

Provincial Wesleyan.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1873.

The feeling of English Methodism toward the Established Church in England is rapidly changing. But a few years ago the great majority of British Wesleyans were very favourable to the maintenance of that Church in connection with the State...

Late British Wesleyan journals contain glowing accounts of revivals which have recently occurred in Ireland and England, or are now progressing in both countries.

THE columns of the PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN have not been richly adorned late with numerous and stirring recitals of revivals transpiring within our Conference bounds.

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PRESIDENT GRANT, it appears, entertains the idea that the time will come when all the nations of this world will be grouped together in one political organization.

Why should any man cherish such an expectation as that? Is there any foundation for it in Scripture? If not, do the constitution and course of nature foreshadow any such event?

A GENEROUS PROPOSAL.—Mr. Theodore Lyman, of Brookline, Mass., writes from Florence, Italy, to the President of Harvard College, of which he is a graduate.

ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE.

The abdication of the King of Spain.—The introduction of the Irish University Bill.—Band of Hope movement in London.—Parliamentary items.

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Circuit Intelligence.

GARLAND, C. B., March 10th, 1873. Home Missions.—Times of refreshing have again visited us in this place.

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Miscellaneous.

DOMINION DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

The following figures will show the numerical standing of the several leading denominations according to the Census of 1861, and the Census of 1871.

Table with columns for Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia, listing denominations like Methodists, Presbyterians, Church of England, Catholics, Baptists, and Free-will Baptists, etc., with corresponding numbers for 1861 and 1871.

The foregoing figures indicate that the rate of increase of the several denominations during the ten years ending in 1871, was as follows:

Table showing percentage increases for various denominations in Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia, such as Methodists (35.33%), Presbyterians (27.48%), Church of England (17.23%), Catholics (6.20%), Baptists (40.63%), etc.

TESTIMONIAL TO REV. DR. PUNSHON. It is known to most of our readers, that our popular and gifted President, the Rev. W. Morley Pugh, LL. D., purposes leaving Canada and returning to England this spring.

THE WESLEYAN ACADEMY, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I. Having a few leisure hours on our hands, one day last week, we paid a visit to the Wesleyan Academy.

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