moval is a severe trial. They contemplate the his soul to the depths that are within him. future with anxiety-it may be with trembling and despondency. We would respectfully remind our lay friends that it is their privilege to soften the pains and lighten the burdens of the itinerancy. Nothing is more grateful to the itinerant and his family, than the warm and kindly reception with which our people now so generally greet them. A little kindly interest in the weltare at the first is worth more than taith in those who hear it.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 1871.

OUR COMING MINISTRY: WHAT IT OUGHT TO BE?

there is no subject better meriting exhaustive discussion in the columns of the Provincial Wesleyan than that to which we this week return. It is a subject of the most vital importance to our prosperity as though your sins be as scarlet, they shall a church. It is a subject on which the im- be as white as snow, though they be red pressions of pastors and people cannot, if like crimson, they shall be as wool." at all truthful, be too well defined, too vivid Sin is wrong-doing. It is the viole

deavored to shew that the proper study of good." That law is also ordained to life. the various branches of knowledge comprised within the limits of the curriculum of satisfaction. But sin is folly, ingratitude respectable Colleges of the day, was best and rebellion; and its consequences invar-adapted to secure general mental development, and that therefore, of course, the acquirement of a thorough Collegiate educa- on a discovery of our failed and lost collegiate sufficient arguments for it to move any reasonable man? Do you not hereby make an open high degree of general culture, of which, it! No one can retrieve the past. But beyond most things save piety and zeal, the we may lament it. If our hearts are truly isterial office until the candidate shall have completed his regular collegiate studies. In following out this enquiry we reach the folof the candidate has been developed and ond conclusion, we observe.

his collegiate course, be of so mature an age unto the humble. that course shall be completed, for any con- eth such as be of a contrite spirit."

3. That the tendency of these Collegiate gelization. studies by which the highest mental cul-

deed, instances of churches where this is the case; but there are in connection with all the churches that have a stationary pastorate, a far larger number where this is not the case—where the same of the student. This is true in every case; it is emphatically true as it respects the student candidate for the Christian ministers and the Methodist church, and much more unplease and. There is a great difference between a removal that takes place in the natural order of manity, and the need which the most ad-

system, there is always a large number of churches suffering tor want of pastors, and of pastors whose usefulness and comfort are injured, because they are without churches.

4. That the cultivation of the art of the Lord all their days. Thus will they be considered a matter of high importance in the preparation for the pastoral office. the preparation for the pastoral office.

There are some among us who think the Sermon reading is not preaching. Sermon But if a penitent spirit be necessary to the preparation for the pastoral office.

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J. R. N. (For the Provincial Weslevan.) DOCTRINAL SKETCHES, No. 14.

REPENTANCE.--ITS NECESSITY. upon its own character. The most eloquent be baptized; "Except ye repent, said the Saviour, and upon its own character. The most eloquent be baptized;" "repent and be converted," will remove thy candlestick out of his place, preaching will be rendered feeble and fruit-said St. Peter to the Jewish multitude, who except thou repent. lass by prejudice and unbelief; the most sim-thronged around him and the other Aposple will be effectual, if it be mixed with tles on the day of Pentecost; and in language quite as forcible did St. Paul declare on Mar's Hill, to the philosophic Greeks, that now "God commandeth men everywhere Probincial Celestenan. to repent." To us then, as well as to them is this injunction addressed, and only by to repent." To us then, as well as to them compliance with it can we reasonably hope for "remission of sins."

But the command so given is by no means a harsh or arbitrary decree. The thing required is intimately related to the condition of our heart, and is necessary to prepare the way for our real well-being. God speaks to us as a friend and Father in coun-In our judgment, not hastily formed, sels of wisdom and compassion, quite as much as with the authority of a Sovereign. There is the same earnest good will expressed to us that there was to His ancient people when, by the Prophet he said, "Come now and let us reason together;

In our last article on this matter, we en- ples and its details-" is holy, just and Its observance promotes the virtue of our character, and insures our peace and inward on a discovery of our fallen and lost condition was the surest means of obtaining a fice of a broken heart and of a contrite spirministerial aspirant should if needful make affected by a sense of sin, godly sorrow will be our predominant feeling. By an sacrifices to get possession. In this article, instinct divinely imparted we shall "bewe enquire whether or not, it would be best moan ourselves," mourn apart, or like the to postpone all special training for the min- publican in the temple, smite upon our

be merciful to me a sinner." Repentance again may be viewed as the love and to good works. lowing conclusions :- that it would be best appointed first step towards our recovery to postpone the study of the higher litera- and full salvation. There is a state of sinture of the sacred profession until the mind less joy, a place of perfect and unending are of little weight with you. You are not strengthened by academical training, and Much must be done in order to beget and you are not asbamed of the gospel of Christ, fitted by previous acquirements to prosecute to perfect this purity in us. Especially do even in the midst of a crooked and perverse weighty reasons it would be most desirable ment of the Lord Jesus. This is the only joined in affection.' True; but not to so good since the Rev. John Farrar formerly occuthat the candidate while traversing his undergraduate course should to some extent us directly into contact with the Saviour, by no means so pen a confession of the work be exercised both in evangelical studies and and this simply and alone enriches us with evangelical work. In support of the first the "fullness of the blessing of the gospel." named conclusion nothing need be adduced.

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Its then faith itself is only possible to the truly penitent soul. What fleeing to Christ Its soundness seems self-evident. Its statement wears the aspect of a demonstration. upon Him, what closing with Him, what But in illustration of the justness of the sec- reliance of soul upon his sacrifice and intercession, if we do not hate sin, and loathe all things to be delivered from its indwell-

as to render it unwise to detain him, after to them that are of a broken heart, and sav- others; tor what can any man think, who siderable period, to enable him to pass frequently overlooked. Faith and salvathrough a course of special training for min-isterial work. In such cases at least some liminary and always accompanying work degree of special training ought to be com- of repentance. It is not seen that there bined with the processes designed to pro-2. That whether the candidate passing itself does not destroy this godly sorrow, which accrues to each member. O. delay no through an undergraduate course of study but becomes strong and influential hourly longer, for the sake of the world, for the sake be older or younger, it is extremely needbe older or younger, it is extremely need-ful for him to cultivate the ministerial spir-ful for him to cultivate the ministerial spir-half-hearted conversions of many as in-own soul. There is something not easily exît, to keep fresh in his heart and conscience stanced by their religious lives, and by the and to have his mind constantly impressed sion of love to the Saviour, to that of love we enjoy with a society of living christians. the sense of his vocation to ministerial work, light and flippant change from their profeswith a conviction of the supreme importance of the duty to the performance of which as backsliding, but which might often more his life is to be devoted. Participation in appropriately be called an outward conreal evangelical work, intelligently prepared formity to an unrenewed nature. Hence tions given from time to time. These are by for, would contribute to develope and main- more to be deplored than even their self- no means to be despised, even supposing you

moval that takes place in the natural order of with religious truth in its direct bearing manity, and the need which the most adarrangement, and a removal that results from upon ministerial work, in its direct connection of which the most advanced Christians must always experience, gregation. And what is still worse, in all the denominations which adopt the Congregational

4. That the cultivation of the art or of God. Thus will they "go softly" before

itinerancy is in danger, from the extent to reciting is not preaching in the best sense the promotion of the work of righteousness which the people latterly interfere in the selection of the term, though the sermon recited within us, how much more is it requisite tion of preachers. There is little doubt that if were all one's own. Were it otherwise, to the regaining of divine grace when that tion of preachers. There is little doubt that if both people and preachers would leave the mather still would be moments of interest in this light that a great part of the Prophetic ter wholly in the hands of a disinterested third every minister's career at which an inabil- writings of the O'd Testament are to be party, it would be best for the working of the ity to speak extemporaneously with facility read. They reprove the sins of backsliding system. But however this may be, we have to deal with things not as we might wish them so deal with things not as we might wish them so be, but as they are. We need not wender that the people feel a deep interest in the appoint. Now the earlier the ministerial candidate ments of their pastors, and that this anxiety begins, under proper circumstances, to acshould express itself in some form, regular or quire the extemporaneous art, the better guilty. It was a course as foolish, as it was should express itself in some form, regular or irregular. We can hardly expect them to be indifferent, or in all cases to receive without questioning whoever may be put down for them, whatever may be their feeling; and it them, whatever may be their feeling; and it societies may give him some opportunity to reasons for their renewed repentance, much there is to be any interference or represen-tation from the circuits, we think it better that it should come regularly from the Quarterly equals. But to the candidate for the work have wandered from the Lord. The guilt Meetings, than from unauthorized and irres- of the ministry in our Church, above all and the danger of a backslider under the Meetings, than from unauthorized and irresponsible individuals. We have no idea that itinerancy is seriously endangered by this libor of facile speech in public, award the role of Their sin is emphatically against Christ, erty. This system of changing preachers has the exhorter and the local preacher; so not as He was presented by the shadows of to over one hundred years, vindicated its right to live in the economy of Methodism.

A large number of our brethren are just now making their cutrance on new and untried fields of labor. To most of them this work of repure and powerful motives, which will stire the exhorter and the local preacher; so the dispensation, but as he is "evidently set forth" in His proper personality and in His redeeming work. If we really have stood in covenant relationship to Him by a penitent faith in His blood, so much the second to the deaths that are within him. worse for us if we either have again fallen into open sin, or have secretly yielded to the benumbing influences of worldly conformity. For us there can be no going forward in the good way, until we have reentered upon it. The solemn engagement on God's part to succour and to save to the uttermost does not stand if its conditions are no longer observed. But He counsels Repentance towards God is a duty imper-us still; and the words formerly addressed atively required of every human being. to the church at Ephesus are still addressed Our obligation in this respect lies first in to all who have left their first love: Rea great deal afterwards. The influence of the public ministry of every preacher depends more "Except ye repent," said the Saviour, "Ye fallen, and repent and do the first works:

> (For the Provincial Wesleyan) A LETTER FROM THE REV. JOHN

There are many kind and excellent peo ole in our congregations whose virtues resemble those of the person to whom Mr. Wesley wrote the following letter. He deemed it of so much importance that he nas preserved it in his journal of July, 1764. It is commended to the serious conideration of those who regularly worship our sanctuaries, who liberally support e various useful schemes of our Connexon, but who have not yet sought nor enyed Christian fellowship with our church. ney are requested to consider also how rodly wise Mr. Wesley was in the things which promote personal holiness and faithfulness. They will then, it is hoped, practically adopt his counsel. Such a course would probably be followed by increasing Repentance for sin is eminently proper. comfort, and by much usefulness too as the result of their good example ed at last with their admission into the society of "the spirits of just men made perfect," through Him who is the way, and the truth, and the life.

> "DEAR SIR,-There is one thing, when I was with you, that gave me pain: you are not profession of Christ, of what you really believe to be His work, and of those whom you judge to be in a proper sense, his people and his

messengers? By this means do you not ercourage his people, and strengthen the hands of his messengers? And is not this the way to toreign field, but for the present the necesing. enter into the spirit, and share the blessing, of sities of our own land claim our special breast, while with downcast look we with a christian community? Hereby, likewise, attention. him exclaim in intense earnestness, "God you may have the benefit of the advices and exhortations at the meeting of the society, to

"The ordinary objections to such an union bliss to which by divine grace we are called. afraid of the expense. You already give unto But the pure in heart alone shall see God. the Lord as much as you need do then: and our sanctification. Trust in Christ brings friend to, but not a member of, the society, is and servants of God. Many go thus far who dare not go farther, who are ashamed to bear the reproach of an entire union. Either you are ashamed, or you are not. If you are, break through at once; if you are not, come th such as be of a contrite spirit."

This feature of the case is, we fear, too and yet you do not join in their society? know that kind of union to be useless, if not sin and sorrow for it before faith can take whole (external) work of God upheld throughroot in the soul—it is not seen that faith out the nation; besides all the spiritual good plained in the fellowship of the Spirit, which You have no need to give up your share there-

tain that spirit, to vivify that sense and to Christ, and the slowness with which she gives them. You need not lose the benefit of Its first business was to fill up the two vacan overtake the work of the world's evan- those prayers which experience shows are at- cancies which had occurred in our proportended with a peculiar blessing. 'But I do tion of the Legal Hundred. The Rev. studies by which the highest mental culture is promoted is not of a kind calculated to develope to any symptotic part of the control of the c ture is promoted is not of a kind calculated to develope to any appreciable extent a truly religious tone of feeling, but rather other this "principle of the doctrine of Christ"; Suppose you find even a dislike, a loathing of a sense in which true christians are to leave this "principle of the doctrine of Christ"; Suppose you find even a dislike, a loathing of and the Kev. Wanace M Munien by nomination. The Rev. J. W. M'Kay was again for them; the great Head of the Church has a sense in which true christians are to leave this "principle of the doctrine of Christ"; and earnestly ask to the formulate of believers, is one of great significance and propriety. There is indeed at the Kev. Wanace M Munien by nomination. The Rev. J. W. M'Kay was again for them; the great Head of the Church has supplied suitable men for his work in amount of the Chronicle states that Miss Lindsay of the Chronicle states that fair trial. It is but a lion in the way. Meet only six times (with previous prayer) and see only six times (with previous prayer) and see then appointed. The five young preachers treasurers feel compelled to resist the taking then appointed. The five young preachers treasurers feel compelled to resist the taking then appointed. Several large-

THE IRISH WESLEYAN CONFER ENCE.

We learn the following facts respecting the Annual Session of this Conference which was held in Belfast last month, from the reports of the Correspondents of the LONDON WATCHMAN and the METHODIST ference on the following day.

On Thursday the Rev. H. H. Chettle evangelical Protestantism should be brought

THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEES. of our wealthy friends may enable the Con- selves to us. ference to enter the openings now so providentially presented. The increase in our church membership is 218, the decrease

Education met the same evening at seven Jones, read an able report, which was cor- meetings and to the next Conference. Jones, read an able report, which was cordially adopted. The report stated that the national schools under Methodist patronage read. The Loan Fund has attained an ascheme of union to be generally acceptance. numbers and efficiency.

inited education in Ireland. Saturday morning at ten o'clock, the Presi-The attendance was large, and the key. so auministered new as 5.000 Jas. Robertson, the secretary of the Chapel lits usefulness to this country.

4. That, in case of the admission of laying fund Committee, read a very satisfactory on Saturday the report of the Methodist into the General Conference for purposes of the satisfactory. The attendance was large, and the Rev. the chapel and other property were then must relinquish him. submitted to the Committee, which, after

some slight alteration, adopted them. On Monday, June 19, the Missionary Committee of Review met. The expenditare for the year was reported as £5,630. By an arrangement with the Parent Compittee in London, plans have been originated for simplifying and rendering more efland. We wish we could do more for the

work has remarkably deepened. The re- canopy of heaven have not heard in vaiu. port showed an increase of income on the one hand, but a much larger increase of expenditure on the other. The Ministerial Treasurer, the Rev. Wallace M'Mullen. gave a most lucid and interesting state-

a munificent offer—a noble challenge to our of the priesthood. They are thoroughly en by a few interested and over-sauguine other liberal friends which will we ardently alive to the fact that even the present sysphope, be generally accepted.

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Alexander McIonaes, Joseph McDonald, Moiding forward to that exceedingly improbable art; A. M. Cum ingham, Robert Chisholm, The Committe regard with uneasiness tional Board is capable of being perverted event, a union with the M. E. Church of Hugh McPherson, M. D. Henry Webb. the gradually increasing claims upon the to denominational purposes, and to serve the United States." the gradually increasing claims upon the to denominational purposes, and to serve the Children's Fund, arising out of recent addithed the designs of the hierarchy; but at the The New Connection Conference, at its McDonald, Antigomshe; Timothy Crisbo, and Children's Fund, arising out of recent additions to the numbers of our ministers, and same time they have increased confidence recent session at Owen Sound, by an almost unanimous vote adopted the basis as In the County of Queens—To be Commissional County of Queens—To be County shall be appropriated from the Home Mis- of these schools is that, in the secular de- moderate and fair to all branches of the sioners of Schools.—Rev. Joseph Jones, in the

On Wednesday, June 21, the Conference

reason or imagination of the ministerial candidate should remain for years under the almost uninterrupted influence of pure-the almost uninterrupted influ

fying testimonies were borne to their faithfulness in life, and to their triumph over death. Their names are—Charles L. Grant,

behalf of the Auxiliary Fund for Worn-out of all ranks and conditions of the people The Stationing Committee, the first in Ministers and Ministers Widows. In Ire- We have great hope for the country rder, met on Thursday, the 15th ult., at ten land, we have, ever since the Centenary its position, soil, minerals, climate, pro clock, a.m., in the school-room of Done- year, punctually paid into this Fund, the ductions, rivers, harbours, academic gall square Wesleyan Church, the Presi- sixpence per member then agreed on. With colleges, university, and people should dent, the Rev. John Farrar, in the chair. scarcely an exception, private subscriptions place it in the van of modern nati The first draft of the stations was prepared, are also raised in every circuit. Still, we ons. There is one drawback, and that is but it is probable many changes will be earnestly desire to increase our contribu- Popery. Mr. Wesley used to regard the made. The Committee for the Revision of tious to this important fund, and have ap- doctrine of salvation by grace through faith Circuits and Numbers met on Friday, the pointed a small committee to inquire what as the very substance of the Gospel, and as 16th, at ten o'clock, a. m., the President in the can be done in this way.

the chair. There was a full attendance of The remainder of Thursday was mainly alike of the pride of unsanctified intellect,

members, and a goodly number of visitors occupied with the division and re-arrange- and of the self-righteousness of impenitent present. There were some thirty applical ment of circuits, and sundry other matters Pharisaism. Whenever and wherever this ions for additional ministers or home mis- affecting the stations. In the evening there old Reformation truth is upheld and entor sionaries to enter inviting fields of labor in was an open session of the Conference, of ced, Romanism, with its priests, altars, savarious parts of the country. Some cir- which our friends gladly availed themselves crifices, penances, indulgences, satisfacti- West they are at first little better than High cuits proposed to support a minister with- in large numbers. It was a most interest- ons, and purgatories, collapses and perish- schools but they come at length to equal any out any aid from the Connexional funds; ing occasion. The Address of the British es. This glorious truth will revive the while others asked grants in aid, in amount Conference to the Irish Conference was memories of the Isle of Saints, and make thorough education they give. rom £25 to £50. The officers of the read, and the Rev. J. C. Bass and R. G. Ireland once more a religious power amongst Home Mission Fund stated they had no Jones were appointed to prepare a reply, the natious. noney in hand; the applications were Dr. Jobson and the Rev. G. T. Perks, delherefore sent forward to the Conference egates from the British Conference, made hrough the Home Mission Fund Com- admirable speeches, full of the kindliest ittee. It is earnestly hoped the liberality feeling, and have greatly endeared them-

> On Friday we proceeded to elect our representatives to the next British Conference.

o'clock, the President in the chair. At no number of our ministers until ample means session of the Conferences a year ago a bers of the Committee having answered to the general re-arrangement of circuit boun- that said Committee subsequently adopted their names, the Secretary, the Rev. R. G. daries, and to report to the several district and recommended such plan. That plan

national schools under Methodist paironage read. The Loan Fund has attained at large ing a scheme of union to be generally acc had increased during the year, both in amount that will afford substantial relief to able should embrace the following points: The ministers distressed trusts, and several wealthy layand lay gentlemen united in expressing men have commenced a movement to extheir firm determination to stand by united tinguish all chapel debts and to augment and unsectarian education. The National the Loan Fund. The thanks of the Con-League established to secure this object was ference were given to the Mayor of Belfast, whole Church, subject to such restrictions as highly commended. The influence of the to J. Carlisle, Esq., J. P., and to the Bell may be imposed by the Discipline. neeting, we hope, will be felt in favor of fast Methodist Town Mission Committee 2. That Lay Representation should be for their gifts of chapels and preaching cluded in the General Conference in such form The Chapel Fund Committee met on rooms. We were glad to learn that the as may be agreed upon. Saturday morning at ten o'clock, the President, the Rev. John Farrar, in the chair. missionary grant from the Parent Com-dent, the Rev. John Farrar, in the chair. mittee in London was likely in future to be Conterence should be elected—ministers and so administered here as greatly to increase laymen in equal numbers.

ems: There are 376 separate trusts; expended on the building account, and £18,-82 ministers' residences, and 66 school- Altogether the College has proved eminenthave been erected during the year, and 5 ample educational advantages on our min- 5. That one or more General Superintendchapels have been enlarged, at a cost of ister's daughters, and for enlarging those ents should be elected by the General Confer-Robert Crook, LL.D., was appointed to be ars, but leaving a debt of some £970. The Mr. Arthur's successor as Principal of the such Superintendent or Superintendents to be pay off old debts amounted to £862 10s., was given to Mr. Arthur for his numerous, as may be agreed upon, to be amenable to the hile the sum at the disposal of the Com- varied, and invaluable services to the Colmittee amounted only to £410 4s. 3d. lege, and to the work of God in Ireland; Revised rules for the better management of and deep regret was expressed that we

Of the young preachers accepted on trial. ten were selected as students for our Theo- preachers within the district, with an equal logical College, the remainder for active rvice or for the List of Reserve.

On Saturday afternoon a great open-air demonstration of the Methodist Sunday- examination of ministerial character. schools of Belfast and its neighborhood was held in the College grounds. A most in- by legislation for the continuation of classfective this department of our work in Ire- teresting and successful conference of the meetings, love-feasts, leaders' meetings, quar-

Sunday was a high day, and being beauthe interest felt in this department of our pel both in our sanctuaries and under the tions, until the termination of their probation. The Watchman in an Editorial article of

the 28th ult., says :-

From the notes of our correspondent it vill be seen that the lay representatives for giving the said recommendations practical such a study to advantage; but that for we recognize the need of faith in the latone- generation. Perhaps you will say, 'I am ment of the advance which had been made have rallied in unusual force; this is attributable partly to an arrangement which has A. SUTHERLAND, effect. This joining half-way, this being a pied the presidential chair at the Belfast been made to establish a Committee of Re-Conference of 1855. At that time, amidst view in connection with every department of very depressing circumstances, a resolute Methodist agency; and partly, no doubt, to movement forward was made, which has a feeling that at the present crisis laymen nadian Methodist Episcopal Church met been sustained to this day. The Home must give themselves more thoroughly to first. Their action was of the most cautious Mission Fund has been doubled, circuit the work of Christ. Whether the care, in- character. While speaking kindly of the resources largely developed, ministerial al- telligence, practical wisdom, and godly ear- general question of union, they hesitated to lowances greatly augmented, aggressive nestness which they bring to bear on the take any action of value in favor of conhome mission work successfully prosecuted, economies of the church can be safely utili- summating it; indeed, the Guardian intiinto the light, and do what those well-meaning and the number of pastors considerably in- zed in another sphere is another problem mates that they desired to avoid action on cowards dare not do. This imperfect union is creased. Numerous and most encouraging which is engaging much discussion on both the direct question. "The ostensible rea-1. That it may often happen that a min- ourselves on account of it, and desire above not so encouraging to the people, nor so openings are urged upon the attention of sides of the Channel. Methodism has from sons for this were substantially, first, that strengthening to the preachers. Rather it is the Conference, but at present we have not the first been wonderfully moulded, as to its they should await the action of their Genisterial candidate will, when commencing ing. We need grace, but God giveth grace weakening their hands, hindering their work, the pecuniary means which would warrant organization, by the overruling providence of the other hands, hindering their hands, "For the Lord is nigh and laying a stumbling-block in the way of our entering any of them. We trust that of God, and it is still capable of adapting of the other bodies were not sufficiently inthose to whose care the Great Proprietor itself to the everfluctuating conditions of so-dependent of the British parent bodies to has entrusted his silver and gold will prove ciety without compromising any of its grand permit the union. The latter would seem Mitchell, William Olding, and John D Fraser

deed, one most generous member of the mittee watch every attempt to place the committee (Mr. Thos. Bennett) has made primary schools of the country in the hands namely, that encouragement has been giv-

Fund, the Irish Conference is unable to re- lutions: assembled in the Donegall-square Church. spond to urgent calls from necessitous and Resolved, 1. That in the opinion of this Con- seized at Port Mulgrave for violation of the Methodists, who need Methodist ordinances interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Robert Massaroon, D.D., John S. Bassett, grant, it would do great service to a roles.

Henry Geddes, John Greer, and Henry E. tantism throughout the world; but this, we presume, is out of the question so long as the treasurers of the Society are £17,000 in the General Conference naturally evoked greater difference of opinion and more sion, the official sermon to the Conference was preached by our beloved President. It Considering the influence which Ireland finally passed which recommended that the was a most impressive discourse, for which exerts in all the colonies of the empire and he received the cordial thanks of the Con- in the United States of America, there is an

made a lucid and most kindly statement on to bear on the moral and spiritual interests

From the Christian Advocate. ADA.

In order to furnish our readers with a The Revs. Robinson Scott, D. D. Wallace clear a view as may be of the present sta-176; net increase 42. This, though small, M'Mullen, and Wm. Gorman were cho- tus of the "Union" question in Canada, we gave it its earliest endowment, and they have is encouraging under present circumstances. sen. The first is nominated as delegate.

The Committee of Review for General

With much regret we were obliged to come to a resolution not to increase the ject. It will be remembered that at the former time have we witnessed such a are forthcoming to sustain them. -A Com- Joint Union Committee was appointed to large and interested attendance. The mem- mittee was appointed to prepare a plan for consider and report a plan of union, and was as follows :-

1. That a General Conference should

formed to meet say once in four years, having

4. That, in case of the admission of lavmer report, from which we take the following College was received. £31,500 has been legislation, the Annual Conferences should be these separate trusts include 302 chapels, 000 subscribed for the Endowment Fund. composed of ministers only who have travelled four years and been received into full connecouses. The chapels furnish 58,320 sit- ly successful. The Rev. W. Arthur made tion; such Conferences to have the right of ings, and yield an income of £1916 6s. 7d. a most interesting statement, and wound examining ministerial character, and of station the circuit funds. Three chapels, 3 up by informing us of a movement which ing the ministers within their respective bounds, chool-houses, and 1 minister's residence has been initiated for conferring more and exercising general administrative powers.

£3957 1s. 6d., providing additional accomalready accorded to their sons. The Rev.
modation for 1000 hearers and 500 scholRobert Crook, LL.D., was appointed to be applications for aid to the Chapel Fund to College. A very cordial vote of thanks set apart for the work by such form of services ties of the Old World. They are continually General Conference for all their official acts, and to be eligible to re-election.

they consist of all travelling ministers and list. They know how to "lay a good foundadetermined,) such laymen to have the right of number of laymen. (to be appointed as may be taking part in all proceedings, except in the of even \$50,000 or \$100,000 being given for

7. That the united Church should provid teachers had been held on a previous even-terly meetings, and Local Preacher's meetings, on the circuits and districts.

8. That persons holding the office of Travelon Tuesday the Home Missionary Comtifully fine, afforded most favorable opportunities for the many open-air services in any of the existing Methodist mittee of Review had a full attendance of which were held in various directions. We Churches should continue in possession of all ooth ministers and laymen. Of late years trust that the crowds who heard the Gos- their rights, and the exercise of all their func-

Resolved, That these General Recommenda tions be now adopted, and referred to the various Conferences; and in case of their being approved, the said Conferences be requested to take such steps as they may deem necessary

Chairman pro tem. Secretary.

The three annual conferences of the Cato be a question to be considered by those Merigomish; Evan McDonald, and Harvey faithful and self-denying stewards, and promptly furnish the needful supplies for vigorously extending the work of God. Inwakeful jealousy the Irish Education Comto be a question to be considered by those other Churches rather than by the M. E. Church. Another reason for evading the water; Evan McDonald, and H other Churches rather than by the M. E. Church. Another reason for evading the water; Evan McDonald, and H other Churches rather than by the M. E. Church. Another reason for evading the water; Evan McDonald, and H other Churches rather than by the M. E. Church. Another reason for evading the water; Evan McDonald, and H other Churches rather than by the M. E. Church. Another reason for evading the water; Evan McDonald, and H other Churches rather than by the M. E. Church. Another reason for evading the water; Evan McDonald, and H other Churches rather than by the M. E. Church. Another reason for evading the water; Evan McDonald, and H other Churches rather than by the M. E. Church. Another reason for evading the water; Evan McDonald, and H other Churches rather than by the M. E. Church. Another reason for evading the water; Evan McDonald, and H other Churches rather than by the M. E. Church. Another reason for evading the water is a supplication of the model of t

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The conference proper.

On Wednesday June 21 the Conference for the Home Mission and Contingent Evaluation and Contingent Property of the Home Mission and Contingent Property of the Home Mi

mentation of evangelical labourers. In dominion holding Arminian or Methodistical some of those districts there are colonies of views of truth would not be promotive of the

question of Lay Representation in the Genral Conference be submitted to the quarrly meetings for their decision before any orther action be taken on the matter by the Conference. A large committee of minis. isters and laymen was appointed to give heir attention to the question during the year and report to the next Conference.

From the Montreal Witness COLLEGE COMMENCEMENTS

say daily, reports of College Commencements, Those of the New England seats of learning like Harvard and Yale, that may be dignified by the name of Universities, have a general interest; but colleges are to be found in every State of the Union, from Maine to Oregon. In the institutions of their kind in the world for the

There are three institutions that came over in the "Mavflower." to which New England, and through it the Union, owe its greatness. They are, the Church, the Town Meeting and "METHODIST UNION" IN CAN- the College Through these the people bave been practically educated in religion, in politics, and in general knowledge. The American college has always been supported by the Church: ministers out of their deep poverty sidents and professors. A revival of religion is usually expected some time during the college ourse; a supply of ministers and missionaries is thus furnished the churches, and they are rewarded for their prayers and liberality. By these educated men the new territories have been evangelised. They in their turn plant academies and colleges wherever they go, and thus save the land from barbarism. The college graduates, when they go abroad, according to Lord Shaftesbury, make the best missionaries in the world. The British public gave their assent to this high encomium pronounced on them by supplying them with money through the Turkish Aid Society," instead of sending out men to labor in the places they had pre-occunied in and around Constantinople. There they carry out the original idea to which we have reterred by founding "Roberts' College," and have established similar institutions in the Sandwich Islands, and all the important centres of missionary labour.

The distinguishing glory of American institutions is, not that every man can vote or that lands are provided for the landless, but that the son of the poorest, equally with the son of the poblest can make his way to the highest honors. It is interesting in proof of this, to read about the college days of their statemen who have passed away, as Daniel Webster, John C. Calhoun, Silas Wright, or of those that are tollowing, as Seward and Chase, who were obliexperimenting, and we, as their near neighbors, may learn something valuable from them.

There is one leat we should like to borrow from their book, and that is the subscription tion for the future. Their wholesale Christian merchants know how to "give wholesale." It

A country without first-class universities or a enomination without well endowed Theological Seminaries, can never in this age come to the front rank. These are as essential as fixed capital is to the farmer, a base of supplies to the soldier, or as mountains that bring down showers of blessing to a whole continent. Henry Ward Beecher well says that any one may live forever in the good he does by endowing a coffege. Such endowment will yield a hundred per cent. compound interest, and will make all

other investments the more remunerative. The Dominion generally, and our own city in particular, compare favorably with our neighpors in regard to the character of pur colleges and the ability of our educators; but we have to lament that we fall behind them in the public and Christian liberality of our wealthy Protestant citizens, who owe it to themselves and the country that they be at length provoked to emulate and " devise liberal things.

General Intelligence.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Halitax Governor, by the advice of the Executive appointments, viz.:
In the County of Picton.—To be Justices of

the Peace-John Fraser, David Huggin and Robert Bannerman, Barney's River; James McLean, Hopewell; James D. McKay, S.

[Doun], David McNair, Andrew Chisholm,

SEIZURE. The Schooner Thorn has been Customs Laws. She cleared from Yarmouth for a port on the north shore of New Brunsquantity of liquor, tobacco, and other goods, which were not specified in her clearance pa-

they were picking berries. Miss L. was serionsly wounded, but is recovering. The bear

The lecture announced to be delivered on Monday evening last by the Rev. Archdeacon McLean, at Temperance Hall, on "Manitoba."

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