

Have we interested ourselves on behalf of the fallen and injured of our race? Have we aided the progress of Christ's cause? Have we employed our deep earnestness, that God might be glorified in the salvation of mankind?

The lot of some, for the year past, has been one of severe affliction. They have drunk deeply of the cup of disappointment, of bereavement, of suffering. Perhaps in various forms, and in the most painful manner, have they been tried.

Where, in past history, does a parallel exist to the public happiness which is within the reach of the people of the United States? Where, in any part of the globe, are institutions being so united to their habits or so entitled to their love as their own free constitution? Every one of them, in whatever part of the land he has his home, must wish its perpetuity.

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another great excitement. A public insult to an upright and truly honorable Judge, in a British Colony, is not a small matter. The certainty of our responsible government, and the confidence that God might be glorified in the salvation of mankind?

We are happy to add that the acknowledgment of the excellence of the views of Education, which his mind was imbued, and to impress those views on the minds of the parents whose children might be entrusted to his care.

Years sincerely,  
G. O. HUETTIN.  
Carleton, Dec. 20th, 1865.

**Amherst Academy.**  
To the Editor of the Provincial Wesleyan.  
My DEAR SIR,—There has been in operation in this Section, since the last, the County Academy, comprising Elementary, Preparatory, and High Schools, besides a Common School in each end of the Section.

On the 15th inst., the Board of Examiners convened a meeting for the purpose of announcing to the trustees, and friends of education generally, the result of their examination of the Head Master, Mr. F. Mellich.

The result was announced by the two first named gentlemen, who had conducted the Examination, as highly satisfactory; the candidates having secured the highest number of marks attainable, in all the branches except one, and in this, the examiners believed that the requirement of a few minutes more time, was the only cause of deficiency.

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To the Editor of the Provincial Wesleyan:  
DEAR SIR:—On the evening of Friday last, the 18th inst., a meeting of an interesting character, was held in the Court House at Amherst, for the purpose of organizing a new Educational Society for this Province, which has lately come into operation, this town has been entitled to open a County Academy, and a laudable anxiety has been manifested by the Trustees to secure the services of a thoroughly qualified Head Master.

Their report was most gratifying. It was stated that the examination, as by law appointed, covered a vast extent of information, including English Grammar and Composition; Algebra, Practical Mathematics, including Trigonometry, Natural Philosophy, and the Elements of Mechanics; Latin and Greek languages. Several circumstances were mentioned to show that the ordinary course of study, and what thoughts should be required, was being done as well as they can.

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presented in a fashion that shall not pass. Mankind at large will not have it that the Indian and negro, both of whom are to be wronged, to pronounce the judgment as to whether the living or the dead are to be wronged.

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**Obituary.**

**CAPT. JAMES BATHURST, OF HORTON BLUFF.**  
Died, at Horton Bluff, on the 16th inst. Capt. James Bathurst, aged 66 years. His last illness—which was severe and protracted—was borne with Christian resignation to the Divine will. We think he could say, "it was good for me to be afflicted," for, during his lengthened illness, he was able to receive the consolations of all things earthly—he sought, and he found, the favor of his once offended God. When we last visited him—he which was shortly before his departure—he found him calmly resting in Jesus, and trusting in Him. The event was improved by a disinterested friend by the writer—found on 1 John iii. 2—to be very attentive, and we believe, praying congregation in the new church at Avonport. The service was a profitable one. God was with His people. To Him be all the praise. We deeply sympathize with the bereaved family, and extend to all things earthly—he sought, and he found, the favor of his once offended God.

**Canadian Methodism.**  
We make the following extract from a letter of an esteemed correspondent in Canada. The principle of administrative and general Conference has made much progress in four or five years among the brethren here. Four years ago, when a test vote was taken in the Conference Special Committee, it was decided in favor of a division by 20 to 10; a week or two afterwards, by a vote of 20 to 10, the same was unanimously, but not dissenting, one of whom was an improvement proved that the whole work should be united in *Seven Districts*, doing away with the Annual District Meetings, and is really making Seven Conferences, instead of three or four at most, and from these, elect the members as we do from conferences such a project. Our District meetings elaborate the lay element enables us to answer the allegations of those who charge us with priestly exclusiveness. I am not aware that any one sympathizes with this Educational Society in this Province, which has lately come into operation, this town has been entitled to open a County Academy, and a laudable anxiety has been manifested by the Trustees to secure the services of a thoroughly qualified Head Master. They have appointed Mr. J. A. Black, of Amherst, as Head Master, and have secured for this position a gentleman who has for some time past been in charge of the Superior School at Guyborough. His engagement having taken place after the time for the examination of Candidates in the Autumn, he did not expect to undergo the usual tests of the Educational Society, which faculty have the examination conducted without delay, and this course, for which Mr. Mellich had made no special preparation, was finally adopted. The Rev. Mr. Christie, the County Inspector, and the Rev. Mr. Thompson, the Provincial Minister, were the Examiners in attendance; and having brought the labour of three days' uninterrupted investigation to a close, they convened a meeting on the above date, to give the result to the public.

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**New Subscribers.**  
We initiated recently that as the result of the generous and zealous efforts of our Agents and friends throughout the Lower Provinces, we are confidently anticipating a large accession of good subscribers to our List, withal to commence the New Year. We hope to receive early information of the names of those who wish to be added to our list, and we will be glad to receive from the list of January. Don't dissent from our list, brethren and friends, in our reasonable expectation.

**The Closing Year.**  
Another year of vicissitudes, of duty, of privilege, of blessing, and of trial has nearly run its course. The retrospection of the year, with many of our readers, no doubt, awakens both pleasure and pain; and with all there will be much in the retrospect to call for reflection. Even though our remembrance of the occurrences of the year may be for the most part gratifying, yet, it is recalled, ought to be sufficient to induce deep thoughtfulness and serious inquiry.

**Letter from Carleton, St. John, N.B.**  
Mr. Editor,—Your late editorial respecting an enlarged circulation of our Conference organ, the *Provincial Wesleyan*, is not only a very modest appeal to the friends of Methodism in these Colonies, but as it appears to me, is an appeal that demands attention.

**General Intelligence.**  
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**English Sentiment on the Jamaica Trouble.**

The outspoken tone of the English Press and people in relation to the recent trouble on Jamaica, evinces no disposition to come to terms with the authorities of that Island in the wrong sense of the word. It is a matter of course that the English authorities have not been left the power of legislating and administering the island, but that the people have been invited to take a part in the government.

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