

destruction of half a city and the loss of many lives. There were no engines to put out the fire—no water supply to be at once obtained—no fire engines to rescue endangered lives—no fire engines to make good the losses.

Provincial Wesleyan.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1861.

In consequence of the official relation which the paper sustains to the Conference of Bishops in America, we require that Ordinaries, Bishops, and other notices addressed to us from any part of the world within the bounds of the Empire shall pass through the hands of the Superintendent Minister.

Divine Interposition in behalf of the British Empire.

The greatest work of these last times has been entrusted chiefly to the British race. There is a few people all around the globe. To them has it been given to set before the eyes of admiring and envious nations the finest model of well-regulated liberty the world has ever seen.

To the thoughtful student of modern history no exercise can be more interesting or instructive than the consideration of those multifarious events by the influence of which the British race has been formed, and conducted through the ages past to its present lofty position, and fitted for the performance of its glorious work.

The rise and development of the volunteer movement in Britain, by aid of which, without exhausting expenditures or irritating menaces to other powers, she may repose in dignity upon her sea-girt throne, safe, at least, from an invading foe, is a striking fact.

The discovery of gold in Australia, even while California was in the full flush of exultation over its glittering dust; a discovery by which a large portion, and the best portion of British emigration was directed to Britain's own El Dorado, to lay broad and deep the foundations of Anglo-Saxon empire in the distant South, which may be regarded as a great epoch in the progress of nations.

Saint Stephen's Circuit.

On Wednesday evening the 12th inst., a very interesting Tea Meeting was held near the Town of St. Stephen's.

Moreover, it is by no means unlikely that the destruction of American slavery is about to be committed in British hands. No intelligent dispassionate observer of passing events can, we imagine, bring himself to believe that the Federal Government will, in this contest now unhappily proceeding, subvert the slave system of the South.

appearance of the great orb of day on the occidental horizon, was a signal for the company to disperse, which they did in the same good order, and seemed universally satisfied with the pleasure of the day.

As a reward to Brother McKee and his friends for their labours; more than two hundred dollars clear of all expenses was realized; the whole of which will be secretly appropriated to mission purposes.

Letter from Newport.

MR. EDITOR.—Have the kindness to allow me a place in the Wesleyan to record a few facts relative to our doings in this region; but you must bear with me, because I wish to refer to the past as well as to the present, if not to the future.

On the following morning, immediately after a short service, the pews in the house were offered for sale; and I am glad to report that the amount of sales will by several pounds exceed the expenditure—thus at once releasing the trustees from other liabilities.

On the afternoon of the Sabbath I preached in the growing village of Walton to a large congregation. In this place, during a series of meetings held by Brother Alcorn last winter, God was pleased to revive His work, and many were added to the Lord and His church.

Our provincial tent, though now somewhat time-worn, never perhaps appeared to greater advantage, both with respect to taste in ornament, and public patronage. Our numerous visitors from east, west, north and south, all appeared to enjoy this social gathering; and kind providence favoured us with a most delightful day, supplemented by one of those lovely autumnal moonlight evenings, so peculiar to our climate at this season of the year.

On Thursday, 27th, the ladies in connection with our church on this circuit invited the public to a Tea-Meeting on the much admired grounds on the banks of the Meander, near the Wesleyan Church.

Letter from Newfoundland.

MR. EDITOR.—A year has not elapsed since it was our painful duty to record the demise of one of our beloved Ministers in this District, the Rev. Thomas Gaetz, who in the midst of his holy labours was arrested by the ruthless hand of death at the early age of 30 years.

On the evening of the day on which the business of our Financial District Meeting commenced at Blackhead, a highly interesting Bible Society Meeting was held in our spacious church in that place. There was a large and attentive audience who listened with evident satisfaction to the addresses that were delivered.

superintending and the superintendent of the School, walked in procession to the appointed place, a farm about half a mile from the town, where the children partook of excellent tea and cake, and spent the remainder of the day in various amusements.

On the following day, viz., 19th, a Sabbath School Festival was held in the same tent, when at 12 o'clock, about one hundred and eighty children belonging to St. Stephen's and "Old Ridge" Sabbath Schools sat down to an excellent dinner.

Petition, N. F.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—Yesterday, Sept. 11th, was a day which will ever be remembered by the inhabitants of this Harbor. Fearing that we have excited your curiosity by our first sentence, we will not take up much time now space with preliminary remarks, but proceed to give you a brief account of the notable day.

Over twelve months ago a Division of the Sons of Temperance was organized at Channell, called Port aux Basques Division. The writer of this connected himself with that Division, and a few months ago was instrumental in forming a Division here, which has been flourishing up to the present.

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