

THE WESLEYAN.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1878.

PRAY FOR ENGLAND.

LAST WEEK'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE was altogether exciting. We had scarcely gone to press when news came of the Pope's death.

There were rumours of great import also as to the European war. The Russians were said to be marching in to Constantinople—the Turkish capital.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 13th.—Yesterday the telegrams announced that England had determined to send her fleet, or part of it, to Constantinople, for the protection of British interests.

It will be seen that England may be involved in war any day now; that she goes, as far as now can be seen, without any ally; that her position, in every way, is most critical.

THE STORY OF A LETTER.—A friend has laid on our table a letter stamped at Toronto August 10th, 1848, at Quebec August 22d, and Halifax Sept. 1st, 1848.

The writer of that letter was, at that date, owing to "the unprecedented depression of trade in every department"—(commerce has its repetitions, you see), prevented from venturing upon any business for himself.

It has also an ecclesiastical story. "Rev. Mr. Rice" was an honoured and popular minister in Toronto, and they were "looking for a good state of things under his salutary ministrations."

As to climate. The letter declares that "though a traveller may not find the same rosy cheeks he is daily accustomed to see in such plenty by the seaboard, indicative of the salubrious influences of the climate, yet there are good, honest, warm hearts in abundance."

nine beauty disappeared after leaving Montreal, going West. But it would seem this is an old story.

The postage charged on this letter—there was no prepayment those days—was two-and-ninety pence—66 cents! Postage from St. John to Halifax was then 28 cents on a single half-ounce letter.

Some changes in those thirty years.

A LITTLE cheap reputation for boldness and originality can always be made by any one disposed to criticise the pulpit or the press.

Humours of the Press.—Peculiarities in newspaper management seem to run in veins. Montreal just now is wonderfully "free-thinking."

A FEW Canadian papers have quoted a paragraph from a letter which appeared some weeks ago in the "Nashville Advocate," from a correspondent of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada.

I think our next General Conference of 1878, will see the necessity of taking in its folds, and sending men to British Columbia, and also to the Maritime Provinces, as there is ample room for our church to extend its work over the whole of Canada.

We noticed the letter when it appeared, but as we had quoted and remarked upon a similar sentiment from a like source four years ago, it was thought as well to let this pass unnoticed.

THE TRUSTEES OF CHARLES STREET Methodist Church, Halifax, thankfully acknowledge a donation of Twenty-Five Dollars from T. S. Reid, Esq., of Pembroke Hall, Hamilton, Bermuda, towards liquidating the debt on the church.

MILL VILLAGE.—We are just closing a series of Special Services in Mill Village which have been greatly blessed to members of the church in quickening and reviving power.

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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS seldom receive attention from Editors, excepting when accompanied by names in confidence. One letter reached us

last week, with an assumed signature, asking for information as to the propriety of ministers absenting themselves from services proceeding in their own churches, for the purpose of patronizing public, questionable, entertainments.

TEXT PROFESSIONS.—Our military article is completed this week. We sincerely thank the writer for his information. His concluding remarks bring forcibly to the mind a suggestion of those grand elements which have kept the British army brave, noble and respected, in all ranks and conditions.

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NEWS FROM THE CIRCUITS.

SOMERSET, BERMUDA.—Our chapel is now finished and furnished, and it is as comfortable and church-like a building as we have in the Island.

NEW METHODIST CHURCH AT TUSKET.—A neat Methodist church was opened in Tusket on Sabbath last. It was erected at a cost of some eleven hundred dollars, including the land.

Rev. John Prince, President of the N. Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, accompanied by the Rev. W. Allen will leave for Philadelphia and the West to-morrow morning.

OBITUARY.—Mr. M. P. Theakston, who had been for some years a resident of this city, where he carried on the business of paper bag manufacturer, died yesterday at his residence on Starr street.

Mr. Theakston was father of the Printing Foreman in the WESLEYAN office—Mr. William Theakston. He was much respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

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HILLSBORO LECTURE COURSE opens next Monday evening, 11th inst., by Rev. Robert Wilson. Subject—"The Eastern Question."

CORNWALL, P. E. I.—We are holding special services at Cornwall, and have had some success. Nine or ten have professed conversion, and we are prayerfully expecting still larger results.

Rev. H. McKeown has been holding special services at Newcastle for some time and good is being done—souls have been converted and many are seeking.

SUMMERBIDE, P. E. I.—God is reviving his work here, seven or eight have professed to find Christ—and many more are seeking.

The Mount Allison Students' Missionary Society held its annual meeting in the Methodist church on Sunday evening The President, W. A. Black, occupied the chair. Devotional exercises were led by the chaplain of the society.

A DONATION was made to Rev. R. Wilson, at Hopewell, on the 28th ult. He was the recipient of a very handsome address and \$80 presented by James Atkinson, on behalf of his congregation.—Ibid.

A very interesting evening's entertainment was given in the school house at Lower Caverhill on Monday evening, Feb. 4th, presided over by the Rev. Thomas Marshall. The entertainment consisted of choice readings and a lecture by the Rev. G. W. Fisher, of Gibson.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DONATION AT SUSSEX.

On the evening of the 4th Feb., many of the friends of Bro. Prince came from various parts of the Circuit and met in the parsonage, where, after friendly greetings and pleasant conversation, an excellent tea was provided.

The Rev. Mr. North (Reformed Episcopal) in a short, warm and eloquent speech, testified to Bro. Prince as being "abundant in labors, and spoke of his personal high admiration of him as a fellow labourer in ministry."

After a few words from one or two others prayer was offered by Mr. North and the company broke up at a seasonable hour.

There was a deep regret manifested by all in having to be temporarily separated from their beloved pastor while on his laborious mission to the States in behalf of the St. John Churches.

NOTES FROM OXFORD.

We have just concluded a series of special services at Oxford. During the four weeks of their continuance, about thirty-five persons presented themselves at the altar as seekers of salvation.

On Sabbath, February 3d, I had the privilege of receiving ten persons on probation at East Leicester, in addition to the number reported in my last letter. I also rejoiced to receive four persons at West Leicester, on January 20th.

resulted in the receipt of thirty-three dollars for parsonage purposes.

After tea, a very pleasant evening was spent, the company being entertained with music and select readings.

DARTMOUTH METHODIST.

MR. EDITOR.—I promised the teachers of this interesting school to give you a short notice of the Concert given by the children, on Friday evening, 25th ult.

The Concert was a success. Financially it realized as much as the Teacher's Committee expected, and would have surpassed more but for the fact of a Temperance Reform Club meeting the same evening.

The singing by the school was very good, and reflected great credit upon the organist, and upon Mr. Short, who has devoted a great deal of time and patient labor to the musical instruction of the children.

MR. EDITOR.—Facts are wanted to justify such a glowing description of Granville Ferry Circuit, as that painted by the incumbent of "Poor and destitute Annapolis" in your last issue. So judges AN OBSERVER.

CIRCUIT GRANTS; MR. ROGERS.

REPLIES TO MR. SMITH.

MR. EDITOR.—On my arrival from Bro. Prince's Cove this morning, after a few weeks absence, I found the welcome WESLEYAN containing Bro. Smith's letter; as I must leave home again to-morrow morning, I can only pen a hurried reply, making use of such material as I have at hand.

The reference to the division of old Annapolis circuit is hardly to the point. In 1867 when the writer was sent to Granville Ferry as a "young man," under the superintendence of Rev. Joseph Hart, Hillsboro was a separate circuit, the corner lot, "beautiful for situation" was secured to the Conference some time previously; the present Methodist church occupied a part of it, and the entire circuit, including Annapolis and Granville Ferry, paid two men without any deficiency, and without a dollar of circuit grant.

Bro. Smith makes the following statement in his letter, "But for the last two years at least the Annapolis circuit has not received a cent of Lunenburg's aid, towards making up the minister's salary of \$750. This statement needs explanation. Does Bro. Smith intend to say that Annapolis circuit has received no help from the Missionary Society during the past two years? If this be the case then the larger Missionary Report is a very misleading book."

I will, from printed returns, give the grants to Annapolis circuit for the last four years. For the year ending 1874, \$363; for 1875, \$212.20; for 1876, including removal expenses, \$188; and for the year ending 1878 the grant asked for by the Financial District meeting was \$382, grant actually given \$114.50. According to these figures the Missionary Committee pays towards carrying on the work on the Annapolis circuit during the two years ending May 1870, \$302.50.

It was not to stir up strife among brethren, or exalt the Lunenburg circuit that I was led to refer to some of the Annapolis circuits in my note of Feb. 2nd; but if possible to stir up a spirit of independence among circuits now receiving missionary aid.

I will make no reference in the note to Digby, as that circuit is occupied by the President of the Conference, who, in zeal and financial ability, is doubtless abreast of the foremost men amongst us. I have personal acquaintance with the superintendents of Berwick, Aylesford, Wilnot, and Annapolis circuits, and without any disrespect to my other brethren, I must say that I consider it would be very difficult to find four men in our Conference better able to advance circuits financially and spiritually than the brethren Lockhart, Tuttle, Gaetz and Smith. I would be the last man in Nova Scotia to disparage the labors of those honored brethren, as I consider myself a child in com-

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