CAUSES OF RELIGIOUS DECLEN-SION AMONG YOUNG CONVERTS.

Revivals of religion are necessary sought too eagerly or prized too highly had been aroused by the scenes around an increased payment to its ministers. when of the right stamp. No prayer hav- them, rather than by the work of the truth a numerous class of Circuits paying the ing reference to the prosperity of the Church and spirit within them, that the repose very small amounts stated in my letter. cause among men, can be better fitted for their unwonted emotions, is the rest of tion of the people is bettered, or some adeutterance by Christian lips than the petition,
O Lord, revive Thy work. Yet, beyond lieve with their heart unto righteousness. and in due time have, every one of them, in God in times of revival. Zion, appeared before God. But vast numbers have slided back out of the Church almost as fast as they were brought into it. and the consequence has been that the equally important. First, no labour, of the Church has, in many cases, had little ulti- right sort can be too great, if expended in mately to show for even powerful revivals. Why is this the case? Why are there can be too deep, if its object be in securing everywhere so many back-sliders from the genuine conversions in periods of religious faith once possessed by them? Scarcely awakening. Thirdly, no care and tenderany questions can be pressed or pondered ness on the part of pastors and Christian so of a more practical or important character cieties can be too extreme when judiciously than these. As might be expected, they directed toward nourishing, cherishing and have been variously answered.

By some it has been affirmed that the backshiding occurring among young converts is due to the unskilfulness or heedlessness of pastors who know not how to feed ness of young converts would rarely pass they were fed and guarded or not. They dew. who speak thus declare that the lambs of the fold need the most vigilant, patient and tender treatment, and that such treatment is not always bestowed on them even by those pastors who are eminently successful in the work of conversion. Under such under pressure of a grave hint thrown out 250 Circuits receiving grants from the Coninefficient watch-care, it is said young converts are not enlisted in Christian work— some of our ministers might possibly find are not led to cultivate the advantages of had no intention of instancing in proof of the higher Christian life. They are left that some had really improved their posithey do not get on well. Unexpected dan- Brethren are desirous of leaving we do not gers appal them. Frequent failures dis- assert; we know that some of them now courage them. Slight declensions soon be- with us would have accepted good offers in come confirmed back-slidings; and little various directions were they easily decoved leaks unheeded speedily sink the ship. man nature, however, is subject to change. By others, it is said that the back-slidings and the removal of the temptation rests with

of young converts are largely due to the our people. cold, unsympathizing, worldly character of Our friend across the Atlantic has also the older members of the Church, who are, proved that the Ministers in England are it is said, not unfrequently spiritually indolent, hearfless, powerless, unattractive, and comparisons justly between the English whose daily practice is inconsistent with Brethren and us, as he knew us : for a few their daily profession. Chilled by coming years have very materially changed the cost into contact with these icy souls, or beguiled of living and the commerce of these Colonies as it affects the income of the Ministers. of the strength provided for them by taking as their own standard of attainment the service. Let this subject be fully ventilated. average manifestation of spiritual life Our people are reasonable and open to inaround them, young converts soon wilt struction; and the necessity for information away for want of power from on high. ters as you have printed, evincing that good This state of things would rarely if ever men are startled if not shocked by the state occur, it is alleged, were the Church fully of things already revealed. Those Brethren alive and warm-hearted in its love and sym- who have passed through the privations of pathy. For a living Church would know our work should give the public in brief the how to keep its young converts alive.

Again, it is asserted by others, that were a pastor never so faithful, patient, wise and the minister himself:-that a certain class have never failed to secure their full allowtender, and a Church never so holy, zealous ances. There is force in that argument and kindly-affectioned toward one another, Some are blessed with tact and perseverthe young convert must undergo his ap- ance and can strike a balance-sheet as vigor pointed trial. He must go down into the ously as they can preach and pastorate. depths, and through the curling flames of Others will secure their lawful due as Bri the blazing furnace to have his endurance by dint of valour. But there are worthy tried. He must wrestle with principalities men who shrink from agitation involving and powers, and if he does not resist the their own interests; and who are married devil, and watch and pray, it will fare ill to ladies brought up in refinement, whose with him, be he who he may. He must lives are often embittered by the want of drag his bleeding feet over the ragged rocks that pave the straight and narrow these beloved brethren and sisters and feel path to the skies, or he will never reach the assured that, if the state of our connexion heavenly mansions; for if he loiters, the or their own Circuits required it, they would night will overtake him; if he wanders from sacrifice their comfort readily for Christ's the old highway in search of softer and show that any Minister in our day and counhimself in the time of bewilderment and year, and frequently reduced shamefully in cited proofs of inaccuracies, but it is worthe hour of conflict. If he decides wrongceases to travel he cannot get home.

Without doubt there is truth in all these statements; and they all contribute someconcerning spiritual declension following to has not only cramped the energies of our kindle. In some quarters the project is complete. It is not our purpose to supply

clension manifested in the reaction occurring after periods of religious revival is to a conif not many, in times of strong religious excitement profess to be converted when they

We are perfectly aware that such a statement should not be lightly or hastily made We make it neither lightly nor hastily. The thought has been germinating in our mind for many years; and slowly it has grown within us into a strong conviction.

That there should be spurious conversions is not at all surprising. On the con-doubtless appear considerable to many of trary it is perfectly natural that there should your readers. They are determined in be tares among the wheat. The Lord Je- each Circuit by the Quarterly Meeting, sus hath forewarned us of the fact. As it is quite possible that often a very fine tarestalk looks altogether more promising than a very feeble and sickly wheat blade

We are not sure but that in revival seasons our mode of operation is occasionally less guarded than it ought to be against tares. We are anxious to reap an early to in order to suggest the necessity of augharvest. We are perhaps a little disposed mented allowances for those who occupy to force the growth, and to economize toil such positions.

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the ability, the readiness and willingness of the highest sum reported is very an extravagant, and is such as would be considered altogether inadequate by the leading men of other churches.

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MINISTERS' SALARIES.

MR. EDITOR,-Your English Correspon

their way to other fields of labour.

from our Conference or Methodism. Hu

no better off than ourselves. That is really

benefit of their experience.

We grow impatient of delay; and perhaps small salaries to their preachers, the Con-hurry men a little incautiously into thinking ference has again and again made enquiry, that the tears of sympathy which they weep at the touching pictures which we draw are touch of penitence. It was he also that to tears of penitence. It may be, also, that erally been done on condition of the conticontinued life in the Church, and for the in our anxiety to see results we unwittingly nuance of the grant, and, in many cases, salvation of the world. They cannot be and unwisely assure men whose feelings its increase; the circuit pledging itself to

When all this is done, there yet remain and to the general advancement of Christ's which they feel after the subsidence of For these is no remedy until the condi-

question, revivals even upon a large scale Thus it may easily happen that in our zeal for salaries, removals, and all other expenoften occur without conferring upon the for the salvation of men, and in our laudable ses proper to it, are defrayed from the fol-Church that solid and permanent benefit eagerness joyfully to reap where we have lowing sources:—1st, the contributions in expected from them. Multitudes have been tearfully sown, we may be wanting in that after, the wealthier being urged to give of added to the Church by revivals, and a caution, and that pains-taking discriminagoodly number of these have stood fast in their liberty, fought the good fight of faith, Collections. These are taken up in every chapel, and constitute quite an important But we approach a close this week by item of income. As in very few cases colsaying that three things strike us concernlections are made on every Sabbath, as ing revivals and their fruits, in their turn, with you, these stated collections demand right sort can be too great, if expended in seeking a revival. Secondly, no solicitude response. 3rdly, amounts from pew-rents which may be donated by the Trustees afand receive increased attention and hearty addition to these sources of regular income. in almost every case necessity exists for some special effort in the form of subscripof Circuit Steward is no sinecure, and frequently involves pecuniary sacrifices in pay-

strengthening the Lambs of the Christian A great advantage in the English Methfold. Given such work for a revival, such odist system of finance is, that all the discriminations in it, and such care after it. our belief is that the Christ-implanted good- preachers' claims are paid in full every quarter, and he is neither compelled to wait until the end of the year, nor discouraged or by this able and voluminous production. the lambs of the flock, or care not whether away like the early cloud and the morning by the prospect of a deficiency in the stipuated amount. It may be small and inade quate to his position, developing contriv-J. R. N. honor from which I have never known a

Circuit to depart. A glance at the Minutes of the English dent on the above subject writes evidently Conference will show that there are about in the early stages of our discussion ;—that these are new Stations or Circuits, or Home We Missionary enterprises.

The greater part are old centres of Meth-Christian fellowship, and are not urged for- our arguments that a few had already gone odism, and which demand assistance to ward to the attainment of the privileges of to England and elsewhere. It was stated maintain the work in any degree of effithe higher Christian life. They are left tion by a transfer to other Conferences. staff on these assisted Circuits consists of two ordained ministers and families, and ciency. In many cases the ministerial one young man on probation.

In numerous instances it is found im practicable to carry out the Connexional rule, that Circuits receiving a young man's services for 4 years shall then provide for a of the people, to the House of Commons. married man; and they are allowed to retain their third preacher.

There is a gratifying amount of improve-Circuits extricate themselves from the de- tending parties, and with a few modificapendant condition, while in other cases, taining position, and claim assistance in the to grapple with the fearful educational de form of a grant. Every Circuit in the ficiencies of some cities, and does not afford aid or independent, to make collections in clerical monopoly in parishes and villages. all the chapels, and subscriptions in the The Methodist Body is likely to accept the

istrict takes place at the Financial Dison Ministers' Salaries appears in such lettrict Meeting in September, and is an event of no small interest to the Stewards who are present, and at times difficulty is experienced in judging between the parties pre-

senting special cases for relief. The above hints upon Home Finance It has been asserted by a few excellent will show that there are burdens to bear Brethren that success in finance depends on sacrifices to be made, and difficulties to be faced on this side of the Atlantic as well a

England, Feb. 24.

ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE. A New Version of the Scriptures"-Dr.

Temple's Retractation—The Irish Land Tenure Bill-Dr. Rigg's Inaugural at Westminster-The Education Bill-The Missing Steamship.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,-The important what the Church has marked down as their proper though stinted claims. We know uestion of a revision of the authorized version of the Holy Scriptures has again been brought prominently before the public, by the action of the Bishops in Convocation. These Right Reverend Prelates have all but sake. But it will require subtle logic to unamimously decided that a new and imsmoother roads, he is lost. He must exer- try need really be crushed by a pittance of manded. In support of their views some cise his own limbs. He must decide for salary, doled out toward the end of the of the speakers quoted mistranslations and thy of note that replies to some of those We have pursued the only course open sweeping statements have appeared from ly he must suffer. If he grows weary and to us hitherto in sustaining our cause among scholars of the highest standing, controvertthe poorer Circuits. They have been left ing the position taken and challenging the to themselves, giving each a Grant as as- conclusions at which the distinguished crisistance. We all know the general effect of tics had arrived. This fact is most suggesthing towards the solution of the problem props when placed under human agencies; tive and affords an illustration of the conthey will lean on them. And so our Grant troversies which the subject is sure to enso great an extent so closely upon religious people betimes, but also afforded a good eagerly hailed, and for once the Bishops are revivals. But there remains much more to pretext for depriving the Minister of a part acknowledged to have done a good thing, be said ere the solution can be considered of his salary. This Grant is not under-but the opposition which will be called forth stood. In the estimation of one class it is will be formidable, if not irresistible. The a vast bank of gold from which the Con- Earl of Shaftesbury, as President of the all that may be lacking in these statements. a vast bank of gold from which the ference may draw indiscriminately. Ano- British and Foreign Society has emphatic On one point only, omitted above, do we ther class think we should abandon it alto- cally protested against the movement, and propose to remark at this moment; and that gether and, striking out for independence, this is sure to be followed by an unmistakeis that in all probability the apparent de- appeal to our people on fair and imperative able demonstration from numerous sources, grounds. "A Helper" will do much, doubt- and the Bishop's great scheme will be alless, toward setting the subject in its true most sure to lay over for many years. The after periods of religious revival is to a con-siderable extent owing to the fact that some, waste of strength and energies in impracti-Are our Brethren of the Committee on cable schemes. The Church of God has "Children's Fund and Circuit Finance at present other work to do. cogitating this subject? Let an intelligent

Bishop Temple has at length broken si lence upon the subject of his Essay which caused such large offense to the Evangelical party in the Church, and to a large body of earnest upholders of truth outside of the Establishment. He has promised that it shall not appear in any future editions of the "Essays and Reviews."

derful concession on the part of the sturdy Bishop, but he accompanied it with remarks of such a character as to deprive it or other associations, in every community of real value. He contends that his Essay throughout the land." although causing grief to many has yet done much good, and that if all were to be done over again he would do precisely as he had Frederic Temple, master of the Rugby School, it was lawful and proper for him to do that which as Lord Bishop of Exeter is unseemly and questionable. This is fine drawn casuisty, and would be amusing if it were not for the fact that while at Rugby

Tenure Bill, to the House of Commons in a gether in an army under the guidance of older state, and not worth repairing. ours and a quarter, and is described as Parliamentary speakers.

The Bill has been received with much

favor, and criticisms from the Opposition cure to the Tenant, fixity of Tenure, and among us for the sale of intoxicating liquors, fair compensation. The law will in future and that there are several other places where be as much on the side of the tenant as that intoxicating liquors are sold. We teel that as of the landlord. The Bill provides for Courts of Arbitration for settling minor questions of dispute, and instead of proracted and expensive lawsuits in the ordi-

pary Law Courts, there will be Civil Bill courts simple in constitution and procedure. Facilities for loans are provided for those tho desire to purchase, and for landlords who wish to carry out extensive improve- feel that it is a good work for us to engage in, to long remembered. Sabbath-school is improvments. The Bill may be slightly altered, but it is not likely to call forth as much keen party rivalry as the great Disestablishment Church Bill of last session.

Dr. Rigg's inaugural addresss to the newly assembled students at Westminster College is fully reported in the papers. It was ter defraying chapel expenses. 4thly, in cation question, and the Government Bill and share in the benefits. We are sure als upon the subject was to be introduced on the following Thursday. The learned Doc- nence we shall be more likely to become christor's production was equal to the occasion. tions, circuit teas, lectures, &c. The office It was a calm, masterly review of the his-among the pure and holy. tory of the question, and especially the ac- We hope, Mr. Chairman, that this meeting tion of our own Denomination : strongly in will result in much good to the cause of teming claims and waiting for the incoming favor of the Denominational system, it yet perance in our community; and may we not admits the necessity of modification and enlargement, and even the many who among us, ing result in the formation of an adult temperdissent from Dr. Rigg's position, willingly admit that he has done himself and the institution of which he is Principal high hon-

dertaking, the levity of youth may be tempered by the wisdom of age. Shall not the influence In quick succession followed the Government Educational Bill introduced with the safe principles of total abstinence shall be marked ability by Mr. Forster, who has ance and sacrifice to make ends meet, yet earned for himself much distinction by his adopted by all among us." it is sure to be paid. This is a point of efforts for National Education, and whose proper position in the Government would e that of "Minister of Public Instruction." rable length, with good effect.

It is difficult in the compass of a brief paragraph or two to give your readers a came forward in a very forcible and argumentacorrect summary of this important Bill. It tingent Fund. A very small proportion of accepts the Denominational schools but and eloquence, and moved the third resolution places all under a binding Conscience of the evening, which is as follows: Clause, and subjects all to a general and undenominational examination. Where adequate school provision has not been made, ocal boards are to be formed with power that the licensing of such an evil is wrong and to erect schools, partly paid for by the Local Rates and part by Government. tirpate or even diminish the evils of intem-

The principle of direct compulsion ensure attendance, is found embodied in the Bill, and in very many particulars it is far in advance of any of the measures ever submitted by Government for the Education The Government proposals are more in favor of the Manchester Union than of the Birmingham League. It is in fact intended nent in some districts, and each year a few to be a compromise botween the great contions is likely to become the law of the rom depression in trade, or emigration to land. It is good as far as it goes, but as at other centres, Circuits sink from a self-sus- present framed does not appear adequate Connexion is compelled, whether receiving sufficient protection from established and The distribution of the grant made to the will improve the status of our Day schools, the favorable expression given by those present, and subject them to the same Examination as the National schools. It will also find employment for all the Trained Teachers

that our College at Westminster can furnish. Much anxiety is being felt on this side on account of the missing steamer City of Boston now about 29 days out from Halifax The papers urge many grounds of hope and precedents for the extraordinary furnish We earnestly trust it may be all right with her, although tempest-driven. Her arrival will give joy to thousands. Feb. 25, 1870.

PUBLIC TEMPERANCE MEETING AT CANNING

shed in this Village having ceased to exist here as working organizations, and the sale of intox icating liquors being on the increase, the moved to hold a general public Temperance

According to arrangements, and pursuant t notice given, the meeting was held in the Baptist Chapel, Canning, on Wednesday evening, 9th inst. Although the weather and roads were altogether unfavorable, there was a good meet ing. The meeting was opened with prayer b the Rev. Mr. Whitman, B. B. Woodworth Esq., was chosen chairman, and David B. New comb, Secretary of the meeting.

The Rev. D. Freeman was called upon from the chair, and he moved the following resolu philanthropic age.

" Resolved, that the Church of the living od, the pillar and ground of the truth, is b its constitution and covenant a living protes against intemperance. The use of intoxicating liquors being incompatible with true piety-tha its ministers are true to their sacred obligations only as they do their utmost to exterminate this evil from our land."

The Rev. R. Smith was then called upon and eloquent speech..

The Rev. Mr. Hogg followed, by invitation of the chairman, with a speech in his usual pleasing and impressive manner, moving the

" Resolved, that while the temperance reformation, as a Christian enterprise, relies mainly on moral and religious agencies for its final triumph, and a high tone of moral character in all who are employed as its public advocates-vet we cordially welcome to our broad platform. and recognize as co-laborers all, of whatever name or organization, who are laboring to se cure total abstinence from all that intoxicates. And as the future interests of the temperance reform must shortly devolve upon the rising generation, we urge that children's and youth's Total Abstinence Societies be organized independently or in connection with Sunday Schools,

Doctor Hamilton being called for, seconded appropriate temperance speech. At the close congregation, removed to a more central positi-

the ability, the readiness and willingness of the highest sum reported is very far from whose minds he exerted great and abiding Our society is formed to promote the cause commence a new church this Spring; a more by Mr. Darragh, would be an unwarrantable place of worship in greatly needed interference and abiding of temperance in this place. The section of suitable place of worship is greatly needed interference with a sacred and public Mr. Gladstone introduced the Irish Land Cadets is composed of the young, banded to-there, as the one we now use is in a delapidated possessed by the Superintendent of Edn

splendid speech which lasted about three persons, to wage war against drunkenness. Just as I was regretting my inability to pro-We wish to commence early in life in this war, cure new subscribers for the Wesleyan this and that therefore the conduct of being equal to the great orations of past that we never be tempted to enter upon the sessions, which placed him as the first of downward course of the demokrated. We dethis conveying the placeting intelligence that the first of downward course of the demokrated was a local part of the demokrated with the conveying the placeting intelligence. downward course of the drunkard. We do this conveying the pleasing intelligence, that he had downward course of the drunkard. We do this because we see the temptations all around us on ordered ten copies for the Manchester Circuit; defendent of Education is directly institute of the downward course of the drunkard. We do this conveying the pleasing intelligence, that he had because we see the temptations all around us on ordered ten copies for the Manchester Circuit; every hand. We feel alarmed lest some of the also a Sabbath School Library; other friends the Statute " with the enforcement of avor, and criticisms from the Opposition with the entorcement ecognize its wise and careful provisions. It youth of this place be led astray and sink to the who have the means, and inclination to do visions and the regulations of the is not all revolutionary, but it deals with drunkard's doom. There are many boys and good could not confer a greater blessing intel-

tion to become drunkards. Besides this, we

know with sorrow that there are older persons

who are already hastening to a drunkard's grave.

that God approves; a work that must succeed.

daughters to join our society and help us on,

that if we adopt the principles of total absti-

tians, and have our abode at last in Heaven

venture to express the hope, should this meet

ance society, that some members of it will join

our section of Cadets, that in our arduous un-

very touching and pleasing speech of conside

Rev. Mr. Whitman, at a call from the chair

" Resolved,-That the manufacture and sale

uinous, and wherever adopted has failed to ex-

perance; that prohibition is the only safe legis-

lation and the only legislation that can be prac-

tically enforced, and therefore that no law how

ntoxicating drinks can receive our sanction."

This resolution was seconded by the Secreta-

The foregoing resolutions were severally put

to the meeting from the chair, and passed un-

nimously, except two or three dissenting voi-

es to the third and last one. The discussion

of the evening being then closed, it was unani-

nously Resolved, "That a copy of the proceed-

ngs be sent to each of the religious papers of

By the general good feeling manifested and

DAVID B. NEWCOMB.

benediction by the Revd. Mr. Hogg.

the meeting may be considered a success.

For the Provincial Weslevan

NENCE SOCIETY

The audience was large and as a matter

Mr. Beales formerly of " Maine " but now re

He addressed the assembly in his usual forci

Mr. G. G. Gray, an officer of high command

the cold water army took up his position

Mr. Hutchings made a powerful speech bring-

Suitable hymns were sung between the ad

After the close of the meeting several cam

The following are the officers for the presen

President, Rev. George S. Milligan, A. M.

Vice Presidents, William H. Webb, Edward

ost, and William B. McNutt-Committee

Thomas Hutchings, Joseph Bell, John D. Lon-

gard and Herbert Harris-Secretary Rufus J.

orward and signed the roll of membership.

rinciples, was the first speaker.

ble and entertaining style.

on Friday evening last.

of Scripture.

v of the meeting.

WOODSTOCK .- Bro. McMurray writes March long as this state of things continues the boys 2nd: "We are engaged in special services. of this place will not be free from the tempta- with some prospects of good."

MATILAND.—Bro. R. Tweedy writes March Trustees; and that the interference of the Mr. Flynn with the due execution of 8th: "We are moving along quietly. Reli-structions issued in the case of t For these reasons we wish to ask all here assembled to help us in our undertaking. We of things obtains. Our last love-feast will be officer and also of the Inspector acting under promote the cause of temperance. It is a work ing. We are praying and looking for "showers of blessing."

We expect also to learn habits of conducting UPHAM. N. B .- Bro. G. Harrison writes tial and straitforward administration of the public business properly, and to cultivate a March 9th: "Our Missionary meetings were in investigating the Schools at Arichat, he should public spirit, which will make us very useful in held 16th, 17th and 18th Feb., and were well the world when we grow older. We therefore attended. The collections and subscriptions invite parents to encourage their sons and were fifty per cent, in advance of last year.

General Intelligence

Legislative.-The discussion in the House Assembly concerning Mr. Rand's dismissal, the Superintendent to the Inspector, and by acwas brought to a close on Wednesday last by cepting information from the Hon.Mr. Flynn on the adoption of the following resolutions moved by Mr. Campbell, of Inverness, and seconded by Mr. Landers, of Annapolis :-

Whereas, The Council of Public Instruction on the 1st day of September, 1869, did. on the recommendation of T. H. Rand, Esq., Superintendent of Education, appoint the Rev. W. S. ntendent of Education, appoint the Reof the young and of the old be so united that Darragh to be Inspector of Schools in the coun ty of Cumberland, in the place of Francis W adopted by all among us."

Rev. D. Freeman replied to this address in a Rev. D. Freeman replied to this address in a Rev. D. Freeman replied to this address in a Rev. B. Darragh, signed, sealed, and issued by the said T. H. Rand; And whereas, Certain correspondence too

place in Halifax between the said Francis W George and the said T. H. Rand, in reference to the dismissal of the said F. W. George and ars Pineo, Purdy and Northup. The governthe appointment of the said W. S. Darragh, in which the said T. H. Rand expressly denies ment resolutions were carried by the same majority except Dr. Murray and Mr. Kidstone did tive speech, delivered with his usual warmth that the said F. W. George was dismissed on his recommendation;

And whereas, The said F. W. George took

legal advice on the subject of his removal, and of intoxicating drinks is every where a public made an affidavit in the Supreme Court for the injury, and should be held a public crime, and purpose of obtaining a rule nist for the Writ Warranto against the said W. S. Darragh. and did, on or about 7th December last, obtain such rule returnable on the 18th day of that month : And whereas, The said rule was granted

the facts set forth in the said affidavit, the most important of which was the fact that the said T. A. Rand had informed the said W. F. George ever stringent, which recognizes the right to sell that he, the said T. H. Rand, had not recommended the appointment of the said W. S. Darragh, and that the said T. H. Rand had reason to doubt his fitness for the office, as by reference to the said affidavit will appear;

And whereas, The said fact that the said W

Darragh had not been recommended by the

s probably the main, if not the only substantial which it is possible to dispute the legality of the appointment of the said W. S. Darragh; this province, by the secretary of the meeting, in the said T. H. Rand, holding the office of Superintendent of Education under the Government, to hold any correspondence whatever with the said F. W. George on the subject of his dismissal by the Executive Council-"The Council of Public Instruction"-or in any manner to countenance or encourage the

W. George in his opposition to the Council; And whereas, The information given to the aid F. W. George by the said T. H. Rand, Secretary of the Meeting. that the appointment of the said W. S. Darragh was made without the recommendation of the said T. H. Rand, was not only untrue, but im-HALIFAX WESLEYAN TOTAL ABSTIplied a direct charge against the Council, that they had acted contrary to law in making the said appointment without the recommendation The annual meeting of this Society was held n the basement of the Brunswick street church

of the Superintendent;

Aud whereas, The said T. H. Rand, in hi said correspondence and conduct on the subject inder consideration, manifested a disposition entirely inconsistent with the duty of a servant ourse highly respectable.—The meeting was holding an office of trust under the Govern

opened with singing and prayer, after which Resolved therefore-Rev. Mr. Milligan read an appropriate portion First, That it is the opinion of this House that the dismissal of the said T. H. Rand from the office of Superintendent of Education was iding in Halifax where he has made many a necessary and proper act of administration, and that the Government were fully justified friends by his fearless advocacy of Temperance is removal.

That there is, in the opinion of this House. no ground whatever for believing that the conduct of the said T. H. Rand in investigating complaints against the schools in Arichat, had the least influence on the Governor in Council, but that His Honour and his advisers dismissed the said T. H. Rand solely and exclusively on account of his misconduct and insubordination id regard to the dismissal of F. W. George, and the appointment of his successor.

The anecdotes he related being the results of Thirdly, That the attempt to create an imersonal observation were listened to with markpression in the public mind that the Governd attention, some of them were very affecting. ent have in contemplation the introduction of separate schools is insulting not only to the overnment but to the Legislature, without whose instrumentality and concurrence no such emperance is producing in this enlightened and change in the system of education can be

The following amendment was moved by Mr. dresses: Miss Longard kindly presiding at the Pineo and seconded by Mr. Purdy:

Resolved 1. That in the opinion of this Hou he action of the late Superintendent of Education in opposing the dismissal of F. W. George from the office of Inspector of Schools, was school system, and in harmony with the spirit

f the school law.

2. That in view of the action of the Council the late Superintendent should forward the comnission to Mr. Darragh, the opinion of the Attorney General that the Council had power to and leaves a wife and several children lismiss Inspectors even in opposition to the recommendation of the Superintendent; the obvious fact that no other person than Mr. Dar-ragh would be accepted by the Council as In-County from serious injury and derangement; adjoining stores, and their entire our circuits, which have appeared from time to intendent on being informed of Mr. George's flour. the congregations on this circuit are good, and the late Superintendent of Education in issuing is estimated at \$150,000. a commission to the Rev. Mr. Darragh in the technical and only authorized form, does not

3. That in view of the fact that the late Su perintendent of Education is not by the provis-Bayfield belonging to E. W. Randall, Esq., in Public Instruction, but is directly obligated by ions of the Statute, a member of the Council of greeted with applause by the assembly. The expect to occupy during the coming summer. It is the repeated solicitations of the late Superingular who gave a most interesting description of missionary labour and success in North America. demy in order to accept of the office; in response of the Rev. T. M. Albrighton, of Manchester, Worthy Archon of the Cadets, Master Fletcher Two attempts previously made to build a Medent; and in view of the fact that the late Susionary labour and success sionary labour and the full and the West Indies. The thodist church there were unsuccessful. Port perintendent had frequently expressed the fullest satisfaction with the manner in which Mr. cliffe preached on the Sabbath, and his words George discharged his duties; it is the opinion of this House that to deny the late Su-addressed one of our meetings, and deeply inte-

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girls in this place, and some of them are our culties besetting the question, and with any culties besetting the question, and with any culties besetting the question, and they are very dear to us. We are friends, and they are very dear to us. We are by following Mr. Hart's example.

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drunk lie Instruction; it is the opinion of this House, that the course pursued by the late Superinif it had not been first approved by the Crown officer) was a right and proper course, and in no way ignored the legal responsibilities of Trustees; and that the interference of the the provision of the law, and an unwarrantahl

assumption of authority.

5. That it is the opinion of this House that when the Superintendent of Education appealed to the Government to sustain him in an have been promptly sustained in the enquiry tion in the case.

6. That in view of the fact that it was in the

knowledge of the Government, that the Superintendent was engaged in pursuing the enquiry into the management of the School at Arichat, in order to obtain full and reliable information concerning any irregularities which might be found to exist, it is the opinion of this House that the Government acted in an irregular manner, by ignoring the outstanding instructions of which to pronounce that the state of the Schools at Arichat was satisfactory, and that no further enquiry into their management was necessary,

That in view of the foregoing it is the opinion of this House, that the Superintendent of Ed. ucation who for a period of nearly six years, performed the duties of his office with singular abilty, efficiency, and success, and who has conbuted more than any other living man to bring about those results of Free Common School Education, which have attracted the attention and elicited the admiration of educationists at home and abroad, ought not to have been

The amendment was defeated by a vote of 39 to 3-the only members voting for it being Mes

not vote for them.

Mr. Purdy moved that a special committee be appointed to investigate the Arichat affair, with power to send for persons and papers.—The At-torney Gen. stated that the government had already an investigation through the Trustees, Bishop Binney and others had demanded this investigation. Mr. Purdy insisted that nothing short of an investigation by the House would prove satisfactory. A letter from Rev. Mr. Brine was read stating that at the moment he was writing-a week ago-the Protestant chill dren were being marched to Roman Catholic worship. Mr. Flynn read a certificate from a number of Protestants expressing entire satistaction with the Convent School.

FIRE AT ANTIGONISH.—The Antigonish James G. Ross, at Malignant Brook, were burned on the night of Thursday, the 3rd inst. The said T. H. Rand, is stated in the said rule as a flue, and was so sudden in its ravages that beground for granting the said legal process; and fore the inmates were awakened nds on which the rule was granted, and on clothes of two beds were alone saved from destruction out of a large portion of furniture, Mr. Ross and his family had barely time to escape with their lives. All the grain, the produce of an extensive farm, was destroyed

FATAL ACCIDENT .- A man named James Seabover, employed by S. Freeman & Sons. Jordan River, Shelburne county, while carrying timber on the ice on the 7th inst. fell and received such severe injury by the timber striking his head, that he died in a few moments.

The deceased was a native of Lunenburg, and leaves a wife and children at Jordan River. The Grand Jury of Cape Breton county have refused to recommend, and the Sessions have

refused to grant, licences for the sale of intoxicating liquors this year, and Mr. John Keefe has been appointed Clerk of License.

NEW BRUNSWICK LEGISLATURE

The Government was sustained in its course relation to the Legislative Council Clerkship -by a vote of 21 to 15 in the House of Assembly on Friday. The following members voting for the Government Resolutions :- Wetmore Beckwith, McAdam, Flewelling, King, Kelly, Taylor, Lindsay, J. Flewelling, McLeod, Caie Ceans, Frye, Bliss, Peck, Thompson, Butler,

White, Perley, Covert, Hammond—21.

And the following for the opposition amendment: —Gough, Sutton, Hibbard, Meahan, Landry, Johnson, Montgomery, DesBrisay, Stevenson, McQueen, Babbit, Moore, Needham, Dow, and Quinton-15.

The Telegraph of the 12th inst. says :-The members of the Legislative Council have ommenced to go homeward, although the busis ness of the Session is far from being nearly over. After the Attorney General's speech of yesterday, and the vote of the Assembly, they will probably have little disposition to labor in the service of an unappreciative public.

SMALL Pox .- Late last night it was certified to the Mayor, by Dr. Murphy, that he had a well developed case of small pox in this city. His Worship summoned the board of health immediately, and at a meeting held this morning it was ordered that the house in which the patient resided, Mr. Isaac Simmons's dwelling, be put under strict quarantine. -Frederictor Head Quarters.

DEATH UNDER SINGULAR CIRCUMSTANCES. on Friday afternoon last while Mr. Archibald Ferris was chopping logs near Grand Lake, Q. , he came to his death in a very strange manin her. The sound of his axe was heard by some nformity to the principal of a non-political three or four men who were also chopping in the vicinity and it soon after ceased. going to where he was his body was found with in dismissing Mr. George and in appointing Mr. Darriagh the demand of the Council that the late Superintendent should form. and struck him in the side, causing death. The deceased is a cousin of John Ferris, Esq. M.P.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT TORONTO. - Early on the morning of the 1st inst. a terrific conflagspector, the necessity of having an Inspector ration broke out in the old Northern Railway-commissioned without delay to the vacant office station elevator at Toronto, which resulted in in order to save the Educational affairs in the the total destruction of that building and the ed in reading the communications from many of and in view of the statement of the late Super-sisting of an immense quantity of grain and dismissal and the appointment of Mr. Darragh, flour sheds combined was about 400 feet, and time in the colums of the Wesleyan; and have that he should in view of the circumstances of its value is estimated at \$65,000. The elevathought, that perhaps a few sentences in reference the case offer no opposition to the appointment: to my own, might not be unacceptable. Though It is the opinion of this House that the action of and 16,000 barrels of flour, the value of which

> A monster petition, praying the he Government to the vast importance of maintaining the existing relations between England and her colonies was presented to the Home Secretary on February 15. It was signed by 104,005 working men. A scheme for a reg lar system of military emigration has been pre-

GLOSSOP (ENGLAND.) -- We have now conperintendent the right to inform Mr. George rested the people with descriptions of his own At a meeting held at the Intervale a few upon application, that he neither recommended labours and success as a missionary in Eastern months ago, it was uninamously resolved to

and liberal report be presented in June.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,-The differences in the incomes or salaries paid to Methodist ministers in this country, to which referwhich alone has control of the matter. They are fixed with reference to the cost of living, and to the due maintenance of the position in which the preacher is expected to move. When all these things are taken into the account it will be found that there is not such a remarkable difference. The greatly-augmented expenditure of a family in cities and towns need scarcely be referred

in the labour processes. We entertain cheerby any Connexional Committee upon the
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A WESLEYAN MINISTER. ENGLISH METHODIST FINANCE.

This announcement was hailed as a won-

The Temperance Orders which lately flour

staunch temperance men of the place have been neeting.

which he proved to be impregnable and thence he opened a destructive fire on the enemy's limork work ing statistics to show the fearful ruin which in-

tion in a short but appropriate address:

who seconded the resolution in a very forcible

following resolution:

this resolution in an earnest, firm, truthful and last winter, presented by him, to our church and by virtue of his office as Superintendent, one of done throughout the affair. His position of Dr. Hamilton's address, a committee of the on, and nearly finished throughout: we also and in view of the fact that the late Inspector year. We have been conscious of the presence on and in view of the fact that the late Inspector year. We have been conscious of the presence on the presence of the presenc Cadets of Temperance, belonging to Canning. have a church in course of erection at Port for Cumberland Mr. F. W. George resigned of our Great Master in all our gatheri came before the audience, in regalia, and were Mulgrave commenced last year, and which we the important office of Head Master of an Aca-one occasion we were favored with the services

"To the Chairman of this Meeting, DEAR SIR, -We the committee of the section must eventfully become the head of this cirhe was an ordained clergyman upon whom of Cadets of Temperance in Canning wish to cuit.

Circuit Intelligence. MANCHESTER CIRCUIT.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—I have been much cheerattentive, and Divine influence is frequently felt in our midst, I am unable to record any special work of grace. I am thankful however to see support of this House. that amid a great financial pressure, we are making material improvement. The church at which we have worshipped for some years, was the law to discharge responsible duties, solely

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