

Notice to the Public and to all Postmasters.

With a view to promote the circulation as well of Canadian Newspapers in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland as of the Newspapers of those Provinces in Canada.—No postage will be hereafter charged in Canada upon Newspapers printed in and passing between the Lower Provinces and Canada, whether the same shall be exchange papers or papers addressed to subscribers.

J. MORRIS,
Postmaster General.

Post Office Department.
Quebec, 12th Nov., 1851.

We transfer the above notice to our columns for the purpose of grounding on it an earnest appeal to our brethren of Canada East District for their aid in getting us some subscribers to *The Wesleyan*. We do this without any desire to interfere with any of the religious papers published in Canada. We have brethren and lay-members there from these Provinces, who, we may reasonably suppose, feel some interest in the land of their birth, and in which they spent many happy years. The free transmission of papers through the mail, and the low charge of postage on letters, should "promote the circulation" of our paper, and lead to a not unfrequent correspondence for its pages, on the part of our brethren and friends in Canada. We send a copy of this number of *The Wesleyan* to each of our Ministers in Canada East District, with a hope that they will interest themselves in our behalf, and get us some subscribers. Our terms appear on our first page.

Methodistic Intelligence.

We select the following items from the *Western Christian Advocate*, showing the prosperity of the work of God in connection with Methodism, in parts of the United States:

In Harding Circuit, Illinois, between twenty-five and thirty persons have recently experienced religion as the fruit of a Camp Meeting.—In the various parts of this Circuit, the number of members has been doubled, within a few months past.

The Rev. J. F. BIRD, Nov. 1st, says:—"We are now in the midst of one of the most powerful and extensive revivals of religion ever witnessed in the city of Philadelphia. More than three hundred souls have been converted, and still the work is going on with unabated energy. The converts have generally been persons of character, standing, and influence."

Fifty persons were recently added to the Church at Fulton Station, Black River Conference, and twenty on Preble Circuit, Oneida Conference.

Twenty persons were recently added to the Church on Liberty Circuit, Erie Conference, and ten on Kenazua Circuit, same Conference.

At Shreveport, Louisiana Conference, Oct. 3d, forty-four persons were admitted into the Church on trial.

The *Richmond Christian Advocate* records revivals in twelve different places, in all of which the Spirit of the Lord was abundantly outpoured, and large numbers were added to the Church.

Methodist Episcopal Church, U. S.

The Minutes of the Annual Conferences for the present year show a total membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, U. S., (not including that of the M. E. Church South,) of 731,814, being an increase on last year of 32,132. Baltimore Conference contains the largest number of members, viz., 70,237; the number in other Conferences is as follows:—Ohio, 67,935; Philadelphia, 51,839; Indiana, 39,139; Pittsburgh, 37,294; New Jersey, 35,129; Illinois, 33,461; North Indiana, 32,226; Oneida, 30,261; North Ohio, 28,915; New York, 27,702; Troy, 25,163; New York East, 23,579; Erie, 22,133; Black River, 18,977; East Genesee, 18,670; Rock River, 18,485; Michigan, 17,552; West Virginia, 15,191; New England, 14,199; Providence, 14,094; Iowa, 12,322; Maine, 11,146; Genesee, 10,853; New Hampshire, 10,150; Wisconsin, 10,057; East Maine, 10,050; Vermont, 8,032; Missouri, 5,528; Oregon and California, 1,207; Liberia Mission, 1,186.

Of superannuated, supernumerary, and effective travelling preachers, there is a total number of 4,450; the last class numbering 3,935. The number of local preachers is said to be 5,700. In all, a goodly staff of ministerial agents.

The Methodist E. Church South, numbers 501,501, and other off-shoots from the parent body number 90,313; making the total of Methodists in the United States, 1,323,628.

The *Christian Visitor* will soon become famed throughout the Provinces for true catholicity of sentiment! By the views he enunciates on the subject of immersion, he occupies precisely the same ground, as Papists and Mormons do, with reference to their respective peculiarities. The *Visitor* has only to act out his own principles, and refuse to recognize pedobaptists as Christians. Baptist Ministers, and others of his denomination, have renounced their peculiar views on baptism, and after patient and prayerful investigation of the Word of God, and in opposition to the prejudices of early education and the association of riper years, have embraced pedobaptist principles. Let him remember this fact, when he parades before the public his "converts to the truth."

We learn from the *Canada Christian Advocate*, that although the City of Baltimore was the early stronghold of Popery, now only about one-eighth part of the churches are Roman Catholic. There are thirty-five Methodist Episcopal places of worship, three Methodist Protestant, four African Methodist, thirteen Protestant Episcopal, five Baptist, ten Lutheran, eight Old School, one New School, Presbyterian, and three German Reformed, and one or two others.

The above paper states that one thousand dollars have been bequeathed to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States by Asa Lynde, Esq., of Williams Township, London District, Canada West.

Miss Minerva Evans, of Pickaway County, Ohio, has given one thousand dollars to the Ohio Wesleyan University, towards the erection of a new chapel.

France has a population of thirty-six millions, and less than two hundred Sabbath Schools in the entire country!

The Rev. Mr. Heinen, a Roman Catholic Priest appeared before the Presbytery of New York, at its last session, and after a formal renunciation of Popery, and assenting to the confession of faith held by Presbyterians, he was received under the care of the Presbytery.

In Texas there are thirty-five newspapers, the two which have the largest circulation are devoted to the cause of religion. As a fact worthy of especial notice, it is said, there is not a single theatre in the State!

The *Western Christian Advocate*, a Methodist weekly paper, has a circulation of twenty-two thousand, the largest it is said of any weekly religious paper in the Union, except the *Christian Advocate and Journal*, the Official Organ of the M. E. Church.

A recent movement has been made by ministers of various Protestant denominations to establish street-preaching in the thoroughfares of New York.

A submarine boat has been built at New York, which is intended to be used in the pearl fisheries, and will be shipped to Panama in a short time.

Lead, copper, and silver ore, and a very fine grained marble, have been found not far from Coburg, Canada West: specimens of which have been left at the office of the *Coburg Star*.

In the recent trigonometrical survey of Scotland, Ben Nevis was ascertained to be the highest mountain in Britain, being seventy-two feet higher than Ben Macdubh.

President Everett computes that the use of Alcoholic beverages has cost the United States directly, in ten years, \$100,000,000; has burned or otherwise destroyed, \$5,000,000 more of property; has destroyed 300,000 lives; sent 150,000 to the prisons, and 100,000 children to the poor house; caused 1,500 murders; 2,000 suicides, and has bequeathed to the country 1,000,000 orphan children. A powerful argument for temperance lecturers.

Dr. Brown, it is stated, has recently discovered at the Observatory of Berlin a new comet, in the constellation *Canis Venatorius*. This comet is very luminous and has two tails.

The area of the group of the Sandwich Islands is about 6,500 square miles, and capable of supporting a population of 800,000. The present population is about 80,000.

On the authority of the *Buffalo Advertiser* it is stated that the secret of the perpetual motion has really been discovered by three young men of that part of the country named FORCE. They are now in Washington City, applying for a patent, and are sanguine of success. The principle upon which the machinery is propelled is the pressure of atmospheric air upon a succession of vacuums. It is said they have been offered in Washington Fifty thousand dollars for the patent right for the State of New York. There seems at least to be considerable force in the above mentioned principals.

Notes by the Way.

In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, if had fish was sold to the poor, the knavish fishmonger was decorated with a necklace of his unsavoury commodity, and was then perched on a stand in the market.

A Scotchman having hired himself to a farmer, had a cheese set down before him that he might help himself. The master said to him, "Sandy you take a long time to breakfast?" "Indeed, master," answered he, "a cheese of this size is nae sae soon eaten as ye may think."

A lady refused to relieve a beggar, but heard him say in a deep tone—"Then I must resort to my first resolution?" Thinking that this allusion must be robbery or suicide, she turned back, gave him money, and asked him what he meant to have done. "O man," said he, "you are very good, I had almost resolved to have gone to work." A hint worth remembering.

The whale moves with a velocity through the dense medium of water, that would carry him, if continued at the same rate, round the world in a little less than a fortnight.

Sydney Smith said there were three things which every man fancied he could do,—farm a small property, drive a gig and write an article.

Formerly women were prohibited from marrying until they had spun a set of bed furniture; and till their wedding, were consequently called *spinsters*, which continues to this day in all legal proceedings.

If a candle be blown out holding it above you, the wick will not smoulder down, and may, therefore be easily lighted again; but if blown upon downwards, the contrary is the case. Remember this.

Useful Recipes.

A correspondent has forwarded the following recipes for publication in *The Wesleyan*:

CURE FOR THE PILES.—Equal parts of molasses and spring water, say a large tea cup full taken every night at bed time, will prove more effectual than certain highly puffed up medicines.

TO REMOVE STIFFNESS OF THE JOINTS AND RHEUMATIC PAINS, and to strengthen the system against the rigours of the winter, wash the whole body every morning in cold water, using much friction with an Osnaburg rubber in drying yourself.

TO PREVENT SORE THROAT AND HOARSENESS, which are generally produced by the action of cold air on the throat when the body is in a state of perspiration, keep a piece of root ginger in your mouth.

RAILWAYS.—The total number of miles of railway now in operation is 25,000, of which there are in the United States 10,200 miles; in Cuba 360 miles; in Great Britain 6,500 miles; in Belgium 360 miles; in France 1,800, in Spain 60, &c. Comparing these numbers with the population, there are for each inhabitant in the United States, 21 feet of railroad, and in Cuba 12 feet; in Great Britain 12 feet; in Belgium 4 feet; in France 3 feet; in Spain 3 inches.

The next ensuing Michaelmas Term of the Supreme Court at Halifax is published in the *Royal Gazette* to commence on the Second Tuesday of December.

The clergyman of the floating episcopal chapel, Liverpool, was asked whether his was to be considered a high or low church? The answer of his reverence was, "It depends entirely upon the tide."

The *Home Journal* of New York says:—The Methodists (the wealthiest and most numerous class in the United States,) are about building a Gothic church, of great cost and splendour, in that city.

POPIISH RESPECT FOR THE DEAD.—The Prefect of the department of the Lower Alps has dismissed the Mayor of the borough of St. Michael for no other reason, than that of his having permitted a Protestant child to be buried in the portion of the cemetery of that town which is reserved for Catholics, and the French Government has approved of this act of rigour.

Will our Agents kindly bear in mind that the second half-year of this Volume will commence in a few weeks. The *New Year* will be a good time to get new subscribers. Only let us know in time, that we may be prepared to supply numbers from that time.

We shall be glad to be kept well supplied with original communications on any subject suitable to the character of our paper.

To make room for the numerous original articles which appear in this day's paper we have withheld our leading editorial.

We sent a package week before last via Pictou, directed to Mr. James Moore, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Brother Allen: The papers referred to are put up in a parcel for Harvey Post Office. Is this right?

Communications on hand will receive early attention.

Close of the Session.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
NOVEMBER, 29, 1851.

At three o'clock, this day, his Excellency Lieutenant General Sir JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B., and K. C. H., Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies, &c. &c. came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's command to let the House of Assembly know, "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House," who being come with their Speaker, His Excellency, in Her Majesty's name, was pleased to give his assent to six Bills, entitled as follows:

An Act to make provision for the construction of a Trunk Railway through British North America.

An Act for raising, by way of Loan, a sum not exceeding One Million of Pounds Sterling, for the construction of a Trunk Railway through British North America.

An Act for the Incorporation of Land Companies.

An Act relative to the Crown Land Department.

An Act to naturalize Hans Peter Burke, and Lewis F. Anderson.

An Act for applying certain monies for the services therein specified.

After which His Excellency was pleased to close the Session with the following Speech:

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

Never, during my long administration of Colonial Governments, did I close a Legislative Session with more pride, and more entire satisfaction, than I feel at this moment.

Having served in all the Provinces which you have laboured to unite by bands of peace, and mutual co-operation, I know their value, and highly estimate their vast resources.

After the close of a long life, nearly thirty years of which have been passed in the North American Colonies in peace and war, the great measure in which you have been engaged, assures me that, more firmly set, and beaming with higher lustre, they are yet to remain the brightest jewels in the British Crown.

The moderation and elevated spirit which have pervaded the deliberations of both Branches, will ever honourably distinguish the present Session.

In returning to your homes I beg you to be assured that the high powers which you have conferred, and the grave responsibilities that you have imposed upon my Government, will but increase my vigilance and care, to carry out the measures you have perfected in the spirit in which they have been conceived.—*Royal Gazette*.