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Those Lord Jesus, so quickly and take me to thyself, and yet not may will thine be done."

His sufferings were great but I never heard a murmur escape his lips—the Lord enabled him to bear his affliction with patience—and now to him be all the glory."

According to the Register John was about 23 years of age—may the young people who may read this short account seek the same Savior and find the consolation—that they may have the happiness of true religion in this life—and in the world to come "Eternal Life" is the sincere prayer of,

Mr. Editor,
Yours sincerely,
J. S. PEACH.
Grand Bank, Nfld., August 1st, 1855.

Provincial Wesleyan

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1855.

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No communication will be inserted without the writer furnishing us with his name in *confidential* cases.

We do not afford space for the opinions or statements of correspondents unless editorially endorsed. Correspondents are respectfully requested to condense their articles, and write the names of persons and places very legibly.

The Provincial Wesleyan is the largest, and, for its size, the most influential paper of the West Indies. Its subscribers will confer a favour by recommending it to their neighbours.

Wesleyan Book Committee

A full meeting of the members of the above Committee is requested at the Mission House, Argyle Street, Halifax, on Monday the 3rd day of September next, at 6 o'clock, P.M.
F. SMALLWOOD.

THE conclusion of Mr. Litwog's second letter on the "Modern Crusade" will be found on our last page. Should Mr. Wilson deem it necessary to say before the public any additional vindication of his views, we shall feel it to be our duty to admit his correspondence. To Mr. Litwog we have no further official space for the presentation of his arguments, and we therefore feel justified in presuming that it will not be the desire of that gentleman to pursue the present controversy farther.

A co-temporary accompanies his announcement of the elevation of the Rev. Isaac Keeling to the Presidential Chair of the British Conference with the singular remark that "the new President is not a man of the ordinary Methodist kind that are sometimes so popular—he is a sober, clear-headed man of thorough business ability."

We have always entertained the pleasing conviction, that for clearness of intellect, and a sober discharge of the duties of their high calling, Ministers of the "ordinary Methodist kind" favorably compare with those of any 'other sort or description whatsoever.' 'Thorough business ability,' whilst it is desirable in many positions in the Church, is not, we apprehend, of prime importance in the character of one whose holy vocation it is to preach the Word, nor are we aware that it has ever been the distinguishing quality of those, in any section of the Church, who have been most successful in winning souls to Christ. Mr. Keeling, we are prepared to affirm, would account it a very subordinate qualification for the work of the Ministry.

The Deputation to Newfoundland.

Rev. DR. BICHER has kindly furnished us with the following communication:

RURAL RETREAT, NEAR CARBONARA,
August 17th, 1855.

I now address myself to the redemption of the pledge which you elicited from me on my leaving Halifax, for this,—to me, new-country. My communication will not, I apprehend, be the less acceptable either to you, or to the friends of the cause, as being so useful Journal, if it assume the character of a personal narrative, relieved, however, by the interpolation of such remarks as, by natural association, may connect themselves with the apparent regions, which, in such composition, it were affecting sensibility to shroud.

The cloudless brightness of the morning on which,—with my venerated friend and relative, Mr. KNIGHT, and the worthy triumvirate with this District declined to attend our first Convention—I took my departure, was rendered more agreeable, and the cheerful and unexpected fact, announced to me by you and my esteemed friend, J. ANDERSON, ESQUIRE, that though the Canada had moved from the wharf before a copy of the printed portion of the Minutes reached the pier, who had succeeded in throwing overboard the charges, and REJECTED by Mr. Anderson eagerly engaged immediately in conning its pages. That announcement extinguished my solicitude, and prepared me to abandon my mind to the influence of the auspicious morn, so memorable in the history of Methodism in British America, and so suggestive, in the events by which it was marked, of the magnificent future that awaits our Church, by the blessing of God on the regime and operation of our new constitution.

The departure, at the same hour, and from the same place, of the Royal Steam Packets, each bearing Wesleyan Ministers to different and distant destinations—our honoured President, to England; Mr. Whitehouse to Bermuda. Mr. Knight and myself as a deputation, and Messrs. Anglin, Adley and Sprague, as Missionaries, to Newfoundland—these circumstances, and the annual of Wesleyanism in North America, and some of the most sanguine of us never anticipated the privilege of witnessing—Were I to give full expression to the emotions, which, in that hour, from the coincident occurrences just named, pleasantly agitated my mind, I should certainly be set down by some persons, as an enthusiast, if not a bigoted Methodist. We had, for hours, a distinct view of the Canada and the Merlin: indeed we followed in the wake of the former—*non passibus æquis*—50 or 60 miles, breathing towards our beloved Province, a pure invective to demand that she embodied in your beautiful and merited eulogy on his character and spirit on the eve of his departure.

The weather was unusually fine during the whole of our passage; no fog occurring to retard our course, or diminish our visual pleasures—During our detention at Sydney, I visited the mines up to the level of a wagon in union descent, the shaft to see a man emerging from the dreary region beneath with a lamp burning on his cap, to make the subterranean darkness visible, was quite enough to satisfy any curiosity I felt to know the secrets of the prison-house.

On the Monday morning after we left Halifax at 10 o'clock, land was announced 30 miles west of Cape S. Mary, the Philadelphia ran ashore and was lost. We entered the narrows, and reached the harbour of St. John's in the evening of the same day, in good time to go to lodgings. Our attention was drawn to a boarding-house, called "The Nightingale Home." The name was rather attractive, but not more so than the assiduous attentions and comfortable accommodation it afforded us. The elegance, not to say magnificence, of a number of the apartments, which lay in the street of the hotel, recalled the previous luxurious and comfortable accommodations which my imagination had

formed of Metropolis of the Island. Grandville Street in Halifax does not exhibit a finer array of business-establishments than does Water Street in St. John's; and in the more respectable class of stores the wares are in great variety, and of very best quality.

From the unequalled facilities which Newfoundland enjoys for obtaining its supplies direct from the various continental countries of Europe, as well as from England and the East, in consequence of its ubiquitous commercial relations, the bulk offices the most prominent are the Anglo-American and the latter the latter of colossal dimensions, overlooking the town, as enthroned in supremacy over its population,—and by no means devoid of architectural pretensions—the former, a sumptuous Gothic edifice of art, strictly conformed, so far as it is completed, in all its aspects and architecture, both interior and external, to the most approved model of Cathedrals of by-gone ages. I am told, it is already cost sixty thousand pounds; but notwithstanding this vast expenditure,—a handsome proportion of which was obtained from the liberality of the landed societies and the establishment in England, and the present Bishop, 1846,—his lordship anticipates the consummation of his design, in making the structure all respects what, in his estimation, it ought to be, only from long-continued and generous donations. In replying to an address presented to him by his friends and architects, he referred to be observed—"Our Church-friends at home have furnished means of commencing the projected and much needed Cathedral—but they entertain no thought of taking from us, and the generations after us, the duty of completing it." It is thus enlarged it. I must confess to express a gratifying disappointment I experienced on finding the character of the soil of Newfoundland, even in the neighbourhood of St. John's, much superior to what I anticipated. For miles opposite directions, beautifully cultivated, and the green grassy pastures, giving living in the arrangement and adorning of the grounds, a cultivated taste. The Governor's House and premises, situated on an eminence at the eastern extremity of the town, presents the imagination a charming picture of tranquility, and the opening of the Legislature, Parliament, was opened on Saturday the instant, only two days previous to our arrival. His Excellency—acting upon his knowledge of the views and wishes of the Imperial Government, though without formal instructions adopted the course, announced to the members of the assembly, the principle of Ministerial Responsibility in the Civil Government of the colony. For this official irregularity—if it may be so called—was, very peculiarly at least,—stigmatized by the Opposition, as having palpably exceeded legitimate powers. Before closing our tour, we struck the city of St. John's, which we perhaps too much absorbed by the desire to think much about the West, came to rescue, and authorised him to console the friends and humiliate the opponents, of the important measure, by assuring them in his closing Speech, that the disinterested acceptance of his authority and powers, as the Queen's Representative, he received the unqualified approval of Her Majesty's advisers. Anomalous, therefore, as procedure of His Excellency obviously was thus conferring the boon of Responsibility on this colony, without official documents, and in the appreciation of large masses of people, invested him with the character of Dr. Verer, as well as Governor of the country. By Irish population especially, Governor Darling will ever be pronounced, a darling Governor.

How strikingly did the present civil election of Newfoundland contrast with the political adopted towards her by the Lords of Trade Plantations, in 1670, when—for the purpose crushing the inhospitable fishery, because it was conceived materially to interfere with the English trade, the Government sent a fleet of ships, under Sir John Byng, with strict injunctions to destroy the entire colony, by driving out the settlers, and if necessary, burning their houses over their heads. And though six years after that period an order was procured from the Court of Admiralty, forbidding the capture of persons against further molestation, peremptory injunctions were at the same time issued, prohibiting under a severe penalty, all vessels from carrying out any emigrant.

To resume my narrative: Mr. Knight preached on Thursday evening to a highly respectable congregation in the St. John's Old Church, and I had room to spare in the large hall, struck off, and posted up in various prominent parts of the town announcing the service, which means general publicity was given to our arrival, and a good congregation secured. The memory of Mr. Knight's labours for many years in the earlier periods of his ministerial career, as most affectionately cherished throughout the colony, imparting an interest more than usual tender and impressive to his ministrations wherever he went. He referred in the exordium of his discourse to the peaceful shores of Newfoundland, 59 years previous, made pathetic allusion to the large numbers with whom he was then tenderly associated in Christian fellowship, but who had since passed away to the land of spirits—who of them was the love of Christ in their hearts, and the halcyons of heaven upon their lips.

Arranging to spend our last Sabbath on St. John's Island, we set forth the following morning for Briggs, situated in Conception Bay—a capacious and commodious harbor, where the wind of the world might float, leave space enough for another Isabella. We travelled by land to a place called Portugal Cove, where we took a small steamer, in which we were conveyed by rather a circuitous route to Briggs. Had not the steamer deviated from her regular course to accommodate His Excellency, we should have reached our destination about four in afternoon instead of 9 at night. Indeed, but the determination of a certain gentleman, who seemed to think that even the pleasure of a fervent governor could not compensate to intervene with his consideration of the public, and who not suppress his sentiments, it is thought that should have been thwarted in our purposes proceeded to Briggs that day.

On Sunday the 12th I preached to a good congregation at Briggs in the morning, and to much more numerous one in the afternoon. Mr. Knight, who went to Port de Grave on the Saturday, and preached to Mr. Nightingale's flock Sunday morning, returned and officiated in the evening. It was, on the whole, a blessed day. Some hearts were deeply affected, and I trust that they may earnestly seek to improve their souls under the ministry of his grace here passed over the waters of Charles Cosens, Esq., a secondary Magistrate of Briggs. Some twenty years ago, this gentleman ranked among most enterprising, respectable and wealthy merchants of Newfoundland, but partly through occurrence, in quick succession, of a series of disasters to his shipping, and a failure in the management of the fisheries to which he directed especial attention, but chiefly in consequence of the unprincipled and heartless procedure of individual to whom the firm with which Charles Cosens was connected owed an obligation, the said individual, who had been obliged to bleed them miserably to arrange, Mr. Cosens was seductively arranged, Mr. Cosens

was summarily stripped of his possessions, and from a commanding commercial position, cruelly hurried into comparative obscurity. Though not admitted to draw hasty or uncharitable conclusions from afflictive providences, because to us they are often disciplinary when seen retrospective, and really merited when apparently severe, I could not, nevertheless, avoid some uncomfortable reflections, when I afterwards learned that the person who had thus unworthily committed himself to a scheme to ruin Mr. Cozens commercially,—though able to prove the odium of his design with the garb of a judicial process, and thus legalize gross injustice and iniquity,—died in a mad house. Since the day of Mr. Cozens' failure, Briggs has never flourished as it did previously; and hundreds of families have had, and still have, cause to mourn the day when the enterprising, the generous, and the truly pious Cozens, was cast down from his exaltancy. He was the first to invite the labours of our Missionaries in Briggs; he openly drew out the money for the service of years there; his hospitable home; his purse was ever open liberally to aid the cause of God; and now, venerable with age, and commanding the highest respect of all who know him, it is approximating the goal of mortal existence, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of the great God, and his Saviour Jesus Christ! May the evening of his days be serene, and his end triumphant! We experienced during our brief but interesting sojourn in Briggs, great kindness from Captain Percy's lady, who was apprised of a letter from our business acquaintance, I had framed in St. Johns on my arrival, of our coming. Nor were John Leeson, Esq., and his wife—an estimable couple—less courteous and cordial in their attentions.—These friends are evidently not far from the kingdom of God. I entertain a confident anticipation of hearing soon that they have given themselves to the Lord, and to us by the will of God.

According to our provisional plan of visitation the place next in order was Black Head; but receiving an urgent invitation from the Rev. Mr. Shenstone, to attend a meeting of the business committee of the (Carbonara) on Wednesday the 15th instant, we went. We could not meet his views without interference with our arrangement; and I am, in the review, most happy that we did so without gainsaying. The celebration took place, as it has done regularly for the last twenty-three years, in a delightful field in *Rural Retreat*, the almost paradisaical spot from which I now address you. Many Sunday-school anniversaries I have in the course of the last 30 years attended, but this far surpassed in interest and elated any thing of the kind I ever witnessed.—The procession, consisting of a large number of friends, of the Institution, from the adjacent parishes, as well as immediate neighbourhood, and nearly three hundred boys and girls, met at an early hour at the Carbonara chapel, where they were addressed by the Rev. Mr. Knight; then forming at the door of the sanctuary, they marched to the music of an excellent amateur band, and with between thirty and forty tasteful flags floating on the breeze, to the grounds so long dedicated to this object. Associations connected themselves with Mr. KNIGHT'S appearance which invested the scene with thrilling interest to all, but more especially to those who could look back to the first Sunday-school service held there, when Mr. Knight gave the benediction under the appropriate name by which it has ever since been designated, that of *RURAL RETREAT*. The venerable and benevolent proprietor of the demesne and his excellent lady, met the procession, as their wont has been for nearly a quarter of a century, at the gate of entrance to the grounds, where they were greeted with three hearty cheers. It was my great fortune to be Squire Pack's guest. I was therefore requested to join him and Mrs. Pack in meeting the procession. They arrived before the field the procession followed.—On reaching the field the procession found their sellon anticipated by every arrangement and provision necessary to their enjoyment of the occasion.

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Methodism in Ireland.

The Irish address could not but give prominence to the great movement which was inaugurated in connexion with the session of the recent Conference. It says, and there was reason to say it, that the Belfast Conference will be "memorable in history." The Fund, which was so liberally contributed to at Belfast by subscriptions to the amount of more than £8,000, is to avail not only for the establishment of a great Connexional School, of the kind which in America would be called a College, for the education of the sons of Ministers and of such of the laity as choose to avail themselves of it; but also for the commencement of a Day-school movement in Ireland, similar to that which is being so happily carried on in England. It is manifest how important such an enterprise must be to Irish Methodism. Hitherto there has been no provision for the education of the Preachers' children, and the poverty of their fathers, coupled with frequent removals from place to place has prevented them generally from either receiving the education or growing up under the influences which befit them. In the United States of America have also been depressed, not only on account of their own poverty, but still more because of their inability to provide their children with a decent education. It would not, however, have met the views of the Ministers to have set on foot a movement for the education of the children of preachers, or even to have followed the agency of the laity in promoting such an object, without at the same time showing their care for the education of the children of the Societies and of the poorer classes in Ireland generally. This was what was being, not indeed, what with strict Church schools, of which in Ireland there are some, with schools conducted and supported on the Government plan of national education, and with Popish schools, if Irish Methodism does not soon provide itself with Day-schools, it will not only make no progress, but must ere long be driven into a very narrow compass.

Methodism in Ireland, for years past, has been declining in numbers. Emigration has told heavily on its ranks in every part of the kingdom. Probably there is no community of Christians who have lost so large a proportion of its members from this cause as Methodism. Nevertheless Irish Methodism has been doing its work. It has been probably a greater blessing to the world during the years of its decline than ever before. Its sons have left Ireland to carry on America and in Australia. Methodism, the grand counteractive of Popery, has thus been planted alongside of its antagonist in new worlds. The contest, which has begun in Ireland, has been taken up and carried forward, under far more favourable conditions, in the Trans-Atlantic and Trans-Pacific lands. The pestilential miasma, which resting in a concentrated form on the levels and morasses of stagnant Popery, wrapt millions in darkness and slew them in the valley of the shadow of death, has been dispersed over the universe, and far less deadly force; while the same winds which have scattered this abode have also carried everywhere the seeds of a doctrine and the forms of a discipline, such as fill the wilderness with beauty and purify ad vitalize the soul. We may breathe out to Irish Methodism in the way of disincanting it of Irish Popery, can never be known. We have no doubt that the response of American Methodism to the appeal from Ireland on behalf of the Fund, to which we have referred, will be a noble testimony to its obligations to Ireland.

We are happy to find that the decrease in Ireland, for some years has been growing less, is this year very small—about 400; and at the same time that evidences of vigour, vitality, and unity—undertakings, if we may so speak, breathe out increasing strength—not to refer again to the great movement we have mentioned—have for some years past been increasing, and continue to do so, in most parts of the Connexion.

One instance of this, and at the same time a means to promote the same, is that the General Mission, which ten years ago was suspended, has, during the past year, been renewed, and that in connexion with this, two Ministers have been set apart, to itinerate through the Kingdom. At the notice of their arrival at Cavan, will be found in another column.—*Watchman*.

European News.

THE SARDINIANS.—The tents of the Sardinian Lancers are upheld by their lances, which are stuck into the earth round about the tent, and their encampment, with its waving pennons, has a very pretty effect. The Sardinian horses are rather leggy, but they are in excellent condition. They are certainly not such formidable neighbors as the horses of the 10th Hussars, which have the most erratic habits, break their picket ropes, tear off through the camp at night, and are small trotters to the quiet steeds in the vicinity, whose tents are very rudely agitated in the darkness by these playful steeds.

It was only yesterday that an officer of artillery and an officer of the 9th Hussars, in company with myself, were riding peacefully along through one of the vales near Karanyi, when suddenly we heard cries of "look out! look out!" and lo! there came a furious steed, his name and tail erect, down upon us. He had stepped forth out of a pulk of Hussar horses which were feeding on the meadow grass to offer us battle, and rushed at full gallop towards our ponies. "Out swords!" was the word, and the interesting quadruped ran round us, now stopping us with his head, and drawing back, but he was repelled by two bright swords and one strong whip, and at last, to our great relief, he caught a glimpse of Col. Mayo, who was cantering by in utter ignorance of his danger, till he was warned by the shouts of the soldiers. The Colonel defended himself and horse with great resolution and courage, and drew out his sword, gave point cut right and left as the exigencies of the case required, till the men came up and beat off the interesting creature. These are agreeable episodes, but it is rather too exciting this hot weather to have superadded to the chances of war and disease the contingency of being demolished by the teeth or heels of an insane Arab.

ITALY.—Genoa papers state that some of the monks in Sardinia have carried resistance to the new law on convulsos so far as to appeal to the bells as an appeal to the people against the agents of the Pope. No case was to the ruling successful of the Pope. The *Mondatore* Tuscano states that the Pope has resolved to appoint an Italian bishop to the new vacant See of Constantinople.

The cholera is extremely severe at Ancona

and most of the well as throughout magna, and La Molest situations suffering severely. A shock of rain at Turin, without damage or accident to west. It is stronger in some places. A letter from Rome states that Father suits, has had a narrow escape from an assassin.

SUAIN.—The German law the Church claimed the new order of ragnosa, in a Christian expressly forbids to or indirectly to the mortem? But but to armed forces goes even further. phlet, written in the which the Queen addressed spoliation who regarded paid to the SCHWABEN. The column and shaft of that Schwanl is not time ago; that if it might be expected be attributed to crime; and, lastly, it should not be allowed as regards those that the allies should. A letter from Vienna Schwanl has been chiefs, who believed munication with the MENDACIOUS R respondent of the Independence, gives rumour that Lord B (1) on account of the THE QUEEN'S EXP —The Queen is expected to Balmoral about the to remain until the 1st A portion of the news her Majesty, and with Present you, the Queen will pay whose seat, near Arby journey to Balmoral.

THE FIRST JURY
At the approaching cmons, Egl, aldermen according to the practice for, be called to fill men, the year commenced David Salomons, Esq. and faith, and will be of London. No ap

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DONATIONS TO THE PROVINCIAL SOCIETY.
RAY, AUG. 21, 1855.
acknowledges the receipt in aid of the Patriotic Fund, collected by W. H. L. son, Queens' Court, Bristol District, Amount before acknowledged

Monday being the Prince Albert the Cit harbour were dressed, were fired by H. I. M. Mariner, 12, and from the Citadel.

The transport ship attachments of the Royal Legion, sailed at 2 o'clock land.

New Brunswick.
NEW BRUNSWICK favoured with the presence agent of Messrs. G. & J. July 20th. It will Velox, the vessel which low, was built at Moncton and sailed from this port ber departure we spoke and we are glad to learn then entertained of h been fully realized, as show:—

"We always like to your ships, and we read from the Captain of the which he has said anything describes her as the fastest every thing, even all terranean, having gone the best of one of the finest much as 30 miles in a hour it blew the more Chronicle.

The Provincial Secretary receipt of the following the Patriotic Fund, to be lency the Lieut. Governor in England:—

Amount to last August. Collectors rem. by Mr. A. in Cambridge and Wickham by Orange Lodge, No. 64. In Waterbury, Queens' No. 12, by Orange Lodge, No. 13. Donation from Mr. Thos. F. the City of St. John.

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THE HON. MR. RITCHIE morning, from the meeting Council at Fredericton, ha in the Supreme Court of vacant by the death of ability to discharge the in high office by every be acknowledged by every his friends in the prov will not in future, as political affairs, this available.

NEW ELECTIONS.—Hon. R. L. Hazen with Legislative Council, and John. It is also rumours Eq., will offer himself a sensation of Victoria, to the Hon. Francis Rice, lative Council.—Head Q

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The Government of have given notice that the Colonial Secretary's September next from pe bore for coal to the de quired, at one or more p at the option of the Gov

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