

WESLEYAN ALMANAC.

JULY, 1878.

First Quarter, 7 day, 4h, 5m, Morning. Full Moon, 14 day, 6h, 40m, Morning. Last Quarter, 22 day, 8h, 1m, Morning. New Moon, 29 day, 5h, 20m, Afternoon.

Table with columns: Day of Week, SUN (Rises Sets), MOON (Rises Sets), HOURS (H.M.). Rows for days of the week from Monday to Wednesday.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southern gives the time of high water at Parrsboro, Cornwallis, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport and Truro. High water at Pictou and Cape Tormentine, 2 hrs and 11 minutes LATER than at Halifax. At Annapolis, St. John, N.B., and Portland, Maine, 3 hours and 25 minutes LATER, and at St. John's, Newfoundland 20 minutes EARLIER than at Halifax. At Charlottetown, 2 hours 54 minutes LATER. At Westport, hours 54 minutes LATER. At Yarmouth, 2 hours 30 minutes LATER.

A PRAYER.

BY REGINALD MAY. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."—Prov. iii. 6. Lord, I am but a little child, O take me by the hand, And make me understand Thy will—my way. Direct my steps so wayward, wild, Father, I pray. I would indeed acknowledge Thee, Would look for light to guide, Life's journey all confide, To Thee, my God, Help me Thy providence to see, Thy chast'ning rod. And even its gentle use to know, Curbing the restless will, And "Peace, be still," I hear Thee say, Ah, yes! That priceless grace bestow, To learn Thy way. Order my footsteps day by day, Along the path of life, Help to encounter strife At duty's call. Give light, support, and cheer, always, Whatever befall. —Christian Neighbor.

OBITUARY.

MRS. ANN INCH.

Died on the 9th inst., Ann, (aged 83 years) the wife of Nathaniel Inch, Esq. The deceased was a native of the County Fermanagh, Ireland, and came to New Brunswick about 60 years ago. Under the ministry of the Rev. David Jennings she was brought to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus; for nearly 40 years she was a useful and consistent member of our church, her house was always a home for our ministers, and it was her delight to do all in her power to help them in the great work of the Master; for a long time her place has been vacant in our public services, through affliction; yet she was ever anxious to hear of our welfare; we feel that we have indeed lost a friend that cannot soon be replaced. Her end was peace, showing forth the power of divine grace to comfort in affliction and support in death. She leaves behind her a husband, seven children, a large number of grand children and great grand children, also very many friends to mourn her loss. Her funeral was largely attended, and it was a time of deep solemnity. E. B.

Jerusalem, June 1878.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

This District assembled at Cornwall on Tuesday, the 18th inst. Bro. Cowperthwaite who is stationed there usually invites the District once, to every circuit upon which he labors. It was a cause for gratitude that all the ministers and preachers were present, together with the brethren W. E. Dawson, and G. R. Beer, Charlottetown; Jas. Howard, Cornwall; Isaac Sellar, Little York; S. Black, Beedon; J. M. Hood and M. Smith, Tryon and W. G. Strong, Summerside. After devotional exercises, which were conducted by ministers and laymen, Bro. Berrie was elected Secretary with the brethren Maggs and Knight as assistants. The balloting of members for the Conference Committees resulted in brother Betts being elected to the Sabbath School Committee, brother Cowperthwaite to the

Stationing Committee, and brethren Dawson and Strong to the Missionary Committee.

Every part of the work was fully and carefully reviewed. The brethren were anxious not to "mend" but to keep our rules. Honest efforts were made to abide by the "Discipline" in all matters. The probationers were subjected to a kind but searching examination. Not one had failed in any subject before the Board of Examiners. All obtained good "standings." Bro. Lodge having finished his probation, was recommended to Conference for ordination. The other brethren were recommended to be continued on probation. The brethren Goldsmith and Steele as having travelled three years, Knight and Penna two years and Wells one year.

The brethren were unable to agree in their interpretation of the clauses of the Discipline which refer to the presence of laymen in the District Meeting. Some maintained that it was intended for them to be present while every part of the business was transacted; others maintained that they were not members while ministerial character was under consideration. The matter was settled by the ministers meeting half an hour earlier for the consideration of character—the laymen having the option of meeting with them or staying away. Only one took advantage of this permission. The Chairman expressed thanks to God that there was no charge against the character of any brother, and spoke faithful words on the necessity of ministers keeping themselves blameless in life and conversation. The review of the different interests of the circuits showed that real progress had been made during the year. New churches had been built on the Charlottetown, Tryon and Mount Stewart Circuits. 45 churches and 9 parsonages were reported. The church property is valued at \$102,700. There were 1964 full members with 142 on trial, being an increase of 139 members and an increase on probation of 65 over last year. Very gracious revivals had been experienced at Tryon, Cornwall, Summerside and Mount Stewart. While most of the brethren spoke converting power that had attended their labors. 362 baptisms had been administered and 65 marriages solemnized. The Sabbath Schools were in a healthy condition; 37 were reported with 267 teachers and 2639 scholars. The libraries were stocked with 4089 books. The attendants upon Methodist worship were estimated at about 10,000. The funds of the Missionary Society were more than \$400 in advance of last year. Some of the circuits had fallen behind, but Charlottetown with an increase of 600 was able to supply their deficiencies, and to cause the balance to be on the right side. The Missionary income from Charlottetown is higher by \$1000 than it was two years ago. The gross amount from the Island is \$3,500.46. We are sorry to chronicle a falling off in the Educational Fund of more than \$40. The other Connexional Funds had received about the same amount of support as in the previous year.

Notwithstanding the general stagnation of business the income of nearly every circuit had been sustained. In a few there had been an advance. Some of the brethren, however, had not been free from the cares of life, arising from the absence of that which is said to "answer all things." At the September District Meeting it was understood that deputations would be arranged to visit the "Dependent" Circuits, and urge them to do their duty towards those sent to minister to them. Messrs. W. E. Dawson and W. Strong were elected as the Island Representatives at the General Conference. On the motion of the former, supported by brother Deinstadt, a resolution from the Charlottetown Quarterly Board asking for Lay Representation in the Annual Conference on the same basis as now obtains in the General Conference, was most unanimously passed.

The strongest argument urged in favor of the resolution was the assistance that had been received from lay brethren in all matters during this District. Some of the ministers, delighted with the new order of things, in the District, wondered how they had been able to manage so long without laymen. The minutes were read and signed at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning. Before this reading votes of thanks were passed to the friends for so kindly entertaining the members of the District, and also to the Chairman and Secretaries. All the sessions were most pleasant and harmonious. The Chairman, Bro. J. Lethern, presided with marked ability and genuine urbanity. Very particular attention was given to the Devotional part of the services. They were indeed seasons of good. Some of the brethren, toiling on retired circuits, were greatly cheered by hearing other voices than their own leading in prayer. All retired blessed.

On Monday evening, previous to the District Meeting, the Chairman gave his

widely known lecture on "The Relief of Lucknow," to a large audience. It is needless to add that he fully sustained his well earned reputation.

On Tuesday evening Bro. Betts preached from "Thou shalt see the King in his beauty." His thoughtful and practical sermon was a means of grace to all. On Wednesday evening a Social Service was held, presided over by the Chairman. Very fittingly and feelingly did he allude to ministers whom he had known who had departed in glorious triumph. Bro. Lucas, as an old pastor, was pleased to meet with the people. He hoped that those who had recently given themselves to the Lord would keep faithful. Bro. Wells urged christians to faithfully discharge all their duties, and sinners to turn to the Lord. Bro. Steel related his first impressions of Methodist preachers and entreated the people not to undervalue matters connected with salvation. Bro. Knight, after speaking on the love of God, showed that the loveliness of Christ's character was moral—not physical.

Bro. Strong referred to his sainted father's early connection with the Island and the long journeys he had; yet amid all was very happy. Bro. LePage urged the people to continue steadfast in the gospel. The brethren Jost and Slackford led in prayer. So much were the people pleased and profited that they asked for another meeting.

Just as the session closed on Thursday morning copies of the Chairman's neatly bound new work on baptism were circulated among the friends. Many expressed themselves in very complimentary manner both in reference to the general matter and the mechanical execution of 'Baptisma.'

A PROBATIONER.

FREDERICTON DISTRICT.

The Fredericton District met at Marysville, June 20th, for the annual meeting. All the members of the District were present—Rev. R. Duncan in the chair. Rev. Thomas Marshall was elected Secretary—the usual disciplinary questions were satisfactory answered. Bro. J. S. Rogers who has been laboring the past year under the direction of the Chairman was recommended to Conference to be received on trial. Rev. Messrs. W. J. Kirby and J. F. Estey, were recommended to be received on trial, and J. F. Estey to go to Sackville. Charles H. Manaton recommended to Conference for reception into full connection and to be ordained. There was a good attendance of laymen on the second day. Rev. Charles H. Paisley, A. M., was elected to Stationing Committee. Rev. J. J. Colter to Sabbath School Committee. Alfred Knowles, of Marysville, and Sheriff Palmer of Gagetown to represent the District at General Conference. The finances of the District in several circuits were in an unsatisfactory state owing to the action of the Central Board in increasing the estimate of receipts. And although in several circuits there have been considerable additions to the membership, there is a small decrease of the District. The care however used in preparing the lists for District leaving the membership in a more satisfactory condition, greater care being exercised in attending to the requirements of the discipline. Public services were held each evening during the session. Preaching on Wednesday evening by R. S. Crisp, on Thursday by Wm. Harrison, after which a sacramental service was held—on Friday morning by Chas. H. Manaton. Friday evening a public meeting was held when addresses were given by the chairman R. Duncan, and brethren Colpitts, Duke and Dobson. The business of the District was done in a pleasant and satisfactory manner, the best of harmony and kindly feeling pervading all the sessions. The kind and generous provision made for the comfort and convenience of the brethren by the Rev. R. Duncan and the Marysville friends, was much appreciated by the brethren and will not soon be forgotten.

DR. CHALMER'S STORY.—There is a story of Dr. Chalmers. A lady came to him one day, and said: "Doctor, I cannot bring my child to Christ. I've talked, and talked, but it's of no use." The Doctor thought she had not much skill, and said: "Now you be quiet, and I will talk to her alone." When the Doctor got the Scotch lassie alone, he said to her: "They are bothering you a great deal about this question; now suppose I just tell your mother you don't want to be talked to any more upon this subject for a year. How will that do?" Well, the Scotch lassie hesitated a little, and then said she didn't think it would be safe to wait for a year, some-

thing might turn up. She might die before then."

"Well, that's so, replied the Doctor; "but suppose we say six months." She didn't think even this would be safe.

"That's so," was the Doctor's reply; "well, let us say three months."

After a little hesitation, the girl finally said: "I don't think it would be safe to put it off for three months—don't think it would be safe to put it off at all; and they went down on their knees and found Christ.

The law imposes a yoke and a burden; the Gospel, by the power and magic of divine love, lightens them. Under the law they are hard and grievous to be borne; under the Gospel they are easy, a delight and joy. Love lifts all burdens, makes all duty easy.

ARE ALL THE CHILDREN IN?

The darkness falls, the wind is high, Dense black clouds fill the western sky; The storm will soon begin; The thunders roar, the lightning flash, I hear the great round rain-drops dash— Are all the children in?

They're coming softly to my side; Their forms within my arms I hide— No other arms are sure; The storm may rage with fury wild, With trusting faith each little child With mother feels secure.

But future days are drawing near— They'll go from this warm shelter here, Out in the world's wild din; The rain will fall, the cold winds blow, I'll sit alone and long to know, Are all the children in?

Will they have shelter then secure, Where hearts are waiting strong and sure, And love is true when tried? Or will they find a broken reed, When strength of heart they so much need To help them brave the tide?

God knows it all: His will is best, I'll shield them now, and yield the rest In His most righteous hand; Sometimes souls he loves are riven By tempests wild, and thus are driven Nearer the better land.

If he should call me home before The children go, on that blessed shore, Afar from care and sin; I know that I shall watch and wait Till He, the Keeper of the Gate, Lets all the children in.

CHARLIE'S STORY.

B. K. C.

I was sitting in the twilight, With my Charlie on my knees,— (Little two-year-old, forever Teasing "Talk a 'tory, please, to me.") "Now," I said, "talk me a 'tory." "Well," reflectively, "I'll mence. Mamma, I did see a kitty, Great—big—kitty, on the fence."

Mamma smiles. Five little fingers Cover up her laughing lips. "Is so laughing?" "Yes," I tell him, "But I kiss the finger tips, And I say, 'Now tell another.'" "Well," (all smiles), "now I will mence. Mamma, I did see a doggie, Great—big—doggie, on the fence."

"Rather similar—your stories— Aren't they, dear?" A sober look Swept across the pretty forehead, "Then he sudden courage took. "But I know a nice, new 'tory, "Plendid mamma! Hear me 'mence. Mamma, I did see—a—elfunt, Great—big—elfunt on the fence!" Springfield Republican.

A MOTHER TRAINING A CHILD.

"Maybe I am foolish Mrs. —, but ever since my little one was given me, I have loved to kiss the little baby hands as well as the little baby lips. I used to lay the soft little pink palms on my mouth and kiss them till my baby laughed.

As she grew older I still kept up the custom, and when night came, and undressing her, I failed to kiss the little hands, Amy knew it was because they were not quite clean from naughtiness. If they had been lifted in anger that day, if they had struck at nurse or a little playmate, mamma could not kiss them because they were not clean.— And to miss the kiss was very hard for my baby, I assure you. It was the same with the little lips. If a naughty word had escaped them, a willfully naughty word, I mean, or if my little girl had not spoken quite the truth during the day I could not kiss the lips, although I always kissed her on the cheek and forehead, never allowing her to go unclean to bed. But she cared more for kisses on the hands and lips than for anything else in the world, I believe—my loving little Amy. And

gradually the naughty ways were done away with, and each night my baby would say, "Tea hannies, mamma to-night! Tea hannies, mamma, for 'ou to tiss!"

And even now, though she is five years old, I keep up a custom which she has known from her birth, because I think it helps her to try to be good.— You will laugh, maybe, Mrs. —, but I do want my little girl to grow up pure and sweet and if the love of mamma's kisses can keep, by God's help the little hands, and lips and heart clean, I think I shall continue the custom until Amy is old enough to understand fully some things that are too hard for her as yet."

My own eyes were tearful when Mrs. Horton's sweet voice ceased, and I envied little Amy her beautiful young mother's companionship. Did I think it a foolish idea? Ah, no indeed! but the truest and sweetest custom in the world—keeping her small hands clean for mamma's good-night kisses; and that is why Sally Jones was not "paid back in her own coin," as the saying is.

That is why the sweet lips made no angry reply. Mamma's kiss was too precious a thing to be given up for the gratification of one moment of evil-speaking. Dear little Amy.—MARY D. BRINE in May Wide Awake.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

TAMMY'S PRIZE.

"Awa' wi ye, Tammy man, awa' wi ye to the schule, aye stand' haverrin'," and the old shoemaker looked up through his tear-dimmed spectacles at his son, who was standing with his cap on and his book in his hand.

Tammy made a move to the door. "An' is't the truth, Tammy? an' does the maister say't himself? Say't ower again."

The boy turned back and stood looking on the ground. "It wasna muckle he said, fatherr. 'It'll be Tammy Rutherford that'll get the prize' il' the countin'."

"He said you, did he?" said the old man, as if had heard it for the first time, and not for the hundredth.

Again Tammy made a move for the door, and again the fond father would have called him back, had not the school bell at that instant rang out loud and clear.

"Ay, ay," said he to himself, after his son had gone, "a right likely lad, and a credit to his fatherr," and he bent again to the shoe he was working at, though he could scarcely see it for the tears that started in his eyes.

The satisfied smile had not worn off his face when the figure of a stout woman appeared at the door. The shoemaker took off his spectacles and wiped them and then turned to the newcomer: "Oh, brawly, Maister Rutherford. It's the sheen I've come aboot for my guid man; the auld anes are sare crackit."

"Aweel, Mistress, the new ane's I'll be deen the morn. Set yersel' doon;" and complying with this invitation she sat down. "An' hoo's yere Sandie gettin' on at the schule, Mistress Knicht?"

"Deed, noo ye speak on't, he's a sare loon; he'll never look at's lessons."

"He winna be ha'in' ony o' the prizes, I'm thinkin' at the gate."

"Na, na; he'll never bother his heed aboot them; but he's sayin' yer Tam'll ha'e the countin' prize."

"Ye dinna say sae! Weel, that is news;" and he looked up with ill-concealed pride. "The lad was talkin' on't himself but 'deed I never thocht on't. But there's na sayin'."

"Aweel, guid day to ye an' I'll look in in the morn for the sheen."

"An' are they sayin' Tam'll ha'e the prize?" continued the old man. "Ay, ay, the laddie was sayin' sae," and she went away.

The shoemaker seemed to have fallen on a pleasant train of thought, for he smiled away to himself, and occasionally picked up a boot, which he as soon let drop. Visions of Tammy's future greatness rose before his mind—perhaps of too slight a fabric were they built; but he saw Tammy's father leaning on his son's greatness.

"Presairve us a'! it mair nor half-six" (half past five) and he started up from his reverie, "Schule'll ha'e been oot an' oor, an' the laddie's no home," and he got up and moved towards the

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