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THE WESLEYAN FOR 1877.

Launched upon another year, we are disposed to say a few words as respects our aim and our work. The former may be apprehended by most readers. It is to advance religion in the family—that is the principal intention. With this, to promote intelligence, by keeping our readers instructed in the affairs of the Church whose interests we serve, and the history of the world so far as we can compass it. Much of the doings of the Church and the world we leave unrecorded, doubtless; but we do report a great deal—so much that, if taken in the years aggregate, it will be found that the family is considerably the wiser for it. As respects the Maritime Provinces, any event which does not find its way into our news columns is scarcely worth publishing. A diligent, tireless hand compiles thrice every week from the daily papers a digest of the news. An item may sometimes escape notice; but the instance is rare. Our correspondence from England, Montreal, the United States, and our own surrounding Provinces, has been ample as regards passing events. These media of information we hope still to profit by.

Two questions enter closely into the presentation of a prospectus for another year—the labour expended, and the price of the paper. The WESLEYAN, which has now been in existence nearly forty years, has never received anything like the amount of work bestowed upon it at present. This is true both as to editorial and mechanical effort. Apart from the cost of new type and other means for printing, the wages expended for workmen is very much heavier since the paper was enlarged. This has always been our idea, that any increase of receipts for the paper should be spent in its improvement, at least until it can become all that such a paper ought to be. We have also continued adding to the weight and improving the quality of the paper on which the WESLEYAN is printed. These items are equal to the value of some hundreds of subscribers. Taking all outlay into account, it may safely be affirmed that the WESLEYAN to-day does not pay its publishers any better than when its circulation was one third less. Our readers have received up to this time every advantage brought in by the increased circulation of the paper. Least any misconception should still continue as to the proceeds of the WESLEYAN, we proclaim this definite and truthful fact:—The paper, if obliged to pay the Editor's Salary and bear all its own fair proportion of expenses, is not making money. It is clearing itself—that is all that can be affirmed.

There are but few religious papers published at a less subscription than Two Dollars. Of those few, some are made up from the religious and other articles previously published in the daily paper at the same office. The cost of the weekly is therefore small. In fact the weekly is almost clear gain, excepting the printing paper and presswork. One or two denominational papers are reduced to \$1.50 a year; but if we understand their position, there is one of two results before them. The Church must come to the aid of the paper in some other way, or the publishers must suffer financial loss. After all, a great many write us that the WESLEYAN at \$2 year is a cheap paper. And this is the common sense view of it. Our only sympathy is for that class—rather numerous these times—who give up the paper because they are obliged to do so through poverty. Every Church should provide a scheme to meet these cases.

"LAYMAN THE THIRD" speaks through our columns this week. It is necessary to say that he is a veritable "layman"—without, as far as we know, a relation in the ministerial ranks; and uninfluenced by any other than purely christian motives. He says some rather plain things. No minister, whatever his convictions, would presume to say them just in the same way. If the Editor had said them, it would be quite an offence. Yet there they are. Much has been said as to ministers salaries; but as is partly hinted in the letter alluded to, it is not the salary so much as the deficiencies which are the difficulty. This is a subject upon which we cannot write from experience, never having felt the pressure of deficiency. But we can understand the force of remarks made by "Layman the third." Why should any take advantage of a Minister because custom forbids that he shall sue for his regular wages in a court of law—because he would rather suffer than show indignation? Why indeed? Nor can we understand how some Ministers live at all and keep their reputation for honest payment of their debts! Then, what about the curse to which our correspondent alludes? If God loves his servants and holds the people responsible for their support, He, a just God, will not allow delinquents to pass guiltless.

"Laymen the third"—and doubtless other correspondents taking different views—are disposed to do a full share in this encouraging work. Our lay brethren are discussing a serious matter and throwing no little light upon it.

The demand for Sabbath School Journal and Berean Leaves is increasing every year. Our orders for 1877 are coming in promptly. Several have written their warm approval and say how indispensable are these aids. They are furnished to Schools a Sabbath in advance of each month. Orders for these and Sabbath School Papers should be sent in at once.

A few Circuits still remain to be heard from as respects subscribers. The terms of the Paper are cash in advance—always best for publishers and Subscribers. Let us have a report from every minister.

A specimen of a kind of letters which reach us occasionally, we give by way of showing how the times still press upon working men. One cannot say which is most to be pitied, the physical or mental deprivations of persons whose composition indicate that they can appreciate and enjoy a religious newspaper. Again, we wish we had a fund to meet such cases.

DEAR SIR,—I am sorry to inform you that I must discontinue to subscribe towards the WESLEYAN for one year at least, for I have no employment, nor am I likely to obtain any at present. If I had any prospects at all I should still try to subscribe to such a valuable paper.

I beg to remain, Sir, Yours respectfully,

A lengthy report from the Secretary of General Conference B. School Committee, has been in hand two or three weeks. We will give it as soon as other engagements are cleared off.

The numerous friends of the Rev. Dr. Drum in Nova Scotia will be sorry to learn that he has lately had an attack of hemorrhage of the lungs, and at last accounts was not expected to recover.

"Behold our marriage list! This is surely a joyful new year to many young people. But do they all begin well, by taking the WESLEYAN?"

We have given our readers fifty three WESLEYANS this year. There were 53 Saturdays in 1876. What would have been said had we missed one? Yet subscribers miss betimes.

METHODIST MATTERS.

NOVA SCOTIA. Truro is gaining rapidly in all church departments, since the new school-room has been obtained especially. The Sabbath school feels the good effect to a very considerable degree. A blessed influence followed the Watch-night service. Both people and pastor are very hopeful. Miss Leake's absence is much felt. By our Newfoundland items it will be seen that this lady has been removed to a very important sphere.

Entertainments of a successful nature in connection with the churches, have been reported in different directions, as part of the Christmas festivals.—

At Middleton, (Wilmot) \$271 were secured to aid the new church.

At Berwick, a Christmas tree in the basement of the church, with a supper and tea, followed by music, made an excellent entertainment, and was profitable as well.

At Granville Ferry, about \$100 were obtained by a Christmas tree. This relieves the parsonage from all debt. A new church is in contemplation.

Rev. R. A. Daniel was presented with fifty dollars by his Parrisboro friends at a donation visit last week. An agreeable evening was spent by the introduction of readings, music, speeches &c.

Hantsport held a fancy sale and tea last week, at which quite a respectable amount was raised.

Plymouthism has opened a Book Room at our own old stand, Argyle St. Halifax. The fraternity could have saved a thousand dollars by seeking a little advice and warning.

A copy has reached us of an address presented to Mr. Joseph David, (now labouring on the Bridgetown mission) prior to his leaving home in Cumberland County. The address breathes very ardent appreciation of Bro. David's character, and prayer for his success. We are prohibited from publishing addresses in any case.

Wesley Hennigar, son of Rev. J. G. Hennigar, of whose ill health we made report some weeks ago, is very ill. It is contemplated to try medical skill in Philadelphia, to which city he is to be removed this week.

Rev. S. P. Hussey left last Wednesday night for Bermuda, where he is now we presume, enjoying air very different to this which has been assailing us for a few weeks. He would see the greatest wonder of his life in the translation so quickly from a Nova Scotian winter. This is the Bermuda spring—sweet, soft and flowery everywhere.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. I.

Watch-night services were held in the St. John Churches, and have received prominent notice in the daily papers. It must seem rather strange to a Methodist of fifty years ago, to find other Churches making a speciality of the Watch-night also. But such is the case in St. John and elsewhere.

Rev. J. Lathern, has been delivering in Charlottetown, his famous lecture on Burn's poetic aphorism—"A man's a man for a' that." During an impassioned reference to a very natural subject, considering the time and place—the success of Governor David Laird—a man in the congregation interrupted him. We have not quite gathered from the papers whether the interrupting voice was favourable to Mr. Laird or unfavourable; but we conclude it was the former. Very general indignation seems to have followed the unfortunate circumstance, however. It seems any public man may be held-up as an example excepting the politician; and he may be after he dies. Moreover it seems to be as provocative of excitement to say something good of a politician as anything evil. But we have no knowledge of the laws which govern modern politics. We are sure, however, Mr. Lathern intended to be complimentary to Prince Edward Islanders.

Much good seems to have resulted from revival services under Rev. J. Colter, at Williamstown, N. B.

A grand concert at Exmouth St. Church St. John, last week, gave uncommon satisfaction. Very few will doubt the actual benefits follow in the attempt to impart a musical Education and taste. Music is an accomplishment. Refinement and music go together.

Bad weather interfered with the Mission Meeting at Woodstock, on Tuesday evening of last week. Col. Baird presided and gave an admirable address. Messrs. Paisley, McKee, and the President of the Conference gave good assistance. An excellent collection was taken. The meeting is to be repeated.

A presentation at Shediac, to Rev. R. Opie, consisting of a beautiful overcoat—very suggestive as well as acceptable at this Season—came in at the Christmas festival and took the recipient quite by surprise. Rev. F. Freeman was present to render very profitable assistance at the public services.

At Gagetown, Rev. I. N. Parker received a number of valuable presents. Mr. George Palmer in behalf of himself and others contributed to the comfort of the preacher's horse—an animal always standing—or travelling—in the front rank of useful creatures. Dr. Adam Clarke, as regarded animals, was a Universalist, giving them a full reward of green pastures and contentment after death.

Preacher's horses will doubtless be Kings and Queens in that happy era. But they are benevolent who help in giving the Preacher's horse a Paradise before he goes hence.

Christmas has brought joy to many Sunday Schools. Among these we see the name of the School at Robinson-Gibson Circuit. The occasion there seems to have been very joyous.

And what shall we say of Fredericton? Will the day ever come, when photographs may be transferred to newspapers without the trouble and expense of engraving, as type-setting is now. One of these, now on our table, we would like to send all our readers. It is a double Christmas tree—which we alluded to last week, as in preparation by Judge Wilmot—and most profusely covered with books, toys, dolls, sweet-meats, &c. &c. &c. These—including hundreds of Chromo-cards from the Book Room, the most exquisite little works of art, we have ever seen, and which seem to have given unbounded satisfaction—these all lighted about with a thousand tapers—we can imagine we hear the hum and the glee and the shout! Imagine the vote of thanks, referred to in a sketch given elsewhere, from the Reporter, the mover seven years old and the seconder five—both mounted on chairs. The smallest vote of thanks the Judge ever received. 'A Doll's' Christmas tree, which surmounted the others, decorated with all kinds of tiny doll's articles, was presented to Mr. McKeown's children. What a fortune of child's wealth. The Judge has been useful and popular; but never in any capacity more than this of the Sunday School. Thank God for our strong, influential, educated men and women in this branch of the Lord's Service.

Mr. Lathern's memorial paper, read in Charlottetown recently, and included in our pages this week, is of more than local interest. There are names mentioned, and mentioned well—which belong to the Methodism of Canada. The conception of preparing such an essay was a very happy one, and is worked out to good advantage.

The Fredericton Reporter passes into the hands of the Messrs. Fisher with the opening of the New Year. The Reporter has always been welcome to our sanctum, and have no doubt it will always so continue.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, A. M., visited us a week or two ago, in quest of a Preceptress for the Methodist Normal School, to be opened at St. John's, N. F., very shortly. Miss Lake, a Teacher in the model School, signed her position, and accepted the nomination at a salary of \$500. Her lengthened and valuable services in Truro secured for her the best sympathy of many in that town, which took practical shape in the presentation of a valuable gold watch and chain, accompanied by an address from the Teachers and other citizens. We hope her new position may give her large opportunities for usefulness.

Mr. Milligan ordered in St. John, N. B. 70 sets of the most approved adjustable desks for the Normal School. These were supplied in ten days, a remarkably brief period in which to fill such an order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CARBONEAR MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

The Annual Sermons on behalf of the Missionary Society were preached in the New Methodist Church, Carbonear, on Sunday, Nov. 26th. That in the morning was preached by the Superintendent of the Circuit, and his text was Rom. 7: 15. The congregations were good. The preachers evidently were at home with their themes, but the best of all was the Master's presence with us.

On the following Tuesday evening the Mass Meeting was held, John Burke, Esq. M. E. A., in the chair. The spacious church, (although it was a wet night) was comfortably filled. The following is a programme of the meeting.

Reading Report, Rev. J. Goodison.

1st Topic.—The present state of the Mission Field.—Rev. Robert Wright Freeman.

2nd Topic.—The adaptation of the Gospel to the wants of the world.—Rev. John S. Peach.

3rd Topic.—The Church's present condition and future glorious prospect.—Rev. J. Dove, President.

4th Topic.—Gratitude to God for the success He has vouchsafed to Missions.—John Bemister, Esq.

5th Topic.—Christian Liberty a sacred duty.—Hon. J. J. Rogerson, Receiver Gen. of N. F. L.

6th Topic.—The World for Christ and Christ for the World. It has never been our lot to listen to more effective speaking. Each speaker's topic was spoken to in a manner that did him credit. The adaptation of the topics to the speakers was remarked, and each did what they could to make the meeting a success. Very touching were the re-

marks made by the first speaker, the fact that at the last public meeting he had the privilege of addressing within those sacred walls (it was an educational meeting) he was associated with dear, lamented Bro. Dixon, and to his memory the speaker gave \$2.00 to the Mission cause. The last Missionary Meeting the writer of this notice had the pleasure of attending was with that sainted Brother at Bonavista. He will never forget him. What eloquence! What zeal! What devotion to the cause of Christ!

It was said on leaving the Church that this was the best meeting ever held in Carbonear.

The Collections were in advance of last year by some \$50. On the following night we held our meeting at Freshwater. Most of the speakers that spoke at Carbonear did so at this meeting. Everything here was of an enthusiastic nature, and the Church was crowded. If the Carbonear Meeting was good this was better, and the collection was over \$13 in advance of last year.

Blackhead, Island Cove, Bay Roberts, Port de Grave and Brigus, report collections in advance of last year. To God be all the praise.

JOHN GOODISON.

P.S.—I forgot to say that the Hon. Recr. Gen. told the people of Freshwater that if they would build a new church he would get them \$200 in St. John's. Just like him.

YARMOUTH DISTRICT-CONVENTION AT SHELBURNE.

A ready resolve to give practical attention to the suggestions, so modestly presented, in President Temple's valuable letter, was formed amid sentiments of gratitude to God for the rich endowment of the Spirit and power, conferred upon our chief officer, and earnest hope that a similar baptism might be poured upon each member of the Conference over which he so ably presides.

The inconvenience of convening the brethren in this District at the one place, indeed me to call together those of circuits contiguous to Shelburne, and request the others to assemble in one of the churches at Yarmouth or its schools. The ministers of Yarmouth, Port la Tour, N. E. Harbor, and Lockport met with the Chairman on 5th and 6th Dec. Meetings were held at 2 and 7 p. m.

We sought to stir up each other's minds by way of remembrance—reviewing the days of old and the great things God had done for, and by, our fathers—inquiring into the elements of their strength, methods of acting and conditions of success. We talked over the period when the devoted Wesley received his commission, and led his volunteers to the mercy throne, to give in their fealty to Zion's King, receive their armour, and enter the lists to win trophies for Immanuel. How, as the annals show, the new battalion—whose strict regard to marching orders and adherence to duty gained for its members the sobriquet "Methodists"—with youthful ardor and heroic zeal rushed to the van of the dispirited and discomfited men, previously in the field; and amid the jeers of a demoralized establishment, shouted for the battle and panted for the victory. How, in those days, many a vaunting Goliath, fled before youthful champions of the cross, and many a proud leader, who had sold himself to do evil, pierced between the points of his harness, cried,—

"Carry me out of the host, for I am wounded." How the slain of the Lord lay in heaps, and all along the line many enemies of righteousness cast their arms and sins away, and found forgiveness at the Prince's feet!

Subsequent periods, in historic order, were referred to; when our fathers came to this continent bearing the banner—"Holiness unto the Lord"—winning souls from the powers of darkness, building them up in Christian character upon the "sure foundation," not as wood, hay, stubble, but as gold, silver, and precious stones, enduring monuments of excellence and worth—untarnished and unshaken, folly and fashion, of the world lying in the wicked one. (The name of one of the venerated leaders was before us, engraved on a marble tablet—"Rev'd. James Mann, who died at N. E. Harbor, 1820, in the 70th year of his age.")

We spoke of comparisons and contrasts, shortcomings and long declensions, narrow ways and broad deviations, slow progress in holiness, rapid movements in worldly conformity. Of weakness and strength. The present lack of spiritual power and great necessity for its endowment. We resolve to seek it.

One of the brethren addressed us, and the church members, on the original regulations drawn up and signed by the renowned brothers John and Charles Wesley, and those relating to "a helper." Their agreement with the proclamations of the king, and the honor he conferred on those who faithfully kept them, were noted. This brother argued that as the "condition" of enrollment and "rules"

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DEAR EDITOR have been receiv last, viz— Rev. Joseph DeBlanc, Hon. Rogers, Benj. E. Cyrus Merris, Havelin, James Richard Martz late cash. A 4 each. Mrs. R. and Mrs. Dr. T. James Hodgson and gave the De ing to the early presented from. W. service during d much obliged to ing space in you ackn—wedgment feel under great ous friends who th important un

DEAR MR. EDITOR, relatively official capacity, year. Though C ings are now be the Protestant ch and all this year h