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Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor lge, nor windom, in the grave whither thou WILLIAM WILSON. Barrington, August 5th, 1850.

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THE WESLEYAN.

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Temperance.

What he was and is.

A correspondent of the London Tectotal Times illustrates the issue of moderate drinking by the following case :---On a Sabbath in 1848, on leaving the Sunday

School, I met an emseinted creature, staggering at every footstep. Taking hold of him by the arm, I kindly remonstrated with him on his un-happy condition. I soon found I had encountered a man of considerable natural talent, and who had evidently once moved in better circum ces. He boastingly avowed himself an Infidel. ridiculing all references to the Bible and a future state of being. I carnestly but affectionately mid, "I have met with others who, fike you, have ridiculed religion whilst they were in health, but when death stared them in the face have wished me to pray with them; and in the last half hour of your life, death will make you think? differently to what you now do." The awful look of despair, and guashing of teeth, the cleuch-ing of the fist, and the fearful oath with which he. exclaimed, " That death plagues me," I shall perhaps never forget.

In further conversation I endeavoured to move him by referring to his departed mother. He became affrighted, and, with a deep sigh, ex-claimed, "Ah! I was once a happy man."

From answers to inquiries, I found he had been a member of a Christian church for seventeen years, but that during the last seven years be had been an unhappy "backslider," "You may again become a happy man," I as-sured him. "No, never! sir; it is all over now,"

he replied. After pleading with him to become a total abstainer from drink, as a step towards the right way, he exclaimed, "I never will !-Every morning when I awake, I am as miserable as a man can be until I get some drink, but when I've got it, then I am as happy as any man in the world, and care for nothing."

On inviting him to accompany use to a place of worship, he said, "No, sir; I shall never put my foot within either church or chapel symm?" On handing him a tract he refused it, and repli-ed, "I do not wish to insult you, sir; but I shall not read either it or the Rible, nor will I let any one read to me. It is no use now."

When parting, I expressed a hape that would, on reflection, adopt a new course of He shook my hand, and with a quivering lip exclaimed, "I thank you, sir; I know you wish me well, but I shall never alter now/"

As I left him, I thought that I had never met with a more striking instance of the Iron grasp with which intoxicating liquors seem, as it were to " seal the ruin" of many of their victims. He was a man of superior abilities ; he commenced life with a bright prospect of success; for many years he adorned a Christian profession ; but he was a moderate drinker. The "bottle" and the

The friends of this Institution will be pleased to learn that the cause is still gradually progressing. Mr. Smith, the Travelling Agent, has recently neturned from a tour to the Westward, in which he has been engaged for the last two mothe. During that time be has visited the following places :--- Windsor, Falmouth, Chester, Lunenburg, Bridgewater, New Germany, Petite Riviere, Mill Village, Port Medway, Liverpool, Milton, Brookfield, Caledonia, Pleasant River, New Albany, Nictaux, Wilmot, Lawrencetown, Bridgetown, Annapolis, Clements, Hillsburgh, Digby, Weymouth, Prince William, (Sandy Cove) Long Island, Westport, (Brier Island) Aylesford, Cornwallis and Horton. In fifteen of these places, societies already existed,-and to this number four more have been added during this journey,-viz :- In Milton, Clements, Hills burgh, and Westport. Of the former, twelve had collected and remitted funds, both on the purchase account and as free contributions, -and had also established Depositories from which considerable numbers of Bibles and Testaments had been circulated through the surrounding districts --- and of the latter, two have already transmitted contributions and orders for books to the City. From all the rest also remittances are cr.

pected to be made before the end of the year. During this journey Mr. S. attended twenty even meetings, in which he had opportunities of setting forth the objects of his mission and the importance of the circulation of the Scripturesin some instances to crowded and attentive audinces, who seemed to be much interested :-- but in others to more limited numbers-chiefly, because many residents along the coasts, who were engaged in the fisheries, were from home,-and the hurry and bustle of havmaking and harvesting, where these operations were going on, prevented others from attending. But even in places where there was some difficulty in getting up a meeting, there was not unfrequently manifest ed a readiness to contribute, and a desize to become members where societies had been formed. And in many of the newer settlements, which Mr. S. had never before visited, he was solicited to return and form societies there at a more suitable season.

In this, as well as in his former tours. Mr. S. was cheered and encouraged by many tokens of the Divine favour, as also by the unbounded perused with interest and satisfaction. kindness of the people, both to himself and his object. The meetings he attended were often

THE WESLEYAN. AUGUST 24. many hundreds have been thus disseminated all its integrity, and in all its essential principles. many hundreds have been mus disseminated. Thanks were also voted to Dr. HANNAH, the which, but for these Depositories, would never be sub-Secretaries, and official have been sold. Nor is this all-these Societies Secretary, to the Sub-Secretaries, and Official have been sold. Nor is this an-these societies further, for their valuable services during are not only thus scattering the "precious seed" [Letter Writers, for their valuable services during over the less fruitful spots and neglected corners the year, which were duly acknowledged. over the less multitud spots and neglected conner The Rev. Thomas Waugh, John F. Matthews thing and preparing to do more, towards provi- and Dr. Appelbe, the representatives of the

ding a supply for the millions who are famish- Irish Conference, were introduced at the even Surely these operations will be seen to be of od, and as parts of a great movement for the Irish Conference.

benefit of mankind-for while we are thus called to "labour on at his command" in his vineyard - had been appointed the representative of the " " Thousands at his bidding speed O'er land and ocean without res

to "cut down the groves" of idolatry, and "break eside all waters"-till "he that soweth and he that reapeth" shall " rejoice together" at the ingathering of an abundant harvest.

the hirth of another Prince was proposed, to Mr. Smith's next tour will be (D. V.) to the Strait of Canso and through the districts of Cape which the Conference expressed its hearty and Breton, - viz :- Plaster Cove, Ship-Harbour, cordial assent by standing up. The Addrea was subsequently read, adopted, and forwarded Arichat, Sydney, North Sydney, Sydney Mines. Margarie, Hillsborough, Mabou, and Port Mood to Sir George Grey for presentation. thence to Antigonish, Guysborough, Cape Canso, Mafichester, Sherbrooke, St. Mary's, Upper-Middle-and Lower Musquodoboit, and on to the City - which he expects to reach, and also to visit Maitland, Rawdon, Newport and some intermediate places, before the middle of November. -Communicated.

CONFERENCE INTELLIGENCE.

The Ex-President of the Conference, on deliv-

ring the Conference Seal, and Mr. Wesley's Bible into the hands of the President elect, stated, he was prepared to say from a long and intimate acquaintance, that a more zealous, diligent, and faithful servant the Methodist Conference never had than was Dr. BEECHAM ; and whilst he himself could not be without some anxiety as to the naintenance of their constitution in its entire integrity. he believed that the President would so maintain it, and in doing that. God would sustain him, and he would be sustained, also, by the sympathies and prayers of those venerable men, whom he saw around him, and the blessings of the thousands of their Israel.

The PRESIDENT, on entering upon the duties of his high and responsible office, delivered an admirable Address, fraught with pious sentiment, with wise and judicious counsels, and adapted to closed on the Sabbath Day. The Memorial, the present circumstances of the Connexion .--We give it in another place, believing it will be

stead of being signed by the President alone, on Dr. BUNTING moved and Dr. NEWTON se- behalf of the Conference, each Minister, who conded a resolution proposing the thanks of the felt disposed, should affix his name and residence. Conference to Dr. JACKSON, the Ex-President, In answer to the question-" What Ministers

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principle that fast office must be maintain its integrity, and that we are bound alegiance to the Great Hend of the Church source, any of the features by which the mi id and pastoral office has been distinguish . Divine Author. But we are also a b Weslevan Ministers; and, in that capacit are the guardians of a system of evangelica nine and golly discipline, -eminently protial in its origin .- that has been committed by our predecessors as a sacred trust, which re solemnly pledged to maintain in all its rity. As individuals we are bound rach dination-vows. When we were adh ato full Connexion. and formally set apart the and work of the ministry, we ent rethe most explicit engagement, not only to by the dottrinal standards of the body, b observe and enforce that discipline which come down to us from our great Founde par collective character, as a Conference, f bligations rest upon us to uphold and pr the entire system of Methodism, in it and vital principles-to make it a somethin entially different from the Methodism whi been committed to us as a sacred deposianswer is-We cannot betravour trust, w not violate our solenne oaths, and our ex ion of any proposals must proceed upon th ed and settled principle, that any proposit subverting that which we are under the w est obligations to preserve and defend, can a moment be entertained. That duty m performed, which, I am persuafted, we shall to adopt in practice as well as hold in the We may not " do evil that good may come concede to clamour or importunity that w contrain to our conscientious convictions. most desirable that peace should prevai Christian community : but true solid Ch peace can never be obtained by the saci Christian principle. Nothing could possi procured by such a sacrifice but a tempora lulusive calm ; while, by our throwing do barrier of Christian principle, we should our invaluable system less capable of defe the next agitation which would inevita speedily arise. Dear brethren, I confiden ume that we are agreed upon this poin such fixed and settled principles as these govern us in all our inquiries and delibe and with this firm persuasion. I contemp! result with encouragement and hope. If our stand on Scriptural principles, God y. by us. We are to remember, too, for or irt that the cause which we are solic maintain is not our own : it is the cause Divine Master. However dear it may be it is infinitely dearer to the heart of God, will defend it, and protect its interests ag opposition. He may allow the faith of ants sometimes to be severely tested, hem remain faithful to their trust, and not fail to appear in their behalf, and giv to rejoice in the triumphs of His blessed for which they gladly toil and suffer. derive additional consolation in our pres sumstances from the consideration that new or uncommon has happened to us. religious body, we had always enjoyed tr ty, we might be under some apprehen specting the result of the present distu But this has not been the case. Method cradled in storms; and, in successive pe its history, the Connexion has experien effects of agitation. Nor is this a matter prise. A slumbering church may long in a state of quietude. Not so a living a getic church, which is answering the gree its institution. Methodism is a system of energy; and so long as it maintains its s character, it must be expected that Sa endeavour, at every opportunity favou his purpose, to arrest its onward course gressive movements, by sowing dissensio the Wesleyan Ministers and people,ing of their attention from their one ga to unprofitable and hurtful disputes. Methodism has always come trhunghar every trial : and the troubles which it gone have been overruled for greater have also served to prepare it for more disefulness. Already, we have the che dications that such will be the result of sent trial. The gracious revival o which has taken place in many parts nexion during the past year; the zeal ality of a great number of our people, of Methodism as it is : the increased protherly love and union which has among us, as a body of Ministers ; and ious indications which have been your as in the Committees which have been paratory to this Conference : serve to God is blessedly in our midst, and affor for hope that he is conducting us the present difficulties to a yet higher p which Methodism may become a s Hessing to the country and to the wor Taking a full view of our present cire I feel fully persuaded that it is our pri hank Gol and take courage."

ing sittings of Wednesday. Mr. Waugh pre-

In the absence of Br. Egerton Rycrion, whe

Canadian Conference, Dr. ALDER had been re-

quested to act as Representative. Dr. Alder

presented the Address of the Canadian Confes

ence, which, be observed, coptained expressions

of strong sympathy with the British Conference

under the circumstances in which it was placed

A loval and dutiful Address to the Queen on

Enquiries were made, when it would be a

proper time to present Circuit Memorials ; upto

which the law of 1835 relating thereto was read

stating that they were to he presented to the

President on or before the 2nd day of the Con-

ference, and referred to a Committee to be ap-

pointed to classify them, and report to the Con

The usual questions for consideration the

It was found, in answer to the question-

Who are now to be admitted as Ministers in

full connexion with the Conference "-that, a

examining the returns from the several Districts.

\$4 Ministers in England, 6 in Ireland, and 14 co

the Foreign Stations, had honourably fulfilled

the term of their probation, besides 10 Advistant

Missionaries who gave promise of usefulness in

To the question -+ Who are now to be received

ed on trial !"-in answer, it was found, that 41

candidates were daily accepted, from the districts

in England, several in the Irish work, and 11 on

The Rev. R. Newstead placed in the hands of

the Secretary, the draft of a Memorial to the

Government, in support of the measure recently

adopted, by which the Post Office has been

having been read by the Secretary, was unani-

mously adopted, and it was also agreed, that, in-

The President's Address.

different parts of the foreign field.

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ference thereon.

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sented the Annual Address on behalf of

highly exciting and interesting, and expressive "decanter" were in his house. Many of his Christian brethren had invited him to take " one glass" with them. Imperceptibly a love for drink was created.

A Wedding Incident.

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The story is told of a temperance man, who, being at a wedding, was asked to drink the bride's health in a glass of wine which was offered him. -He refused to partake of the intoxicating liquid, and said when he drank her health it would be in that which resembled her most in purity, and he knew nothing better than water, pure water! He then drank her health in a glass of God's beverage sparkling water! The ladies assembled on the occasion immediately stepped forward, and making a respectful courtesy, thanked him for the beautiful compliment he had just paid the fair bride-when it was resolved that all intoxicating drinks should be banished from the room.

Hie, Hæc, Hoc.

" When the Rev. Mr. Patton was in England, he dined with several gentlemen who used a great variety of arguments to make him give up his cold water principles. "Now here," said one, "here, doctor, is some old hock; you can't decline this." " Can't," replied the doctor ; "why, sir, I learned to decline it when a boy. Hie hee, hoe." The table was in a roar, and the doctor came off triumphant. Let all boys, when they are young, decline, hoc : if they do, they will never know the drunkard's he.

Nabbath Desceration.

Barley takes more days than are included in a week to convert it into malt, and as it cannot be left a single day unattended during the process, every malster in the kingdom is regularly engaging his servants to desecrate the Sabbath whenever employed in that work .- Rev. John i'dl'anon.

of increased attachment to the cause. Resolutions to this effect were passed in many parts of the country, and copies of them handed to him, which he had declined noticing in his reports because of their especial reference to himself.-But in a meeting lately held in a large schoolhouse connected with the Episcopal Church in Ayles ford, in which he was delighted, as he had often been in other places, to witness the christian zeal which prevailed, he was presented with the following Resolution and requested to hand it to the Committee in Halifax :--- Resolution moved and unanimously passed, at the annual meeting of the Aylesford Branch Bible Society :--

" That this meeting avail themselves of this opportunity to express their grateful sense of the enefits conferred on them by the past visits of their excellent Agent, Mr. Isaac Smith, and their earnest hope that the Halifax Auxiliary Society may be enabled to continue such agency, at least for the next three years."

"J. D. VANBUSKIRK, Signed, " Aylesford, Aug. 5th, 1850." Secretary. From this Society the sum of Eight pounds and nine pence was handed over at the meeting, to be remitted to Halifax-Five pounds as a free contribution, and the remainder for the purchase of books for the Depositories. A former remit-tance was made of this Branch, though not ackbles and Testaments, without passing through the

It is regarded as a great blessing, and one of

for the eminently able and faithful manner in have died since last Conference ?- it was reportwhich he, in circumstances of great difficulty, ed that 23 had died in England; 6 in Ireland; had performed the duties of his office. The re- and 4 on the Foreign Stations; making \$3 in all. solution was unanimously adopted.

Brief Memorials of these were read, and were Dr. Jackson, in acknowledging the vote, said, listened to with marked attention, and, in some that he never desired to be elected at the last instances, with deep emotion. The same of the Conference to the Presidential Office , but when venerable RICHARD REECE, so long a bright put into it he felt it to be binding on him to fuland shining light in the Wesleyan Church, sp fil the duties thus imposed upon him. He trustpeared among the number of the dead ; and on ed that he had done so with fidelity. But, durthe Notice relating to him being read, several ing the Conference and afterwards, the affairs of Ministers detailed various circumstances contheir beloved Methodism had assumed a serious nected with his history, and ministerial career, and threatening aspect ;- a system of agitation and pointed out some of the more striking feshad been commenced, and, under those circumtures which marked his character. The name of stances, he came to the determination to visit our late and highly esteemed brother. SAMPSON every place in the Connexion that he could, BUSBY, of New Brunswick District, is found on when desired to do so. Severe reflections had the list of the departed.

been cast upon him by an unscrupulous press; but he felt that he had an honest heart, and he believed that he had an honest face, and he was

I sincerely thank you dear brethren, for the determined to go and show it, and let the Soconfidence you have expressed in me, by placing me in this responsible situation. At the same cicties see, and their congregations see, and the nation see, if it thought proper, that he was not time, allow me earnestly to solicit your support ashamed to appear as the President of the Wesin the performance of the arduous duties your levan Conference at a time when that unscrupukindness has imposed upon me. In addition to lous press so cast aspersions upon him. He was the ordinary Connexional business which rethankful to say, that he had been received genequires the attention of the conference at its An nual Meetings, questions arising out of the agitaratly with unexampled respect .-- During the tion of the past year may claim consideration on whole year his heart had never, never sunk. In the present occasion. I shall not now undertake nowledged as others in the annual Report, be-cause it was paid down at the Depository for Bi-grace, and he had walked in the unclouded light grace, and he had walked in the unclouded light of the Divine Countenance. He felt that, supsuaded that we come together with our min hands of the Treasurer, and was therefore only ported by the presence and grace of his Divine must guide us in all our deliberations, and, con-Lord, he could not sink. He felt thankful to duct us to all our conclusions. We are a body

God, that he had been enabled to maintain in- of Christian Ministers, and, as such, we sustain the direct advantages resulting from the opera- violate the great principles of Methodism. He an office which was not devised by human wistions of the Branch Societies in the country, that considered that Methodism was not for one age dom, nor established by numan and it is the by find and i copies of the Scriptures are kept in so many pla- or one nation, but was destined to bless the world troduced and established in the church by God ces at such low prices-within sight and within while the sun and moon endured; but, in order, himself. Now, I conclude we are all agreed reach of all whe require them - and no doubt to that, the pastorate office must be preserved in that our deliberations must proceed upon the

Sabbuth School Festival. The Athan'l Treat of the St. John's Sattath School took place on Wedne