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THE DUTY OF MINORITIES.

As will be seen by our extracts from the *Presbyterian Witness*, in regard to Union between the Free Church and its Kirk neighbours, there is serious danger of future trouble if good counsels do not prevail. An intelligent and united minority is always powerful for mischief if disposed. The history of all Church secessions tells this. The present crisis, therefore, in the career of Colonial Presbyterianism is one over which all friends of order and religious harmony would do well to pray. Even a fragment cannot be left behind by a great christian body without incurring the possibility of future trouble. Let all the patience, forbearance, concession and sacrifice which would be required at some future time, be exercised now. Better union with sacrifice than separation with heart-burnings.

This minority should be very prudent and very tender in its leanings. What may ensue in this generation is but a trifle in comparison with what shall remain to the next. The fathers will leave a legacy to their children. Spare us the sorrow of seeing coming babes trained to an attitude of hostility toward kindred of the same name and doctrines! We have had sufficient of this. He who perpetuates strife takes an awful responsibility.

A chapter in the history of our own recent union may serve some good purpose to our Presbyterian brethren. The New Connexion in the Upper Provinces divided on the question of uniting with the Wesleyans. The minority did everything to prevent union,—agitated, held public meetings, protested and scolded. At length the question was carried, the majority moved forward, union was an accomplished fact. To the great credit of the protesting party be it said, they calmly surveyed all consequences, then gave in their adhesion with the majority, to a man. Their gifted leader attended our General Conference, declared he could not assume the responsibility of perpetuating a division in the Church by opposing his Brethren. To meet his prudent wish of obtaining a relation to the new Body himself, which would afford him all the advantages of affiliation, was one of the last and most cheerful duties performed by the General Conference.

THE SPIRIT OF RITUALISTIC WARFARE may be perceived by a perusal of a letter we publish to-day from Rev. T. W. Smith, Bermuda. If ecclesiastics desire to advance a cause which they regard as an improvement upon modern modes of worship, it might be thought only reasonable that even a limited knowledge of history would preserve them from a resort to persecution. If the contest were a vigorous, outspoken, intelligent one, mankind might look upon it with some degree of respect, but this petty warfare, conducted behind linen vestments and wooden images, is pitiable in the extreme. With the Bible in every house, education a common birthright, and the age preeminently open to conviction, surely any religious cause may safely entrust its issues to the discussion of a broad platform. The system which cannot support itself—cannot gain upon the hearts and consciences of a sincere and devout people, is not the kind to prosper—must, sooner or later, succumb to the force of reason and common sense.

It will be a cause of gratitude to all friends of Christian peace and prosperity that the people whose free will and conscientious scruples it is desired to override, have a refuge in a church which has greatly prospered under treatment somewhat similar from Bishops and their servants, and a competent advisor in its worthy representative at St. George's. Mr. Smith was appointed to Bermuda for a fourth year; in his case we are sure there is a Providence. As to Mr. Toddings—whose student life we watched at Sackville with considerable interest—we can only say that, though a layman, he is, by persecution alone, nearer the line of true apostolical succession to-day than those seem to be who visit upon him the weight of their apostolical indignation. The issue of all this will doubtless be good and peace and victory for the faithful?

AT SEA AND ASHORE.—A somewhat curious scene was witnessed not long ago aboard an ocean steamship. A minister of an Evangelical, dissenting Church, fell into conversation with a fellow passenger known at home as an ultra-ritualist. With mutual regret that the Sabbath should be passing without worship, the two agreed to unite in providing a service for the ship's company. Permission obtained, the Episcopal minister appeared in due time, dressed in full canonicals, and read in an impressive manner, the admirable service of the Church of England. Our dissenting brother followed, preaching a practical, eloquent discourse.

Now, once on *terra firma* this happy unanimity must terminate. There can no longer be any recognition by the high Cleric of a man once his brother and his compeer. It is possible that the dissenter even ceases to be reverend, a minister, once he steps on shore. Will some one explain this paradox? Is there one ecclesiastical law for the land, another for the sea? One for the Church, another for the steamboat? One for foreign realms (there is union in heathen countries between all Brethren) and another for the homes of civilization, education and religion? Who will enlighten us?

HARD TIMES.—Business of every kind seems but slow to recover from recent serious prostration. Commerce has been very naughty,—has gorged itself most inconsiderately, and must, we suppose, endure the usual consequences, and bide a protracted season before convalesance. Some weeks ago there were indications of a revival in trade. Freights (one of the most sensitive barometers of the commercial atmosphere) began to waver and show an upward tendency. Increased orders were sent to England and elsewhere for goods of every description. Advertising was resorted to very largely. But now, business refuses to rally. There are prophets who declare that another quiet winter is before us, though an abundant crop almost all over the world mercifully preserves us from any doleful anticipations of want and consequent suffering.

THE NEW MAGAZINE for the Methodist Church of Canada, is shortly to be launched. We bespeak for an article bearing on this subject in our present issue, an attentive reading. Let us encourage a form of literature which we have no doubt will prove every way worthy of our young Church and Dominion. It would be specially gratifying to find in the pages of our new monthly such articles as able laymen and ministers in the different Provinces can furnish. If it will succeed in calling out a portion of that philosophical talent which was so apparent in the General Conference, it would do a good work. How it would delight us during this winter to read and recommend to others articles by our own men bearing upon subjects of our own social, religious and scientific life!

OUR GENERAL CONFERENCE JOURNALS west have settled well down to their work. The *Christian Guardian* shows signs of increased vitality since the co-operation of Mr. Withrow has given to its pages the strength of two able minds. The *Evangelical Witness* is so genial, versatile and fresh that we are brought more and more to sorrow as we foresee the termination of its individual career. Much of influence is in reserve for our Church newspapers. May they be very faithful!

MRS. BIRT'S CHILDREN.

Clergymen under whose supervision are the children placed out in N. S., by Mrs. Birt, are requested to see that the quarterly reports, due 1st October, are forwarded to Col. Laurie without delay. The relations in England of these children look forward with much interest to these reports, and show much anxiety when they do not come in punctually.

The Author of the following verses has perhaps forgotten that they were ever written. We cannot divulge his name yet awhile. But enough may be said to satisfy the reader. The author is not a minister, though he ministers betimes; he is not a missionary, yet he is a guardian of missionary interests; he does not live in the secluded arbors of poetry or romance, though he has the soul of poetry amid stirring mercantile affairs of which he is a consummate master. Finally, the reader may hear him shortly, if at all within the reach of any centre in the track of tourists from the Upper Provinces.

LINES

WRITTEN DURING A VISIT TO CHATHAM HEAD, MIRAMICHI, N. B., 1847.

How gladly have I strolled along thy flowery hills and dales,
And caught the fragrant swelling breezes wafted thro' thy vales;
And listened to thy singing birds warbling notes of praise,
To Him who called them into life and lengthened out their days.

Or through that lonely grove of pines where waving in their pride,
Their lofty tops beneath whose shade the lowing cattle hide;
Above the other forest trees they proudly soar on high,
And ever verdant they remain, tho' others fade and die.

On either side the yellow grain denotes the harvest near,
In nature's bright and richest hues the gladdened fields appear;
They eloquently tell us of the bounties of that Hand,
That clothed them in their verdant robes to beautify the land.

While on the winding river that glides along thy side,
Is seen the Indian's birch canoe fast sailing with its tide;
And on its banks the rude wigwam amid the pine and spruce,
The Red man's humble happy home, his squaw and his papoose.

And what tho' hoary winter with his cold and icy hand,
Spreads his mantle of transparent ice o'er this truly lovely land;
For then despite his cold bleaks winds, unchangably is seen
Amid the snowy barren waste the fair bright evergreen.

O longer would I linger here but now I must away,
Howe'er thy many pleasing scenes might tempt me still to stray;
Yet long shall happy thoughts of thee arise to cheer my heart,
When far away in other climes and billows roll apart.

MR. EARLE'S MEETINGS.—Great and effectual good is being done in Halifax. Mr. Earle is owned of his master. It is so gratifying to find that most of the Evangelical denominations are uniting in this blessed work.

Rev. Geo. Grant takes a most prominent and influential part in each service. Our reference to this brother beloved in our issue of a week or two ago, would not be regarded as any reflection upon his heart. That is always warm and true to every noble impulse. May our Lord greatly widen and intensify this blessed revival of pure religion!

Correspondence.

THE MISSIONARY DEPUTATION.

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

MR. EDITOR,—Your readers have learned, I have no doubt with great satisfaction, that the General Conference decided to send a Deputation to the Nova Scotia and the New Brunswick and P. E. Island Conferences this autumn, with the view of affording to our people the fullest information in regard to the Missionary work of the Methodist Church of Canada. The following influential gentlemen were appointed as such Deputation, viz: The Rev. Alex. Sutherland, recently Pastor of the Great St. James Street Church, Montreal, and now one of the General Missionary Secretaries; the Rev. George McDougall, veteran Missionary of the North West and Chairman of the Saskatchewan District; and John McDonald, Esq., of Toronto, General Treasurer of the Missionary Society,—a gentleman held in highest estimation for his rare abilities, his devoted attachment to Methodism, and his princely munificence in sustaining every interest of the Church.

The Deputation expect to fulfil their mission to Prince Edward Island on Sabbath next, November 1st., and during the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, and purpose to cross from Charlottetown to Pictou on Thursday morning next. The following plan of appointments has been arranged for Nova Scotia:

Thursday, Nov. 5, Meeting in Pictou and Wallace.
Friday, " 6, " " Truro.
Sunday, " 8, Two of Deputation in Halifax.
" " " One of Deputation in Horton and Windsor.
Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 9th and 10th, Meetings in Halifax.
Wednesday. Nov. 11th, Meetings in Windsor and Canning.
Thursday, Nov. 12th., Meetings in Horton and Bridgetown.
Sunday, Nov. 15, Deputation in Yarmouth.
Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 16 and 17, Meetings in Yarmouth.
Thursday, Nov 19, Liverpool.
Sunday, " 29, Amherst.
Monday, " 30, Meeting in Amherst.

Had not the season been so far advanced, and the time of the Deputation limited, other important Circuits of the Conference would assuredly have participated in the privilege of having the labours of these honored brethren. May we not reasonably hope that a similar benefit will be granted us again at no very distant period, and under circumstances affording opportunity for more general visitation of our Conference. We heard a whisper at the close of the General Conference, that the venerable President of that Body, the Rev. Egerton Ryerson, D.D., LL.D., purposes, as soon as his other duties will admit, visiting the Eastern section of the Church, and we are sure that any circuits he may be able to enter in our Conference, will hail his presence with highest satisfaction.

It is suggested that at the several public Meetings held by the Deputation, not only collections for the Missionary Fund be taken, but also subscriptions received either by slips placed in the Pews, or in any other convenient mode.

It is expected that in the several Districts through which the Deputation will pass, and at the time of the visitation, the Financial District Meetings will be held, so as to afford to the ministerial brethren, and also to as many of our lay friends in the different sections of the Province as may be able to attend the meetings addressed by the Deputation, opportunity to obtain the information that will then be given in regard to the extensive and interesting missions of our Church. To those who can avail themselves of this privilege, we need hardly say, that the occasion will be one, such as they may never have previously enjoyed, of learning much respecting that vast and rich territory of our Dominion in the West, now presenting such promising fields for immigration, and which, no doubt, will ere long be occupied by millions, and prove a most inviting sphere for missionary effort. They will also have the satisfaction of listening to the recital of thrilling incidents of missionary adventure, and details of missionary successes, from one of the Deputation who for several years has been heroically suffering and toiling in that great work.

As the Chairmen of some of the Districts may not have had notice sufficiently early of the time of the coming of the Deputation, to enable them to publish for their Financial Meetings, I venture to intimate that the several Financial District Meetings for Nova Scotia, with the exception of that for the Guysborough and Cape Breton District, of which due notice will be given by the Chairman, it is expected will be held as follows:—

Truro District, Truro, Friday, Nov. 6, at 10 a.m.; Halifax District, Halifax, Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 9 a.m.; Annapolis District, Bridgetown, Thursday, Nov. 12, 2 p.m.; Liverpool District, Liverpool, Nov. 19, 2 p.m.; Cumberland District, Amherst, Monday, Nov. 30, 2 p.m.

We earnestly pray that the visit of the beloved brethren of the Deputation, and their services in the pulpit and on the platform, may be attended with the richest results, not only in the localities favoured with their labours, but throughout the bounds of both Conferences, and that thereby our zealous interest in the great missionary enterprize committed to our church, and our contributions to this highly important department of christian work may be largely augmented. May the good Lord continue to crown us with His effectual blessing.

JOHN MCMURRAY,
President of Nova Scotia Conference.
Hantsport, Oct. 29, 1874.

NEW BRUNSWICK CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—The present appears a somewhat unpropitious juncture for entering upon newspaper correspondence. There seems just now, an unusual dearth of events, interesting, startling or tragic. This fact, however, is made apparent, less by the difficulties and expedients of your own valued correspondents than by those of the reporters, editors, &c., of other journals—not excepting some in this fair city. It is true, indeed, that among the efficient corps of PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN writers, one may find it necessary, in default of more general information to treat your readers occasionally to a leaf or two from his diary; but then, this course is quite in keeping with Methodistic (perhaps I ought to write "Wesleyan," precedent and it has moreover the additional recommendation that the subject is a *brighter* and more joyous one, albeit it does embrace that not unusual part of a ministers duty, the reading of the Burial Service at the grave of one of his parishioners, than some of these recently elaborated by St. John Reporters.

Once upon a time it was fashionable, in certain quarters, to find fault with earnest and evangelical clergymen, because their sermons were redolent of the graveyard and occasionally of something a little *warmer*, if not more painful. Is it because the pulpit has allowed itself to be talked out of the use of these and other kindred themes, that the secular press is having recourse to them? We submit, Mr. Editor, that the pulpit has as good right to introduce, and, in its own way, discuss these subjects as any portion of the press, and we may add our conviction that the day will be a dark one in its calender when the pulpit suffers itself to be denuded of its liberty in this respect.

The St. John *Globe* has recently betaken itself to "Meditations among the Tombs" on the Carleton side of the harbor. Coming upon the grave of the first Mayor of the city, the editor, in a brief and interesting article, urged the importance of proper effort to have the spot enclosed and marked by a suitable monument. A respectable citizen, given to antiquarian studies, followed up the subject in another article. Unwilling to be outdone by one of its evening confreres, the *Daily Telegraph* despatched one of its reporters to the old burial ground, near King's Square, and as the result of his exhumations, the readers of that paper were treated this morning to disquisition "No. 4" upon the inscriptions found therein, and the end, in all probability, is not yet It would certainly be a little *singular* and perhaps *impolitic* were such writers to undertake to make a *religious* use of these epigraphs. Nevertheless there are "sermons in (Tomb) stones" and "good everywhere." Neither the honors of life, nor youth, nor beauty, nor usefulness can bribe the king of terrors. Therefore, "Set thine house in order, for thou shall die and not live."

There has been a ripple lately upon the civic surface here. Rev. M Michaud, a Popish priest, refused to pay his tax bill, in which was included the amount assessed for common school purposes. Preferring this year, as he did last, to have some of his flock pay the score, Mr. M. went to jail. After he had been a few hours in durance vile the claim was met and his Reverence went forth, a free man, without having done violence to his conscience—or his pocket. Were Methodist ministers as fond of mimicking the Romish Hierarchy, as some clergymen we wot of, we might hopefully suggest that they take a lesson from Father Michaud on the "new and easy method" of paying ministers taxes.

Attorney General King has just returned from England to which country he went to defend, in presence of the Queen's Privy Counsellors, the New Brunswick free school Act. The hearing of the appellant side of the case was sufficient to decide the matter against the malcontents; and now we wait the next act in the ultramontane drama in this Province.

Thursday last was appointed by the Lieut. Governor as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the bountiful harvest, &c. Scarcely any of the churches were opened for service. Several circumstances account for this. First, the Baptists have for a year or two past appointed and observed a day of their own. 2nd, The Bishops of the Episcopal Church, at their late Synod, appointed a day for the members of that church. 3rd, Our General Conference did the same for our church, and 4th, The Government of this Province, unlike those of Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, and Newfoundland, takes no trouble to notify ministers as such in regard to matters of this kind, leaving them to obtain information or not from the *Royal Gazette* or any newspaper that may chance to contain it. It seems to us that the appointment of a day of thanksgiving to God is simply a farce unless proper steps are taken to have the day generally and religiously observed. Would it not be better, if Governments move in the matter at all, for the General Government to do so and appoint one day for the Dominion?

Wm. H. Tuck, Esq., LL.D., has just been appointed Recorder of St. John. The office is one to which considerable importance is attached, owing, as well to the honor, as to the emoluments. The late incumbent, Hon. R. L. Hazen, is said to have esteemed the position even more than that of Dominion Senator. Dr. Tuck is son of a deceased official member of Portland Methodist Church, and is at present connected with Centenary congregation. He stands well in his profession as a lawyer. Like Mr. King he is a Sackville Academy "boy" He received his degree last spring from Mount Allison College.

In church matters there is little special to report. Centenary has commenced a series of alterations at considerable cost. Some have been bold enough to venture the opinion that the clear-sighted business men constituting that Trust Board would have done a wiser thing had they husbanded their resources a little longer, and, at no distant day, commenced the erection of one of that more substantial class of churches so common in the Upper Provinces. The present changes, however, will greatly improve the appearance of this well-known building.

Germain street congregation has not yet, we believe, decided to "arise and build." When it does, however, the building will, no doubt, be worthy the age, the city and the Methodist Church of Canada.

The debts pressing upon the Trustees of Exmouth, Portland and Carleton Churches are felt to be serious drawbacks. Yet these in time will certainly be thrown off Meanwhile a degree of prosperity is being enjoyed. The distinguished Missionary Deputation from the West is expected here, en route to P. E. Island and Nova Scotia, to morrow evening. They will return to this city about the 20th Nov. May their visit be productive of much good.

OCULUS.

St. John, Oct. 27th, 1874.

LETTER FROM BERMUDA.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Three years and more have passed since from the deck of the "Delta," I saw a long dark line on the ocean, which fellow-passengers told me was Bermuda. The stage coach which bore me away from Wallace had seemed a little chapel on wheels, as when I lost sight of the church and parsonage, I remembered gratefully "the way the Lord did lead me" during the three toilsome but pleasant years spent on that circuit; the *Delta's* deck became a place of prayer, as I prepared to land at St. George's. An intimation then that I should remain in Bermuda more than three years would have seemed cruel. However, the allotted three years have passed away; a part of the fourth is gone, and I am here, happy in the pastorate of a small, but united and earnest church. May the gates "set ajar" by the Conference last summer, by the re-appointment of several brethren for the fourth year, never be latched again. I am prepared "to push my pound" in the contrary direction. Every year shows more clearly the advantages of the itinerant system over the settled pastorate. In the itinerate system, however, as in any other, "overdoing is hindering."

We "work for eternity." Since our report of membership to the Conference, three have left our church to represent us in the "general assembly and church of the first-born." Mrs. Bryan Tucker left us "old and full of days." For many years she had been a member, faithful to God and to us through years of struggle, as well as in later years of comparative rest. Anna Long came some years since from Port Medway, N. S. As a wife and mother, a member of our Church, a leading singer in our choir, a teacher in one of our Sunday schools, and a willing helper in our church enterprises She lived so as to be missed. Mrs. J. R. Duerdon while on a visit to England, her native land in quest of health, received the call to go up higher. Her body rests in a quiet English cemetery. These, we believe "all died in faith."

We preach each Sabbath to large and attentive congregations; our prayer meeting on Monday evening, in point of attendance and general interest, we regard as a model meeting. But on the whole, the present state of affairs in St. George's is not favorable to deep religious thought. An attempt to introduce ritualism into the Episcopal Church has been met by an explosion of Protestant feeling which will not soon be forgotten. In consequence of the prevalence of evangelical sentiment among the members of that church, the earlier doses were administered in homeopathic quantities. When it was supposed that the loyalty of the congregation to the church rather than to the truth had been sufficiently tested, a larger dose in the shape of a cedar cross over the communion table was attempted. The dissatisfaction with which the experiment was received, lead the majority of the leading men of the church and congregation to present an address to the Rev F. J. F. Lightbourn, the Rector, asking the removal of the objectionable emblem on the ground that the young men of the congregation were being alienated from the church of their fathers. To this request, than which nothing could be more courteous, a reply was given by the Rector from the pulpit on the next Sabbath evening in a spirit which produced a wide-spread irritation. A week or two later, shortly after the close of prayers on Thursday morning, a member of the vestry, acting it is said under legal advice, entered the church, took the cross, offered it to the sexton, who refused to receive it, and then carried it away. The vestryman was speedily summoned before a magistrate by one of the wardens, the other warden protesting strongly against any legal action in the matter. At the Friday evening service in the church, a new cross was on hand, brought in at the commencement of the service and removed at its close. On the representation of the Rector, a special force was called to protect the church during the Sabbath evening service. The magistrate sent the case to a higher court. Bishop Field of Newfoundland, of which diocese Bermuda forms a part, when appealed to, furnished the "last straw to break the camel's back," by forwarding a hasty reply, for which we believe he has since offered some apology, and by ordering the warden to prosecute the offending vestryman to the utmost rigor of the law for sacrilege. Seeing no further hope, but in the effort to obtain an Evangelical minister for themselves, twenty of the leading men of the church and congregation requested the Wesleyan minister at St. George's to conduct a service for themselves and the families they represent, at the Town Hall. This, after consultation with his colleagues and in view of their promised assistance, he consented to do on the Sabbath afternoon for a period of three or four months. Many of the persons, thus shut out by the introduction of practices which they cannot sanction by their presence, from the church of their childhood, unite with us, in a praiseworthy spirit, on the Sabbath mornings and evenings.

The Supreme Court of the Colony was in session last week. The party who removed the cross could not safely be attacked. A victim however was found. The "Bermuda Colonist," of which S. S. Toddings, A. B., a graduate of Sackville, is Editor, is an independent and outspoken paper, and for that reason less popular in certain circles than it otherwise would be The Rector thought he saw ground for a charge of libel in certain letters published and therefore instituted a suit. By some dexterous management it was made a crown case, and for some reasons which we do not clearly understand, the witnesses for the defence were shut out. The first jury, though nearly unanimous for the detendent, failed to agree and were discharged. The second jury empanelled, supposing themselves shut out from any other course, by the ruling of the Chief Justice, brought in a verdict of "guilty." The Court then imposed upon the detendent a fine of Fifty pounds, with imprisonment for two days in the jail at St. George's. The latter part of the sentence seems intended as a "snapper." It was very evident from the tide of popular feeling, that the defendant would not be allowed to pay the fine out of his own pocket. We do not presume to say that the trial was not according to law, but it has excited intense dissatisfaction. Wesleyan ministers acquainted with Bermuda a few years since, will be surprised to learn that the Rector of St. George's is a son of the late Rev. J. F. Lightbourne, Rector of Devonshire and Pembroke, a firm friend of Wesleyan ministers and an uncompromising opponent of the Bishop in everything savoring of High Churchism.

By his imprisonment, Mr. Toddings will be prevented from leaving for the Provinces, as he intended per "Beta" to-day, but his friends may please themselves with the thought that in the regard of his fellow-citizens he has never occupied a higher position than he does to-day, though inside prison walls. The amount of the penalty imposed—when we think of the necessarily limited circulation of a Bermudian newspaper, seems very heavy. A year's imprisonment and a fine of a thousand pounds, would be no more to a New York editor. The amount of the fine is already subscribed. A few parties would have paid it, but it was thought better that a more public expression by the smaller sums of the many should be permitted. A fresh lesson this for all who are willing to learn it, that the progress of Nonconformity in Bermuda means the progress of freedom.

The mail will close in an hour or two so that I must lay down my pen.

T. W. S.

St. George's, Bermuda, Oct. 20, 1874.

Circuit Intelligence.

The following welcome letter has reference to a gracious work of the Spirit. Mr. Earle is now labouring in Halifax with great success—a very earnest, persuasive messenger of Christ.

YARMOUTH.—I rejoice to report that a very gracious revival of religion is in progress in this town. It originated under God in the labors of the celebrated American Evangelist, Rev. A. B. Earle, who came here at the request of Dr. Day to labour principally in connection with the Baptist Churches of which Mr. Earle is a member. Dr. Day kindly extended an invitation to the Pastors of other denominations, and at the close of the first service, at the earnest request of Mr. Earle, all the ministers in and around Yarmouth entered into an agreement to devote themselves unitedly to the great work.

From the first meeting it was evident that the power of God was present; and the displays of that power which I have witnessed since, exceed anything I ever hoped to see.

Meetings from 10 to 11. a. m. and from 2 to 4 p. m. were held in town in the different churches, and a union meeting at night in the Central Baptist Church the largest audience room in Yarmouth. This building, after every inch of space was filled with extra seats, was quite too small for the thronging multitude; and hundreds had to go away. The meetings began on Wednesday the 15th inst. and on the evening of Sunday the 18th the large lecture room was filled with anxious enquirers who had repaired thither to meet the pastors for religious Conference. After meeting two nights in the large lecture room, it was found impossible to accommodate those who were either returning from their wanderings or seeking for the first time the pearl of great price, and the enquiry meeting had to be held in the church, the body of which was crowded and very many in the galleries. I cannot discribe the power of God that at times rested upon the multitude. I have heard the prayer of penitence, "God be merciful to me a sinner" rising audibly from the lips of hundreds at one meeting. At "Wesley Church" Milton, last Thursday afternoon 170 witnessed for Christ; 35 asked prayer either for themselves or others, and at another stage of the meeting the communion rail, and all the available space around it, and the centre aisles one third of the way back were crowded with prostrate penitents or returning prodigals. The pastors of all the churches except Episcopalians were present at all the meetings, in the tenderest fellowship,—and wept and rejoiced together to see the wanderers for whom they had toiled and prayed in their several churches coming to the Saviour.

And yet the most blessed feature of all was the calm and quiet influence by which all this has been accomplished. Mr. Earle himself has least of the emotional so far as can be observed of almost any man I ever heard preach. There was nothing to which the enemy could object, except on the ground that he would object to anything religious.

Mr. Earle left yesterday for Halifax for a similar work followed by the united prayers of the pastors and people of Yarmouth, that God may through him reveal his power there as he has here.

Our work has just now begun in the several churches. We are full of faith and hope for its continuance, but will report results in due time. L. GAETZ.

Oct. 24 1874.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXHIBITION. — *Mr. Editor*,—On Sabbath last the Methodist Sabbath school at Mount Denson closed its summer exercises by a highly interesting examination and concert. Our schools including this one and those at Hantsport and Lockhartville, are conducted by a system of doctrinal lessons given to the whole school, in addition to the usual class exercises, a plan attended with manifest advantages, keeping up the interest of the scholars, leading them to "Search the Scriptures," and to commit the proof passages to memory, and thereby inducing a wider acquaintance with the teachings of the sacred volume, than could otherwise be secured. The lesson is given out on the previous Sabbath, on cards distributed to the children, containing the subject of the lesson and the texts to be committed to memory.

The exercises on Sunday last included one of these lessons as a specimen of the work done by the school, and also answers to various Scripture questions, beside dialogues, and other suitable recitations, both in prose and poetry. With these were associated numerous pieces of music, sung by the school, and with organ accompaniment.

The whole service was in the highest degree creditable to scholars and teachers; and especially exhibited the pains-taking labour of the superintendent, James B. Allen, Esq. who has had the management of the school since May last, and who has put forth no small amount of self-denying effort to make the work in every respect, and in the highest sense a decided success. That he has not failed in his labor, the manner in which the lesson on Sunday last was rehearsed, the correctness of the answers to all the questions, the creditable style in which the recitations were given, and the excellency of the music, gave the most satisfactory evidence; and to the intense delight of the deeply interested audience which crowded the beautiful sanctuary on that occasion. M.

Oct. 28. 1874.

SACKVILLE CIRCUIT.—*Dear Mr. Editor*,—A large number of your readers will be interested from their former connection with Sackville, in learning that we have fairly entered upon a long contemplated work, the building of a new church. We confidently expect that the wide spread sympathy felt in this enterprise will take a practical shape. The work is largely a connexional one, as we are building for the sons and daughters of our people from all parts of the land. The cost thus enhanced must be met entirely by subscription. We shall have no resources from sale of pews as all the sittings are to be free.

I am glad to say that many of our people here in the Circuit and in the Institution, are doing their utmost to forward this work, and with its progress the interest grows deeper and wider. The ladies of the congregation commenced preparations, some time since, for a small fair, and on my return from General Conference I found that it had been held, and the gratifying result was a net sum in hand of nearly eight hundred dollars. This sum with more to be won by the same indefatigable workers is intended for *furnishing* the church.

The building is being rapidly proceeded with, and we anticipate opening the basement—which must thenceforward for a while be our church—about the last of December.

Yours, &c.,
J. HART.

BURLINGTON.—A friends writes us in regard to an accident that might have been very serious, as follows:—

Our congregation had a narrow escape last evening from a serious accident. Just as we were closing the sermon several yards of plaster fell from the ceiling of the Church. Providentially the plaster for the most part struck on the edge of the gallery and then fell into the aisle. Had it fallen on the heads of the people some would doubtless have been killed. As it was, beyond a few bruises and considerable fright there was no further damage done. For a moment there was conside.able confusion, but after the first start the audience resumed their seats and the service proceeded with quietness.

PUGWASH.—Perhaps Pugwash circuit is not expected to strike the missionary key note for our Conference, still it is gratifying to know that on this Circuit the missionary campaign is likely to be very successful this year. At Middleboro a most delightful meeting was held last night The contributions promised exceeded by fifty per cent the *gross* receipts of last year This is hardly to be wondered at considering the prosperous state of agricultural interests and the most vigorous and effective address of Father Daniel. Still may his bow abide in strength. A. D. M.

Wallace, Oct/27.

AMHERST.—We held several missionary meetings during this week. The Brethren Hall and R. A. Daniel rendered us very efficient help. At one of the meetings we were assisted by Rev. Mr. Blair, (Presby.) and our own A. B. Black. All the meetings were interesting and successful. I hope it is arranged for the *Deputation* to visit Amherst.

Methodist Supper at Nappan last night was a grand success.

ROBERT TWEEDIE.

Rev. R. Weddall A. M. writes,—"We are in the midst of a glorious revival of God's work in Upper Keswick." May it continue and spread! Amen!

Bro. Weddall sends new subscribers. Thanks.

Home Mission.

For the Wesleyan.

TOBIQUE MISSION.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—I feel satisfied God has placed me in the right portion of His vineyard this year. On coming to my new circuit, I found the friends so kind that one could but feel quite at home, and perfectly content with his situation. After my first sermon at Upper Kent, one old gentleman grasped me by the hand and cried out, "Welcome to this circuit sir, welcome to this circuit." I need not say that such an induction was calculated to encourage one for future efforts.

After a visit of the entire circuit, I was fully convinced that Brother Turner had done good work for the Master during his ministry here. Some had been added to the church, and others were "almost persuaded to be christians," besides the hard ground he had broken up for the Lord. I find this mission is too large for one man. To hold our ground and to do our duty to the people, we must have two ministers of this mission next year. The friends on the Tobique River offer to support a young man among themselves, and the other part of the circuit is quite able to help itself.

At our last Quarterly Meeting the friends of Upper Kent decided to build a Wesleyan Parsonage in that place, hoping soon to ask for a married man. They will begin to erect it in a few weeks, and the friends of Arthurette, Tobique, are decided to build a Wesleyan Church there, the foundation of which is to be laid this autumn. An acre of good land has been offered, for the above named church, by Mr. E. P. Brown, (Free Church Baptist), a young man of noble heart.

I feel thankful to say God is blessing my labours. Souls are enquiring their way to heaven, and others have been enabled to rejoice in a sin pardoning God. Last week I received six into the church by the right hand of fellowship, two of whom had been on probation from last year. Others are received on probation and expect soon to present themselves for church membership. I should judge this to be one of the most hopeful misions in the Conference.

Yours very truly,
S. J.

Upper Kent, N. B. Oct. 13, 1874.

Miscellaneous.

TWO NOVA SCOTIANS LOST IN THE FOG.

SEVEN DAYS ADRIFT IN A DORY ON GRAND BANK WITHOUT FOOD.

(From Cape Ann Advertiser.)

Two of the crew of schr. Marathon, of this port, Geo. M. Roberts of Yarmouth, N. S., and James Austin of Liverpool, N. S., left that vessel on Grand Banks at half-past four on the afternoon of the 7th inst., for the purpose of visiting their trawls. Soon after it commenced to breeze up and a thick fog set in. A dory in which were two of the crew, was paid out from the vessel to their assistance, but the warp proved too short, and the fog became so thick that they soon lost sight of each other. They could hear the shouts of their companions, but all efforts to reach them proved unavailing. It soon commenced raining, and the two men made up their minds to do the best they could through the night, in hopes to find their vessel in the morning. Fortunately there were three trawl tubs on board, and two of those were made fast to the painter of the dory, and did most excellent service as drags, keeping her head to the sea. The night passed drearily, and they were glad enough when morning dawned. The fog still continued to envelope them, and they concluded to row to the westward. It cleared up occasionally, but they saw no vessel, and night came on again. The next day was also foggy, and they lay to drag all day, drifting to the eastward. Took watch and watch this night, in hopes to catch a glimpse of some light from a passing vessel, but their hopes were disappointed. It rained during the night, and they were fortunate enough to catch a good supply of water in their remaining tub. Of this they drank sparingly, and it served to appease the fearful pangs of thirst and hunger.

On the third day they rowed to the north-west, in hopes to get into the track of the steamers. The fog still continued, and no vessel was seen, and they passed another night in suspense. The men were by this time getting discouraged, more especially Mr. Austin, who had contracted a severe cold the first night out, and was troubled with such severe shaking of his limbs that he could not sleep. The morning of the fourth day was clear, and it continued moderate through the day. This gave them courage, and although quite weak, they rowed to the westward, keeping an anxious lookout for some welcome sail, and doing their best to keep up each other's courage. A shark came alongside during the day, and they endeavored to catch him, as they would gladly have partaken of anything eatable; but they were unsuccessful. When the sun went down that night, the poor fellows felt their hearts sink within them, and they thought their chances of being picked up were rather slim. Roberts was enabled to pass some of the weary hours in sleep; but this boon, for the most part, was denied his companion. The fifth day was foggy and they rowed a couple of hours; but felt so used up that they gave up pulling and another dreary night dragged its slow hours along. The sixth day they let the dory drift. Saw