ACROSTIC.

T-hy word is truth. John zvii. 17. I-ear, and your soul shall live. Isa. lv. 3 E-xamine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith. 2 Cor. xiii. 5.

C-onsider your ways. Haggai i. 5. Have faith in God. Mark xi. 22. R-emember Lot's wife. Lake xvii. 32 I and my Father are one. John x. 30. Serve the Lord with gladness. Ps. c. 2.
The sower soweth the word. Mark iv. 14.
I-n all labour there is profit. Prov. 2v. 28.
A namer a fool according to his folly.

N-either give place to the devil. Eph. iv. 27. Renderto all their dues. Rom. xiii. 7.

E-nter ye in at the strait gate. Mat. vii. 13. L-ie not one to another. Ool. iii. 9. J-udge not, that ye be not judged. Mat thew vii. 1.
Get wisdom, get understanding. Prov

I love them that love me. Prov. viii. 17. O that men would praise the Lord. Pa N-ot slothful in business, &c. Rom. xii. 11.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR SUPERNUMERARY FUND. MR. EDITOR,-In common, I presume with those of your readers who are members of the Supernumerary Fund, I received a report and circular from the committee intimating that the motions of which notice was given last year would be pressed at the ensuing Conferences. As briefly in review the arguments advanced in favour of the proposed action.

1. The desirableness. We admit this, but we deny the necessity. We would like to give our supernumeraries twelve dollars for every year of active service, instead of ten, as now, but we have never heard that the aged men who have availed themselves to the full of the privileges of the Fund are in suffering circumstances. They are not rich, it may be, but we ques- gain would be to our present supernumertion whether they are not fully as com- aries-the loss, to those who would come work. When young men break down, neither scheme will relieve them of diffi-

certainly very far-fetched, and we fail to see the force of it. But allowing it has force, the Western Conferences promise twelve dollars and pay eight. Equality of treatment with practical men means equality of payment, rather than equality of promise. If those who advocate this change really wish to be placed on the same footing as Western men, doubtless the Conference would agree to it.

3. The ability of the Fund. This is really the point of conflict. It is a question of prudent management, and as such deserves the most careful attention. We trust no one will vote for the change unless fully convinced in reference to this point. If we err, let us err on the safe side. We can always scatter our money, but we cannot always get it together again when spent.

With all deference to the opinion of the committee, we do not think this point has been proved. We do not think it can be proved. Our Fund is in a flourishing state, it is said. Granted. All honour to those whose careful management has secured this result; but let them not undo what they have so well done. We have not full information upon this point, but we will lay down a few propositions which we do not think can be controverted.

1. It would be unfair to raise the grant to twelve dollars, unless there is alalmost a certainty that the Fund will always be able to pay it. The present super-numeraries, with all their excellences, are no more deserving than those who went before, or than those who may come after them. it is it

2. We have about an average number of supernumeraries, at least, about the same average as in the West, but the demands are at present comparatively light. Our older men are claimants for only a part of the term of active service, as nearly as can be estimated, about two-thirds. This is a state of things that must rapidly pass away. Fifteen years hence, without any increase of numbers, there must be an increase in demands that will tax heavily the resources of our Fund. This consideration gains strength from the fact that about the period when we shall be compelled to bear the full burden, now divided between our own and the English Fund, we may, judging from the age of our men, expect a large increase in the number of claimants:

3. We do not think that after laying scide what we are compalled by the constitution to turn over to capital stock, there has been any period during the last ten years when the fund could pay theire dollars. It can just about do it this year, but it is only by the aid of a grant of \$700-from the long-suffering missionary fund. For what purpose this grant was given-what right we have to it, how long we may expect to retain it, I leave for others to decide. Without question this is in opposition to the impression which the cure is calculated to make: but we ask for investigation. If our statement is correct is it prudent to burthen our fund now to the utmost, in presence of the probability amounting almost to certainty that we shall have a demand increasing for many years much more rapidly than the ordinary income? we think there can be but one

4. There is a consideration which to some may seem remote. But tendencies and remote effects in such matters should be watched as carefully as immediate results. The tendency of enlarged grants will be to induce earlier retirements. We do not say how great the results would be, but such would be the tendency. Now every year taken from active service means a year added to supernumerary claims. It may be said that by reducing the term of service we reduce also the claims. This is not correct. When we reduce the term one interested, I commend the fairness of of service we necessitate the increasing the committee, in thus giving notice of of the staff. If we reduce, by any means, heir intention, as many, perhaps, like the term of service, say from 30 to 25 myself, thought that after the strongly ad- years we must increase the workmen, and verse vote with which the matter was re- consequently future claimants in exactly seived last year, at least, in the N. S. the same proportion in order to accom-Conference, the attempt would be aban-plish the work. These two maintain a doned. Such, however does not seem to constant. Now, if we allow the average be the case. Of course any one has a of supernumerary life to be eight years right to advocate this change, if he sees | which seems to be about the standard in fit: and any one has a right, also, to state the West, the result will be as follows his views freely and fairly against it. We We shall have, first, direct increase in adopt the latter course, and will pass grants of twenty per cent. : and secondly, an addition of about twelve and a half per cent. for every year that the term of active service may be shortened by increased grants. How much this is likely to be every one may judge for himself, but it is not well to pay men too well for retiring unless we are able. It is very true that the results in this respect would not be immediately apparent to a very great extent. In this gain of profit and losse, the

5. It is argued that increased expenditure will secure increased income. We admit the soundness of this principle as a 2. "It is desirable to assimilate with basis of action, where action is necessary, ot otherwise. We think our people are about of the same mind. The principle was applied in the management of the Missionary Fund. Let the groans of the last five years bear witness to its soundness. If bitter experience cannot teach us wisdom, we must be dolts, indeed.

6. We hardly think it is generous or fair for our supernumerary brethren to wish to tax so heavily our Supernumerary Fund, that is if they do wish it. The most of them have the benefit of two Funds. our own and the English; those who come after them can only avail themselves of one. If the Fund can ever safely pay twelve dollars, which we very muchidoubt. let it pay it to those who will need it most.

J. R. BORDEN. Shhelburne, May 28, 1880.

SHELBURNE FINANCES.

MR. EDITOR.-Allow me, for the information both of those who have so generously aided me, and of those who I trust will do so, the following statement of Shelburne Finances. I found on coming to the circuit indebtedness as follows:

I. ON SHELBURNE CHURCH. Mrs. Muir's note, Unpaid Interest on same to June 1878.

ace accrued including present year, 186.89 It is proposed to meet this as follows :

Paid during two years to date \$235.91
Cash on hand and subscribed
outside of Shelburne,
One subscription considered
good but not available at
present proposed to be covpresent, proposed to be covered, if necessary by mort-gage on church property, uaranteed to be raised by trustess conditionally,

All subscriptions unpaid are conditional. Must raise all to obtain any. That guaranteed by trustees is in such a shape that there is little danger but that it will be met. We feel ourselves too near the accomplishment of our object to be willing to fail. We appeal to all who have not subscribed to lend a hand to pull us through. Will try and make a personal appeal at Conference.

The explanation of unpaid interest it must be remembered that nearly one thou-sand dellars had been paid notens voters during the two or three years before I

ame to the circuit in pay

II. JORDAN PALLS' CHURCH. We found this church finished on the For balance on cost of which trustees had

notes amounting to.

They had been compelled to pay personally in two years, although poor men Amt, due which had to be paid April, 79 \$314.00

The financial difficulties here were even greater in proportion to ability than in Shelburne. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burrille of Yarmouth, however, generously asnmed the debt with such assistance as they could obtain from other Yarmouth friends. The trustees, also, waved their claims, and thus we were not only relieved from difficulty, but left free to finish. We have finished, and furnished, neatly and comfortably, opened last December, and

stand now as follows: Due parties outside, Due trustees on finishing, &c.,

Funds available, including this year's pew Balance due,

If we can obtain a loan of \$100.00 from the Extension Fund, it is proposed to meet the balance and have the church practically free.

We may add that we have had a good year spiritually. Revival services held in Shelburne, and in our new Church at Jordan Falls, have both consolidated and extended our work. Some have aiready been received into full membership, and others will be at our approaching communion service.

Financially, Shelburne is in a very low state. The complete prostration of the shipbuilding interest has compelled nearly all the labouring men to seek employment elsewhere, with, we fear, indifferent success. May the light break at last,

J. R. BORDEN.

TWILLINGATE, N. F.

Mr. EDITOS .- A word from this mission may not be out of place. In the early special services; the congregations were remarkably good, and some were saved. We cannot, however, report a large inrease of members, yet some ten or twelve persons profess to have experienced a change of beart during the year ;

goodness of God. Death, that grim monster and invader of our homes, continues his work. Over persons have been interred or mission since last District Meeting.

world, and others remain to tell of the

In a financial point, things are hopeful though our people have done nothing this spring, and did not receive much for their Labrador fish last fall, nevertheless the minister's collection was (last fall) the best, I believe, ever made, and towards completing the church over \$300.00 have

Some two years ago the people determined to make another effort to finish the church, and since one hundred and twelve comfortable pews have been made and placed in the church. Bro. Swann labored hard to get the church finished, and had collected two hundred and ten dollars (\$210) for the purpose, and had piaced it in the treasurer's hands. But alas! alas! Robbers entered his house and made off with the whole of it, with other valuable property belonging to the treasurer. Up to the present we have no hope of recovering it, or any part of it; therefore should any of your numerous readers of the WESLEYAN feel inclined to help us, we shall be exceedingly thankful. " You will remember, sir, that the church and parsonage were destroyed by fire on the 7th of February, 1868, valued at \$3,500, with no insurance; so that our people here have had a hard struggle for a number of years. We want now to complete the staining, painting, &c., &c., not less than \$300.00 manual

We feel also compelled to commence a NEW CHURCH, on the north side of Twillingate, about 60x35, for a number of people who had to walk from two to six miles to the present church. Who will belp us?

During last summer and fall we stained papered the Sabbath School room at a cost of about \$70, and on the parsonage and premises we have spent about \$80

Mr. Editor. I believe the friends in the Maritime Provinces are under the impression that Newfoundland is an out of the way place, with few comforts and fewer advantages. Well, allowing that to be partly correct, we shall be glad to find practical sympathizers.

Subscriptions will be thankfully received, and faithfully acknowledged, by THOS. W. ATKINSON, Methodist Minister

OBITUARY.

SAMUEL DEAKE, ESQ. Samuel Drake, Recording Stew- guiding the seeking sinners to the Lamb and of Pownal Circuit, died at his resi- of God was her supreme joy. We found dence, Pownal, Lot 49, P. E. I., on the it good to listen to her sick experience and 10th of May, in the 75th year of his age. glowing recital of the Lord's dealings He had enjoyed his usual good health until last fall, when he became partially blind. His health had been tolerably good, and hissight was supposed to be improvinguatilwithi n about six days of his death, when he had a severe stroke of paralysis, and from that time he began rapidly to decline. The deceased was widely known and greatly respected. He was a native of Plymouth, Devonshire, Eng. land, and sailed for British America in 1825, landing in Newcastle, N. B., the same year, and the following year he came to this Island. He soon became one of the most prominent men of this neighborhood, bath in religion and every honorably enterprise of the place. Bro. Drake was a consistent member of the Methodist church for nearly 50 years, and was a liberal supporter of the same. For upwards of 40 years he filled the offices of trustee, class-leader and Circuit Steward. The Methodist Church in this circuit has sustained a severe loss. May the Lord raise up others to fill positions of trust and honor in this part of our Zion.

The deceased leaves a widow, sons and daughters, and a wide circle of friends to mourn their loss. We deeply sympathise with the family in their sore bereavement. W. M.

Pownal May 29, 1878.

ELIZA CITCHEN.

the subject of this sketch was born at Waltham, Lincolnshire, England, 15th of Oct., 1822, at the age of fifteen she joined the Primitive Methodist Church, in 1843 she married, and in 1854 emigrated to this country, since her arrival she has ever manifested a lively interest in the cause of God, and her life was one of patient continuance in well-doing, still she never made a parade of her religion, her delight was in her quiet unobtrusive way to add to the joy and mitigate the sufferings of part of the year we held five weeks of her of neighbors, in time of disquiet and discord, her kind soothing presence and voice lulled the agitated waves of passion. and often others as well as herself felt that blessed are the peace-makers. In September last she began to fail, and for the remainder of her life she had to patiently endure sumering of a very severe nature, but her calm spirit rested confidently upon Divine strength, and she had daily grace for daily needs, during the last few days of illness she took great interest in everything pertaining to the spiritual weal her family and friends, and most earnestly did she pray and beseech them to yield themselves unto God. A day or two before she died she partook of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper it was a solemn yet blessed season, we fed upon Christ in our hearts, and almost longed to go with our sister to celebrate it anew in the presence of our Lord. On the 5th inst., she departed as she lived peacefully and hopefully to those things which Christ is preparing for those who love Him. The church, her family and the community can ill spare these holy women whose absence we mourn, may others catch their mantle and receive a double measure of the same devoted spirit of piety that distinguished

MRS. LEWRY,

the subject of this notice was born at Nottinghamshire, England, January 1st, 1807, but early in life she removed to Wileston, near Derby. Both of her parents belonged to the Established Church. Whilst our sister was still young the Primitive Methodists came into the village, and under their preaching she was deeply convicted of sin, but not till eight years after did she give herself fully to the Lord, when she came into possession of that blessed peace which cometh through believing in Jesus. When she was twenty-three years of age her parents removed to Liston, Portugal, and here in the midst of Romish darkness the desire for spiritual things increased, sometimes she was tempted to believe herself deceived, but though faint she still pursued, and the cry of her soul often was, " If I ne'er find that sacred road, I'll perish crying out for God," One night while engaged in prayer the struggle was most severe. she thirsted for God the living God, at once the word flashed across her mind, Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life," with the full surrender of her all to the Saviour, she cried " I am coming Lord, coming now to Thee," at once the burden of sin rolled away, and she entered into that glorious liberty wherewith Christ makes his people free. During a long and chequered career she beld fast the beginning of he reonfidence amid the shadow and in the sunshine she trusted in Divine strength, her great delight was communion with her Maker and Redeemer and associ-

Lord was her stay. In all the interests of the chu.ch she took great delight visiting the sick, comforting the sorrowful and with her. Her soul was full of Christ. and he was her theme. In St. John and other places where she resided her memory is honored and her name fragrant. On the 1st of February after only sixteen hours illness she went up higher. Her aged partner pursues his pilgrimage alone. but sorowfully yearns for the sound of voice that is still, and for the support of her strong reliant faith. The member of the just is blessed.

MRS. JANE CORNWELL.

Mrs. Cornwell, was the widow of the late Samuel Cornwell, who died in the Lord twenty-seven years ago. Digby Neck was their home for many years. The Lord gave to Mrs. Cornwell a long and happy life. She had reached the advanced age of ninety-five years, and through those many and changeful years she saw but little of the ills that flesh is heir to Her home on the Neck was among the very first to extend a warm Christian greeting to the pioneers of our church ; indeed at that time there were but two other families in the neighborhood that called themselves Wesleyans. She was converted under the faithful ministrations of the sainted Rev. Mr. Busby, This blessed event must have taken place not less than 70 years ago. From that day to the close of life, she faithfully stood by the Methodist Church, walking in the fear of God, and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit. There are very few of that early time remaining among us, they have mostly

gone home to be forever with the Lord. Shortly after the death of her husband Mrs. Cornwell came to Digby to live. Here she spent the last 27 years of her life, living with her widowed daughter. Mrs. Everett. Her latter days were spent in the quiet serenity of her Christian home. It was my privilege to see her frequently during the last twenty months. In these as in all the former days of her life there was the calm resting of the soul on our gracious Saviour. She was kept in peace, for she trusted God. The last six months of her life she had much of feebleness and prostration, but she was tenderly and constantly ministered unto

On the 9th of April she calmly fell asleep in Jesus-full of days, having lived a godly life and leaving behind her this fragrant thought, "The memory of the just is blessed." Her mortal remains on the Neck, both Methodist and Baptist ministers taking part in the ceremony. The members of the family who yet remain on this side the flood are assured through the blessed work of God in their own hearts that if only faithful a little longer they will sit down in the kingdom of God with their dear ones who have passed on before them. R. WASSON.

Digby, May 20.

JOSEPH WHEELOCK, ESQ., OF BRIDGE TOWN.

Joseph Wheelock, Esq., was born in Annapolis County during the latter part of the last century. Early in life he acquired and practised habits of sobriety and thrift, so much so, that he accumu lated wealth and became an important man in the community. For many years he was one of the prominent merchants and migistrates of the county, and devot-ed a great deal of time to the transaction of public business. He was a firm friend of the "Temperance cause." More than half a century ago he united with the Methodist church, and during that period was a firm and faithful adherent of the church of his choice. For some time he had oeen suffering from an attack of illness, but had so far recovered as to be able on the 27th of April to transact important business. On the evening of that day, without a moment's warning, the ruthless hand of death smote him down, retainding us of the necessity of being al-ways ready for the Master's call. The deceased has left behind a large family, most of whom are in the United States. The "standard bearers" are rapidly fall-

ing out of the ranks on this circuit. May the Lord raise up others to fill their

WILLIAM STOCKTON.

died at Cornhill, Kings Co., N B., on May 10th in the 37th year of his age. was the son of Christian parents woo nurtured Methodism in its early efforts in that settlement. Converted some four een years ago, he has lived an exemplary Christian life. More recently he had been superintendent of the Sabbath school which prospered admirably under his prayerful devout attention. In prayer and class-meetings, in domestic life, and in business transactions his religion was always a real power for good. He yearned over soul's for Christ's sake, reasoning with individuals about the duty of giving themselves to Christ. Many will remember such conversations as they came to his mill on business. As an efficient steward of the circuit always taking a deep interest in the spiritual as well as financial efforts be was a valuable belper to the pastor. He leaves a widow and three children, a widowed mother, and ation with the people of God, her salm; cheerful and hopeful plety manifested the speaketh."

For our Y EVA'S INTERR

Eva is a bright in the pleasant Massachusetts. June she went in miles up over the b River railroad to the country.

The little girl for her city home v greatly enjoyed looking at the calve miring the duckl She talked softly to flitting about the y tip-tond through th among the foliage one upon its nest.

When dinner quite hungry, and puckering up her p was seating herself

"Oh, I smell gr glad because I am Just as her Uncl waiting upon the ta to roast lamb and as she was saying auntie, mamma n dren to eat pickle," of wings through into the room, and which they were quickly by a little something to the

Eva's chaer. Cousin Flora, glanced down, and in her voice, "Oh! a wood-thrush." As Aunt Fannie

the tiny fledgeling

fluttering gasp, and and lifeless in her l "Oh dear!" touching the dainty feathers with the "I have just now apple trees listening chirp and sing, tell I loved them, and they were so shy. thought he would know that he was and now just to se

has happened!" " It is a young Fannie: "it saw open west window, to fly through the h ened and flew again the breath out of i I will put it in the Eva has eaten her

at it again if she wi When Aunt Fan table she glanced found that the lit eating ber dinner, her knife and fork looking silently do while two rows of rapidly gliding do

face. "Would you like the little thrush not her aunt.

Eva choked down her curly head with "Very well, we said Aunt Fanni away slipped the ch out through the which stood ajar.

After the family their dinner, and they heard Eva out room window talking the dead bird, which carefully in a large "It may be best,

said, " that you die the flowers were br was warm, for by winter and the flo there will be snow of You might then, pe hungry; you canno bad to be hungry," handkerchief path and cried a little. bad to be hungry," ently, "and there and I am very fond up my dinner for yo and now I suppose to eat until tea is that time I shall be shall wish it was I t happened to, instead

Pretty soon Eva c door and said: "U picked out a place to tle birdie, if you con

dig a grave." So Uncle Charles hat, and taking the went to the tool hour then allowed her to to the back of the ho spreading apple tree bower in a corner of "I like this place,

birds sing bere, and thrush will not be los So her uncle took of turf and a spade Eva scattered flower thus made and laid t them, covering him flowers. She then very solemn while he fitted the bit of tur