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TWAs the time of the early ploughing, after When the sun is mounting the zenith, and Spring stirs brisk in the blood,
When Hope with her fairy fancies fills all the subtle air,
And life reads like a brilliant poem, ard

And life reads like a brilliant poem, art spurns with proud foot at Care—
That a young Presbyterian preacher, just free of his college bounds,
An ardent and earnest spirit, sought a mission—the third, on his rounds.

He had spent an active Sabbath, had prayed, and baptized, and preached

And haptized, and preached
At one little backwoods mission, and a second had later reached;
He had comforted sick ones and dying, had printed the careless to God,
And had read the solemn service when they laid one under the sod.

He rose with a Monday head-ache, forgotten ere breakfast was done, And set out in the early morning, for by sunse

long miles must be won,
And the preacher be encerful and ready to
minister spiritual food—
The blessed hope of the Gospel—to another
hungry brood,

Ready to answer the critic, ready to strengthen the weak,
Ready to talk to the children, ready the right

word to speak.

And cheerful, to stimulate courage; cheerful, to hold up the sad;

Cheerful, to please every hearer; cheerful, to show himself glad.

Save the doctor's, no horse in the village had leisure for driving a mile, And the preacher set out on his journey, scarce

And the preacher set out on his journey, scarce giving a thought to the toll.

He was young, he was strong, he was happy, and he stepped at an eager pace.

For his soul was full of singing, and his heart was full of grace.

The blithe birds ang him a carol, the breezes harmoniously blew.

The green-budding trees shed a fragrance, and sweetly the wild blossoms grew;

The rays of the sunlight around him were palpitant all with love.

And the little white flecks on the ether seemed angels descent from above.

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Joy gave soft wings to the morning, and fleetly it passed him by,

For Heaven was at one with the traveller, and nonties not of their sect. earth was at one with the sky.

Nor was it till midday waning led into the

That weariness touched the traveller, and rest

was anticipate boon.
For he loved the God of Nature, and walked with the God of Grace,
And found not the journey weary, though he had not looked on a face

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Save the miller's, who passed him coldly,
with a sneer, from his wheeled height,
At "men who took labour's guerdon without
having labour's right."

more than a trail,

Preyed like a covert poison on the strength that begin to fail. And the preacher's heart found an ache spot where a brother had dealt him a blow— Forgotten as soon as given, how should the

brother know? And a doubt that before had vexed him awakened to vex him again;
And a woful dread possessed him as he

thought of the ways of men.
And he lost his hold on his call—that it certainly was of God,

Or instead ambition, presumption, deserved him the smart of the rod.

And as he went grieving and doubting, the thunder pealed sudden and loud, And he saw, like the smoke of a furnace, the storm gather, cloud upon cloud.

And the lightning flashed hither and thither,
the rain fell in sheets from the skies, And from out of a lurid darkness the wind be-

along in the mire; Ploutering, and struggling, and stumbling, aghas, at the terrible brand

That shot in quick bolts through the forest, and whelmed, as the floods swept the land. Battered, and bruised, and discouraged, exhausted, he threw himself prone, His shelter a half-blasted pine tree, his cry

but half-uttered moan.
"Strike, Oye lightnings, strike I let my stricken soul have way ! I have surely mistaken my call—I faint ere the close of the day—

Sorrows press heavy my spirit, and doubts that I cannot dismiss,

And what shall my manhood count for, if wasted in struggles like this?"

And as on the mirage the dying sees a well with its shelter and palms.

On the fainting preacher's vision rose Home

with its rests and calms And a tear fell burning and bitter, and would not be repressed, For in all that wildwood region he could claim

no right of rest. Then into his soul there entered a Voice from the Home above: "Was I not weary, my brother, when to mer

I came in love? I endured their heartless buffets, their cruel and silly sneers ;

I fainted with weakness and hunger; I have wept bitter tears, Mistake not mortality's forfeits for loss of thy

soul's best gifts.

Thy heart and thy flesh may fall thee—then Faith her bright banner uplifts.

The Father and I are both with thee, the Com-

forter hath for thee aid. Bright shall the stars in thy crown be, I have

Then up rose that weary young preacher, with a heart by his Lord made light;

10 Jesus, dear Master, forgive me I I travel not out of Thy sight.

Past Thy love I cannot get me, nor where Thy strong hand may fail,
O Saviour, with courage endue me, and my wounded heart make hale."

And again the heavens held angels, again the

road grew plain,
And the happy birds sang carols of "sweet
shining after rain."
And the preacher gained a shelter where they
pitted him, hard bested,
And their kindness southed his spirit, and he

They are leaving that courtry, partly to avoid compulsory military service, and partly, as they allege, on account of the hard conditions of life there, and of persecutions.

The real grounds for their leaving, it is alleged, lie in the religious strifes among them. These arose about thirty years ago, when the New Mennonites, or True Mennonites, as they call themselves, began denouncing the others as enemies of the Russian Gov-

orities take advantage of the oppor-

nonites. gan to arise;
It hulled the writing tree-tops together in struggle dire,
And buffetted wildly the traveller ploutering that it was contrary to their religion to along in the mite;

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But this is not the spirit of the seated. The address of welcome was victoria, and Richmond, both in Cape But this is not the poor man is welcomed.

Churches: the poor man is welcomed. make arms for the destruction of men. churches; the poor man is welcomed, read by Mrs. Fraser, of Charlottetown, Breton. Six Auxiliaries have been More recently full military service has and seats are freely provided him, and and replied to by Mrs. Munro, Antigo-

from the congregation.

tach no value to ceremonies, but look want to hear the Gospel; they must be to the inner life and walk. They do compelled to come in. not make baptism compulsory, but A minister preaching on the text bands, and one new life member, 670

In the sect of Jerusalem Friends, or of the Temple Court, instead of bap-care for it?" Not a word can be said tism, the minister, in the presence of a gaainst the anxiety to get in the masses, reports were adopted.

On motion of Mrs. McMillan, Elms-no chair, table, knives, forks, plates or stove, but in a corner, a fire, over which a rice pot is boiling. There is no flue number of the brethren, lays his hand but it must not be forgotten that the upon the head of the child and invokes masses, poor and rich, are sinners, and McLean, Strathlone, C. B., on training God's blessing upon him. From this will not come to Christ that they may children, boys as well as girls, to work time the child belongs to the congre- have life. They are thoughtless and for Foreign Missions. Mrs. Gunn, gation and is a member of it, while the proud and sinful, and do not love the Truro, also spoke on this subject. A place for thee made.

My soldier, dy servant, take courage, up, in the strength I will send,

He the palm of the conquetor shall carry who creduces un or the stad.

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The transfer are later to the resolution a man, a brother of the famous Court raised by selling the pews, there was an that two Presbyterials will soon be re- Board, had been delegated by the Board which can not be whole without love,

There is but little difference among in some cases impossible, to change to was sung, and prayer by Miss Frame, tions on the extension of the Society the three sects with regard to other re- any other system. ligious usages. Their churches are liville be allowed that it is very implain, and, instead of pictures, are adorned with framed religious senten- and any system which breaks up this adorned with framed religious senten- and any system which breaks up this to dinner in the basement of the ladies were invited and instanced the fact that while men to dinner in the basement of the ladies were livited and instanced the fact that while men to dinner in the basement of the ladies were livited and instanced the fact that while men to dinner in the basement of the ladies were livited and instanced the fact that while men to dinner in the basement of the ladies were livited and instanced the fact that while men to dinner in the basement of the ladies were livited and instanced the fact that while men to dinner in the basement of the ladies were livited and instanced the fact that while men to dinner in the basement of the ladies were livited and instanced the fact that while men to dinner in the basement of the ladies were livited and instanced the fact that while men to dinner in the basement of the ladies were livited and instanced the fact that while men to dinner in the basement of the ladies were livited and instanced the fact that while men to dinner in the basement of the ladies were livited and instanced the fact that while men to dinner in the ladies were livited and instanced the fact that while men to dinner in the ladies were livited and instanced the fact that while men to dinner in the ladies were livited and instanced the fact that while men to dinner in the ladies were livited and instanced the fact that while men to dinner in the ladies were livited and instanced the fact that while men to dinner in the ladies were livited and instanced the fact that while men to dinner in the ladies were livited and livited while men to dinner in the ladies were livited and livited while men to dinner in the ladies were livited and livited while men to dinner in the ladies were livited and livited while men to dinner w ces. Their ministers are chosen from custom, would be undesirable.

among themselves, and must be ac. The plan adopted by several of the And the pracher gained a shelter where they pitted him, hard bested.

And their kindness soothed his spitt, and he broke with kindness soothed his spitt, and he broke with them thankful bread.

They changed his teoden garments, and washed him of the mire, and two stasid that than high In meeting there came down Heavenly fire.

Teronto.

S. A. Curzon.

THE RUSSIAN MENNONITES.

An account of the Mennonites in Russia is given in the German periodical Dat Autlant, by Mr. Gregory Kupczauko, on the basis of facts furnished him by the Russian school is augustable and in the success who he course to fourteen on school is augustined to serve to fourteen on school is augustined to spend the schools is august to retains whatever is system, and also retains whatever is valuable in the free pew system. A card is sent out to every one desiring a valuable in the free pew system. A card is sent out to every one desiring a valuable in the free pew system. A card is sent out to every one desiring a valuable in the free pew system. A card is sent out to every one desiring a valuable in the free pew system. A card is sent out to every one desiring a valuable in the free pew system. A card is sent out to every one desiring a valuable in the free pew system. A card is sent out to every one desiring a valuable in the free pew system. A card is sent out to every one desiring a valuable in the free pew system. A card is sent out to every one desiring a valuable in the free pew system. A card is sent out to every one desiring a valuable in the free pew system. A card is sent out to every one desiring a valuable in the free pew system. A card is sent out to every one desiring a valuable in the free pew system. A card is sent out to every one desiring a valuable in the free pew system. A card is sent out to every one desiring a valuable in the free pew system. A card is sent out to every one desiring a valuable in the free pew system. A card is sent out to every one desiring a valuable in the free pew system. A card is sent out to every o standard. Secular festivals are not gelist. May and of the harvest-are generally observed .- N. Y. Independent.

THE PEW RENTAL SYSTEM.

ONE would infer from articles recently ernment. They declare that they alone follow the true teaching of Menno Simon, and that they are called to restore the Brotherhood to its original to the best of the W. F. M. published, written by distinguished nal purity. They abstain strictly from the use of spirituous liquors and to-bacco, and from all indulgences, and keep, themselves separate from Mennonites not of their sect.

There are also the Old Mennonites, who are not beyond, the New Mennonites in particanship; and the two sects mutually recriminate one another as destroyers of the faith; and each is ready to accuse the other before the authorities. The Government does not actumpt to decide between the two, but looks upon both as equally wo, but looks upon both as equally to make the conduct of the prayer-meeting, would have it go the form heginning to the end,

The meeting was called to order by the most of the prayer-meeting, would have it go the end.

The meeting was called to order by the most of the prayer-meeting, would have it go the meeting presided over by large and flourishing churches which could easily work any plan whatever, who are not beyond, the whole of the prayer meeting to the conduct of the prayer meeting, would have it go the city.

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The meeting was called to order by as offered by Mrs. Munro, River John.

Some time was strathlone.

The day was pleasant, the run across help of the Mission band. Another missionary was required immediately missionary was required immediately missionary was required immediately missionary was required into a public meeting presided over by Rev. Mr. Malon.

McLean, Strathlone.

Adjourned to meet at half past seven larging the Mission band. Another missionary was required immediately missionary was required immediately and the strang-large may be enabled to give missionaries.

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Richmond, Halifax, read Isaiah, chapter l nal purity. They abstain strictly from churches, and the millennium would be Society, which was to be held on the the use of spirituous liquors and to-upon us. It will be noticed that those merrow in Charlottetown. two, but looks upon both as equally the prayer-meeting, would have it go of the city.

The meeting was called to order by sions that have been sent to investigate matters, some have heard one side, and in either case.

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Women who went to the heathen from our Church. Their lives are our inspiration; they recall the history of the Conduct the prayer-meeting in out the hymn. Miss Edith Burns.

system will raise the revenue in the prayer. The emigrations were immediately easiest way; but if there are more pews The President, in a few words, gave provoked by the enforcement of the than families, it is a failure. It is an outline of the work for the day. general military obligation in 1874. indeed possible so to conduct the Mrs. Ewart, Toronto, President of the M. S., Eastern Division, read a brief The recruits who stayed at home were rental system, that respect be had to W. F. M. Society, Western Section, and summary of the thirteenth annual repermitted to serve in the forest corps the one with a gold ring and goodly Mrs. Morton, missionary from Trinidad, port of the Society, which shows some in the Chersonesus. They petitioned apparel, and it be said "Sit thou here were met at the door by Mrs. Laird,

been required, and this cannot fail to it may be questioned whether he is make the emigration still more genon the rather injured by not being eral.

College, Pugwash, West Cape, C.B., and McKenzie's Corner, N.B. A and the Science of the work.

Society has also been formed at the work. and no one among them is allowed to of giving seats to all. In the evenings, year, marry till he has been baptized. Those seats are plenty, and the most crowded Ha

your soul. And if you do not care for year of \$239.

I hall give will be sweet;

And how, it thou order my children's meat?"

I hall give will be sweet;

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And how, it thou order my children's meat?"

I hall give will be sweet;

And how, it thou hadit not tasted, shouldst in Jerusalem.

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And how it had been delegated by the Board, had been delegated by the Board, which can not be whole without love, anomaly in dedicating the church to ported on that Island. Nominating to convey to the Woman's Foreign which is the fulfilling of it.—Sir Thos.

God, and it has been found difficult, and Committee was appointed. Hymn 160 Missionary Society their congratula.

Browner.

quainted with the Scripturer, possess Detroit churches, obviates the objection oratorical talent, be of strictly moral which may be raised against the rental character, and abstain from spirits and system, and also retains whatever is

commissioner for the Caucasus, Cyril is purished by a fine. The teachers If now the occupant of the pew dur-Commissioner for the Caucasus, Cyril is purished by a tine. The teachers Petrovich Janovski, From this account it appears that the Mennonite colony emigrated from Germany, chiefly from Prussia, in the sixth decade of the century, and settled in the Crimea. The teachers of the Petrovich Janovski, From this account it appears that the Mennonite colony emigrated from Germany, chiefly from Prussia, in the sixth decade of the pupils pass, if in good circumstantic the century, and settled in the Crimea. There they have spread eastwardly are trained at the Halbstadt Central ing the previous year be given the previo Thence they have spread eastwardly nasium; otherwise they return to their increase, if the total does not meet the adopted. The domestic and social life expenses of the church. The office of Greeting and social life expenses of the church. and northwardly, toward the Caucasus and Siberia. During the past twelve or fifteen years a great many of them have again emigrated to Bokhara and America; and there are now hardly more than 10,000 of them in Russia.

Nomes. The domestic and social fife people are trustee has not been enough magnified by the Church, as corresponding to that of deacon in the New Testament, and meetings called for the purpose. Weekly social religious meetings and prayer for them, for upon their faithful-Sunday classes for the children contriness depends largely the spiritual wellbute to the maintenance of the moral fare of the church.—New York Evanstandard. Secular festivals are not gelist.

Hymn 50 was sung. Then Mrs. their Mission for three years, but at
Ewart gave a brief address, describing length an opening was made, and they
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Mission Work.

W. F. M. S.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EASTERN DIVISION.

matters, some have neard one side, and prayers, etc. This young man was some the other; and in either case, going to conduct the prayer-meeting in going no farther in their inquiry, have returned with only half the story told them, to make a prejudiced report. The Government, consequently, looks the memories of their lives on the shores of heathendom. The meeting all joined in singing "All Hall the Power of Jesus' Name." The Government, consequently, looks unkindly upon both. The local authors are led to a fuller consecration by the Scripture was read by the President, from Luke. "Who is my neighbour?"

Geddies, Gordons, Mathewsons, Mortissons, and others, who laid down their lives on the shores of heathendom. We are led to a fuller consecration by the memories of their lives. The HolySpirit is the Guide; without His aid all is the Guide; without His aid all is the Guide; without His aid all is the Guide; The Apostles maid for the results of the election of officers for the ensucalled upon the women.

This question of raising the salary,

Miss Fairbanks, Halifax, led in prayer,

Cutpouring. The Holy Spirit can raise tunities given by these disputes to vex is one almost entirely of expediency. followed by the singing of the the most degraded of earth's races to the most degraded of earth's races to the dignity of Sons of God. Consequence and impose upon them. The situation he for another. If there are more led in prayer. Hump 228 was sing and impose upon them. The situation be for another. If there are more led in prayer. Hymn 228 was sung, crated lives, and consecrated means at last became very hard for the Men- families than pews, the pew rental and Mrs. Tupper, Dartmouth, led in are wanted.

and conducted to seats on the platform, Presbyterial Societies formed during increased interest in the Home fields the mosting rising until they were the year, viz., those of Sydney and was warmly advocated.

The Old Mennonites are less strin- a penny a week, for the support of shipof995, intwenty-four auxiliaries, four Clifton, P.E.I. Two Mission Boards gent and ascetic than the other sect, the Gospel. Even in pew rented mission bands, and life members. The have been formed in Halifax—one in and permit some degree of sensual in- churches, the seats are practically free treasurer's report, read by Miss Car- St. Matthew's church and one in Park dulgence and worldly pleasure. They to all who will occupy them. Pew michael, gave the amounts from the street church. Five new life members to Demerara, \$300 to support a teacher practise adult baptism publicly admining renters are not only willing, but anxious auxiliaries, mission bands, and life have been added—four in Pictou and in Rev. Mr. Laird's charge in the practise adult baptism publicly adminimenters are not only willing, but anxious auxiliaries, mission bands, and life have been added—four in Pictou and istered to persons whose fitness to re- to give seats to strangers. Gentlemanly members, a grand total of \$1330 one in Truro. There are now, in all, ceive the ordinance has been approved; ushers are at the door for the very purpose 57, an increase over the preceding ninety Auxiliaries, and thirty-five Mission Bands, with about 4,000 members.

Halifax Presbyterial report, read by Between \$5,000 and \$6,000 have been who lead disorderly lives and neglect churches advertise that all are welcome. Mrs. Baxter, Halifax, showed 1,200 raised during the past year, the ordinances of the faith are excluded. The trouble is not so much in the mode members in twenty-six auxiliaries and Mrs. Morton gave a most of raising the revenues in the churches; thirteen mission bands. The treasurer's The New Mennonites insist on the but in the masses, poor or rich. They report showed a revenue of \$1,149, an among the Coolie women, especially in practice of righteousness. They at do not love to go to church, they do not increase of \$190.

Truro Presbyterial, read by Mrs.

Shubenaradie, closed the morning ses- and their valuable contribution to the

church.

the report of the Island Auxiliaries, and Poor and other benevolent objects.

it is day.

James' church, Charlottetown, (Inde- portant means of spreading the Gospel pendent,) by Mrs. Brown.

was followed by Mrs. Morton, Trinidad, met with fair success. Connected with who told of her twenty-two years' prac. the Mission, nine day schools and six tical work among the heathen Coolie Sunday schools were now in operation. population in Trinidad.

all workers for Christ in suppressing would enlarge their operations and the liquor traffic. A letter was read from the Y.M.C.A.,

reading room.

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to

Sing," was then sung.
Mrs. Burns, President of the W. F. progress made. There have been two proposition was expressed, though an organized, viz. : P. E. I., Halifax Ladies' a request for more intimate connection

Mrs. Morton gave a most interesting account of the character of her work their homes. They are a thinking people and it is not unpleasant to teach Gunn, Truro, reported in auxiliaries, them. Some of the experiences Mrs. people of Charlottetown; to the steamwill administer it to fit candidates at "No man careth for my soul," said "It members, whilst the treasurer's report, any time and place; and they do not is not true; the very eight of the church read by Mrs. Robins, thousand receipts. any time and place; and they do not is not true; the very sight of the church read by Mrs. Robins, showed receipts hearts with the Word of Life. If you for the offer of the reading room. forbid the marriage of unbaptized per- and sound of the church-bell, speaks to \$909, an increase over the preceding go into a Coolie house, about ten by no chair, table, knives, forks, plates or church, Halifax. a rice pot is boiling. There is no flue to carry off the smoke. With the thermometer from 70° to the nineties in the shade, the house is warm. Mrs.

hurch.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mrs. McKie, Charlottetown, read tion to hospital work, caring for the

of the whole population of the island exceptions, they are all heathen. They Greetings from the Methodist Society were read by Mrs Johnson; from the Baptist by Miss Davies; and from St. and our Mission may yet be an imin India. They had no converts in their Mission for three years, but at opulation in Trinidad.

Every school building was used for reMrs. Robbins, Truro, read an adligious teaching on the Sabbath. The dress from the W. C. T. U., lately in Government was more disposed to help session at St. S:ephens, N.B., conveying these schools, and the question for our sisterly greetings and asking the aid of Church to consider was, whether they circumscribed way. If the Mission could offering the ladies the use of the be made to embrace the whole of this people in Trinidad, the field would The session closed by singing the probably be left to them. As he be-209th Hymn, and with prayer by Mrs. lieved Government help would be avail-

The election of officers for the ensung year was then held. Mrs. Burns tions, re-elected, and some new names added.

I: was decided that 3,000 copies of the report be circulated, one member in each family to receive one.

The subject of combining Home and Foreign Mission work was then introduced, and a general dissent to the A resolution, presented by Mrs.

Laird, was received, its purport being between the Foreign Mission Board and the Society as an important aid to After paying teachers' salaries, some

\$1,500 remained. \$100 was given Mrs. Morton, \$250 to St. Lucia, \$250 Northwest, and the balance for Trini-

Addresses were delivered by Mrs. Morton, on the needs of each section in Trinidad.

Mrs. Ewart gave a most valuable address on the pleasure of a zealous and faithful earnestness in working for the Master.

Votes of thanks were passed to the

The meeting closed with singing and twelve fect, in one corner is a bed, but prayer, to meet next in Fort Massey

> Norming ever happens but once in this world. What I do now I do once and forever. It is over, it is gone, with all its eternity of solemn meaning.—