

Obituary Notices.

Mr. EDDY.—How wonderfully mysterious are the ways of Providence. At the very moment when many of the youth of our country are anticipating long life and great enjoyment, they are, unexpectedly and at a short notice, removed to another world.

The next is JAMES BATH, only son of Robert Bath, Esq., in the 16th year of his age. James was a promising youth, and had made very respectable progress in his studies.

The next is MISS ANNE PARKER, an adopted daughter of Robert Parker, Esq., Granville, who has been removed from the scenes of time, in the twenty-fourth year of her age.

Yours, &c., M. PICKLES.

Bridgton, June 4th, 1861.

Provincial Wesleyan.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1861.

In consequence of the official relation which this paper sustains to the Conference of Eastern British America, we require that Obituary, Revival, and other notices addressed to us from any part of the continent within the bounds of the Conference, shall pass through the hands of the Superintendent Minister.

The Approaching Conference.

- ORDER OF MEETING OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEES IN THE SCHOOL ROOM OF GERMAIN STREET, QUEBEC, ST. JOHN, N.B.
ORDER OF CONFERENCE FOR 1861.—The Committees preparatory to the next Conference are appointed to meet in St. John as follows:

- 1. Stationing Committee.—Thursday, June 20th, at 9 o'clock, A. M.
2. Book Committee.—Friday, June 21st, at 9 A. M.
3. Theological Institution Committee.—Saturday, June 22nd, at 9 A. M.
4. Auxiliary Missionary Society Committee.—Saturday, June 22nd, at 3 P. M.
5. Board of Trustees of the Mount Allison Academy.—Monday, June 24th, at 9 A. M.
6. Contingent Fund.—Tuesday, June 25th, at 9 A. M.
7. Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund.—Tuesday, June 25th, at 3 P. M.
N. B.—The Secretaries of the several Funds are directed to meet in St. John on Thursday, June 20th, for the purpose of preparing for their several Committees the accounts of their several departments.

The Conference in St. John. The Wesleyan Methodist of Great Britain have two Connexional festivals in the course of the year—the Anniversary of the Missionary Society in May, and the Conference, which is held about the beginning of August.

increasingly a point of attraction, and the means of a blessing to our members in the country.—The approaching Conference, it may be expected, will be peculiarly interesting. The city of St. John, with its three Circuits, its six churches, and its membership of over a thousand persons, must always prove a pleasant place for sojourn or for visit to the followers of John Wesley.

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Letter from Newfoundland.

MR. EDITOR.—Feeling sure that the readers of the much prized "Provincial Wesleyan" through our own and other affiliated Conferences, are deeply interested in the prosperity of God's cause in Newfoundland, your correspondent forwards this communication in reference to the recent meeting of the Ministers at their Annual District Committee.

DEAR SIR.—In your paper for May 22nd, there was copied from the "Presbyterian Witness" an article referring to the recent proceedings which lately occurred in Harbour Grace. It is there stated that the Wesleyan Parsonage in that town had been riddled, which imports at least that the residence of our minister had been greatly injured.

British Systematic Benevolence Society.

In our last, we reported the first Anniversary of this Society which was held in St. James's Hall on the evening before our publication. On the previous Monday morning a Breakfast meeting was held at the Freemasons' Tavern. Sir Hugh Cairns, Bart., presided, and was surrounded by the Revs. Dr. McCreik, T. Nolan, W. Bunting, J. R. Reynolds, Dr. Hamilton, W. Arthur, Dr. Morgan, J. Graham, A. M. Henderson, —Boland, G. Oulton, —Whiting, W. Cardwell, J. Davis, S. Minion, W. Hamilton, Messrs. R. A. McFie, of Liverpool; J. Henderson, of Glasgow; W. Williams, of Huddersfield; Garland, of Redruth; Hawkins, of London; and Dr. Junot, of Switzerland. For the following report we are indebted to the Editor:

The Chairman said he had given a cheerful assent to the request which had been made to him to preside at the inauguration breakfast of the Systematic Benevolence Society, for two reasons.—the first a personal, the second a local one. The personal reason was, that he always entertained a strong conviction that the principles enunciated by that Society were sound and true, and that it was on these principles alone, that they could look hopefully for the sustained and vigorous maintenance of the charitable institutions of the land.

not equal to those of a few years past;—yet, what our people contribute is not altogether to be judged from their subscriptions toward the support of the ministry—"The Wesleyan Missionary Society"—and the different Connexional Funds, for they are doing much in the erection of Churches, Parsonages, and School Houses.

Our "Connexional organ," the "Provincial Wesleyan," is taken by some of the friends of our people and is highly appreciated. Our Wesleyan Literature and Periodicals are largely circulated. On Thursday, the 23rd inst., at noon, the Ministers attended the "special prayer meeting," which has been regularly held once a week during the past winter in connection with our Society at St. John's. Earnest prayer ascended to God for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon this Colony, the Universal Church, and the whole world.

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ready admitted the Christian obligation of contributing to charitable purposes, and that it endeavoured to give form and distinctness to what was an admitted duty. The argument upon which the Society rested was quite irresistible. The duty of devoting a portion of one's income to works of charity and benevolence being admitted, how ought the Christian to set about the fulfilment of that duty? Clearly in the same manner as a wise man would proceed with regard to the other expenditure of the year.

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that Christian churches and Ministers were under deep obligations to the originators of this movement. The Rev. Dr. Hamilton thought that the objection to any systematic plan in giving would equally apply to the setting apart of stated periods for devotion. It was felt, however, by all Christians, that private devotion would be very likely to become neglected were it not for the system of sitting aside regular periods to its exercise. Organisation was not necessarily antagonistic to vitality, but the reverse. The Evangelical Alliance had not diminished the love of brethren one towards another, and neither, in his opinion, would this Society tend to the promotion of mere formalism in benevolence. Great respect would be rendered by placing the matter fairly before the Christian public, for he believed there was wealth enough in the Church for all the work which God had for the Church to do.

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General Intelligence.

Domestica. H. M. S. MERRY.—This magnificent frigate—justly the pride of the British Navy—which arrived here last Saturday, left England on the 12th ult. for this station, much to the satisfaction of all the officers, who are highly delighted at the opportunity thus afforded them of "knowing" Halifax.

Colonial. The dwelling house of Mr. John B. Campbell, Spring Garden Road, was broken into on Saturday morning last. It appears that the burglar broke open the hall door, and having directed himself of his boots, was proceeding to ransack the house, no doubt, when he was met by Mr. Campbell in the entry, who had been aroused by the noise. The intruder quickly vanished, forgetting to carry his boots, which he had left at the front door when he entered.—Colonist.

The Eighth.—Saturday was pretty generally observed as a holiday, and the display of bunting from the houses and the city was quite a gay appearance. The day was celebrated in the Yacht Club, and after a spirited contest, the first class cup was won by the new sloop Waver. After the race the owners of the Waver entertained the members of the Club at a repast on board the yacht. The excursion trips by rail, and the run up the Bath in the Neptune, were both well patronised. The anniversary passed off very pleasantly.—Colonist.

The Dockyard.—We learn from the Reporter that repairs are soon to be taken to render the Dockyard more complete in all its arrangements than it has been hitherto. Several very important improvements are to be added, particularly in the different machinery and appliances for the repairing of men-of-war steamships. It is understood that it is contemplated in a short time to build an extensive machine shop in the yard. Chase the Photographer has been entrusted to photograph the most prominent features in the naval yard, for transmission to the Home authorities. It may be reasonably inferred that the visit of the Prince of Wales to our shores has in some measure contributed to this movement, the admiral's visit to our harbor combines for a naval station what have hitherto been the observations of the Duke of Newcastle, and the other members of the British suite. We are sure that our worthy Admiral who has such large experience in those matters, must be impressed with the immense advantages presented by this port over the Bosphorus, and are sure that any information he may be called upon to furnish to the Home authorities on this subject, our interests will be fairly represented.—Col.

DIABOLICAL OUTRAGE.—On Saturday evening, between 9 and 10 o'clock, Miss Allan, an aged widow woman, who at the time was on the road near her own dwelling, was assaulted by an Indian, who knocked her down, and who, while in a state of unconsciousness, was guilty no doubt, of the most deacon-like outrage of her life. She was lying on the ground, and in the destruction of sixteen horses. The cause of the accident has not been clearly ascertained, as it has been impossible to explore the interior of the Indian's mind. An Indian suspect has been deemed prudent to close up the shaft for a time. We are much gratified to be able to state that beyond the melancholy loss of life and property, no other persons were injured, and no interference with the supply of coal, as there is a large quantity on the banks, and work has been actively resumed in the other pits which are not so affected by the explosion.

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A NOVA SCOTIAN IN THE AMERICAN ARMY.—(From the Pictou Colonial Standard.)—The Nova Scotian Abroad has become quite a famous character. In the subjoined paragraph, which we copy from an American paper, we find another instance of the fact that Nova Scotians will distinguish themselves when an opportunity offers. Mr. Tremain, whose knowledge of telegraphing proved of such signal service to the American Government in the time of war, is a son of J. L. Tremain, Esq., of Port Hood, C. B., and holds the rank of Color Sergeant in Co. G, of the Massachusetts 5th Regiment.

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