

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 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 friends of Temperance may well be thankful, and which should inspire Temperance advocates and workers, in the Provinces, with fresh courage and zeal.

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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-liquor tickets.

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.

WANING STILL WANING.

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be proud of his marvellous triumph. He has been true to liberty and justice. He has appealed to the conscience of the country. He has won a splendid victory.

THE "WITNESS" CORRESPONDENT.

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."

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.

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tion that the missions in the East are a decided failure. A prominent politician has at last learned that the Temperance movement is on the wane, and has lost its backbone.

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 honours they have won in the recent competition of the Mathematical Tripos examinations.

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 Anniversary Missionary Meeting, for the Charles Street Church, will be held on Sunday evening next, 25th inst.

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. McKeown, D. D., Winthrop Street, Boston;

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

It is understood that Rev. E. B. Brunyate, of Halifax, has been invited to the Oxford Circuit, and has accepted the invitation.

Rev. Caleb Parker has, we learn, been invited to the Hillsburg Circuit, and has accepted.

Rev. John J. Teasdale is visiting Boston and New York; and may, during a two or three week's tour, look in upon the General Conference in Cincinnati.

John Steep, 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 Halifax.

The Preacher and Homiletic Monthly 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 Scripture, with exegeses or methods of treatment in revival work;

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Hall, D. D.; "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. Foster; "Brotherly Talk with Young Missioners," No. VII., by T. L. Cuyler, D. D.; Dr. Wayland Hoy's "Conversations on the Culture of the Christian Life."

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 ending April 31 and 10th respectively, contains the following articles: "The Proper Use of the City Churches," "Nineteenth Century," "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 31, 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 \$10.50 the publishers offer to 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 table by the enterprising publishers. It is said to contain "the names of all business men and women in the cities and Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, P. Edward Island and Newfoundland, with copious indexes to the different branches of business and localities. Any recommendation by us is unnecessary. Its absence from an office indicates a tendency toward "a sheep that knows no walking," its presence is indispensable to any man who means business."

Our Little English is a good copy book of 250 pages from the Wesleyan Conference Office, London, England. It contains an excellent map of India, and 20 beautiful illustrations of eminent persons of Indian fame, and of the scenery of that country.

Adelaide's Treasure is another volume from the same office. It is also handsomely bound and contains numerous illustrations. These 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 The Wesleyan Methodist Magazine; The Christian Miscellany and Family Visitor; The Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School Magazine; Early Days; At Home; and Abroad; Our Boys and Girls; and some sample Tracts. These publications are issued monthly, are filled with choice reading matter for the home circle and 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 L. K. Funk & Co. Price 10 cents. This Standard Series is working 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 former price was \$18.00 and \$25.00. This edition, we are glad to observe, is not cheapened by printing on second-hand plates and thin wood-paper, as are many other cheap books, to the destruction of the eye of the readers. The type is large, leaded brier. 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: "Nothing 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 enthusiastically: "The best History of England for the 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 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 deathblow 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 illustrated, descriptive, and priced Catalogue of Garden, Flower, and Agricultural Seeds. We would advise our readers who are interested in the planting of seeds in the garden or in the field, to send to the publishers at Detroit, for a copy of this annual. It abounds with interesting information.

Mr. Geo. R. Sangster, of Moncton, is the owner of a patent of a Lock, which appears to give promise of coming into extensive use. The peculiar feature of this lock is the seal with which the key-hole is protected. This lock is especially adapted for the protection of movable property, such as railway cars and trunks. The protection which the seal gives to the lock appears to be perfect, while, at the same time, it is so simple as to be adapted to very general use. This lock is the product of the genius of Mr. Geo. R. Sangster, of Moncton, and deserves its inventor great credit. We hope this Moncton enterprise will prove eminently successful.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.

The following sums have been received since last acknowledgement: Amount previously acknowledged, \$0.94; Middleton, \$1.50; Liverpool, 1.00; Pugwash, 1.17.

\$84.61

S. F. HUESTIS, Treasurer.

April 21.

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 revival at Melvern Square. On Friday night last over 30 persons were forward in prayer. Brethren pray for us.

J. GAETZ.

PARSONS, April 22, 1880.

Mr. Editor.—We have just had a most memorable and successful revival and reunion of the Methodist Church and congregation, given by Mr. and Mrs. Brown, at their popular Hotel, the Dufferin House. The proceed—a plan of prayer, was presented to Mrs. R. V. B. Hammon, the wife of our pastor.

ONE PRESENT.

CARBONAR, Nfld.

Bro. John S. Pouch writes under date April 9th, 1880:

We have passed through a real old-fashioned winter, and even now it is snowing and blowing. Some of the snow is gone with late rains, but we have in front of our house now about six feet of it. Hard frost last night. Communication with St. John's by water, closed for six weeks past. Ice just moving off. It is to be hoped we may have an old-fashioned fishery.

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. Many more others yet to be gathered to the Shepherd and Bishop of their souls.

St. John's, 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. In answer to prayer, the great Head of the Church is pouring out His Spirit in this city.

Queen Square circuit is also the recipient of God's favour, and souls are being 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 themselves for prayer. The most of these have found the peace and favour of God.

Yours truly, J. G. BIGNBY.

CORRE

RIVER I

Mr. Editor.—Nevertheless true comes alone. S found it when waves and thy b Many of our past three years sore trouble. S domestic affliction. Some by d of their property. the lot of a family which have fallen art Purdy, of W year has elapsed worst form enter a few days snate sons—one about years of age; an overwhelmed with ity. On Thursday Mr. Purdy was with some men, ab house, his wife, wh ter and an aged ma a noise in the barn. Fearing for been put in half an end, if haply she them. Opening th the rushing flame. Mr. P. and a few scene, and by groa the house as much was possible. The ed with the barn b house, the flames o main house, with a soon all the buildi sheet of fire. The two storied barn, pu hay—two outbuild sheds—a neat story well furnished, with the barn. The live thirteen head of l which were several o-ven, which had bee was thought to be over they were fou into which they had flame, consumed. A with some lamb wh in the fields, when rushed into their she suned—only one wo five, its wool being l horse sleigh and 10 belonging to a wood stroyed, together w farming outbuilds. Syn. At 10 o'clor worthy family, I w the hope that the and if any sympathi ed thereby, and try to opened in the boun all may be forwarded Edwin Parly, Esq., Greenwich Station, sent propiated to its inted bath pity up in the p Lord, and that which he surely pay him ag particularize as to of articles that would was no insurance—m materials for buildings would be thankfully rec a blessing, and as "c'e not strained," it will be him that gives," as well G. River Phil

United States Met

At the session of the conference it was announced Thomas H. Suckley had once a five thousand do acres, at Rhinebeck, N.Y. build homes for the worr the conference. To bu \$1600 had been subscrib men, but \$1000 more wa in 15 minutes this sum w the pastors of the confer

The late Arunah Hunt ford, Ontario, left an es to his native State—V benefit of the public so only a moderate legacy fo 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. issued No. 82 of the "Mag tracts, a number of un contains the prize essay Culture Considered as Duty," written by Rev. J. A. M., and Rev. Jesse Bowm with an Introduction by R. Neely, A. M., President of ative Methodist Lyceum of The introduction is a well of our newly adopted C system, how it came into the fruit of it in these essay are first class papers, and sands to give serious thouj subject which they discuss. I mail. Hitchcock & Walden

Rev. Dr. J. A. M. Champt just been re-stationed at St. in New York, after an abe years, received at the first day morning last the heartie The pulpit platform and the were burdened with the ricr season, arranged and d rare taste, and over the pulp the wall of the pulpit reces an elegant floral design bear word "WELCOME," as spc sive of the earnest joys of Church and congregation. gregation listened with rap with the warmest approval ent and i. p. essive sermons, at of the services crowded in around the church to assist in person, of their gratificati turn. The re-meeting of pas ple was one of affecting a interest.