

out their earthly pilgrimage. His end was peace. He was buried on the 21st of April, and on the following Sunday his death was improved from Job, xxx, 23, to a large and affected congregation, a great proportion of which were his own connections.

**Mrs. Joseph Gosbee.**

Mrs. Joseph Gosbee, the subject of this brief sketch, was born of respectable parentage at Guysborough, N. S., on the 1st day of May, 1824. She was the fifth daughter of the late Mr. John McKeough, and enjoyed the early advantage of the advice and prayers of a pious mother who departed this life about eight months previous to her daughter, in the full assurance of a Glorious Resurrection to Eternal Life through her Redeemer. Mrs. Gosbee was awakened to a sense of her danger as a lost sinner under the ministry of the Rev. A. W. McLeod, who was then stationed on the Guysborough Circuit, shortly after she attached herself to the Wesleyan Church, of which she was a constant member up to the time of her death. She did not however profess to enjoy the power of vital religion until about five years ago, at which time the Rev. J. V. Jost, was on this Circuit, under whose ministry she received much spiritual benefit. On the tenth day of July, 1851, she was united in marriage to Mr. Joseph Gosbee, a member of the same Church, (By the Rev. W. McCarty) and on the first day of August, they removed from Guysborough to the United States, Essex, Mass.; where on the 20th day of April last, in the twenty-eighth year of her age, after fifteen days of severe suffering which she bore with patience and resignation to the Divine Will, she sweetly fell asleep in Jesus Christ, her Gracious Redeemer. Christ was precious to her on her dying bed. Her end was peace. The mortal remains of the deceased were deposited in the same grave with her twin babes, to rest in peace until the morning of the general resurrection. She has left an affectionate and disconsolate husband, and a large circle of friends and relatives to lament the premature death of one they held so dear.

WILLIAM MOIR,  
Guysborough, May 17th, 1852.

**THE WESLEYAN.**

Halifax, Saturday Morning, June 12, 1852.

**NOTICE.**

The fourth Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Wesleyan Academy, Mount Allison, New Brunswick, is to be held in the Receiving Room of the Institution on Saturday the 19th instant. The attendance of all the members of the Corporation is requested.

R. KNIGHT,  
President of the Board.  
St. John, N. B., June 4, 1852.

**New Brunswick District.**

At the New Brunswick District Meeting it was unanimously resolved that the following minute respecting the Academy at Mount Allison should be forwarded to the "Wesleyan" for publication:

"What is the state of our Academy at Mount Allison?"

The Minutes of the Board Meetings which have been held during our Ecclesiastical year,—the Treasurer's last annual financial statement; an abstract of the School and Class records for the current Academical year,—and the Chaplain's Report of the religious state of the Students having been read, and various additional statements having been made verbally by those members of the District Board who are also members of the Board of Trustees; thereupon unanimously resolved—

1. That the Meeting gratefully recognizes in the success which has so signally crowned the efforts to establish, and maintain an Institution designed, from its very foundation, to advance the interests of religion, as well as those of science, evidence of the continued supervision of the God of Providence.

2. That the thanks of this Meeting are due

and are hereby tendered to the Brethren who have acted on behalf of this District as Trustees during the past year for the faithful manner in which they have discharged the duties of their office.

3. That this Meeting fully concurring in the opinion expressed by the Trustees in the Minutes of the Board-Meeting held January 9, 1852—"That the Institution is mainly indebted under the Divine blessing to the talents and indefatigable exertions of the esteemed Principal for the high position which it has acquired among the educational establishments of the age"; and "entertaining undiminished confidence in his ability, integrity and zeal," unites in the request of the Board to him to continue to occupy, at least another year, the laborious, and responsible station which he has held so creditably to himself, so advantageously to the Institution, and so satisfactory to his brethren in this District.

4. That the Report of our beloved brother the Chaplain respecting the religious condition of the Institution, conveying as it does pleasing information of the prevalence during the year of a spirit of earnest attention on the part of so many of the Students to the sound religious instruction which we are well assured, is by him most faithfully given, is peculiarly gratifying to us all, and that this Meeting take this method of assuring him of their continued confidence, as well as of their sympathy in the important work in which he is usefully employed.

5. That the members of this District Committee rejoice to learn that a plan has been devised for procuring funds for the establishment of a Branch Institution for the education of the daughters of our people and friends which seems so worthy the approval of all who favour such an undertaking, and they therefore pledge themselves to do all they can to further any prudent measures which may be determined on by the Board of Trustees at the approaching meeting, to secure so desirable an end.

6. That in the opinion of all the members of this meeting the Academy is in all respects entitled to the confidence of our friends, throughout the Provinces; and we do thereupon determine to exert ourselves upon our respective Circuits to secure for it continued and increased patronage and support.

7. That Charles F. Allison, and Gilbert F. Ray, Esquires be requested to act as Trustees in conjunction with the Chairman and Secretary of this meeting for the ensuing year.

W. T. CARDY,  
Journal Sec'y.

St. John, N. B., June 4, 1852.

The following is a list of the Stations of the Wesleyan Ministers of the New Brunswick District for the present year:

- St. John South, (Rev. Richard Knight,
- " North, (Rev. J. Allison,
- " West, (Rev. William Smith,
- " West, (Rev. Wm. T. Cardy,
- " West, (Rev. Wm. Tweedy,
- Fredericton, (Rev. Charles Churchill,
- Sheffield, (Rev. William Smithson,
- Milltown, (Rev. Robert Cooney, M. A.
- St. Stephen, (Rev. Ingham Sutcliffe,
- St. Andrews, (Rev. William Temple,
- Sackville, (Rev. James G. Hennigar,
- Point de Bute, (Rev. George Johnson,
- Petitcodiac, (Rev. William Allen,
- Hopewell, (Rev. Robert A. Chesley,
- Sussex Vale, (Rev. Joseph F. Bent,
- Woodstock and Andover, (Rev. Arth. McNutt,
- " Mr. Phinney,
- Annapolis, (Rev. George M. Barratt,
- Digby and Sissiboo, (Rev. James Taylor,
- Bridgetown, (Rev. Michael Pickles,
- Aylesford, (Rev. Christopher Lockhart,
- Miramichi, (Rev. John Snowball,
- Richibucto, (Rev. Robert A. Temple,
- Bathurst, &c. (Rev. John Prince,
- Wesleyan Academy, (Rev. Humph. Pickard,
- Mount Allison, (A. M., Principal,
- Westmoreland, (Rev. Albert Desbrisay,
- " Sup'y., Chaplain.

The next District Meeting will be held in the City of Fredericton, commencing at 10 A. M., on the first Thursday in June, 1853.

**THE NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN DISTRICT.**

The following are the Stations of Ministers the present year:—

- Halifax, (Mathew Richey, D. D., John McMurray;
- Wm. Bennett, William Crosscombe, Supernumeraries.
- St. Margaret's Bay, &c. (Fred. W. Moore,
- Dartmouth and Musquodoboit, (A. W. McLeod,
- D. D.; one to be sent.

Lunenburg, (Rich. Weddall, James Armstrong;

(Bro. Armstrong to reside at Petite Reviere.)

Liverpool and Mills Village, (Roland Morton;

John L. Sponagle.

Shelburne, (One wanted.

Barrington, (Jeremiah V. Jost.

Yarmouth, (William Wilson

Horton and Cornwallis, (Fred Smallwood, Geo. W. Tuttle.

Windsor, (Henry Pope, 1st; John Marshall, Supernumerary.

Newport, (Thos. H. Davies; one to be sent.

Mailand, (Henry Pope, 2nd.

NOVA SCOTIA EAST, AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, DISTRICT.

Charlottetown, (Ephm. Evans, D. D., J. R. Narraway; J. B. Strong, Sup'y.

Poernal, (A. B. Black.

Bedeque, (G. O. Heustis.

Truro and River John, (James Buckley.

Anherst and Maccan, (W. C. Beals.

Parboro, (Thos. Gaetz.

Wallace, (Rich. Smith.

River Phillip, (Joseph H. Starr.

Guysborough and Canso, (Wm. McCarty, A. McL. Desbrisay.

Sydney, C. B., (R. E. Crane.

**Dedication of the New Church, South End.**

We congratulate our Wesleyan friends on the auspicious opening and solemn dedication of the beautiful Church, South End. The Rev. M. RICHEY, D. D., conducted the dedicatory services on Sabbath morning last, at 11 o'clock, and preached an admirable and appropriate Sermon from Eph. iv, 11, 12, 13.

The Rev. H. Pope, Senr., officiated at 3 P. M., and preached an excellent sermon from Isaiah xxviii. 16.

At 7 P. M., the Rev. F. Smallwood, delivered an eloquent and soul-stirring discourse from Acts v. 3, 4.

The congregations on the above occasions were large and attentive, and manifested a commendable degree of liberality in the amount of the collections taken up to assist the Trust-fund. A hallowed influence pervaded the vast assemblies whilst engaging in the devotional exercises and listening to the Word of Life.

The service of the morning was rendered peculiarly interesting by the affecting administration of the Sacrament of Christian baptism to an adult by the application of water to the subject by the mode of pouring,—and that in the evening, by the solemn administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the members of the Church. Appropriate Anthems were sung by the Choir.

Many prayers were offered up for the especial blessing of God to rest on the present and future services of this Sanctuary, and to render this House of the Lord the spiritual birth-place of thousands of souls of this and of succeeding generations.

**Election of Officers in the M. E. Church.**

At the recent General Conference in Boston, the following elections were made:—

Rev. Dr. Levi Scott, Rev. Dr. Matthew Simpson, Rev. Osman C. Baker, and Rev. Edward R. Ames, Bishops, who have been since ordained for the Episcopal office.

Dr. Thomas E. Bond, Editor of the Christian Advocate & Journal.

Dr. J. P. Durbin, Missionary Secretary.

Dr. J. McClintock, Editor of the Quarterly Review.

Rev. William Homer, Editor of the Northern Christian Advocate.

Dr. Kidder, Editor of Sunday School Publications.

Dr. William Nast, Editor of the Christian Apologist and German books.

Dr. Charles Elliott, Editor of the Western Christian Advocate.

Rev. Wm. Swormstedt, principal Book Agent at Cincinnati.

Rev. Adam Poe, Assistant Book Agent.

Rev. Thomas Cariton, principal Book Agent at New York.

Rev. Zebulon Phillips, Assistant Book Agent.

Rev. Abel Stevens, A. M., Editor of the New Monthly Magazine and Tracts.

Rev. S. D. Simons, Editor of the California Advocate.

Rev. Wm. C. Larreebe, Editor of the Ladies' Repository.

Rev. J. V. Watson, Editor of the North Western Christian Advocate.

**The District Committees.**

The annual meetings of the District Committees have now, for the most part, concluded their proceedings; and as far as we can judge from the information communicated to us, they have been more satisfactory and encouraging than could have been hoped in the general circumstances of the Connexion. We have not yet received statistical returns from all the Districts, so as to be able to lay before our readers the total increase or decrease, in the number of members, as taken up to the end of the March quarter; but we already have sufficient data to enable us to state that, while the decrease on the year is not likely to prove so great as had been apprehended, yet a decrease, and that of many thousands, will have to be reported at the next Conference. We have no disposition to trifle with this fact. We would not, in setting it forth, either conceal or weaken it, in the least; but would give it fairly and fully, so that the truth may be plain to reflecting minds—that such violent and unprincipled assaults as have recently been made upon Wesleyan Methodism, cannot, in any religious community, be sustained without very serious detriment and loss to the Church of Christ. It should, however, be remembered, in the calculations that are made of decreased numbers in the Wesleyan Body, that the decrease of any given year, though consisting of several thousands, may not to any great extent, or even at all, be attributable to the number of persons who, through disaffection, have separated themselves from us. The average annual loss, by deaths, emigrations, removals, and back-slidings, throughout so great a Connexion, is ordinarily very great; so that in any year, several thousands have to be added as converts from the world, to fill up the vacancies that have been made, before any increase whatever can be reckoned. And when evil and disturbing influences are brought into a large religious community, like our own, so as to chill religious feeling, arrest the work of conversion, and to prevent the usual increment derived from without, the number of its members must of necessity be reduced.

This, undoubtedly, was, to a great extent, the case in the loss of members last year: as may be seen in the scanty number of adherents to the cause of the expelled ministers and their associates, and in the circumstances in which they are now found. Fifty thousand members would, in the ordinary working of Methodism, have supported more than one hundred of its ministers, and at the same time contributed their proportionate amount to its several institutions. But can the associated agitators of the Connexion support anything like that number? At the beginning of the year, the Treasurer of their fund warned the "Delegates" who met in Newcastle, against adding to their expenses by the employment of an increased amount of itinerant agency, and plainly showed them that their income would not bear it. And now that they have made some few additions to the three ministers originally under their direction, they find the fund so inadequate, that, according to current report, they have recently taken occasion to censure these three earliest Ministers for their injurious extravagance in language and conduct, and to forward to them notices that their services are not likely to be required after the close of the present year. The 56,000 members, incorrectly stated to have been separated from Methodism during the last year, are evidently not with the disaffected; and, undoubtedly, the loss is to be, in a large part, accounted for, through the vacancies, occasioned by the ordinary "wear and tear" of the system, not being filled up in a period of unexampled disturbance.

In examining the returns of the several Districts, however, as far as we have the means, we find in them good reasons for hope concerning the future. The numbers have already, in most parts of the Connexion, begun to rise. The decrease seems generally to have taken place before Christmas; and since then it has greatly diminished, and in many Circuits there has been