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THE GREAT TEMPTATION.

Every age has its peculiar forms of vice. Sins change with the changing years, the different types coming in and going out perpetually like modes of dress or upholstery. The vice of this age is drunkenness. All that genius and wealth can do to bring the science of liquour manufacture to the perfection of a towering, mighty system, has been done. In the mad haste to be rich, tens of thousands are engaging in the liquor traffic, knowing full well that, whether honestly or dishonestly, by respectable or contemptible means, there is money to be made more readily and easily by this method than any other. It requires but little capital, little brains, to do a moderate business in the sale of what has gained to-day the name of Liquors. Consequently, our streets are full of Bars and dens of vice—for other demons of gambling and lust have entered in in many instances with the other. To any one at all observant, the great wonder is that more of our young people do not wither under this modern curse. Only the power that kept Lot in Sodom can save a young man in our cities, towns and villages to-day. And the state of things does not improve—in our country at least. Where the end is to be, God, the foreseeing, only knows.

By far the most dreadful calamity which can befall any young man in our time, is to be brought under the enchantment of alcoholic stimulants. And that calamity is more difficult to avert than many imagine. With the subtle machinery that is at work, a spell may be drawing its fatal power around our children, which nothing but the mercy of God can break in sunder. Playing with the adder for a while, the victim finds at length its fangs deeply buried in his flesh,—a drop of poison and anguish in every pore, whose feverish thirst cannot be quenched. Now comes the ordeal. To recover lost strength and respectability, an effort perhaps of years, against tremendous odds, is entered upon,—that is if there be sufficient purpose remaining, which is not always the case, to attempt a new life. First the youth must struggle against his own sense of shame and depravity. Then he must endure the unpitying look and word from friends on whom he would lean, if not the proverbial doubt in regard to the possibility of a drunkard's restoration. But beyond all is the temptation of walking with a constitution inflamable in the highest degree among all the elements of fire, and that for every day of every year of his life! Every sidewalk has its clouds of alcoholic vapour, rising into the nostrils from cellars and shops, where the tempting essence is being poured out in unceasing streams. If he seeks the aid of art in lending respectability to his person, his head is bathed with preparations whose odour renews all the force of depraved appetites. Taking shelter in the homes of his kindred, it is quite possible that all the seductions of his overmastering vice may meet him on the side-board.

But the case is never hopeless. With this conviction strong in our minds we lay down certain propositions.

1. The very worst conditions of this vice admit of actual, thorough reform. A very little enquiry will satisfy any one that there are around us everywhere instances of thorough conquest gained over the passion for drink. They may be found in the best society, where they deserve to be, for if any warrior have earned a crown it is he who does more by conquering self than taking a city. Let this rebuke the unbelieving, and encourage mightily the sinner to escape from thraldom.

2. All means to this end should be nobly fostered. Sermons should be specifially prepared in the interests of this reform. Temperance Societies should find encouragement. All agencies for the suppression of the trade in liquours should have countenance and support. But especially should divine grace be sought in behalf of the unhappy drunkard, and himself taught to "seek first the Kingdom of heaven." &c.

3. The article of, and traffic in, spirits being in themselves an evil, as existing amongst us to-day, no Legislative enactment can make them good or salutary. Hence the repeal of those laws which give shelter to the actual authors of crime, while they punish only the unfortunate victims of appetite, should be a subject of agitation till some proper issue is reached.

WASTED SYMPATHY.—The *Chignecto Post*, adverting to a paragraph of ours, in a recent reference to the action of the Railway authorities by which clergymen were to be deprived of single-fare Tickets, prudently exercises itself lest the WESLEYAN may enter the arena of politics, and so injure the cause of Truth. Very natural this benevolent guardianship on the part of a paper which has been nurtured at Sackville, in the lap of refinement and religion! Religious papers have usually taken the secular under their counsel; now the order is being reversed. What can we do but promise,—not that we shall follow the example of friend Millner, for, while his would be the condemnation, ours would surely be the stripes—but that, be the air ever so full of whisperings anent political extravagancies, plots and counterplots, the WESLEYAN shall, while we control it, continue to be as deaf as a *Post!* Will that suffice?

The St. John *Globe*, averring that we are out of temper at the loss of railway privileges, kindly—we take the words as meaning all they say—pats us on the head and props us up with its own kind of consolation. We hope the *Globe* will appreciate our advice when we recommend it to carry its cordials to the afflicted. Our constitution is sound, and is not among the class which are disturbed by the in-coming or out-going of Parties,—by the tension or relaxation of political purse-strings. We have work to do of our own and mean to do it.

THE MINUTES OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE will interest our readers. Though presented in bald outline, they are significant of much work performed in those three days of session. Doubtless, numerous questions affecting their local welfare, as those of Education, Colportage, &c., engaged the attention, though they do not here come to the surface. A great field is there for energy and usefulness. We notice with satisfaction that the laity are called into direct and active cooperation with the ministry in all questions affecting the welfare of that interesting Island. Methodism has done much in elevating all classes of the people there, but particularly those who deservedly hold the confidence and affection of the population as they occupy offices of trust and responsibility. These will now return the compliment by infusing into the counsels and enterprize of the Church valued wisdom and strength. We congratulate the new officers on their promotion to positions in which they will worthily guide, under Providence, the destinies of a large and increasing connexion.

SUNDAY TRAINS.—The *Chronicle* still defends the recently established Time table which brings night and traffic trains into the midst of quiet villages and cities on the Sabbath. And with admirable logic, too! Dartmouth Ferry Boats run on Sunday; ocean navigation necessitates the work of sailor and helmsman,—hence to run trains on Sunday cannot be wrong. Apart from the adage that "two wrongs never make a right," we have a dim foreshadowing of the change which shall abolish the Dartmouth ferry Sunday work, if the whole fabric will not have first tumbled into ruins before moral sentiment comes to maturity. As to voyaging and other weighty undertakings, it surely cannot be doubted that the law of God provides for works of necessity as well as mercy. The fact is the whole subject of Sabbath observance has yet to be brought under review, in justice not only to the higher laws of human conduct, but also to the toiling, dizzy men and animals who are now deprived of their due allowance of rest. Perhaps even Printers might be benefitted by the change!

IF the Halifax *Morning Chronicle* will send its representative to this office, we will submit to his consideration the facts relating to our assertion as to the dismissal of a teacher, which, doubtless, is the "late instance" alluded to in its issue of last Monday. We promise to convince even the *Chronicle* that we can be truthful. We were challenged by the same paper a week ago to give names. There has been quite enough mischief done to the community of Halifax by the mismanagement of school affairs without doing an injury to individuals. As to the question of impertinence—whether it should apply to the *Chronicle*, for misrepresenting our words, or to the WESLEYAN for resenting this assumption—we will leave it to the public to decide. We have seen something similar so frequently in the pages of the *Chronicle* in regard to others who have dissented from its opinions, that we begin to think it is a sly mode of compliment the *Chronicle* has adopted for its contemporaries. The *Chronicle* strikes hard betimes in self defence. Why should it wax wroth when others guard their reputation?

BEECHER'S DEFENCE, against the vile charges made by one of his quondam friends and fellow-editors, is a lengthy and laboured, if not elaborate document. His great est error was in holding familiar intercourse with persons of lax principles. That is very evident. He entered a Rookery, and the Rooks, true to their nature, tell it all to the world. Like all men of extraordinary genius, his judgment has been leading him into errors for which he pays a most wearisome and distressing penalty. Too much mercy or benevolence in any character is sure to disturb the equilibrium, and exhibit at length frailty and imperfection. But it is interesting to see how a brave man, strong in the consciousness of his own innocence, can strike out against a host of foes!

A SIGNIFICANT ADVERTISEMENT.—A firm in Boston advertises to send two chromos of considerable notoriety, mounted complete for framing, on receipt of 50 cents. Not very long ago those pictures were employed in pushing two or three newspapers into our Provinces, and we shudder to think of the extent of respectable falsehood which was used in bringing them to public notice. They were valued themselves (the pictures) at three dollars each; were "withheld from ordinary sale; reserved for the exclusive benefit of their paper" &c., &c. Truth follows slowly on the heels of error—but it arrives in due time.

JUDGE MARSHALL ON UNIVERSALISM.—With extraordinary vigor of mind for his age, Judge Marshall has met Rev. Costello Weston, who recently published a pamphlet in vindication of the Universalist faith. The Judge calls his essay a "Scriptural answer to the Teaching of the Universalist Church." It is that most emphatically. "To the law and to the testimony" is his motto apparently. Without discarding reason, immediate reference is made to scripture teaching, and with admirable affect.

COLPORTAGE.—We have received a very liberal response from ministers in regard to an application of the *Executive Book Committee* bearing on the interests of this Fund. It was not intended to press the application unreasonably; but with a consciousness that several at the recent Conference preferred turning all their claims on the Book Room to Colportage account, it was resolved to give them an opportunity of expressing their wishes. Oppressed as our Brethren have been by the sustentation of connexional interests, there can be no blame to any who withholds from this. At the same time, there have been few enterprizes which in our opinion more fully deserved sympathy and support.

As soon as Mr. Heartz, Secretary of the Fund, shall return from England, plans will be fully matured and the work vigorously entered upon.

We give an extract of one of several letters recently received:—

"It seems to my mind that there should be some Committee of this Conference (N. B. and P. E. Island Conference) to co-operate with you in Halifax, so that the wants of the different Provinces may be fairly considered. I know that in this section of country there are many places that ought to be visited by the Evangelist and Colporteur. Only yesterday I was visited by a man who was almost *begging* for religious books. A great many men in the winter gather in lumber camps up these rivers, away from all religious services, who would be glad to take with them a stock of good books to be read and pondered over in the loneliness and solitude of the forest. Yes, by all means take any money that the B. R. may have for me (would that it were five times as much) and spend it to the best advantage in books that speak of the love of Jesus to a lost world, and tell of conversion of the real Methodist type. And as far as *I* can, I will help you send them into the back settlements, and pray for God's blessing upon them.

Please let me hear from you before our financial District Meeting if you have any scheme matured for the working of this fund, and I will do what I can to forward its interests among the Brethren.

S. S. CONVENTION AT YARMOUTH N S.

The following subjects are to be discussed at the above Convention.

"The Essentials of Teaching."

"The relations of the Sunday school to the church."

"Teachers meetings."

"Preparation of Sunday school lessons."

"Reviews."

"Illustrations and how to use them,"

MINUTES OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE,

BEGUN IN ST. JOHN'S, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 1874, AND CONCLUDED AUGUST 8.

REV. GEO. S. MILLIGAN, M.A., *Pres.*
REV. THOMAS HARRIS, *Secretary.*

Question I.—What ministers are now elected Chairmen, and who are appointed Financial Secretaries?

Answer.—St. John's District:—George S. Milligan, *Chairman*; Joseph Pascoe *Financial Secretary.*

Carbonear District:—Thomas Harris, *Chairman*; James Dove, *Finanncial Sec'y.*

Question II.—What ministers are now elected Representatives to the General Conference?

Answer.—George S. Milligan, M. A; Thomas Harris.

Question III—What Lay Gentlemen have been elected at the District Meetings as Representatives to the General Conference?

Answer.—Hon. J. J. Rogerson, St. John's District; J. Bemister, Esq Carbonear.

N.B.—The President and Secretary of Conference are authorized to obtain alternatives if required?

Question IV.—What minister is now elected a member of the Central Missionary Board?

Answer.—Thomas Harris.

Question V.—What minister is now elected a member of the Transfer Committee.

Answer.—Thomas Harris.

Question VI.—What are the Committees for the year, and what are resolutions concerning them?

ANSWER.—I. MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The President and Secretary of Conference; Chairmen of Districts. Rev. Joseph Pascoe, *Sec'y.*, C. R. Ayre, Esq., *Treas.*, Revs. W. E. Shenstone, J. S. Peach, Jas. Dove, Thos. Fox, John Goodison, Charles Ladner, George Forsey, John Reay, Chas. Pickels, Solomon Matthews; Hon. J. J. Rogerson, Hon. Edward White; J. Wood, Esq., J. Rorke, Esq., Carbonear, J. Bemister, Esq., Harbor G., John Lewis, Esq., I. Cove; Messrs. Wm Green, Jr., Brigus; Owen Pine, Burin; John Lake, Fortune; P. Samways, Twillingate; James Saint, Bonavista; Levi March, Perlican.

II. COMMITTEE FOR EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES.

The President and Secretary of Conference. Rev. James Dove, *Sec'y.*, Revs. J. Goodison, Charles Ladner, Joseph Pascoe, George Forsey.

III COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE STATISTICS

The Secretary of Conference; the Secretaries of Districts of the several Connexional Funds; and the Sub-Secretaries of Conference.

IV. COMMMITTEE ON CHURCH PROPERTY AND PARSONAGE AID.

The President and Secretary of Conference. Rev. J. S. Peach, *Sec'y.*; Revs. J. Dove, Charles Ladner, George Forsey, J. Reay; J. Steer, Esq., M. H. A.; Messrs. G. W. Mews, George Gear, J. Hippesley, F. H. Cheown, J. Maddock; J. Rorke, Esq, M. H. A.

V. CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE.

The President and Secretary of Conference; Chairmen of Districts, and Financial Secretaries; Rev. C. Ladner, *Sec'y.*; Rev. J. S. Peach, John Steer, Esq., M. H. A., C. Duder, Esq, M. H. A., Charles R. Ayre, Esq., M. H. A., J. Bemister, Esq.

VI. SUPERNUMERARY FUND COMMITTEE.

Rev. James Dove, J. McNeil, Esqr., *Treasurers.*

VII. THE COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

Rev. James Dove, *Sec'y*; Revs. Charles Ladner, Joseph Pascoe, John Reay; J. McNeil, Esq., *Treas.*; Messrs. Wm. White, C. MacPherson, David Rogers.

VIII. SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The President and Secretary of Conference; Rev. John Goodison, *Sec'y*; Revs. W. E. Shenston, J. S. Peach, Jas. Dove, C. Ladner, J. Pascoe, J. Reay, G. Forsey, S. Matthews, C. Pickels, S. Dunn, T. H. James, J. Embree, W. Swann; J. Bemister, Esq.; Messrs. G. W. Mews, J. E. Peters, H. J. B. Wood, S. March, Jr., J. Smith, F. Smith, J. Saint, F. Bemister, P. Samways, J. Manuel, J. C. Moores, G. Tough, W. Christian, J. Snelgrove, A Tilley, Wm. Parsons, J. N. Haddon, John Evans.

IX. CHILDREN'S FUND COMMITTEE.

The President and Secretary of Conference Chairmen; and Financial Secretaries of Districts; Rev. J Peach, *Sec'y.*; Revs. J. Goodison, C. Ladner; Hon. E. White, J. Bemister, Esq., Mr. George Gear.

RESOLUTION OF CONFERENCE RESPECTING CHILDREN'S FUND.

A new basis shall be adopted, distribiting children's claims within the Conference, over circuits and home missions as follows:

1. Circuits with one minister shall pay a proportionate and uniform rate.

2. Home Missions for first four years shall pay one-half of that rate.

3. Circuits or Home Missions having more than one minister shall pay for every ordained man one rate as above, and for each probationer one-half rate, provided nevertheless that each Circuit or Home Mission having a probationer or probationers four years after this Conference, shall, at the expiration of that term, also become responsible for one rate for every such probationer.

X. NEWFOUNDLAND WESLEYAN SCHOOL AND AGENCY SOCIETY COMMITTEE.

President and Secretary of Conference, Chairmen and Financial Secretaries of Districts; Rev. G. S. Milligan, A. M., *President and Treasurer*; Rev. J. S. Peach, *Secretary*; Revs. W. E Shenstone, C. Ladner; J. Goodison, G. Forsey, J. Reay, C. Pickels, S. Matthews, S. Dunn, J. C Currie, W. Swann, J. Embree, G. Boyd, G. H. Bryant; Hon. E. White, Hon. N. Stabb, Hon. S. Rendell, Hon. J. J. Rogerson; C. R Ayre, M. H. A., J. Steer, M. H. A., C. Duder, M. H. A., A. W. McNeilly, M. H. A., J. Rorke, M. H. A., J. McNeil, J. Munn, J. Bemister, Esqs.; Messrs. J. Lewis, R. T Gillingham, Edw. Evans, J. Saint, J. Manual, J. Bartlett, John Evans, Daniel Bishop.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The President of the Conference, the Secretary, the Financial Secretaries of the Districts, and the Rev. J S. Peach, Secretary for the Committee; Hon. J. J. Rogerson, C. R Ayre, J. Steer, J. Rorke, J. Bemister, Esqs.

XI COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, A. M., *President*; Rev. Joseph Pascoe.

XI. COMMITTEE TO PREPARE DRAFT OF ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR CONFERENCE OF 1875.

The President, Secretary, and Journal Secretary of Conference, and Rev. James Dove,

MISCELLANEOUS.

Resolved, That this Conference desires to express its high appreciation of the presence of the Rev. Humphrey Pickard, D.D., at its sittings, and of the very valuable services he has rendered the Conference by the part he has taken in its deliberations; and the Conference hereby tenders to the Rev. Dr. Pickard its unanimous and cordial thanks.

GEORGE S. MILLIGAN, M A., *President.*
THOMAS HARRIS, *Secretary.*

Correspondence.

THE MOUNT ALLISON COLLEGE ENDOWMEMT FUND—NEWFOUNDLAND, &c.

MY DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Since my last report of progress in the prosecution of my agency for the above named Fund, I have been permitted to visit Saint John's, and to make a very brief call at Harbor Grace and Carbonear, Newfoundland.

Before starting on my mission to Newfoundland, I was made well aware of the existence of several circumstances which would operate with combined force against the success of such a mission.

1. There was prevailing a distressing feeling of business depression, in consequence of the partial failure of the recent sealing voyages.

2. The demand of local church enterprises were sufficiently numerous at the present juncture, to task, not to say strain, the financial strength of all the friends of the Wesleyan cause in that Colony.

3. Many of those friends were at this season of the year away from home at Labrador, England and elsewhere.

4. A personal application on behalf of the Fund had been made by the President of the Conference two years ago to the friends in the principal places in Newfoundland, &c., &c.

But on the other hand I saw by the Minutes of the Conference of E. B. America, that the Newfoundland Districts contributed a very fair proportion of all the five General Funds of the Conference. And this confirmed what I had heard from you Mr Editor, and from others who had labored in Newfoundland, of the liberal disposition of our friends there,—that they were not inferior, certainly, to the dwellers in other parts of our Conference Territory, in loyal attachment to Connexional Methodism,—but were willing to the extent of their ability to sustain, not only local, but also general Church Funds and Enterprizes. I was encouraged therefore, to hope that I should find a few who *could* and *would* if the matter were again presented for their consideration, further help towards making up the Endowment Fund. And in regard to this I have not been disappointed. I am now allowed to report the following additional subscriptions from Newfoundland, viz.:—

Hon. J. J. Rogerson, (2nd sub.)	$100 00
John Steer, Esq., M. P. P.	200 00
Hon. E. White,	100 00
Hon. N. Stabb,	30 00
C. R. Ayre, Esq, M. P. P.,	100 00
Nathaniel March, Esq.,	100 00
James R. Knight, Esq	100 00
Alex. J W. McNiely, M. P. P.,	100 00
Mrs. Bond,	50 00
John Woods, Esq.,	60 00
Henry Duder, Esq.,	60 00
James Angel, Esq.,	50 00
James Pitts, Esq.,	50 00
John Angel, Esq.,	20 00
Stephen R. March, Esq,	20 00
George W. Mews, Esq.,	20 00
Wm. Campbell, Esq.,	20 00
Messrs. J. & R Maddock, (Carbonear),	100 00
John Squires, Esq., (Harbor Grace),	20 00
Cash, " "	100 00
Small sums,	34 00
Total additional subs. in Newfoundland,	$1434 00
James Jost, Esq., Annual Subscription, Sydney, Cape Breton,	10 00
Amount previously reported,	3157 00
Total additional subs. since Conference,	4601 00

If my time and your space would permit I should be glad to write at considerable length in grateful acknowledgment of the great kindness with which I was received and entertained as the messenger of our late Conference; and to declare some of the indubitable proofs which I saw and heard that the Wesleyan Church is "*putting on strength*" in St. John's and throughout the Island.

If I can command an hour for the purpose, before we have to start for the General Conference, I may ask a little space somewhere in your columns to say something about what I learned of Methodism in Newfoundland during my brief but very pleasant visit. I must now satisfy myself with saying that I never saw in any part of the world, more pleasing indications of *true Church life* than those which I witnessed there; and that the prospect for the newly organized Conference, with its earnest working, sagacious, and devotedly persistent President, its tried, although yet only two small bands of experienced faithful ministers, and its promising array of noble young ministerial volunteers, who are proving by their missionary labors in many of the outports and harbors of the Island that the heroic age of Methodism has not yet closed, seems to me to be a most encouraging and glorious one. H. PICKARD.

WE are requested to publish the following from a Colporteur sent to Labrador by the British American Book and Tract Society.

BLANC SABLON'S, LABRADOR,
4th July, 1874.

REV. J. F. CAMPBELL,

Rev. sir,—You will no doubt be anxious to hear from me, and to know how the work of the Master is progressing. It is with heart-felt gratitude to Him who doeth all things well, for His sparing mercy, for His great love, and His guiding hand. (I can truly say "He leadeth me,") that I am this day permitted to testify to that love that passes all understanding, and I earnestly pray that while penning this letter, I may be emptied of self, and my Saviour glorified. As you are aware I sailed on board the sch. "Annie," at 6 o'clock p. m. 10th June. After 3 hours sail we reached the "Eastern Passage," where we cast anchor for the night, not on account of wind or weather, but on account of the evil one working in the heart of one of his slaves, a young man who refused to work, and began to abuse the captain, by fearful oaths and blasphemy. The captain's intentions were to return to Hx. with him in the morning, but although that was man's intentions, yet it was not the Lord's, who works in a mysterious way. After calling all hands (or rather inviting) aft we had worship in the cabin; all were present (15) except the above disobedient one, who remained on deck, but near the cabin stairs; earnest prayer was offered to God on his behalf, that He would spare him a little longer and bring him to a deep sense of his sins, especially of the sin he had just committed, in blaspheming the name of Christ his Saviour. When the Captain informed him very early in the morning, to get ready for Halifax, he expresssed his deep sorrow, and therefore was permitted to remain.

Thursday 11,—Weighed anchor at 4.30 a. m. beautiful fresh morning, fair wind, passed "Long Island" at 8 o'clock a. m. little "Gut of Canso" 5.30 p. m. assorted tracts greater part of day, had service on deck in the evening assisted by one of the crew. I conversed with three of the crew individually afterward, one of whom was the man mentioned above, who realized his state before God; after pointing him to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world," we parted for the night. Oh! if we would honour God more, He would honour us, according to His own promise.

Friday 12,—God in his infinite mercy has again brought us through another night, after permitting us to ride securely and safely on the bosom of the deep. Beautiful morning, fair wind, had worship with all the crew at 8 o'clock, sung that hymn that cheers the heart of all those that find they are burdened with sin, "There is a Fountain," read the stilling of the tempest, the presence of Jesus very much felt in the hinder part of our little vessel, but dear Brother, not asleep, but in us a mighty power, three of the crew engaged in prayer. Passed Louisburgh at 6 o'clock a. m. "Cow Bay" C. B., 12.30 p. m. "Flint Island" at 1 o'clock. Spent part of another day in assorting tracts. Entered the Gulf of St. Lawrence this afternoon, passed "Cape North" 9.50 had service in Cabin, (as there was a good breeze blowing and getting very cold) all hands were present, except the man at the wheel; sweet Communion with the Saviour.

Saturday 13,—Oh, the goodness of God, new blessings every morning He bestoweth on all who love Him. Made good headway during night, the wind high but favourable, Cape Anguille at 7.50 a. m. very mountainous land, snow on top. Very cold, woolen mits and comforters were soon got out, and worn all day. Sighted, and even passed some vessels, that sailed the day previous, to worship with the crew in cabin, Cape St. George at 3.15 p. m. colder than it was in the morning, and wind higher, the wind took a change after passing the cape, so that we made very little progress, having till now come 400 miles, which only left 130 to complete our voyage. Had service in Cabin as it was heavy rain; subject "Come unto me?" enjoyed it very much.

Sabbath 14,—No Sabbath bell's to remind us that this is the day which we must keep holy unto the Lord, but the roaring of the wind and waves as they obey the command of their Creator. Him who was able to calm them with that still small voice "Peace be Still." What a lesson those waves teach all mankind, as they rush in their fury hither and thither, as if they *delighted to obey*. Head wind and heavy sea running, had to tack in consequence; had service in cabin three times.

Monday 15,—Fair wind but thick fog; when it cleared away at 11 o'clock a. m. I was very much pleased to see the Coast of Labrador, that was (D. V.) to be my home for four months. Passed "Trible Hill Island" at 4 30 p. m. which was fifty miles from "Bonne Esperance," our intended harbour; the whole of the Coast as far as the eye could reach had large patches of snow. Had service in cabin at 8 o'clock, I never witnessed the work of the Spirit in the hearts of men as I did tonight and the remaining time I was on board; three of the crew were very anxious, called on God to have mercy upon them, deep solemnity prevailing, the presence of the Saviour realized very much, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name." Dear brother let us not rest till we find ourselves completely lost in the ocean of *Christ's love*. Thick fog and head wind; had to tack at 11 o'clock p. m. when only 29 miles off.

Tuesday 16,—Head wind continued, great deal of ice, had to tack in consequence, the presence of the Spirit felt this morning while dwelling on the words, "Yet there is room." The cook, a young man about 19 or 20, who always endeavoured to be absent as much as possible from worship, was absent this morning, and fearing lest he should make an excuse to the captain if he would ask him (as it was voluntary) I sent the boy to tell him I would like him to be present. He did come, and while we engaged in prayer, he sobbed like a child, the Spirit had pierced that hard and stony heart, he realized that he was a sinner, and that there was "Yet room," for him in the embrace of that loving Saviour. He prayed for some minutes, crying to God to "Show mercy on him as He had on Paul." The captain remarked afterward, "He was the last man on board I would have thought to hear pray." We are so unbelieving, that we oft times put a limit to the power of the Holy Spirit, but it is where we receive fresh tokens of that mighty love of Christ in plucking brands from the burning that we are brought to see our own emptiness, and come humbling ourselves at His feet desiring to be filled, I long to have more of His spirit, to be more like my dear Master in word and deed. Remember me at the Throne of Grace, pray that there may be a great ingathering of souls, where I am going, that Christ may be glorified in the hearts of those who have hitherto been stubborn and rebellious. We intended to have reached "Bonne Esperance" Harbour to night, but were prevented on account of the great quantity of ice, there was no alternative, but to beat into the "Dog Islands."

(*Wednesday 17th.*)—Weighed anchor about 5-30 a. m. head wind, but very slight, had to beat through the "Dog Islands," a great number of small Islands close to the main land, and which are swarming with wild duck and sea pigeon. And having through the mercy of a loving Father reached our desired haven we cast anchor in "Bonne Esperance" harbour at 3-50. p. m. To our great astonishment the "Annie," was the first on the coast. Went on shore in one of the inhabitants boats, when I reported my arrival to the Rev. Mr. Butler (Congregationalist, who together with Miss Brodie, an old lady, conducts a mission, Miss Brodie having come on the coast in 1860 from Montreal,) who received me very kindly, and under whose hospitable roof, I remained during my stay here, except sleeping, as they were not many days removed here themselves, having came out from the woods where their winter mission house is about 5 miles up the river, and their summer one which is situated in "Carribou Island" in "Salmon Bay" having become unfit for habitation through a leaky roof, they were compelled to seek shelter in "Bonne Esperance" and therefore not being a number of houses to choose from the only house they could obtain was quite insufficient for themselves, but I was made very comfortable at night in the house of Mr. Whittey, the only resident here you can visit (except one R. C.) without going by water, altogether there are only 6 families, 3 of which are Roman Catholics. My first enquiries were about a boat and a good man, Mr. Whiteley offered me a barge and there had just arrived a few minutes before me a young man from Montreal, a native of the coast, who also offered his services for the season, but with the offer came two serious considerations, (1) he wanted $100. over and above his board along the coast, (2) he could not pilot further down than "Red Bay," Mr. W. informed me I could not get one cheaper at this season, and that the best I could do would be to embrace every opportunity of going from place to place, by different vessels, he promised to send me down to "Blanc Sablons," in his schr. that would be going as soon as the ice would clear from the mouth of the harbour. As this was my last day on board the "Annie" as a passenger, and before I close this days diary, let me say here, that in all my travels by sea, I never enjoyed myself as I did on this occasion. I am glad you came down before I sailed, as the "Caleb Corkum" did not get into the Dog Islands for about a week afterwards, and had I been landed there with my boxes, I cannot perceive of any way I could have got down the coast, there being only two houses there, one old man in one of them, and a man and a boy in the other. Captain Bailie gave me his berth, and slept where he could during the voyage, and refused to take any thing for my passage, but offered to keep me all the season, stating that himself and two of the crew, who had just begun on the narrow road (2 mouths) had received great blessings from the Lord, and I trust that when the Lord makes up His jewels, there will be found among the white robed myriads, some trophy of God's mercy from the crew of that vessel. It is cheering for me to listen to the character given to the Nova Scotia fishermen by all here, as to their moral conduct, and their willingness to attend every means of grace, as also to their proficiency as fishermen, and I have joined with them in prayer when they besieged the Throne of Grace in behalf of their families, for they are mostly married men, and as they remembered the number of vessels that were lost, after a season's fishing, returning home last fall, when so many wives and children, fathers and mothers, watched but in vain for the returning husband, father or son. Dear sir, will you remember them in the prayer meeting, and I know Mr. Grant will do so to if you will mention it to him.

Thursday, 18th June,—Accompanied Rev. Mr. Butler to old Mission House, Cariboo Island, there is no one living on the Island, the Rev. Mr. Alnatt, Church of England, is stationed at Salmon Bay. As far east as this harbour, is under the Dominion of Canada, but from Blanc Sablons, is under the Newfoundland supervision. Had service on board "Lilly Dale," having come in to-day I feel a want of a boat, as I cannot get to those on the detached islands, Mr. Butler's the same, he is expecting a boat down from Montreal for the mission, Capt. Bailie sends for me when ever I want to go on board. Got all my books safely landed and placed in a store, no one here to buy books except Rev. Mr. B. and Mr. W., every one is poor owing to the hard winter, and no fish to be got yet.

Friday 19,—A strong east wind blowing all night has driven the ice in closer to the harbour, had service on board the "Anna A Teel," nineteen present.

Saturday 20,—Visited four vessels with Rev. Mr. B. in forenoon, and two families in afternoon, distributed Tracts and Books, both very poor, one of the husbands, Roman Catholic, who had three children, not one of them had a pair of shoes, mother could not read a word, and living in great ignorance.

Sabbath 21,—Had service on board one of the vessels, when a number from each came, numbering in all about forty.

Monday 22,—Waiting anxiously for ice to be cleared from mouth of harbour, all ready for proceeding down the coast.

Tuesday 23,—Prayer meeting held on shore, about sixty fishermen present, as there was no fish it was delightful to hear them returning to their vessels singing, "When I can read my title clear," although I could not see them owing to a thick fog. During this week everything has been put a stop to owing to a strong east wind rising and driving all the ice into the harbour, and cut of my connection with the vessels.

Sabbath 28,—Ice cleared away a little, so that by walking over the land to the western side of the harbour, and descending the rugged cliff, it enabled me to have service on board one of the vessels, when some came from others. I afterwards visited five others and distributed tracts. I had tea on board the favourite "Annie," and when leaving it with a number of the crew for prayer meeting, there followed a number from each vessel, till Mr. B.'s prayer meeting was filled, which is held in his own apartments, one long room divided by a movable partition of the roughest structure, as there are no cabinet makers or carpenters here, during the past week I taught three boys reading and copying, and was very glad of the opportunity.

Monday 29,—To the great astonishment of all, the harbour was nearly clear this morning, so much so Mr. Whiteby embraced the opportunity, and set sail at 11 15, we had not got far, when she run on a large pan of ice and stuck hard, two of the men jumped overboard on to the ice with long poles and pushed her bows of. From "Bonne Esperance" to "Blanc Sablons" is about 25 miles but owing to a great calm we did not reach more than ¼ of the way. Great number of whales in the Straits, some of them about a stone cast from the vessel.

Tuesday 30,—Cast anchor in "Blanc Sablons" Bay at 8-20 a. m. was very kindly received by Captain Le-Seeleur, who gave me a store for my books, and desired me to take charge of the key, had service in the same store at 8 p. m. about 60 present and about 12 Roman Catholics. I will close here, as the Bishop of St John N. F. with other 2 ministers came here intending to stay about the coast for a few days, but the Bishop took sick and therefore will return to St. John for medical advice, and sent word ashore that he would take the mail with him. I hope I have not wearied you with my letter, it is just taken down as I had it noted in my diary.

I intend leaving this on Monday 6th for Fortune Bay, fourteen miles, if it should please the Lord to open up a way of conveyance, which I know he will in his own good time, I have learned more than ever what resignation means, I am quite happy in the Lord enjoying His company every hour, He is the only one that knows me, and He is more than sufficient.

WALTER.

Miscellaneous.

NEW THEORY OF COMETS.

The following novel theory of comets is proposed by a correspondent of *Iron*: "Comets are supposed to consist of thin vapors of gases, held together by the mutual attraction of their particles. Like all bodies so circumstanced, they necessarily assume the spherical form; and therefore the common notion, that they consist of a comparatively small and bright nucleus and an immense long and illuminated tail, evidently derived from their appearance in the heavens, cannot for a moment be entertained. That their spherical form, as shown by the reflected light of the sun, would scarcely be discernible at the distance of our earth, even though the comet were as dense as the densest cloud of our atmosphere, would not be surprising; but if their attenuation, as described by Sir John Herschel, be considered, all wonder ceases. Sir John Herschel says 'that the most unsubstantial clouds; which float in the highest regions of our atmosphere and seem at sunset to be drenched in light and to glow throughout their whole depth as if in actual ignition, without any shadow or dark side, must be looked upon as dense and massive bodies compared with the filmy and all but spiritual texture of a comet.' Owing to this extreme tenuity of matter, the rays of the sun's light, as reflected by it, are absolutely invisible to the inhabitants of the earth; but the other rays, penetrating into the center of the comet, are refracted by this powerful lens of twenty millions of leagues diameter into the focus which forms the nucleus of the comet, where there is, perhaps, a greater concentration of rays of light than anywhere else, not in the body of the sun. Hence this large body of concentrated light, streaming in the narrow path through the remaining half of the comet, in a direction opposite to the sun, forms that splendid appendage called the tail.

It seems scarcely necessary to point out that this mode of viewing a comet accounts for the circumstance of the tail being always in opposition to the sun, whether in advancing or receding. Also for the wonderful celerity shown by the tail in turning round the sun when the comet is in perihelion, and for the rapidity with which the comet darts out its tail after the perihelion passage. It explains, also, on the principle of the abberation of light, the bend which the tail of some comets have towards the region they have left, also the absence of a solid nucleus, and the non-obscuration of the stars by the body of the comet. If the conjecture be correct that the nucleus of a comet is near its center, and that the comet extends in every direction round the nucleus to as great a distance, at least, as the length of the tail, then it follows that at this present moment the sun is feasting on our comet, and that when it emerges from his embraces, a few days hence, it will have suffered some diminution of size."

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

It is with feelings of profound sorrow that we chronicle the sudden death of Seymour Hayden, of Vernon River. On Saturday evening last, he left home with a horse and sulky to do some business some three miles away. The horse was wild, and it is thought that in getting into the sulky the horse ran and the young man fell, his foot catching in the spring, in which position he was dragged home, very likely at great speed. His poor mother sat up anxiously awaiting his return. At length she heard the sound of the horse's footsteps in the yard, but no sign of her son. She then went out, but judge of her feelings when she saw him hanging to the sulky, his coat and vest torn from his body, his arm and leg broken, and his head fearfully crushed! No one but a mother can realize the pain and anguish of such a moment.

Seymour Hayden was a smart, intelligent young man, only 19 years of age, and son of James Hayden, Esq., Merchant, of Vernon River. Never did a family live more happily together than Mr. and Mrs. Haydon with their three interesting children, Seymour being the eldest. Never was there greater affection between parents and children. But one of the links of the family circle is broken, never to be repaired. And how sad the death of so fine a boy! How trying the affliction. May the remaining members of the family be sustained in the hour of their trial. How true the words of the poet:—

"God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform."

—*Charlottetown Argus.*

LONGEVITY.

While on a recent visit to Pennfield, Charlotte County, we were surprised to hear of so many aged persons resident within a comparatively small parish, and took some pains, consequently, to gather particulars which might prove interesting to our readers in other localities. As the result we present the following list which is as nearly correct as our informants could