Children's Fund Committee was then accepted. Conference next proceeded to the election of the three remaining delegates to the General Conference. The tollowing were 3lected:-Revs. H. P. Cowperthwaite, Thos. Marshall and Dr Pope. Rev. S. T. Teed was elected alternate. Rev. R. Duncan was elected representative to the Central Missionary Board. The Rev. E. Evans was appointed Financial Secretary of Confernce. The following compose the Conference Special Committee: Revs. President and Secretary of Conference, Chairmen of Districts, H. Daniel, Dr. Pickard, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Pope and J. Read. Rev. J. Sellar read the Parsonage Aid Report, which was adopted. The Conference of 1883 will commence its sessions at St. Stephen on the 4th Wednesday in June, an invitation having been received from that town and accept-

On the re-assembling of Conference in the evening the Representative Committee on the Children's Fund presented its report. On motion it was resolved "that the whole subject be referred to the careful consideration of the delegates to the General Conference. The minutes were then read and signed in the us ual manner by the President and Secretary. Great praise is due not only only to the Secretary, but to his energetic and indefatigable assistante. Rev. Wm. Harrison and Geo. M Fisher, for the prompt and efficient discharge of their duties; also, to the Assistant Journal Secretary, Bro. H. R. Baker, A. B. The President then congratulated the Conference on the modessful termination of its work. He wished the brethren God-speed, and hoped that their labors during the coming year would be crowned with abundant success. Thus ended a pleasant and harmonious Confer-

## MEMORIAL NOTICES.

MRS. B. C. COOK.

Died at Roachdale, Guyeboro Co. Hannah Sophia, the beloved wife of Robert U. Cook, on July 2nd, aged 23 years. She had been a member of the Methodist Church from the year 1873. She lived a godly and Christian life. Her death was sudden and unexpected, She was taken ill on Sabbath evening at six o'clock, and was a corpse in about half an hour. There is however every reason to hope that in her case, sudden death would be sudden glory. She leaves a discomsolate husband and one child unconscious of its loss.

#### PHILIP MOSHER.

Mr. Philip Mosher, of Avondale. was born in Newport, about the year 1813, and was suddenly called to his eternal reward on the 20th of June, 1882. The blessings of pious parental training were not lost upon him, though he attained mature manhood before he decidedly assumed the responsibilities of Christian discipleship. Having experienced the converting grace of God, and been adopted into the family of faith, he shrank not from active duty in the Church. His powerful pleadings in prayer and pointed exhortations will long be remembered by his neighbors and brethren. His desire to win souls took the special shape of a strong solicitude for the salvation of the young. Of an ardent and fervid temperament, his lively zeal was never more gladdened than when sinners

were inquiring the way Zionward. There was nothing to indicate the near approach of death when, on the morning of June 20, he entered upon the accustomed duties of the day. Dinner over, he went to the polls and doubt of resuming his work in the garden, he sat down in a chair for a few moments, and, while engaged in ed to instruct the District Meetings to | conversation with this wife, leaned

Enoch he "walked with God, and he was not, for God took him." can scarce realize yet that his venerble form will no longer be seen in our

#### MRS. J. W. ALLISON.

From the grave, where all that was mortal of Philip Mosher had been laid, hardly had the sad procession withdrawn, when the Master made another draft from the ranks of the Church militant in Avondale. Margaret, the esteemed wife of Bro. J W. Allison, our Recording Steward, had just breathed her spirit into the Saviour's hands.

She was the fourth daughter of the late Nicholas Mosher, Esq. Born in November, 1825, she enjoyed the blessed privilege of a pious home. Those sacred influences of parental piety and a gospel ministry exerted op: and that a copy of this resolutheir just tendency in the formation of her character. In early life she experienced a change of heart, not indeed in a revival service, but, we may say, under revival influences, and as far as we can gather when the late Mr. Croscombe, of sainted memory. was on the Newport circuit. From that happy hour she had peace with God through faith in Christ. Much as she desired it, seldom if ever was overflowing spiritual joy her portion. Indeed the lack of special, ecstatic delight and rapturous feeling resolved itself at times into a subtle temptation, as if this absence were indicative of spurious piety, and a clear proof that she had not the favor of God. None, save herself, could entertain such doubt. The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit in the setting of a devoted and loving heart, united to the life-long record of an exemplary Christian walk, abundantly testified that she received not the grace of God in vain. Gladly appreciative of all goodness and worth in evangelical power and sentiment in other communions, she was herself a pronounced lover of Methodism, and her influence and means were freely bestowed to help forward every good work. As a good steward of the manifold grace of God, diligence, simplicity, and thoughtful discrimination characterized her benefactions. Her truly Christian bearing shined through all the combined excellencies of life and made her universally beloved.

The disease which preceded her death set in upwards of a year ago. Early in last April aggravated symtoms appeared and created grave alarm. All that affection and skill could do was done, but the Master had need of the disciple. For a time her shrinking nature feared death. but only for a time. "He who " stayeth His rough wind in the day of His With the utmost self-possession and calmness, begotten of the indwelling Christ, she bid good-bye to the dear ones who lingered round her bed-side. "Lord," she prayed, " make the crossing easy." The veil was rent, the waters parted, and as earth receded to her mortal vision the spirit took its flight. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord."

R. McA.

#### MRS. MARY HILL.

Methodism on the Musquodoboit Harbor circuit has lost a strong supporter in Mrs. Mary Hill, who died on Monday, June 26th, at Ship Harbor, Halifax Co, where she had been resident several years. Previous to settling at Ship Harbor, her home was in Elleworth, Maine, where Methodism owes its existence mainly to her untiring efforts, Capt. John Hill, her husband, united with her in extending to visiting ministers the hospitalities of their house, and in aiding Methodism by hiring a ball for Divine worship, which was but the stepping stone to a successful church building effort in that place. The same course was pursued after removing to Nova Scotia, where their nome was a synonym for hospitality. Mrs Hill always welcomed ministers beartily, church agencies received her warmest support, hers was a leading spirit in the Sabbath-school, she was also a faithful menber of "Safeguard Lodge" L. O. G. T., all of which will miss her wise counsels, sound judgment, and amiable dispo-

Death was not altogether unexpected, disease had been at work for a ong time, but she met the issue with great calmness. When bidding her friends a solemn good-bye for the last time, she said to one-"I am dying, I did not think it would come so soon, but I am not afraid to trust my soul to God." Her death-bed was like "the deep, calm repose of a summer evening sky when all nature is hushed to rest, the departing soul, like the vanishing sun, peacefully disappearing; only to shine in another and brighter atmosphere. She now sleeps by the side of her only daughter, Georgia, in the family

vault at Ellsworth, Maine.

# HOW OUR BRETHREN DO?

The Recording Steward of the B. M. E. Church, St. Catherine's, Ont. by order of the Official Board, informs the Missionary Messenger, the deposited his ballot. Returning official organ of the Conference, of

make definite arrangeents for them back, drew two or three lobg breaths amongst the churches, that the St. his memory.

and without a struggle died. Like Catherines church sent a letter to the Annual Conference, asking his Reverence the Bishop to send Elder Washington back to St. Catherine's for another year, and if he could not send him back not to send us anybody.

Now the official brethren when sending this letter to Conference did not take into consideration what an unwise step this was, their main object being to secure their old pastor for another year. When on the 28th inst., the Bishop was called to St. Catherine's, he explained to the official prethren assembled in a body, the impropriety of sending such a letter to Conference, and that he could not on any consideration grant our request on that petition.

Bro. Craig then goved, seconded by Bro. Evans, that we come to the conclusion that we have done wrong. and ask the forgiveness of the Bishtion be sent to the Messenger for publication. The motion was carried unanimously.

After full pardon bad been granted, the brethren asked his reverence the Bishop if it were not possible for us to have Elder Washington for another year. The Bishop after carefully and prayerfully considering the matter, consented to leave Elder Washington with us for another vear.

In instice to the public, and to Elder O'Banyoun, we say in explanation, that the church in St. Catherine's have nothing against Elder O'Banyoun whatever. They did not doubt his abilities to carry on the work, nor anything of that kind; but they believed under the present circumstances that Elder Washington could work better with the people this year, as our plans for the work were laid before he went to Conference. There is a perfect and satisfactory understanding between Elder O'Banyoun and the official brethren that they had not aught against him.

It was moved by Bro. Peer and seconded by Bro. Craig that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Bishop for his fatherly instructive advice, regarding our future welfare. Carried unanimously.

#### BREVITIES.

If you are slandered never mind it it will all come off when it is dry, Sorrow is only one of the lower

notes in the oratorio of our blessedness.—A. J. Gordon. We must be as courteous to al man

as we are to a picture, which we are willing to give the advantage of a good light.—Emerson. Fashion at a picnic demands that

a girl shall get wet sooner than hoist an umbrella that does not match her suit. Said the wise old lady, with solemn truthfulness, "If we could only see

our lives as God sees 'em, it would

skeer us 'most to death.' There are two classes of men in the clerical profession: there are the men who sustain the pulpit and the men whom the pulpit sustains.—Dr.

Austin Phelps. Professor Max Muller is queted as having once said to Mr. Emerson: Heis neither American nor English -the cast of his mind is Greek. He ought to have lived centuries ago."

"Well, my little man, aren't you bare-footed rather early this season? said a benevolent gentleman to a youngster, this morning. "Guess not. Waz born barefooted."

And which statue in this gallery do you prefer?" asked a Parisian of the man who had charge of it. "I prefer Venus de Milo, because it takes less time to dust it."

The average society young man is not unwilling to marry; but he must have a wife who can support him in as good style as he has been accustomed to while living on his mother. The word "character" comes from

term which means to engrave upon or to cut in. Character is that inner, substantial, and essential quality which is wrought in the soul, and makes a man what he actually is.

It is only the rich that can stay at home and enjoy their lawn dresses, cool verandas, and pleasant rooms The poor must go away eyery Summer, or some one will think they haven't any money.

Too much time is devoted to little matters in geography. The important localities should be studied, unimportant ones not. Geography, like charity, should begin "at home. -Nat . Educator.

A:little fellow wanted his parents to take him to church with them. They said he must wait until he was older. "Well," was the shrewd suggestion, in response, "You'd better take me now; for when I get bigger may not want to go,"

One feature of the Long Branch railway disaster is, we presume, fated to take its place in history. When General Grant was pulled up through the window of the car he was still home at once, with the intention no the happy settlement of a "difficul- smoking his cigar. Then he stood on the wreck still smoking) and directed the work of rescuing the MR EDITOR-Dear Sir.-It is per- others. This attitude will allow a haps well circulated by this time variety in the monuments erected to

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