

ACROSTIC. Thy word is truth. John xvii. 17. Hear, and your soul shall live. Isa. lv. 3. Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith. 2 Cor. xiii. 5.

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 Conference.

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.

2. It is desirable to assimilate with Western Clergy. The argument is certainly very far-fetched, and we fail to see the force of it. But allowing it has force, the Western Clergy promise twelve dollars and pay eight. Equality of treatment with practical men means equality of payment, rather than equality of promise.

3. We do not think that after laying aside what we are compelled by the constitution to turn over to capital stock, there has been any period during the last ten years when the fund could pay twelve 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.

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.

5. It is argued that increased expenditure will secure increased income. We admit the soundness of this principle as a basis of action, where action is necessary, not otherwise. We think our people are about of the same mind. The principle was applied in the management of the Missionary Fund.

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:

ALPHA. came to the circuit in payment of accounts. H. JORDAN FALLS CHURCH. We found this church finished on the outside only: For balance on out of which trustees had been assuming to pay personally \$884.55 They had been compelled to pay personally in two years, although poor men 573.55

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.

MR. EDITOR, - A word from this mission may not be out of place. In the early part of the year we held five weeks of special services; the congregations were remarkably good, and some were saved. We cannot, however, report a large increase of members, yet some ten or twelve persons profess to have experienced a change of heart during the year; and these have passed away to a better world, and others remain to tell of the goodness of God.

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OBITUARY.

SAMUEL DRAKE, Esq. Samuel Drake, Esq., Recording Steward of Pownal Circuit, died at his residence, Pownal, Vt., on the 10th of May, in the 75th year of his age. He had enjoyed his usual good health until last fall, when he became partially blind. His health had been tolerably good, and his sight was supposed to be improving until within about six days of his death, when he had a severe stroke of paralysis, and from that time he began rapidly to decline.

MR. EDITOR, - 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 her neighbors, in time of disquiet and disorder, 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.

MRS. LEWIS, 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 her 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.

Lord was her stay. In all the interests of the church she took great delight visiting the sick, comforting the sorrowful and guiding the seeking sinners to the Lamb of God was her supreme joy. We found it good to listen to her sick experience and glowing recital of the Lord's dealings 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.

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 changeable years she saw but little of the ills that flesh is heir to.

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JOSEPH WHEELLOCK, Esq., OF BRIDGE-TOWN. Joseph Wheellock, 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 accumulated wealth and became an important man in the community. For many years he was one of the prominent merchants and migrates of the county, and devoted a great deal of time to the transaction of public business.

For our Y. EVA'S INTEREST. Eva is a bright in the pleasant Massachusetts. June she went in miles up over the River railroad to the country. The little girl for her city home very greatly enjoyed looking at the calving miring the ducks. She talked softly to flitting about the y tip-toed through the among the foliage one upon its nest.

When dinner was quite hungry, and puckering up her p was seating herself "Oh, I smell glad because I am Just as her Uncle waiting upon the 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 chagr.

When Aunt Fannie glanced down, and in her voice, "Oh a wood-thrush." As Aunt Fannie the tiny fledgling fluttering gasp, and and lifeless in her "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 see has happened!" "It is a young Fannie; "it was open west window, to fly through the h ened and flew again the breath out of it I will put it in the Eva has eaten her at it again if she w When Aunt Fannie table she glanced found that the lit eating her dinner, napkin tucked under her knife and fork looking silently do while two rows of rapidly gliding do face.

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