

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

WANTED IN OCTOBER:—1,000 NEW SUBSCRIBERS FOR "THE WESLEYAN."

The next volume of our Connexional Organ, which will commence with the new year, should have a greatly increased list of subscribers.

That the ministers and other friends interested in its circulation may be helped in their efforts to secure such increase, and induced to enter at once upon a thorough canvass for new subscribers, the following very liberal offer is made:—New subscribers paying two dollars in advance for the year 1880, will be supplied with the paper from the time of the receipt of the two dollars at the office to the end of the present year free.

We earnestly request each of the two hundred and fifty or more ministers and preachers in the three Eastern Conferences of the Methodist Church of Canada, to immediately enter upon a well-planned, systematic, thorough canvass of his circuit or mission for new subscribers. If this request can be granted, the want above mentioned may, we are confident, be supplied. Within the circle of influence of each of these brethren there are doubtless a great many families which do not receive the weekly visits of our Connexional organ,—but to every one of which such visits from this authorized messenger of and to all our churches would be of inestimable advantage; and surely if the canvass is zealously prosecuted among these families for a few hours in each week during the ensuing month of October, each minister and preacher will succeed in inducing, at least one family in each week, to make the necessary arrangement to secure such visits.

If this movement can now be made simultaneously along all our ministerial lines, and with anything like the success which we assuredly believe may be secured, we shall be enabled to make certain desirable improvements in the appearance of our paper at the commencement of the next volume.

Please, brethren, one and all, take this business in hand at once, with a fixed determination to succeed.

THE WESLEYAN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1879.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

COBourg, Ont., Sept. 18, 1879.

THE NEW HYMN BOOK.

The preparation of a new Hymn Book for the Methodist Church of Canada, has, manifestly, become indispensable. Our people in British North America have been using, hitherto, the Hymn Book of the British Conference. The publication of the English book has, for sufficient reasons, been discontinued. A new Hymnal has recently been published for the congregations connected with the British Conference. The old book, so long so familiar, and so dear to us, is rapidly going out of print.

Our General Conference, at its session of 1874, recognized the inevitable necessity of procuring a new Hymn Book, and appointed a Committee to prepare the needed materials. Considerable preparatory work was done by the Committee previous to the meeting of the last General Conference. The report of the Committee was submitted to the Conference; and after filling vacancies in the membership of the Committee, the Conference directed it to go on with its work, and bring out the new Hymn Book within the following two years.

An immense amount of work has been done by both sections of the Committee, at various times, during the past year. A united meeting of both sections has been held in Jackson Hall, Victoria University, Cobourg, Ontario, beginning on the tenth instant. The Committee has held twenty-two sessions here; during which it has made final arrangements for the publication of the book.

The work of the Committee has included a careful revision of the old Hymn Book. A considerable number of the old hymns will not appear in the new volume. Want of adaptation for general use in our congregations, has been a prominent reason for the omission of the rejected hymns.

The lyrics of the new book will be arranged, according to their topics, under the following

TABLE OF CONTENTS.

- I. Adoration
- II. Creation and Providence
- III. The Lord Jesus Christ: His Person, Office, and Work
- IV. The Holy Spirit
- V. Repentance and Conversion
 - 1. Awakening and Inviting
 - 2. Penitence and Trust
- VI. The Christian Life
 - 1. Pleasantness of Religion
 - 2. Rejoicing
 - 3. Praying
 - 4. Watching
 - 5. Conflict and Suffering
 - 6. Working
 - 7. Full Salvation
 - 8. The Hope of Heaven
- VII. Christian Ordinances and Institutions
 - 1. The Word of God
 - 2. The Lord's Day
 - 3. The House of God
 - 4. The Ministry
 - 5. Baptism
 - 6. The Lord's Supper
- VIII. The Kingdom of Christ
- IX. Social and Family Worship
- X. Death, Judgment, and the Future State
- XI. Special Occasions.
- XII. Chants and Doxologies.

The new Hymn Book will contain nine hundred and thirty-eight hymns: which will be distributed among the sections as follows:—Adoration 88; Creation and Providence 19; The Lord Jesus Christ 77; The Holy Spirit 24; Awakening and Inviting 31; Penitence and trust 99; Rejoicing 48; Praying 39; Watching 13; Conflict and Suffering 59; Working 19; Full Salvation 81; Hope of Heaven 24; The Word of God 8; The Lord's day 16; The House of God 23; The Ministry 8; Baptism 7; The Lord's Supper 12; The Kingdom of Christ 42; Social and Family Worship 85; Death, Judgment, and Future State 57; Special Occasions 44; Chants and Doxologies 14.

Six hundred and forty-two of these hymns have been taken from our old Hymn Book. The new hymns have been selected from the current hymnology of the age. Although the new book will contain one hundred and sixty-nine more hymns than the old one, the contents of the volume will not be proportionately larger, as the average number of verses in each hymn is considerably smaller, in the new book, than in the old. Each hymn of the old book, that is to be excluded from the new one, has been subjected to the most careful consideration. And each new hymn that has been accepted has been carefully weighed in the balances. The new hymns have not only been subjected to close scrutiny, as regards the literary and poetic qualities of each verse; but, also, with reference to their theological teachings, and their adaptation to congregational singing.

The following decisions have been reached by the vote of the Committee:—

The new volume is to be known as "The Hymn Book of the Methodist Church of Canada."

The words: "Methodist Hymn Book" will appear on the back of each book.

The names of authors of the hymns will be attached to the first lines in the index.

The peculiar meters of the hymns will be indicated by numerals showing the number of syllables in each line.

The larger editions of the book will contain an index of the verses. But such an index may be omitted from the smaller editions.

The book will contain an index of subjects of hymns, and a table of texts of Scripture illustrated in the hymns.

Either a brief text, or a suitable caption, will be placed at the head of each hymn, when in the judgment of the Editorial Committee it is advisable.

Revs. Drs. Dewart, Sutherland, and Harper are appointed the Committee to edit and publish the new Hymn Book. Dr. Dewart will be the chairman, and Dr. Sutherland the secretary, of the Committee.

Four editions of the new book will be issued simultaneously, namely, a pulpits edition, a 48 mo. edition, a 12 mo. edition, and a four page edition.

The pages of the volume will be indicated at the foot of the page.

It was resolved,—That this Committee requests its members, who are also members of either Book Committee, to lay before the Executive Committee of their several sections, the necessity of publishing, as soon as practicable, a Hymn and Tune Book, which will preserve to our church the control, as far as possible, of its own music,

and secure for our people such tunes as will be appropriate to the spirit and composition of the hymns which have now been compiled, and that, in the publication of such a work, the eastern and western sections of the Book Committee be requested to co-operate."

The Queen's Square Methodist Church, St. John, N. B., will be opened, and dedicated, on Sunday, the 5th of October.

The Provincial Exhibition will open at Halifax on Monday next. Arrangements have been made for reduced rates of travel to Halifax and return, per rail, during the ensuing week.

"THE COVENANT."—The first number of *The Covenant*, a new semi-monthly religious paper, has come to hand. It is published in Philadelphia, and is a four-page, twenty-four column paper. It presents a good appearance; and is published in the interests of the Reformed Episcopal Church, by the Covenant Publishing Company, 810 N. Eleventh Street, Philadelphia, at \$1.00 per year.

"THE DOMESTIC JOURNAL."—The first number of *The Domestic Journal*, a new "Unsectarian, Religious, and Temperance Monthly," is also received. It is published in Springfield, Mass. It is a twelve page paper, with four columns to the page. Its appearance, typographically, and generally, is excellent. It is published by S. G. Otis, 387 Main Street, Springfield, Mass. We wish both "The Covenant" and "The Domestic Journal" abundant success.

Daniel Drew, the well-known New York broker, died at 10.45 p.m. on 18th inst., at the residence of his son, in New York. He had been in his usual health during the day. At six o'clock he dined with Darius Lawrence, a broker, and returned to his son's house after dinner. About nine o'clock he complained, feeling slightly unwell, but insisted no one should sit up with him. At about 10.15 he walked into the room occupied by Lawrence, and said he felt much more unwell. Medical assistance was at once summoned, but before it arrived Drew was dead. Physicians attribute death to epilepsy. Mr. Drew was a liberal supporter of Methodist Institutions.

VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION should take particular notice of the Cattle entered for the SPECIAL PRIZES OFFERED BY ALDERMAN FRAZER for having used the NORTH BRITISH CATTLE-FOOD COMPANY'S NUTRITIOUS COMPOUND.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS RECEIVED.

THE PREACHER AND HOMILETIC MONTHLY for September is the closing number of the present volume and is of special interest. Among its contents are the following: Sermon: "Sowing and Reaping in the Kingdom of Nature and Grace," by James McCosh, D. D., LL. D., delivered before the Graduating Class at Princeton College and revised for this publication; "Reverence and Godly Fear," by Henry J. Van Dyke, D. D.; "The Testimony of our Conscience," by J. H. Rylance, D. D.; "The Human Side of Christ's Person," by Rev. David Winters. The four sermons just mentioned are given in full. There are a number of sermons given in abridged form from Dr. Van Doren, Tyng, Horatio Bonar, Herrick Johnson, Foss and others. These reports and abridgments are made especially for this publication. Besides the Sermonic the Monthly contains much other matter designed to unfold and illustrate the principles of Homiletics. Dr. William M. Taylor furnishes his fourth paper on "Expository Preaching," Dr. Tilley, a paper on "Some Essentials of Successful Preaching." Then we have "Studies in the Book of Revelation," by Rev. D. C. Hughes; "Science in the Pulpit," by Rev. John Moore; "Prayer-Meeting Service," by Rev. Lewis O. Thompson; "Sermonic Criticism," etc., etc. The Monthly is constantly growing in interest. Drs. Cuyler, Deems, and others, have been added to the corps of regular contributors. \$2.50 per year; 25 cents per copy. L. K. Funk & Co., New York.

THE FIRST ANNUAL LECTURE AND SERMON of the Theological Union of Mount Allison Wesleyan College is received. The lecture was delivered by the Rev. Charles Stewart, D. D., and the sermon by Rev. W. C. Brown, in June, 1879. A more complete notice of this publication will appear in a subsequent number. This pamphlet is from the Wesleyan Conference Office, and is for sale at the Book Room.

POSTAL CARDS.

FAIRVILLE, St. John, Sept. 22, 1879. The subscription list for the "Relief and Extension Fund," has been headed by a donation of \$250 from the Hon. J. D. Lewin. We have also every indication of spiritual prosperity. W. L. L.

RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND.

Horton, Sept. 23, 1879. We have held our first meetings on behalf of this fund in the Halifax District with encouraging success. Windsor with a small congregation present subscribed \$150, those who were not present will surely increase the sum to at least \$300. Bros. T. Rogers and Pickles were present and did good service. At Wolfville on Sabbath evening we had a fine congregation. The meeting was excellent. The church was decorated with flowers, and the people were as cheerful as the flowers, and were beautiful. After an appropriate and excellent sermon from Bro. Brecken, and an explanation of the scheme by myself, cards were distributed and about \$80 subscribed. One card bore the inscription Genesis 28: 22, having attached to it four five dollar bills. At Horton on Monday evening the response was not so good. Local objects interfering, still the circuit will do well. Annapolis District is at work. I was at Canning on Sabbath morning with Bro. Strothard. We had a fine service. About \$80 subscribed with promise of more. I hear of great things done at Berwick. Without any doubt the movement is taking a strong hold upon our people. S. F. H.

Bermuda Correspondence.

MR. EDITOR:—

Some of our Methodist friends are just now seeking relief from the oppressive influences of a Bermuda summer by visiting other countries. Eight of my congregation have crossed the ocean seeking health or pleasure or the accomplishment of business enterprises, while several from Hamilton are also absent, and among the number the Rev. E. B. Moore, who left in the New York boat on the 4th inst. The summer upon the whole has been healthy and not by any means as hot as some we have experienced here—and though we have several times been exposed to contagious fevers by vessels from Southern ports calling in distress for aid, a merciful Providence has graciously preserved us from the destroyer that has decimated so many homes in other lands.

One of the events which has stirred the conversational powers of Bermudians lately is the resignation of the

COLONIAL SECRETARY,

to take effect in December next if his salary is not increased. The appointment of Colonial Secretary is made in England; but the Colonial Government fixes and pays the salary. Formerly the salary was \$3,500.00; but with a view to secure the appointment to a Colonist, some years since the Government reduced the salary until it and the perquisites only amount to a little more than \$2,000.00. Still an European got the appointment. Mr. Webster, the present Secretary, is spoken of as an excellent officer an expert in his business, affable and obliging. But he says he cannot live in Bermuda on \$2,000. He has tried it for a number of years and become involved and embarrassed, and now tenders his resignation. The Governor and Council are in favor of increasing the salary and retaining the present officer, but the Legislative Assembly refuse to acquiesce. If the Assembly remain firm, they will, probably in the end secure their object, viz. a Bermudian for Colonial Secretary. There can be no doubt in any mind acquainted with Bermudians, but there are men in our midst with every needed qualification for the office and who would be glad to discharge its duties for an annual income of \$2,000. And where there are so few public offices and while so many of our young men are forced to seek positions in other lands, it seems but right a Bermudian should have the place.

THE CIRCULARS,

sent out by our General Conference officials calling the attention of the Churches to the proposal to raise \$150,000 for the "Relief and Extension Fund," came to us by the last mail. But owing to the oppressive weather and the absence from the Island of some who ought to take a deep interest in the enterprise, we judged it prudent to wait another month before making a special effort to do our part in achieving the grand whole. In one family, where I left a circular and explained the object of the scheme, "the elect lady" of the house, whose heart and hands are in every good work, gave me a sovereign for the fund without asking. I hope many may be induced to follow her worthy example. We always find that those who give most for general church purposes are most willing to help a special effort like the present, while those who seldom help beneficent enterprises are so pained with arguments about hard times and coming want that no appeal can move their hearts or open their purse. Giving like every other grace grows by cultivating; and if this noble enterprise develops the generosity of our congregations, it will leave us a richer and better people. As many of the readers of the WESLEYAN are either engaged in shipping or have friends upon the sea, it may remove anxiety and bring comfort to some minds, if we give a monthly statement of the

ARRIVAL OF VESSELS.

Of the Cunard Steamer which leaves Halifax once every four weeks and calls here on her voyage both to and from St. Thomas; of the New York steamer which make fortnightly trips between Hamilton and New York and of the regularly trading Bermuda vessels, we need not speak. These come and go with great regularity. Besides those regulars the following vessels have arrived at Bermuda since our last:—

On August 25th, Schr. Almira, Brooks; 29th, Schr. Martha & Harriet, Williams; 30th, Schr. Silver Heel, Milan; 31st, Schr. Thomas D. Harrison; Sept. 3rd, Schr. Stella, Robinson; Sept. 8, Schr. Ellen Francis, Bulger. On the 30th ult., the Brig Wanderer, Captain Peyrano, of St. John, N. B., called at Bermuda in want of water and provisions. The Wanderer took in a cargo of logwood at Miragone, where the former Captain Roake and three seamen died of fever after three days sickness. Only three of the original crew now on board, and they are convalescents from fever. The British Consul replaced the deceased crew by native. Of Hayti. On the 4th inst., the Brig Mary Allerton, Capt. Burgess, from Africa, called in want of medical aid and seamen. The Brig left Goree on the 26th July, bound for Boston, and on the following day what is called "coast fever" broke out among the crew. On the 2nd Aug. the mate died and on the 16th one of the seamen. The captain and crew all suffered, and on their arrival here the captain, cook and one seaman were all who could do duty. Such are the trials to which our fellows who "go down upon the sea to do business" are subjected.

AMONG THE MILITARY

there is a stir at present. The 46th Regt. has been ordered to prepare to embark for Halifax, N. S., and of course there is joy in the camp. They have their placards out offering horses, cows, &c., for sale. It is supposed they will leave here next month. The 46th is a fine Regiment. The men have conducted themselves well in Bermuda, and both officers and men are held in good repute among the civilians. May they prosper and be happy in Halifax. We are told that the 97th Regt. now in Halifax will be sent here to relieve the 46th. Many of the 97th are well known here, the Regiment having been

stationed in Bermuda a few years since. Indeed one of its officers married the daughter of one of our citizens, and no doubt there will be re-unions and rejoicings on the return of the 97th Regt. to these lovely Isles of the sea.

Late in the autumn seems a very unpropitious season in which to send men who have spent three years in Bermuda to Halifax, and unless soldiers are made of different stuff from most of us many of the 46th will wish themselves back in Bermuda before June.

Sept. 13th, 1879.

W. R.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TRURO FINANCIAL DISTRICT MEETING.

The Financial District Meeting of the Truro District met at Middle Musquodoboit on Tuesday 9th inst., at 2 o'clock, p.m. There was a full attendance of ministers; also lay representatives from five of the circuits. Arrangements made by Brother Lane and his generous people conveyed the brethren to and from the station, distant twelve miles gratis. After appropriate devotional exercises in which both ministers and laymen took part, the District proceeded to arrange for its public meetings. Routine business was then taken up.

In the evening a social religious meeting was held. The attendance was good, Rev. R. A. Temple presided. Prayer was offered by Rev. T. Hart, and addresses, short, pithy and spiritual were given by lay brethren E. Henstis and J. Gaetz, and Revs. Asbury and Mack. There was a refreshing sense of the Divine presence. Our souls were watered from on high.

Wednesday morning session took up the "Relief and Extension" scheme. There was some interesting and profitable discussion and a strengthened determination to set up our banners in the name of our God. The ministerial subscriptions reached over \$250.00. In the evening the public meeting was held. The church was well filled. After singing prayer was offered by Rev. J. M. Fisher. Then followed the chairman's address. Grave, clear, fervid and convincing, covering the whole field and closing with a moving appeal for aid in this church's deep financial crisis, this address secured an interest which lived and increased to the end. The chairman was followed by Bro. Lane who read the circular letter, after which addresses were delivered by Bro. J. Gaetz and Revs. J. M. Fisher, J. G. Angwin and T. D. Hart. The collection and subscriptions amounted to nearly \$40.

The striking feature of this F. D. M. was its deep spirituality. The ordinary sessions as well as the public services were enriched by the presence of the Master. May that presence continue with us and make this a glorious year of soul-saving in the District.

Sept. 24.

STATISTICS FOR 1879.

MR. EDITOR.—In my synopsis of statistics in the WESLEYAN of Sept. 12th, I notice a typographical error in the membership total. The correct number is 123,031. While writing allow me to say to your numerous constituents that MSS. for the

CYCLOPEDIA OF METHODISM

is now ready. It contains valuable historical, educational, and statistical information, dating from the beginning of Methodism in the several Provinces of the Dominion, and extending to the Conferences of 1879. It gives information concerning every circuit, mission, college, academy, and minister, whose name has appeared on the Minutes of the Conferences, both before and since the Union of 1974. As a work of reference in every thing pertaining to our church work, from Newfoundland in the East to the Pacific Coast in the West, it can have no equal.

CONDITIONS OF PUBLICATION.

Owing to the great expense of publishing, I have determined not to go to press until a sufficient number of copies have been subscribed for to warrant the undertaking. The Cyclopaedia will therefore be published only on subscription. It will be royal 8vo. in size, and will contain about 550 pages. It will be published in good library style binding, substantial and attractive, printed on good paper, and will contain several illustrations. The price will be for cloth binding \$4.50; sheep, \$5.00.

May I, therefore, request all ministers and others in the Eastern Provinces, who desire to subscribe for the Cyclopaedia, to send me a Postal Card, stating whether one or more copies is desired, and what style of binding? An early response is solicited.

Yours fraternally,

Geo. H. CORNHISL.

Burlington, Ont.

BERWICK, N. S., Sept. 24.

MR. EDITOR.—The Rev. Richard Smith visited Berwick last Sunday, 21st instant, in the interests of the Relief and Extension Fund. Services were held at Berwick and Grafton; at which the cause and necessity of this special appeal to the friends and supporters of the missionary work of our church were fully and earnestly presented. On each occasion the response was a noble answer to the appeal—Berwick \$100, Grafton \$130; total \$230. To those acquainted with the efforts of this circuit to maintain its local interests, and reach a position self-sustaining, this sum exceeds what might be reasonably expected. But it indicates a real and intelligent anxiety to have our Missionary Society honourably relieved and upheld. It was simply a necessity in making the arrangements that Berwick was put first in the order of services in the Annapolis District. Other circuits in the District, both in financial standing and ability, were, in these respects, before us. But having held our meetings, we report the results, which we hope will "provoke to emulation" our sister circuits in the District and Conference. "Therefore as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this