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THE WESLEYAN FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1881.

Some of our agents are cheering us by their efforts in behalf of the WESLEYAN; we await reports from others in relation to both renewals and new names.

Will our ministers or others interested in increasing our circulation let us have the names of any persons whom they believe to be both able and willing to take the paper, if it were brought before their notice.

DEATH OF REV. ELIAS BRETTE.

On Saturday evening tidings of the death of this highly-esteemed minister reached this city.

Mr. Brettle was a local preacher in the Grantham circuit, England, when he was called into the itinerancy in 1848, and sent by the English Conference to Newfoundland.

Had Mr. Brettle been open to the charge, often levelled most unjustly against the Chairmen of Districts, of seeking his own pleasure in the choice of a circuit, his service might have been more extended.

The sudden death of Mrs. Brettle, a few months ago, though borne by her husband in a spirit of Christian resignation, doubtless gave a shock to an already enfeebled frame.

interviews that minister writes: "He knew me and gave me his blessing. Quite distinctly he said, 'My feet are on the Rock,' and then, evidently repeating that or similar sentiments, he retired, as it were, into closer communion with the spirit world.

THE COLLEGE QUESTION.

Time is throwing light upon the secret policy of certain advocates of university consolidation. This policy, if it can be judged from the correspondence now going on, is precisely that which a few months ago we foreshadowed.

We are not inclined to charge this purpose upon all those who have expressed themselves in favor of a union of colleges.

But when they propose as a means of surmounting a difficulty, the giving of grants to one religious body for the support of avowedly denominational institutions, while all other denominations are to be denied that favor, they weaken, if they do not wholly destroy, their case.

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THE SALVATION ARMY.

The Salvation Army is doing a noble work in England, and is steadily advancing in the estimation of the active Evangelical workers of that country.

Congress Hall for five thousand people, with tent, and other accommodation for eight thousand more.

We, the undersigned, regarding the Salvation Army as a valuable auxiliary to the Methodist and other Churches in spreading spiritual truth and holiness through these lands, and in view of the opportunity afforded by the Clapton Training Institution scheme, set forth in the enclosed circular, desire substantially to express our sympathy with the movement.

There may be, and in point of fact there are, serious differences of opinion as to some of the means employed by the Salvation Army, and as to the ultimate results of its labors; but, if from this Clapton Institution there go forth, within the next five years, a thousand young men and women, such as the Salvation Army officers have proved themselves to be, what further consideration does this matter require?

In a Provincial exchange a minister and his wife, over their own names, call attention to the fact that "some six years ago, in some way" a worthy couple "learned that preachers were fond of cheese."

It is evident from reports in our English exchanges that British Methodism is not at all disposed to transfer energetic work to any other body.

TEMPTATION.

Temptations abound everywhere. They come in peculiar forms to youth, middle age and old age.

A late number of the Christian Advocate describes one of that class of temptations which knocks at the pastor's study door—sometimes to be invited to a seat in the pastor's chair, sometimes to be dismissed in no courtly phrase.

A canvassing agent for a religious weekly called on a young minister of our Church and said: "I wish to arrange for a thorough canvass of your society. If you will do it I am authorized to allow you \$1 for each subscriber."

HOW MEN BECOME INFIDELS.

The St. Croix Courier publishes in full a timely sermon recently preached at St. Stephen by the Rev. Howard Sprague, on "The Infidel's Mission."

A reporter of the Evening Mail has been visiting the South Brunswick St. Mission Church. At a "staff-meeting" of the workers twenty-five or thirty ladies and gentlemen were present, ten or twelve being unable to attend.

Here is another proof of the truth of the remark that "we must respect ourselves if we would have others respect us."

At the entrance upon a new year special religious services will be the order of the day in many circuits. Take care, brethren, to have a pure aim. To lead men into the Church is one thing; to lead them to Christ, one drop of whose blood can make the mountain of their sin flow down and disappear, is quite another.

The Recording Steward of the Halifax North circuit, by direction of the Official Board, requests the publication of the following extract from the Minutes of the Quarterly meeting, held on the 13th inst.:

Resolved, That this Board regret that certain parties are offering for sale in this city lottery tickets, by which the site of the old Masonic Hall, and other things, are offered as prizes to be drawn for, and they trust the members of our Churches in this circuit will not in any way countenance this proceeding.

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LETTER FROM BERMUDA.

In fulfillment of a promise to others as well as to you, Mr. Editor, I write this letter, even though a little in advance of one or two events of extraordinary interest to our cause in these Islands.

Imagine how very grateful to one who had really enjoyed no summer for twelve months or more must be this luxury of a southern November.

And it is after having in this way become an infidel, and with such earnestness as may naturally be associated with such a course as this, that he feels himself authorized and impelled to assail the faith of others and destroy the most precious consolations and the most glorious hopes of the children of men.

and are therefore well qualified for the work." The result of their efforts in open-air and in-door meetings and house-to-house visitation has been that "a number of those who have not for years attended any place of worship have followed the crowd inside, and the missionary reports a number of such who have started in a fresh course and are leading a new life."

A few days ago Rev. Dr. Murray (Presbyterian) and Rev. D. G. McDonald (Baptist) arrived at North Sydney from Prince Edward Island for the purpose of holding a public discussion on the subject of baptism—a somewhat remarkable errand.

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is the man, this is the kind of infidel, who is most sure to be a propagandist. Others who have been more earnest, who have exercised patient thought and felt the awful greatness of the issues involved, are likely to feel how serious is the responsibility they assume in assailing the faith of others, and pause. But "fools rush in where wise men fear to tread."

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Ministerial receptions are much the same wherever the grace of God and true Christian refinement have done their work.

Now for the climate. The thermometer has scarcely varied two degrees either way, from 70° night or day since our arrival.

There is a variety of opinions as to whether strangers coming here must of necessity pass through some acclimatizing process.

Really one requires to begin with several suits of clothing as guards against a subtle dampness and a most bewitching tendency to perspiration; for though there may be but slight change in the temperature of the atmosphere, there are amazing capacities for "drafts" and consequent rapid reductions of the heat of the body.

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