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"'Tis not for man to trifle. Life is brief,
And sin is here.
Our age is but the falling of a leaf—
A dropping tear.

We have no time to sport away the hours:
All must be earnest in a world like ours.

"Not many lives, but only one have we—
One, only one;
How sacred should that one life ever be—
That narrow span!

Day after day filled up with blessed toil,
Hour after hour still bringing in new
"spoils."

It is said that at one of the yearly idol
festivals in India over a million of dollars
were brought in offerings, chiefly by very
poor persons.

The translation of the New Testament
into Japanese has been completed. The
event was celebrated by a public meeting
at the capital.

The Society for the Propagation of the
Gospel in Foreign Parts contributes this
year \$2000 towards the maintenance of
Episcopal missions in New Brunswick.

The *Anglo Israel Ensign* is the name of
a new semi monthly journal issued at
Truro by Mr. John Rose, and edited by
Rev. James Christie. The prospectus
states that the *Ensign* is to be "devoted
exclusively to the most important ques-
tion of the day—the identification of the
British Nation with the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel."

Mr. Spurgeon remarked in a speech, at
the anniversary of the London Religious
Tract Society, that he did not draw a line
between the secular and the sacred.
Would, he said, that every meal was a
sacrament; every garment a vestment,
every breath a prayer, and the whole of
life a hallelujah!

The *Golden Rule* tells of a young man
who left a theological seminary after a
year's trial, because he found a man set
to teach him how to preach who had never
made four sermons, and never had a
charge; another to instruct him in Chris-
tian work who had never visited a sick-
room, a prison, or a tenement-house; and
so he concluded to learn how to swim by
going into the water.

Dr. Steele of Australia, in his recent
address before the Presbyterian General
Assembly at Montreal alluded to the wel-
come our Father Chiniquy had received in
Australia and New Zealand on the occa-
sion of a his recent visit to those Colonies.
The gentleman had been very successful
in his mission, and by the lectures he had
delivered, the books he had distributed,
and the sermons he had preached, had
done much to extend the Protestant faith.

The evangelists, Messrs. Hall and Cree,
sent out by the International Association
to infuse new interest into the work of
the Associations in the Provinces, held two
services in St. John, N.B., on Sunday last.
In the afternoon they addressed a number
of people in Association Hall. The gentle-
man spoke warmly of the work they have
assigned them to perform. In the evening
they addressed a meeting in Queen Square
Methodist Church, after the regular ser-
vice. A number of gentlemen, active
members of the Association in St. John,
accompanied the evangelists and took part
in the service, which consisted of sing-
ing and short addresses.

The Agent of the Bible Society, Mr. J.
Toland, proposes to visit the following
branches, etc., in Nova Scotia during the
month of July: on these dates.

Oxford	9
Wallace	11
Clifton	11
Port Hood	12
Mabou	14
Margaree	15
Sydney	18
Hawkesbury	19
Parsonsburg	21
Five Rivers	22
Bas River	23
Port au Pigeon	24
Genat Village	25
Folleigh Village	28

The London *Watchman*, standing on its
lookout tower, and gazing across the ocean
has turned its magnifying-glass upon the
late General Conference. It sees that the
men elected to the episcopacy were all of
them worthy the episcopal rank, and de-
scribes, in short, the characteristics of each.
The *Watchman* does not like the date
named for the meeting of the Ecumenical
Methodist Conference. It says that Lon-
don, in mid-summer, will be comparatively
empty of such as would be likely to
take an interest in the meeting, and can-
not see how the various Methodist Confer-
ences, which have already met this year,
except that of the Wesleyan church, can
appoint delegates in time to make the
proper arrangements for the great council
of Methodists.—*N. W. Christian Advocate.*

"Don't stand off and wait to see whether
your new pastor is going to 'take' with
the crowd. Take your stand at his side
and do your duty from the start. That is
the manly way.

"Diplomatic relations" are said to have
been formally broken off between Brussels
and the Vatican. Early in June a noti-
fication of the recall of the Religious Legis-
lation was sent to the Pope, and all efforts
to obtain a postponement of the measure
have been unsuccessful.

The Rev. Addison Blanchard, who for
the last three years has occupied the posi-
tion of superintendent of the Missionary
Churches of the Maine Congregational
Conference, commenced his ministry on
Sunday last as pastor of the Union Street
Congregational Church, St. John.

Father Quinn, a converted priest, ad-
dressed a large audience recently in Stan-
ley Street Presbyterian Church, Montreal.
His services in Montreal are very well
spoken of. He is now, we believe in P. E.
Island, and is likely to visit various parts
of Nova Scotia, including Halifax.

A community of the Jesuits expelled
from France, are going to take charge of
the Roman Catholic College, St. Dunstan's
at Charlottetown. This will be gratifying
news to the Catholics of that place. It is
rumored that the Rev. Mr. Kenny, the son
of Sir Edward Kenny, at present principal
of an American Jesuit College, will be
removed to Charlottetown to assume the
direction of St. Dunstan's.

A late decision of the British House of
Lords is a ritualistic triumph. It secures
to every Bishop the power at his own ab-
solute discretion to stay proceedings in-
stituted under the Church Discipline Act with
a view to putting an end to ritualistic
vagaries, however outrageous in character
or offensive to the parishioners these vagar-
ies may become.

The Toronto Methodist Conference ad-
opted the following resolution:

"That we desire to express our thankfulness
to Almighty God, that he has been graciously
pleased to preserve the life and health of the
venerable Egerton Ryerson, D.D., LL.D., and
heretofore committed our care to him, and
enabled to complete and publish his valuable
and important work, the 'History of the
Loyalists of America,' a work which, at this
time, no other man was competent to perform,
and which he has hereby committed to our
care, and ministerial, but also to all interested
in the preservation of the history of our
country; and we trust that he may still
live to carry out other
cherished literary projects.

The general inaugural meeting of the
series of celebrations of the Sunday School
centenary was held in the Guild Hall on
the 28th ult. The Guild Hall was crowded.
The Lord Mayor occupied a seat on the
dais. At his right hand was Dr. Tait, the
Archbishop of Canterbury; on the dais,
also, was Charles Reade, the famous novel-
ist, whose recent conversion has excited
so much attention; the Rev. Dr. Funston,
and Dr. Vincent, of New York. Dr. Fun-
ston delivered a glorious eulogy in honor
of Robt. Raikes, the founder of Protestant
Sunday Schools. Dr. Vincent followed,
and said he appeared at the celebration as
the representative of 82,000 American
Sunday Schools, and 450,000 pupils there-
in.—*Herald.*

EDUCATIONAL ITEMS.

A Teachers Association was organized
on the 20th ult. at Sydney, C. B. Seventy-
five teachers were enrolled. Several papers
were read and discussed. The discussions
were general and animated.

The Superintendent of Education has
issued a circular calling a meeting in the
Normal School Building, Truro, on the
14th and 15th July, for the purpose of or-
ganizing an Educational Association for
Nova Scotia.

According to the Patriot the standard
for first class teachers is higher in Prince
Edward Island than in any other part of
the Dominion. The Board of Education
contemplate raising the minimum of marks
required to pass to fifty per cent, in all
subjects.

In the year 1879 there was expended
from the Parliamentary vote for public
education in England and Wales £1,178-
282 on schools connected with the Church
of England. £208,391 on British, &c.,
schools, £108,088 on Wesleyan schools,
£112,276 on Roman Catholic schools, and
£538,067 on Board schools. The expendi-
ture on administration—of course, includ-
ing inspection—reached £179,415.

At the recent meeting of Connecticut
teachers, Professor Brewer, of Yale, com-
plained that there is too much machinery
in teaching in our public schools; that
the system cuts off the heads and feet of
teachers to make them all of one length,
and advances some pupils and retards
others to make them all come out together
at the end.

Germany with a population of 42,000,
000, has 60,000 schools and an attendance
of 6,000,000 pupils; Great Britain and
Ireland, with a population of 34,000,000,
have 58,000 schools and 3,000,000 pupils;
Austria and Hungary, with a population of
37,000,000, has 30,000 schools and 3,000,
000 pupils; France with a population of
37,000,000, has 71,000 schools and 4,700,
000 pupils; Spain, with a population of
17,000,000, has 20,000 schools and 1,800,
000 pupils; Italy, with a population of
28,000,000, has 47,000 schools and 1,900,
000 pupils; and Russia, with a population
of 74,000,000, has 32,000 schools, and 1,100,
000 pupils.

HOLINESS LITERATURE.

BY REV. J. M. PIKE.

The Conference recently held in Truro,
will long be remembered, as one of great
unanimity and rich religious influences
on all the services. The meeting for the
promotion of Christian Holiness, on Sat-
urday evening, and the Love-feast on
Sunday afternoon, were seasons of grace
and sweet delight. Much prominence
was given to the doctrine and experience
of perfect love, and there is evidently a
growing interest in this most important
subject. Enquiry has been made concern-
ing the best works published relating to
this theme, and we would therefore men-
tion a few, which we can commend
without reservation:

Christian Perfection, by Rev. J. Wesley,
and Rev. J. Fletcher, two pamphlets bear-
ing the same title, have been so long be-
fore the Methodist public, that they re-
quire no word of commendation from me.

Perfect Love, by Rev. J. A. Wood. This
book is written in the form of question
and answer; very readable, well adapted
for general circulation, and calculated to
do great good. The author is revising
the work, and a new edition will appear
very soon. Purify and sanctify, by the
same author, is highly recommended.

Love Enthroned, by Rev. Daniel Steele,
D.D., has had a very extensive circulation,
and has proved a blessing to thousands.

Out of Darkness, into Light, by Rev.
Asa Mahan, D.D. The author gives a re-
cital of his own experiences, tried by the
touchstone of the Divine Word; and
earnestly urges all believers to come out
into a large place, where "the light of
the morn is as the light of the sun."

"Where the Lord shall be their everlast-
ing light, and the days of their mourning
shall be ended." It is of thrilling interest
and cannot fail to profit the serious
reader.

Scriptural Views of Holiness, by Rev.
William McDonald. A minister writing
of this work, says: "Read it, and have
each difficulty cleared up to your satisfac-
tion. See every objection answered cal-
cally, every point not fully understood
made plain as by sun and moon."

Holiness unto the Lord, by Rev. Lewis
R. Dunn. *The Christian's Secret of a
Happy Life*, by Hannah Whiteall Smith.
This is a very valuable work, intensely
practical, and cannot fail to be profitable.

These are others, but any of the above
works may be read with advantage. We
would recommend ministers to secure them
all, and lend them as a circulating
Holiness Library. They may be obtained
through the Book Room.

The "Guide to Holiness," by Dr. Pal-
mer, and the "Advocate of Christian Hol-
iness," by Wm. McDonald, are monthly
periodicals of great value; and the
"Christian Standard and Home Journal,"
by Rev. J. S. Inskip, a weekly, keeping its
subscribers informed of the advancement
of this movement.

We take the liberty of adding to Bro.
Pike's list another excellent work—*Let-
ters on Entire Sanctification*, by John
Hunt, the well-known Fijian missionary.
We read it several years since with a dear
young brother, deeply interested in the
subject of which it treats.—EDITOR.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE

1880.

The Seventh Annual Session of the
Newfoundland Conference of the Meth-
odist Church of Canada, began in the
Methodist Church at Carbonear, on
Wednesday, June 23rd, 1880, at 10
a. m.

The proceedings were commenced by
the retiring President—the Rev. Jas.
Dove—who gave out the 568th hymn,
and called on the Rev. Chas. Ladner
(Secretary) to read a portion of Scrip-
ture. After the reading of Heb. 5 ch.,
prayer was offered by the Revs. George
S. Milligan, M. A., and Thomas Harris.

The roll was then called by the Sec-
retary, and all the members responded
to their names, except seven, who were
not able to attend.

The President called for the election
by ballot of the chief officers of the
Conference, when the following were
duly chosen:

The Rev. Thomas Harris, President.
The Rev. Charles Ladner, Secretary,
re-elected.
The Rev. F. G. Willey, Journal Sec-
retary.

Upon nomination, Brethren Joseph
Parkins, and Wm. Swan were appoint-
ed Assistant Secretaries; and Bro. Jas.
B. Heal, Assistant Journal Secretary.

The newly-elected President, Sec-
retary, and Journal Secretary, suitably
addressed the Conference, and proceed-
ed with their respective duties. The
retiring officers also received the thanks
of the Conference.

The hours of session were then deter-
mined, and the "Rules of Order" read
aloud; when the time drew near for
the Conference prayer meeting. Owing

to the pouring rain only a few of the
friends were present. Hearty and de-
vout thanks were given to the God of
Providence and grace for his goodness
and mercy during another year; while
earnest prayers ascended to heaven for
yet richer and more copious outpour-
ings of the Holy Spirit upon all the
circuits and missions of the Conference,
and throughout the world.

At the close of the prayer meeting,
the morning session closed, and the
first draft of stations being placed on
the table, it was read out by the Jour-
nal Secretary to the surprise of many
brethren.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION

was opened by singing, and prayer from
Bro. John S. Peach.

Brethren Solomon Matthews and
Chas. Myers, were then appointed to
prepare the Pastoral Address.

Some miscellaneous business was at-
tended to, and then the Missionary
Committee assembled and prepared its
report, &c.

The Missionary Meeting was held at
7.30 p. m., but owing to the very wet
evening, not many could be present.
The President opened the meeting
by giving out a hymn, and prayer
was offered by Bro. Joseph Parkins.
The Rev. Job Shenton (Secretary) read
the report, and the following topics
were spoken to as under:

TOPIC I. "Daily shall He be praised,"
spoken to by Bro. Thos. H. James.

TOPIC II. "Prayer also shall be made
for Him," by Bro. J. Embree.

TOPIC III. "Let the whole earth be
filled with His glory," by Bro. J.
Lister.

TOPIC IV. "To Him shall be given of
the gold of Sheba," by the Hon. J. J.
Rogerson.

The address expected from Bro. Mil-
ligan was not given, owing to the late-
ness of the hour. The meeting, which
was interesting and profitable to those
present, was brought to an end by the
doxology and benediction.

SECOND DAY, Thursday, June 24.

The session opened with the usual
devotional exercises, prayer being offer-
ed by the ex-President.

After the reading of the journal, vari-
ous committees were appointed, viz.—
On Memorials and Miscellaneous Resolu-
tions, Statistical Returns, Sabbath
Schools, Contingent Fund, Parsonage
Aid. Some of these committees were
appointed to meet and report.

Arrangements were made for furnish-
ing reports of Conference proceedings
to the local press; and three brethren
were also appointed reporters to THE
WESLEYAN, "Christian Guardian" and
"Methodist Recorder." Votes of thanks
were presented to the Superintendent
of the Carbonear Circuit, and his col-
league, for their kindness in providing
homes for the members of the Confer-
ence. The session closed with the
benediction by the President.

AFTERNOON SESSION

opened with singing, and prayer offered
by Bro. T. H. James. The considera-
tion of ministerial character followed,
and ended satisfactorily. Bro. G. J.
Bond, M. A., addressed the Conference
in a most feeling manner; and several
brethren followed amidst general and
deep emotion. The Conference ad-
joined in order that the Educational
Society's meeting might be arranged
for by the Committee. The Educational
Meeting was held at 7.30; the chair
being taken by the President. The re-
port was read by the Rev. George Boyd
(Secretary), after which various topics
were spoken to by Brethren Henry
Lewis, ex-President Dove, Job Shenton,
George S. Milligan, M. A., and the Hon.
J. J. Rogerson. The meeting proved
interesting and very enthusiastic
throughout, and, in the opinion of
many, was the best ever held in this
colony.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, June 25.

The session was opened with the cus-
tomary devotional exercises, and prayer
was offered by Bro. Joseph Pascoe.

A letter was read from Father Shen-
stone expressive of his regret at being
unable, by reason of his infirmities, to
be present, &c. The Letter Writers
were instructed to forward a suitable
reply, conveying to this aged servant of
the church the best wishes of the breth-
ren of the Conference.

By the kindness of the ladies, the
members of Conference were invited to
a social tea-meeting on the 29th. The
invitation was unanimously accepted by
a rising vote, and the ladies informed.

The Report of the Educational Soci-
ety Committee was presented by the
Secretary and adopted. The Report
of the Supernumerary Fund Com-
mittee was also read, received, and laid
upon the table. The Conference next
proceeded to Question 10—Who have
died during the year? The answer be-
ing, GEORGE H. BRYANT; who passed
away peacefully in September last.
Brethren Swann, James, Milligan, and
Goodison, touchingly referred to their
acquaintance with Bro. Bryant; after
which the President gave out a hymn,
and then a suitable obituary was pre-
pared for the Minutes of Conference.

Arrangements were made for the
meeting of the S. S. Committee, Par-
sonage Aid, and the Colportage Com-
mittees, and then the session closed
with the benediction.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION

opened at 4.30, when the Secretary and
Treasurer of the Colportage Committee
presented their reports, which were
adopted. Various resolutions were
passed touching the extension of this
good work, and Bro. Ladner received
the thanks of Conference for his ser-
vices as Secretary, &c. during the year.

The Report of the Contingent Fund
Committee was presented and passed.

The session closed at 6 p. m.

SABBATH SCHOOL MEETING.

This was held at 7.30, the chair be-
ing filled by ex-President Dove.
(To be continued.)
CONF. REPORTER.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CENTENARY.

While Robert Raikes deserves to be
held in remembrance as the real founder
of Sunday schools, there is very much
both interesting and instructive in some
of the early, but isolated, efforts made
prior to his time for the instruction of
the young on the Lord's Day.

A pleasing sight it must have been to
enter the house of Mrs. Catherine Hoe-
vey, of Flaxley Abbey, in the county of
Gloucester, on the Sabbath-day, about
160 years ago, and find that excellent
lady giving dinners to a few poor child-
ren, and afterwards hearing them re-
peat their catechism, and feeding their
souls with the bread of life. But one
of the most satisfactory and suggestive
of these early specimens of Sunday-
school work was that inaugurated at
High Wycombe, in the year 1769, by
Miss Hannah Ball, a young lady belong-
ing to the Wesleyan Methodists, who,
in a letter to John Wesley, explained
her plan as follows: "The children
meet twice a week, every Sunday and
Monday. They are a wild little com-
pany, but seem willing to be instructed.
I labour among them earnestly desiring
to promote the interest of the Church
of Christ."

Nor did she labour in vain, as the
following extracts from her diary will
abundantly testify. Under the date
Jan. 12, 1771, she says, "Some part
of the Sabbath day is devoted to instruct-
ing the children in the principles of the
Christian religion. It is exceedingly
difficult to fix a sense of the evil of sin,
or of the fear of God, on the minds of
children, and turn our children from
darkness to light."

"Feb. 8, 1776. Praying with some
children whom I meet every Sabbath-
day to instruct in the principles of
Christianity."

On the first Sabbath in May, 1776,
she writes, "In the meetings of the
children one, about fourteen years of
age, said she had found the love of
Jesus shed abroad in her heart."

These extracts conclusively prove that
Hannah Ball was indeed a model teach-
er. She fully realised the nature and
difficulties of her work and her entire
dependence on the influence of the Holy
Spirit, and laboured hard in the dis-
charge of her duty, while she distinctly
recognised the fact that only the love
of Jesus could draw out the affection
of youthful hearts.

It is refreshing and stimulating to find
that the great object of Sunday School
instruction—bringing the scholars to
Jesus—is not a modern discovery, but
that 104 years ago an earnest teacher
was praying and looking for this glori-
ous result, and found, to the joy and
rejoicing of her heart, as thousands of
teachers have found since her day, that
"He that goeth forth and weepeth,
bearing precious seed, shall doubtless
come again with rejoicing, bringing his
sheaves with him.—F. J. H., in *Sunday
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