

Provincial Wesleyan.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1871. THE NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS.

The Indian race of North America is fast perishing. Many once powerful tribes pertaining to that race have completely disappeared. Many other tribes once important are rapidly vanishing. In almost every direction, the red men are melting away before the ever advancing pale faces, like the winter's snow before the growing fires of the vernal sun. For the most part where the white man comes, the red man dies. The story is painful, but it is true. Robbed of his hunting grounds, poisoned by the white man's fire water, shot down by the white man's arms, the poor savage succumbs. Through many degrees of latitude his race ever retreating has been driven from the Atlantic shores, over the Appalachian range, across the bosom of the Father of Waters, beyond the fertile prairies that stretch away from its banks, to the arid plains that lie spread out at the feet of the Rocky Mountains or to the sheltered valleys that pierce their rugged sides. Here the miserable remnants of a brave and once comparatively numerous race threaten to stand at bay. They will stand only to perish. The foes that advance upon them are as invincible and as pitiless as fate.

From the terrible destruction that has already been effected among the North American Indian tribes, it is generally inferred that the period is not far distant when the whole Indian race will be blotted out of existence. Possibly the inference may be just, and certainly unless the policy pursued toward the Indians in the United States should speedily undergo an immense change for the better, the last of the ancient lords of the soil in that great country will soon disappear even from the remotest buffalo grounds. It will be difficult perhaps, to change that policy radically. The United States Indians without question have been dreadfully sinned against; but they have also dreadfully sinned. Their feet have been swift to shed blood. Cunning as Satan, they have in their savagery been cruel as death.

In British North America, however, the Indians have fared better than they have farther south; and it is not quite settled that their race is doomed to certain destruction in old Canada and to the north of the 49th parallel of latitude. It is true that the Indians of the Lower Provinces occupy a very low position in the scale of civilization and give but faint promise of ever rising much higher in that scale. It is also true that many of our Western Indians are sunk low in the depths of their pagan degradation. But then, on the other hand, there are in Ontario some thousands of the Indian race civilized and Christianized, occupying a position creditable in itself all things considered, and full of promise. There is good reason to believe that the Dominion Government will act in the most considerate manner toward the Indians of British Columbia and of the North West Territory; and surely there is ground for hoping that the Christian Denominations of the Dominion will presently put forth their strength in behalf of the evangelization of those Indians. Should this be done, with the success desired, it may be that in the great North West as well as in Ontario the Indian race will go on increasing instead of pining away.

But whether in the councils of Providence the Indian race in North America is or is not doomed wholly to pass away, it is manifestly the duty of North American Christians to do their utmost to bring the people of that race to the knowledge of the true God. It is surprising that so little has been as yet attempted in this direction. There is most pressing need for earnest, patient and liberally devised exertions by the Christian communities on both sides of the boundary line for the accomplishment of this good purpose. Nor is there less need for the adoption or patient and persevering maintenance of a thoughtful paternal policy toward the Indians on the part of the United States and Dominion Governments. Both Governments should do what in them lies to promote the settlement of the Indians on suitable reserve lands. Ample provision for the education of Indian children should be secured, and that education should in due time be made compulsory. Should a wise and vigorous policy of this sort be faithfully carried out, supplemented by zealous and prayerful efforts of the proper magnitude by the evangelical Churches of both countries, great results might in the issue be obtained, and some of the reproach be rolled away which at present attaches to the "English in America" for their short-sighted and oft inhuman treatment of the unfortunate Indian race. We take pleasure in recalling the fact to recollection that already our sister Church in Canada has honourably distinguished herself by her earnest endeavours to promote the salvation of the unhappy red men. It is cause for thanksgiving that those efforts have been and are still being crowned with a gratifying measure of success both in Ontario and in the North West. We hope that the Church will find itself in a position to redouble those efforts, and that they will be followed by an ever increasing degree of success through the Divine benediction.

UNITED STATES CORRESPONDENCE.

A PROSPEROUS YEAR. Nearly all the Conferences have held their sessions for the season, and the returns are highly satisfactory. The statistics showing the advance of Methodism for the year will be made public in a few weeks. It has been a year of success—of triumph. There has been a large net gain in the ministry and membership. Financially, we have done well—the people have evinced a most commendable liberality in sustaining all the institutions of the Church. The year has been remarkable for church-build-

ing—and many of the edifices erected are among the best in the country. Our colleges and schools are never doing better. The theological schools are doing a great work in preparing young men for the ministry. The press is well sustained, though there is room for improvement in this department, especially in the periodical press. The next General Conference will doubtless make some changes that will give our weekly newspapers more efficiency and power.

THE EPISCOPATE. is receiving special attention, and is discussed largely in our Church periodicals. Several important changes are suggested, and among them, are that the Bishops should be supported by the people directly, and not by the Book Concern as at present; that the number of Bishops should be largely increased—some say to thirty or more; that the Presiding Elders should be reduced in number, and that a part of the funds in their support should be appropriated to the support of Bishops. It requires about \$420,000 to support the Presiding Elders—by reducing their number, \$140,000 might be saved for the support of about thirty Bishops. This appears to be a very plausible theory, but we doubt whether it is accepted by the Church with- out some change in its modification. The next General Conference will doubtless supply the number needed, and their support will be provided for in the very best way.

THE MISSIONARY department, in its present arrangement, is anything but satisfactory. Some contend that there should be two organizations, one for the foreign and one for the domestic missions. We have now but two Missionary Secretaries—many are of the opinion that there should be, at least, four, two of which should travel extensively through the work, looking after every part of the organization, and keeping the whole in the best working order. The general impression is that the Society is very poorly worked at present. A Church numbering nearly one million and five hundred thousand members, should raise one million and a half for the missionary cause, instead of six or seven hundred thousand dollars.

THE GREAT FIRE IN CHICAGO, has been the great subject before the nation for some weeks. Nearly all classes in church and state are affected by it. The liberality of the people to meet the necessities of the sufferers is unprecedented. M. E. Church in Chicago suffered immensely by the fire, but funds will be furnished by which she can replace the necessary buildings, and proceed in her usual work. We have no doubt but the fire in the end will be made a blessing to the city, and its lessons on the country generally cannot fail to prove salutary.

THE PUBLISHERS.

Are doing a large business just now in furnishing the people with valuable reading matter. Some of the books just issued will claim more than ordinary attention. Messrs. Harper Bros. have just published "The Earth: a Descriptive History of the Phenomena and Life of the Globe," by Elisee Reclus. This is a work of great value, and contains a vast amount of most important information on almost every subject connected with the phenomena and life of the globe. Its mechanical execution is in the highest style of the art. The periodicals of this extensive publishing house are increasing in popularity and patronage. Their Weekly reached the circulation of nearly 300,000 copies, and is read by all classes. Its editorial and pictorial illustrations evince the highest order of talent. Harper's Weekly has become a great power for good in the country, and is exerting an influence that is felt on every part of society.

Messrs. Robert Carter & Bros. have issued some most interesting and valuable publications, among which are "Dr. Arnold on the Parables," by the author of the most interesting and popular of the living Scotch divines. The present work is among the best from his pen, and will take the highest rank in our biblical literature. It deserves a place in every family and Sabbath school library. They have also issued another work, entitled, "Moses the man of God," by the late lamented James Hannay, D. D., F. L. S. This consists of a series of lectures delivered by the author on the "Exodus of the Hebrew nation." They are written in the popular style, and contain a great amount of information respecting Moses and his times. It is admirably adapted to the young, and would be a valuable accession to all youth's libraries.

Messrs. Dodd & Mead have added to their excellent list of publications, "Papers for Home Reading," by Rev. John Hall, D. D., pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York. It contains 27 chapters, embracing subjects of the highest importance to home and every day life, and each subject is discussed in a very interesting style of the author. They have also added to their list "The American Cardinal," in which a new phase of the Catholic question is ably discussed; "The comparative Religion," by T. C. Moffatt; "The Victory of the Yankoes," by the author of "The Schoolmaster of Cotta Family." Their published list, contains some of the best works published for Sunday Schools. They have several works in press, which will be received with interest by the reading public.

Messrs. Hurd & Houghton have added a valuable work to our biographical literature—"The Life of Nathaniel Green," by George Washington. Nathaniel Green was one of the principal actors in the times connected with that Revolution. The work is one of great interest to such as would understand the great stirring events of the times in which the subject of the memoir lived and acted. It is a very interesting and well written work, entitled "Notes on the Gospels," by Rev. Charles H. Hall, D. D., of the Wesleyan school purposes. They have announced to issue a number of works for the following two or three months, some of which, we judge, will attract considerable attention.

Circuit Intelligence.

WALLACE CIRCUIT. DEAR EDITOR.—Personal illness prevented an earlier notice of services held on this charge in behalf of our Home Missions. "The aphorism, 'Better late than never,' tho' not always reliable, may in our case be with the above personal allusion, be sufficiently apologetic for seeming delay in writing. According to arrangements made at our Financial District Meeting we held three very interesting services in our three principal congregations for the benefit of our Home Missions. I was able to attend but one of them, the first, and truly it was a most engaging and inspiring occasion. Rev. J. Reid of Truro and Stewart

present at two of the meetings, the receipts did not suffer on that account. Our esteemed deputation, Bro. Waterhouse, was quite equal to the occasion. The proceeds were about the same as previous years, and over 100 per cent in advance of last year. I am Yours &c. W. A. Parrobo, Nov. 23rd, 1871.

NASHWAAK CIRCUIT. In accordance with the Financial District arrangements we held our Home Missionary meeting on the 24th and 25th ult. The first meeting was held in the upper Nashwaak church. The Rev. Leonard Gaetz, one of the deputation, who addressed the meeting in his usually impressive style. We need not take up your valuable space by a description in full, sufficient to say it was both interesting and successful. Collection and subscriptions amounted to \$24.41. The next day the pleasure of welcoming Bro. Strohard, the other member of the deputation. Here the meeting was exceedingly interesting in every respect. The addresses were appropriate and stirring, and the people responded heartily, their contributions amounting to \$38.28.

The amount collected for Home Missions on this circuit has been being only \$5.50, or \$57.19. This shows that the subject of Home Missions is becoming more popular, and that our people are beginning to realize more fully the obligation upon the Christian Church to preach the gospel to those who need its redeeming power. J. SELLER. Nov. 18, 1871.

MIRAMICHI. The missionary meetings for this Circuit were held according to the direction of the deputation. The Rev. L. Gaetz our district deputation was faithful and punctual in the performance of his duty, and rendered good service to the mission cause both by his sermons and addresses at Chatham and Newcastle. We were also favored with the valuable help of the Rev. Mr. Wilson, and the Rev. Mr. McDonald of the Presbyterian Church at the Chatham and Newcastle meetings. The night for the Derby castle was very quiet, and the congregation consequently very small, but looking to the numbers the collection was favorable. The largest, Derby always does well. The meeting at the English settlement was well attended and the subscriptions, &c., in advance of the past year.

Church collection, \$41.00 Newcastle " 27.50 Derby " 20.00 English Set. " 4.00

Our people here though poor do well for the mission cause. May the Lord reward the kindness and zeal of their midst. Bro. Weddell is in trouble. His oldest daughter died last week. I was sorry it was not in my power to visit him in his sore trouble. INGHAM SUTCLIFFE. Nov. 20, 1871.

MAITLAND.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—REV. A. W. Nicholson gave you a report of our Home Missionary meeting, held on this Circuit, and the reason why another was not held, viz. the great storm on the 12th ult. When we saw the appointment of a day for the meeting, we thought it would be a favorable time to hold our H. M. meeting at Selmah, for in what better way could we express gratitude for the mercies of the Lord than by casting our offering into the treasury of the Lord? We were without ministerial assistance, for we could not expect Bro. Nicholson to come so far again; but we have laymen whose names, such as Gaetz and Smith, remind us of our Brethren, and upon them we relied, and we were not disappointed. This Circuit is much smaller than formerly, but our H. M. receipts for the present year will be twenty-five per cent in advance of last year. J. A. M. Selmah, Nov. 25, 1871.

ST. JOHN CIRCUITS.

HOME MISSIONARY MEETINGS. These were held last week, in the Portland church on Monday evening; in the German St. church, Tuesday evening; in Centenary St. church, Wednesday evening; and in the Exmouth St. church, Thursday. We copy the following notices of these meetings from the St. John Telegraph and Morning Journal of the 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th inst.

The first of the annual series of Home Missionary meetings in connection with the Wesleyan Churches of the city and vicinity, was held in Portland Church last evening. James Harris, Esq., occupied the Chair, and the Choir was occupied by a very efficient choir under the direction of Mr. Woodworth.

The Annual Report of the Society for 1871 was read by Rev. Howard Sprague, pastor of Portland Church. After which the meeting was addressed by the following gentlemen: Mr. J. Sullivan—Subject, The necessities of our country and the means of supplying them; Rev. D. C. Currie—Missions enterprise in condition of prosperity in the Church and in the Society; Rev. Mr. Brecken—the necessity of prayer to the Lord for the harvest for laborers; Rev. Mr. Duncan—Our individual responsibility; Rev. Mr. Sprague rendered the thanks of the congregation to the chairman, choir, and speakers, and moved the re-appointment of the Portland Collecting Committee of last year, with the exception of Mr. Henry Maxwell, who had removed from the town.

The committee for the ensuing year is as follows: James Williams, Treasurer; H. A. Austin, Secretary; James Harris, Stephen Shaw, John Coleman, J. L. Woodworth, Louis Lingley, Thos. Stubbs, Robert Culbert, James G. Jordan. A collection amounting to \$31.22 was taken up, during which the choir sang an anthem, and the meeting closed with the Doxology and benediction. A very spirited missionary meeting was held in the German Street Church last evening, Robt. Robertson, Esq., in the chair. Rev. Mr. Maggs opened the meeting with prayer. The report was read by the Rev. Mr. Currie. Appropriate resolutions were moved and supported by the Hon. George E. King, Attorney General, and Messrs. T. C. Hummel and Dennis Sullivan. The speeches, as a rule, were excellent—the importance of home, as well as foreign missions, being ably advocated. The collection amounted to \$50. There is to be a similar missionary meeting in the Centenary Church this evening.—Ibid.

CENTENARY HOME MISSIONARY MEETING.—A very excellent Home Mission Meeting was held in the Methodist Centenary Church last evening. Gilbert Bent, Esq., occupied the Chair. The report was read by Rev. D. C. Currie. The topics spoken upon were, "God's appeal of a future success," by Rev. R. Duncan. The aggressive character of Christianity," by Rev. T. Deinstadt. "Claims of Home Missions upon young men," by Mr. J. E. Irvine. "The necessity of prayer to the Lord for the harvest for laborers," and "The spiritual wants of our country and the means of supplying them," by Rev. H. Sprague.

In the absence of the choir, the congregational system of singing was adopted without debate, and proved most acceptable to all concerned. The collection amounted to \$38, an advance upon that of last year. On motion of J. P. Prichard, Esq., the following gentlemen were appointed the Home Mission Committee for the Centenary Church for the ensuing year: George Thomas, D. J. McKnight, Edward E. Lockhart, Alex. Lockhart, Henry Whiteside, C. W. Wetmore, Hiram White, Gilbert Bent, James Sullivan, Joshua Clawson, Secretary; Gilbert Prichard, Treasurer; and Joshua S. Turner, Secretary-Treasurer for the Sunday School department. A similar meeting will be held in Exmouth St. Church this evening.

The meeting at Exmouth Street Church last night was very successful, and much interest was manifested in the proceedings by the highly respectable audience present. Mr. Dennis Sullivan occupied the chair. The exercises were as follows: 1. Resolved, That this meeting recognize with gratitude to God the success attending our Home Missionary movements.

Moved by Rev. Mr. Sprague, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Brecken. 2. Resolved, That the urgent calls for laborers from many parts of our Conference, and our inability at present to respond to these calls for want of men and means, should lead to earnest prayer that more laborers be sent forth, and to increasing liberality on the part of our people. Moved by Rev. Mr. Currie, seconded by Mr. James Sullivan.

3. Resolved, That we recognize Home Missionary work to be a first duty of a Christian Church, and its obligation in this respect as in others, to be measured by its ability. Moved by Rev. S. Clawson, seconded by Rev. Mr. Currie. The excellent choir of the church were in attendance and assisted in the devotional exercises. The collection amounted to \$38.18.

The following gentlemen were elected Home Missionary Committee for the ensuing year: James E. White, Wm. Smith, J. T. Smith, Wm. Magee, R. Finley, B. Lawrence, Wm. Clawson, James Nole, Dennis Sullivan, Wm. Warwick, J. Calkins, John Irvine. Mr. Clawson, Treasurer; Mr. Irvine, Secretary.

Miscellaneous.

THE CRIMES OF A NEWFOUNDLAND WRECKER. (Correspondence of New York Sun.) St. John's, N. F., Oct. 27.—For five days after the loss of the Albatross off the reefs of Chance Cove, N. F., not one of the seventeen bodies was found, though every effort had been made, by the employees of Mr. Mangin, who is in charge of the St. Shott's lighthouse, and by scores of fishermen who promptly volunteered to spend a whole day looking for the corpses. As the weather which succeeded that which the Albatross foundered, was exceedingly hot, the non-appearance among dead bodies created much astonishment to ship-owners and to the decaying task of casting the grapples in search of dead bodies. On the morning of the sixth day after the disaster, the village of St. Shott's, in which everybody knows everyone else, grew sensational over the fact that old "Barnacle Bill," who has long been the infamy of a pirate and a wrecker, had been seen "down about the beach, looking after his boats and that," which circumstance, owing to the habits which Barnacle Bill long adhered to proved an anomaly too unusual to be disregarded by the village of St. Shott's. This notorious wrecker, whose name was once a terror to shore captains, was believed to have been leading a life of almost ascetic retirement for the last ten years. His dwelling consisted of a hut, rude in its exterior, but furnished inside with every substantial comfort. From the report of the Committee on the State of the Denominations, which is signed by Dr. Crump, as Chairman, we give the following extracts: "The Statistics of the Association present the following results: NOVA SCOTIA. General Association of 44 Churches, 282 Bap'ts, 5,867 Mem. Eastern " 55 " 96 " 3,756 " Western " 62 " 378 " 8,181 " Total " 176 " 758 " 17,804. NEW BRUNSWICK. Eastern Association of 67 Churches, 456 Bap'tisms, 8,819 Mem. Western " 98 " 153 " 4,905 " Total " 165 " 609 " 13,724. P. E. ISLAND. 14 Churches, 47 Bap'tisms, 768 Mem. Total " 1214 " 28,316.

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THE MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK, AND P. E. ISLAND. Held in Yarmouth, N. S., in August last, have been published at the Christian Messenger Office, Halifax, in very good style, making a pamphlet of about 50 pages. We have looked with much interest, through the copy which has been obligingly sent to our office. From the report of the Committee on the State of the Denominations, which is signed by Dr. Crump, as Chairman, we give the following extracts: "The Statistics of the Association present the following results: NOVA SCOTIA. General Association of 44 Churches, 282 Bap'ts, 5,867 Mem. Eastern " 55 " 96 " 3,756 " Western " 62 " 378 " 8,181 " Total " 176 " 758 " 17,804. NEW BRUNSWICK. Eastern Association of 67 Churches, 456 Bap'tisms, 8,819 Mem. Western " 98 " 153 " 4,905 " Total " 165 " 609 " 13,724. P. E. ISLAND. 14 Churches, 47 Bap'tisms, 768 Mem. Total " 1214 " 28,316.

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