NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

The Examination of Candidates and Probationers, will take place as provided in the "Minutes," page 37.

> CRANSWICK JOST, Sec'y Board of Ex.

April 19, 1880.

As WILL BE SEEN by the advertisement elsewhere, it has been judged expedient for the convenience of some, to make a change of a day in the time for the Meetings of the Book Committee, and also of the Hymn and Tune Book Committee. The Chairman wishes us to direct the special attention of the members of these Committees to this change.

THE WESLEYAN

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1880.

THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ACT. The decision of the Supreme Court of Canada, recently given in favour of the constitutionality of The Canada Temperance Act, is a deliverance for which the hidden hand. friends of Temperance may well be We have always deemed it advisable, law in Fredericton, the capital of the Pro- ness" letter, have written to us, giving An appeal was made to the Supreme charge. Some of the articles, so sent to decided against the constitutionality of columns; but, for the present, at least, it The Canada Temperance Act: Judge is advisable, probably, to withhold their Palmer alone dissenting. We gave in publication. these columns, at the time, an outline of the argument of Julge Palmer, with some comments thereon. The position of Judge Palmer, we are pleased to know, has been sustained by the higher Court at Ot-

This decision of the Supreme Court at Ottawa is not likely to be reversed. We tavern licenses, and wholesale licenses. for the sale of liquors. It may be that the warfare, for the suppression of the evils of intemperance, must, hereafter, in this Dominion, at least for some years to come, be carried on under the provisions of The Canada Temperance Act. It is well for us, therefore, to ascertain just where we are in reference to these particulars, and mark out our course of action accordingly. Temperance men must not become mentally intoxicated by their success. Caution and prudence were never more needed than now. Blundering tactics may bring about mischievous results. Arbitrary measures will be followed by disastrous consequences. This Canada Temperance Act must be enforced: but it should be enforced in the spirit of fraternal kindness, and according to the New Testament law of Christian charity.

THE ENGLISH ELECTIONS.

The elections for the House of Commons in England, have passed off with results that surprise both parties. The Liberals will have a majority of about one hundred votes. This revolt of national feeling is very remarkable, and its causes are worthy of consideration. The commercial classes of the nation, distrusting the policy of the Conservatives, voted generally against that party. The Nonconformity of England united, in an unusual degree, for the overthrow of the administration, because of its alleged cruelty and injustice towards weak peoples. An enormous number of electors went to the polls. The brewers and publicans of the old country have been, for many years, a power in elections. The Liberals feared their influence, because it has generally been given to the Conservatives. It now appears that their power has been greatly overrated. It is said the drink interest did all it could for Beaconsfield in the recent elections, and yet failed to carry a single election. It has even, it is supposed, contributed to the Conservative defeat. Several brewers who were members of the last House have lost their be proud of his marvellous triumph. He has been true to liberty and justice. has appealed to the conscience of the

THE "WITNESS" CORRESPONDENT.

HALIFAX, April 20, 1880. MR. EDITOR,—It appears to be taken for granted that the writer of the remarkable correspondence in the "Witness," to which you alluded in a recent number of the WESLEYAN, is "A Methodist Minister." May it not be that the objectionable letter was not the work of a Methodist minister at all, and that an impostor has deceived the editor of the "Witness?" Yours, &c., NORTH END.

REPLY.-One of the first suggestions of our mind, on reading the objectionable article in the "Witness," was that possibly it was a fraud, and that some deceiver had, under false colors, been playing a foul game. The animus which pervaded the strange production was so destitute of that brotherly tone, and that chivalrous spirit, that should characterize the mind and heart of a Methodist minister, that it seemed to us the signature was fraudulently used by some one who has no right to it, and who wished to serve a malicious or mischievous purpose with a

thankful, and which should inspire Tem- when going into print with statements perance advocates and workers, in the that might be construed into attacks upon Provinces, with fresh courage and zeal. representative persons or creeds, to do so It will be remembered that, some months over our name or its proper initials. This, ago, in several of the counties of New we think the assailant of the Methodist Brunswick, elections were held, accord- people and ministry of these Provinces, ing to the provisions of The Canada Tem- should have done, when appearing in the perance Act, to ascertain the state of the columns of the "Witness." One of the public sentiment, in those counties, con- mischievous re-ults of his way of doing cerning the traffic in strong drink. In his work, has been the arousing of suseach of the said counties, the ballot-box picion against innocent persons. Several indicated the existence of large majorities of our ministers, in different parts of in favour of the suppression of the traffic. Nova Scotia, who have been wrongfully An effort was made to enforce the new charged with the authorship of the "Witvince. Liquor sellers were convicted, prompt and indignant denials of the Court of New Brunswick; and that Court us, were intended for publication in our

TEMPERANCE WORK.

The temperance question is asserting its right to be heard in many places in the growing States of the West. At the recent election in the State of Illinois, several towns elected anti-license tickets. This irrepressible theme will not keep for the Charles Street Church, will be are not quite clear as to how far that rendown at the bidding of any foe. It is a held on Sunday evening next, 25th inst. dering of the Court affects the existing significant fact that it has, within the last Revs. W. H. Evans, J. L. Sponagle, and enactments of the Local Legislatures confew days, engaged the earnest attention D. D. Currie, will speak. Collection in cerning the regulation and granting of of the Supreme Court of Canada, and de- aid of Mission Fund. Service to commanded a potent deliverance of its opin-The interest which it then aroused attracted the representative of royalty to sit and hear what the judges of the Dominion had to say on this great and vital question. It is an encouraging sign of the times that, although so great a sum of money was spent in New Brunswick, last summer, for "liquors," on the occasion of the Vice-Regal visit, the amount thus expended was less than had been expended on a former similar occasion. It is suggested, therefore, that this kind of

thing is getting better rather than worse. ·The New York "Herald," in one of its recent issues, says that beyond all question the Maine prohibitory liquor law has proven a very great success. "Fifty years ago, it is asserted, nearly every male drank, while at the present time three-fourths of the population are total abstinence people. These are exceedingly satisfactory results, and, if the figures upon which they are based are correct, it is not surprising that prohibition has so strong a hold upon the majority of the people of Maine. In regard to the surreptitious sale of liquor in the State, the opponents of prohibition, who would naturally be inclined to exaggeration in the matter, do not place the quantity disposed of in this way at more than a million and fax. a quarter dollars' worth. It is difficult to obtain reliable statistics on the subject. rect, the showing in favour of prohibition is very satisfactory. They give two dollars as the average expenditure in this direction for each citizen, whereas the average throughout the other States is eight times that sum. From the above figures it will be seen that prohibition really prohibits in Maine."

WANING STILL WANING. There is always an abundant crop of the kind of people who assume that every thing good in this world is waning away. An eminent magazine writer recently demonstrated, to his own entire satisfaction, that the Romish Church is waning, still waning. A clever authority of the seats, and others who sought election Roman Catholic Church has just ascerhave failed. The in-coming party, it is assumed, will introduce a measure on the question of the drink traffic; and such a prising Church of England writer and expectation of the drink traffic; and such a prising Church of England writer and traffic in the planting of seeds in the planting of se have failed. The in-coming party, it is tained that Protestantism is surely wanmeasure, it is believed, would command nounces the dying out of the "waning the approval of a majority of the English sectarianism." A crooked-sighted editor Strength," by Rev David Winters, instal- annual. It abounds with interesting inpeople. William E. Gladstone may well gives his readers the astounding informalation Service; "Gospel Wheat," by John formation.

decided failure. A prominent politician has at last learned that the Temperance country. He has won a splendid victory. movement is on the wane, and has lost its backbone. Another dim-visioned prophet declares that Methodism is fading, and soon will be a thinz of the past. And. last week, a New Brunswick contemporary informed its readers that, at last, the practice of infant baptism is waning away. "Men may come, and men may go," as Tennyson tells us, but the cry of waning, and still waning, will probably go

> An English correspondent of the Cincinnati Western Christian Advocate, says:

> The under-graduates of the University of Cambridge make a day of it when their comrades appear in the senate-house to receive the honors they have won in the severe competition of the Methematical Tripos examinations. These "undergrads" have their own way of expressing their satisfaction by transferring the complimentary phrases of the field or the river to the arena of scholastic strife. The cricketer takes his honor to the cry of "Well bowled;" the adept at foot-ball is greeted with "Well kicked;" and the river man by "Well rowed." But, on January 29th, amid these familiar greetings a new cry was heard. As a young man stepped down the dais from the vice-chancellor's presence the ears of every one present were startled by the words, "Well preached! Glory!" young wrangler was the son of a Wesleyan minister, and during the three years of university residence has taken his place upon the local preachers' plan, and Sabbath by Sabbath fulfilled his appointments in the villages around Cambridge. For while he has taken a tutorship in a scholarship in a college in the west of England, but his destiny is the ministry, and one may well hope that at the close of his ife-career the echoes of his youthful success will be heard again, "Well preached! Glory!

The Rev. Matthew Richey, D. D., had an attack of paralysis of the vocal organs on Sunday last. In other respects the health of this venerable divine continues about as it has been for the last few months. The once commanding and eloquent voice of this eminent pulpit orator. which, three-score years ago and through many years thereafter, was wont to instruct and charm many a Christian congregation, has now become not only broken but silent under the power of his disease. He has improved slightly since Sunday, and was able a day or two ago, to take a short drive.

THE Anniversary Missionary Meeting, mence at 7 o'clock.

PERSONALS.

The following appointments have been made at the recent session of the New England Conference:

Rev. T. Berton Smith, a second year, to Wilbraham, Massachusetts; Rev. A. Mc-Keown, D. D., Winthrop Street, Boston; Rev. Samuel F. Upham, Tremont Street, Boston; and Rev. H. W. Bolton, Trinity,

Rev. J. A. M. Chapman returns, after an interval of three years, to St. Paul's Methodist Church, Fourth Avenue, New

It is understood that Rev. E. R. Brun yate, of Halifax, has been invited to the Oxford Circuit, and has accepted the in-

invited to the Hillsburg Circuit, and has edition, we are glad to observe, is not

ton and New York; and may, during a two or three week's tour, look in upon the General Conference in Cincinnati.

John Steers, Esq., of St. John's Newfoundland, favoured our office with a call on Monday last. He has recently been in England, and is returning home via Hali-

The Preacher and Homiletic Monthly but supposing that these figures are cor- for April announces the following new series of important papers: One by Howard Crosby, D. D., a prominent member of the committee for the Revision of the Translation of the Bible, on the "Light Thrown by Recent Investigations on Important Texts;" also a series by J. O. Peck, D.D., on "Revival Texts"-arranging a number of revival portions of Scrip. ture, with exegeses or methods of treatment in revival work; Dr. Peck is one of the most powerful preachers in the Methodist Hoiscopal Church; also, a series by Wm. M. Taylor, DD, on "Expository Preaching Exemplified," in which he will indicate the expository style of preaching. The following is a part of the contents of this Monthly for April :- sermonic Parental Responsibilities," by Robert Collyer, D. D.; "True Manliness: To Toung Men," by W B Stewart, D. D.; "Personal Labour for Souls," by John L Peck, DD; "A New Heart," by Wm T

tion that the missions in the East are a Hall, DD; "Ministerial Fidelity," by W M Taylor, D D; Young Men's Service: True Living," by Rev Henry Ward Beecher. Also the following able papers: Science and the Pulpit, by Rev S C Fulton; "Brotherly Talk with Young Ministers, No VII., by T L Cuyler, D D; Dr Wayland Hoyt's "Conversations on the Culture of the Christian Life." There are many other articles of special interest the lock appears to be perfect, while, at to clergymen and theological students. the same time, it is so simple as to be \$2 50 per year; 25 cents a single number. adapted to very general use. This lock I K Funk & Co., New York.

The May number of the Sabbath School Banner has reached us promptly, as usual. Our Book Room at Toronto issues this valuable aid to teachers in good style.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE.—The number of "The Living Age" for the week's ending April 31 and 10th respectively, contains the following articles: The Proper Use of the City Churches, "Nineteenth Cestury;" The Pillar of Praise, "Contemporary;" The Beginnings of Greek Sculpture, "Fortnightly;" The Reign of Queen Anne, Bush-life in Queensland, and North East Passage, a narrative of the voyage of the Vega, "Blackwood:" The Origin of a Written Greek Literature, and Wordsworth, "Fraser;" An Indo Anglian Poet, "Gentleman's Magazine;" and in the way of Fiction, the "Crookit Meg," a Story of the Year One; "Visions" from the Russian of Tourgueneff; and "Verena Fontaines Rebellion;" and the usual amount of poetry.

As a "New Volume" begins with the number for April 3d, this is a good time to subscribe.

For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3.300 pages a year), the subscription price (\$8) is low; while for \$1050 the publishers offersto send any one of the American \$4 monthlies or weeklies with "The Living Age" for a year, including the extra numbers of the latter, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

McAlpine's Maritime Business Directory for 1880-81 has been laid on our ta ble by the enterprising publishers. It is said to contain "the names of all business men and women in the cities and Provinces of Neva Scotia, New Brunswick, P. Edward Island and Newfoundland; with vival at Melvern Square. On Friday copious indexes to the different branches night last over 30 persons were forward business and localities. Any recommendation by us is unnecessary. Its absence from any office indicates a tendency towards a "a sleep that knows no waking;" its presence is indi-pensable to any man wh . " means business."

Our Indian Empire is a weal group volume of 280 pages, from the Wesseyen Conter- most almorable and successful social and ence Office, L ndon. Englant. It con- reunion of the Methodist Church and contains an excellent map of India, and 29 gregation, given by Mr. and Mrs. Brown, beautiful illustrations, of eminent persons at their popular Hotel, (the Dufferin of Indian fame, and of the scenery of that country.

House.) The proceeds—a plump purse, was presented to Mrs. Rev. J. B. Hem-

Adelaide's Treasure is another volume from the same office. It is also handsomely bound and contains numerous illustrations. Those books are worthy of a place in any Sunday school library, or on any parlor table. They may be had at our Book Room.

From the same office we have also received, with thanks, recent numbers of fashioned winter, and even now it is The Wesleyan Methodist Magazine; The snowing and blowing. Some of the snow Christian Miscellany and Family Visitor; is gone with late rains, but we have in The Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School Magazine; Early Days; At Home and it. Hard frost last night. Communica-Abroad; Our Boys and Girls; and some tion with St. John's by water, closed for sample Tracts. These publications are six weeks past. Ice just moving cff. It issued monthly, are filled with choice is to be hoped we may have an oldreading matter for the home circle and fashioned fishery. for Sunday school workers, and are published at very low rates. Any of the foregoing periodicals may be ordered through our Book Room at Halifax.

John Stewart Blackie's Essays on Self

Culture is received. It is one of the Standard Series of I. K. Funk & Co. Price 10 cents. This Standard Series is work. ing a literary revolution. The dime novels and other sensational publications are being crowded into the back-ground. "The Popular History of England," by Charles Knight. "Standard Series" edition, in eight volumes. Price, manilla cover, 30 cents per vol. : \$2.40 per set; in cloth, \$2.90 per set. I. K. Funk & Co., New York. This is the cheapest edition ever issued of this great work The for-Rev. Caleb Parker has, we learn, been mer price was \$18.00 and \$25.00. This cheapened by printing on second-hand plates and thin wood-paper, as are many Rev. John J. Teasdale is visiting Bos- other cheap books, to the destruction of the eyes of the readers. The type is large, leaded brevier. This great work of Charles Knight contains nearly as much matter as Hume's and Macaulay's histories combined, covering the whole ground of English history down to 1868. It is called "popular" because it is a history of the people, not of the dynasties alone. Said Lord Brougham of this work : " No. thing has ever appeared superior, if anything has been published equal to the account of the state of commerce, government, and society at different periods."

Dr. Noah Porter speaks enthusiastical-"The best History of England for he general reader is Knight's 'Popular History.' For a single history, which may serve for constant use and reference in the library, or for frequent reading, it is to be preferred to every other." The London 'Standard' declares: This work is the very best history of England that Church is pouring out His Spirit in this we possess.

At these marvellously low prices every family should possess a copy of this great work. Few books are better calculated to deal a deadlier blow at pernicious literature. We commend the "Standard Series edition to all. All the books of the Standard Series are for sale at our Book Room in Halifax.

THE SEED ANNUAL FOR 1880, published by D. M. Ferry & Co., Seed Merchants, Detroit, Michigan, and Windsor, Ontario. has come to hand. It contains an illus-Finley, D D; "The Divine Law in the trated, descriptive, and priced Catalogue worth; "Idolatry Forbidden," by Rev U
E Burke; Some Elements of Church publishers at Detroit, for a popy of this

MB. GEO. R. SANGSTER, of Moncton, in the owner of a patent of a Lock, which appears to give promise of coming inte extensive use. The peculiar feature of this lock is the seal with which the keyhole is protected. This lock is especially adapted for the protection of m veable property, such as railway cars and trunks The protection which the seal gives to is the product of the genius of Mr Fred G Hunter, of Moncton, and does its inventor great credit. We hope this Moneton enterprise will prove eminently suc-

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS

The following sums have been received since last acknowledgement: Amount previously acknowledged, 80.94 Pugwash,

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S. F. HUESTIS, Treasurer.

POSTAL CARDS.

DIGBY, April 19.

Yesterday, Sabbath, at our regular service in our new church on the Digby Neck Road. I received ten persons into church fellowship. A few others, there, will be received by and by. At the same time I administered the ordinance of Christian baptism to one little child. The Holy Spirit is still graciously among us comforting our hearts and cheering us very greatly in our work. We never felt more sweetly lifted up into entire consecration to God than we do now.

R. WASSON.

AYLESFORD, April 19.

We are now engaged in a glorious refor prayer. Brethren pray for us. Yours, &c.,

J. GAETZ.

PARRSBORG!, April 22, 1880.

Mr. EDITOR,-We have just had a meon, the wife of our pastor.

ONE PRESENT

CARBONEAR, NFLD. Bro. John S. Peach writes under date April 9th, 1880:

We have passed through a real oldfront of our house now about six feet of

Several revivals in different parts during the winter. In Bonavista an extensive one.

CHANNEL, NFLD.

Bro. Hayfield writes, under date March 27th, 1880:

We are in the midst of a blessed work of grace. For the past month or more our hands have been very full, and our hearts made to rejoice over the reclamation of backsliders, and the salvation of sinners of different ages.

The good work began among the young -a number of whom commenced to meet in class early in February. Nearly every day for the past fortnight, we have seen some, more or less, seeking and finding salvation through faith in the blood of the Lamb. On "Good Friday" at 11, we had a sermon; at 3 p. m., a "Fellowship Meeting," and at 6 p. m. a "Prayer Meeting," followed by an enquiry meeting. All proved "seasons of grace and sweet delight." We are praying for further manifestations of divine power. Much remains to be done.

On the Petites circuit, Bro. Pincock has seen the arm of the Lord made bare in the salvation of souls. May many others yet be gathered to the Shepherd and Bishop of their souls.

St. John, April 12, '80. MR. EDITOR,—On Sabbath last, I had the pleasure of receiving twenty-five members into the Church publicly, by giving to them the hand of fellowship; and we have as many more on probation, the result of the revival now in progress in the Exmouth Street Church. swer to prayer, the great Head of the

Queen Square circuit is also the recipient of God's favour, and souls are been converted to God through the labours of Bro. Reed, We rejoice with those who do rejoice. To God be all the glory. H. McK.

CALEDONIA, April 13, '80.

MR. EDITOR,-We have been engaged in holding special meetings at Caledonia, in union with the Baptists and Free Baptists, for more than three weeks. And we are thankful to be able to record that within the last ten days more than thirty persons have presented themselver for prayer. The most of these have found the peace and favour of God.

Yours truly J. G. BIGNEY.

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RIVER MR. EDITOR,nevertheless true comes alone. found it when

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Sym athismed wortny family, I w the hope that the c and if any sympath ed thereby, and Thy opened in their beh. all-may be forw ried Edwin Pardy, Esqr. Greenwich Station, st propriated to its intend hath pity up in the pool Lord, and that which h he surely pay him a particularize as to th of articles that would was no insurance-u materials for buildings would be thankfully r a blessing, and as 't e not strained." it will him that gives," as well

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United States Met

At the session of the ference it was announce Thomas H. Suckley had ence a five thousand do acres, at Rhinebeck, N. I build homes for the worn the conference. To bu \$1600 had been subscribe men, but \$1000 more was in 15 minutes this sum the pastors of the confer

The late Arunah Hunti ford, Ontario, left an esto his native State—Ve benefit of the public sc only a moderate legacy for of the heirs expectant Toronto to break the wi has been decided quite re of the State, which, by Legislature accepted the

The Methodist Book Co sued No. 82 of the " Maga tracts, a number of unu centains the prize essay Culture Considered as Duty," written by Rev. J. A.M., and Rev. Jesse Bowm with an Introduction by E Neely, A.M., President of ative Methodist Lyceum o The introduction is a well w of our newly adopted Ci system, how it came into the fruit of it in these essay are first class papers, and sands to give serious though ject which they discuss. P mail. Hitchcock & Walder

Rev. Dr. J. A. M. Chapt just been re-stationed at St. in New York, after an abo years, received at the first s day morning last the heartie The pulpit platform and the were burdened with the rich the season, arranged and s rare taste, and over the pulp the wall of the pulpit reces an elegant floral design bear word "WELCOME," as sp sive of the earnest joyous Church and congregation. gregation listened with rapt with the warmest approval entand impressive sermon, ar of the service crowded in around the chancel to assure in person, of their gratificati turn. The re-meeting of pas ple was one of affecting interest.