

THE NEW HYMN BOOK.

Two editions of the new Hymn Book,—the Small Pica and Brevier—are now ready. The Book Steward, Rev. S. F. Huestis, now on his way from the Upper Provinces, will be glad to receive immediate orders from intending purchasers. A list of the prices of these two editions, in various bindings will be found on our eighth page. At present we shall only say that much labor and thought have been expended in the preparation of a noble book, worthy of the Church whose congregations are to use it.

Every effort will be made to meet the demands for copies, however pressing; in case, however, of any delay, it must be regarded as unavoidable. A carefully prepared Tune-Book, to accompany the new Hymn-Book, is already arranged and in the printer's hands.

THE WESLEYAN.

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THANKSGIVING.

Few proclamations, bearing the Governor General's signature, are of equal importance to that which calls upon Canadians to unite in public thanksgiving to Almighty God. We sustain a personal relation to the God and Father of all; we have also collective obligations of a national character. Every close student of God's Word and ways will have learned that reward or punishment certainly follows observance or neglect of duty, whether on the part of an individual or on that of a nation. This difference alone is to be noted:—that sentence against an evil work of a national sort is often more speedy in execution, since nations can have no national existence hereafter.

The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada calls upon the pastors and congregations of that body, through the press, to render due regard to the proclamation which sets apart the 3rd prox. for national thanksgiving. The pastors of our own branch of the Church need no such hint, but personal observation has convinced us that similar counsel is not unnecessary to many members of our congregations. On the day when an act of public thanksgiving is to be paid to the Most High our churches should be filled, our songs of praise should be cheerful and hearty, our devotion should be sincere and our consecration complete. But such days are not always thus observed. We do not speak of the son or daughter who may embrace the rare opportunity of again making one of the group at home, but of those men, who deliberately plan to be absent on some business, or excursion, or hunt; and of those women who, like Martha, unnecessarily "cumbered with much serving" are too busy to render thanks and praise in the house of the Lord. Such absence not unfrequently leads the sexton to ask whether religious services shall be held in the church proper or in the school-room. Can any wonder if this neglect of thanksgiving-days on the part of church-members and their families be used as a plea by the baser sort, whose conduct causes many to fear that the service of Satan rather than the worship of God is promoted by the observance of our so-called holidays—or holy-days. Many err, we doubt not, through thoughtlessness. We write for these, because "evil is wrought from want of thought, as well as from want of heart."

The specific subject for gratitude named in the Governor General's proclamation—a bountiful harvest—is of interest to our whole population. Thousands of Canadians would make fools of themselves by any attempt to guide the plough, or scatter the seed, or swing the scythe, or build the load, who, nevertheless, are intensely interested, whether consciously or not, in all the operations of our farmers. The cultivation of the soil is at the foundation of all prosperity. The loss of other branches of industry would be severely felt, but the absence for a single season of our harvest, the product of God's blessing on man's labor, would plunge our Dominion into utter and inextinguishable bankruptcy. "Let all the people praise Thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee." "How much are you sorry?" said the Quaker to some men who were

sympathizing with a poor fellow whose overturned basket had scattered and destroyed his scanty stock in trade, but who were taking no practical means to help him. "How much are you grateful?" might Heaven justly ask. Our gifts are not of course crowded into thanksgiving days:—the poor we have always with us—but it certainly is seemly that on such days Heaven's eye should mark some tangible expression of that gratitude which is repeated in Heaven's ear. The score of channels into which our gifts may run will not soon overflow their banks.

And let us prepare to pitch our keynote somewhat higher. There is danger of the cry of "hard times" becoming chronic—so much so that better times may find us still whining on the minor key. "Times are so hard," said a man as he pulled out a roll of money. Counting it, he found the sum to be incorrect, and apologized by the remark he had taken out the wrong parcel. That man had played on the one string a little too long, as many of his fellows do. We are not treating suffering lightly. To many in our Provinces the means of sustenance during the coming winter is an unsolved problem. Yet the past has not seen them forsaken, nor will the future find them forgotten. Their dependence is more visible, but not more real, than that of the more wealthy. To all who know true comfort, the highest joy is that the God we adore is "our faithful, unchangeable friend." Gratitude for the past will the better prepare us for the reception of the benefits He waits to bestow in the future.

NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOLS.

Through the courtesy of the Rev. Geo. S. Milligan, A. M., we have a copy of the "Report of the Public Schools of Newfoundland, under Methodist Boards." The schools of Newfoundland were, a few years ago, placed by the Government under denominational management, to be supported in part by fees, and in part by Government grants. Under this system, the best, it is probable, for the scattered population of that colony, education, though yet in its infancy in many districts, has made rapid improvement. The Newfoundland Conference, with the sanction of the Government, has wisely placed the Methodist schools, in which more than 5,000 pupils are receiving instruction, under the superintendence of Mr. Milligan, who, to the regret of not a few in these Provinces, has made Newfoundland an adopted home. His visitations of the numerous districts—no light undertaking—have been welcomed by pastors and people, and his representations to the Government have always received respectful consideration.

The Methodist Academy and Training School, in St. John's, under the management of R. E. Holloway, Esq., B. A., B. S., assisted by an efficient staff of assistants, is maintaining its high position. The average number registered per quarter through 1879 in the primary school and in the academy proper, was two hundred and ninety. In the course of the year eighteen regularly indentured pupil teachers have attended for training as teachers in the public schools. The Superintendent reports with pleasure that Mr. Herbert Knight, who had been trained in the Academy, proceeded directly from the classes of the Principal to England, where, as a candidate for matriculation in the London University, he passed the examination with honor to himself and credit to the institution. A Methodist grammar school is also carried on at Carbonear.

An esteemed layman of Hamilton, Bermuda, whose works and words are in happy accord, writes us by the last mail:

I enclose a picture of our new church as it now stands, which I hope you will kindly show to some of the wealthier members of our Church (who can afford a little outside aid), with an urgent request that they will help us to the best of their ability.

I hardly thought when I saw you last that we would have progressed as much as we have in raising it to its present height and in getting the roof constructed, etc.; but we have struck out and intend to finish it.

We are now awaiting the arrival from Halifax of the iron work for the roof, and as soon as we receive it we intend to put the roof on.

The hurricane of the 29th August did us little or no damage, and will not cause any expenditure for repairs, as the small crack that it received will not necessitate the taking down of any part.

Nothing would give us greater pleasure than to be able to convey to our brethren at Hamilton some tangible evidence of interest in their praiseworthy effort, on the part of Provincial Methodists. We shall be happy to show the picture to any of our friends.

Bro. A. D. Morton of River Phillip sends us this account of a happy re-union. We have spent pleasant hours in that home over which a Christian mother presided with such quiet ease and dignity. Mr. Morton does not mention that these eleven children are sons and daughters of a father "passed into the skies." Can we doubt that, in that domestic praise-meeting, that father, unseen by them, rejoiced in their joy, and, unheard by them, united in their songs of praise?

Anniversary missionary meetings called us on to Wallace this week, where I had the privilege of meeting many old friends. The meetings were held at Wallace, Malaga and Bay Head—formerly known as Goashore. At all these places we were greeted with encouraging audiences, and Bro. Mosher testified to his satisfaction with the financial prospects.

A peculiar interest attached to our meeting at Bay Head. Our speaking staff was wondrously reinforced by three sons of the soil, who happened to be visiting their their early home.

Sister Johnson, well known to many of our ministers, was having a family re-union. The mother of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, she had gathered them all together once more beneath the parental roof. They had come from the United States, New Brunswick, and the southern point of Nova Scotia. Three of the sons are ministers in the Eastern Conference; all the other children are members of the Church. It was the privilege of our sister to hear one of the sons in the morning, and another in the evening, conduct worship in the church, where in their earlier years she was wont to lead them. On the Monday following three of these sons spoke at the missionary meeting. Bro. Levi Johnson of Nashawak, who gave us a most interesting account of his mission to the lumbermen of New Brunswick, and Bro. Jos. Johnson of Boston, a highly influential member of our Church there. The address of the latter was simple, direct, practical, and yielded in point of real interest and profit to no other. The mother of these honored brethren sat directly in front of us, and we sympathized with the hallowed joy that sparkled in her eyes and played on every feature of her countenance. I should say that on the Sabbath evening after the preaching service, a company was gathered at the house of Mrs. Johnson, consisting of herself, her eleven children, with at least four daughters in law and one son in law, a brother and sister who, with wife and husband, made a company of twenty-one persons, and the object of that unique gathering was to speak of God's merciful dealings to them as a family, and to join in thanksgiving and praise to the Heavenly Father. One spoke and another spoke, until all had spoken, and the joy and hope of heaven filled every heart. A faint but glorious type of that reunion that will be consummated by and by when all God's dear children shall be gathered home, and when the praises of the "Elder Brother" shall be the theme of every tongue. My God bless our sister, and all her children, and may the influence of her teaching and prayers and life go down to her latest descendants, that children and children's children may rise up and call her blessed.

I might say in conclusion that if our Halifax brethren want to secure an element of interest in connection with their anniversary missionary meetings, they will send for Bro. Levi Johnson, and they will hear from his lips a recital that will prove no unworthy counterpart to the thrilling addresses of a Melbougall or a Young.

A Newfoundland minister, stationed at one of the outposts, indulges in these reminiscences, awakened by reading "Barbara Heck," in the *Canadian Methodist Magazine*:

"Barbara Heck," to me, is specially interesting, because I have often seen her original residence at Ballantrae, Ireland, having labored on that circuit before coming out here. I have slept there frequently; and have received much kindness from her descendants,—the Knuckle family. I have often heard of "Barbara" amongst them—indeed there is a "Barbara" living there now, and of similar spirit. I have often preached in buildings which "Phillip Embury" helped to erect. A heap of stones marks the spot where his dwelling house stood, just over the road from that of "Barbara Heck's." Numerous visitors from America have been to see those interesting spots—taking away stones, wood, seeds, slips, etc. as relics. O that there were more devoted and faithful "Barbaras" in our churches! What great things would be accomplished then! Thank God they are rising up and coming to the front in various departments of Christian toil. Holy and consecrated women are needed urgently to day, for work at home and abroad. It is very gratifying to see them making an appearance, and I regard this as a pledge of triumph and victory.

The English correspondent of the *New York Christian Advocate*, writes:

I am not writing a criticism, but, as a correspondent, note the issue of a remarkable and worthy book. I have heard many persons express their surprise at Mr. Boyce's appearance as an author of an important work on the "Higher Criticism and the Bible." Mr. Boyce has long been known as an old missionary, and a most able administrator while one of the Secretaries of the Wesleyan Missionary Society. Very few have had any suspicion that the department officer, plain in dress, brusque in manner, simple in habit, hard-working in the discharge of his official duties, was also an omnivorous reader and shrewd critic. Yet those who knew him intimately were aware of this, and are not surprised at the issue of Mr. Boyce's book. I anticipate a treat in perusing its pages. I have just a moment to add that the new version of the New Testament will be out in three weeks or a month.

The Free Christian Baptist Conference of New Brunswick, held at Middle Southampton, was regarded by the ministers present as one of the most profitable ever held. The net increase in the membership during the year was 633; the total number of communicants is 10,360. Rev. J. T. Parsons was elected Moderator, and Rev. T. Connor, Assistant. Other offices were filled by laymen. An important step was taken when arrangements were made for the division of the denominational field into circuits or pastorates. We congratulate our Free Baptist brethren upon their wise choice of ecclesiastical terms. A notice lately published in the *Carlton Sentinel*, seemed very much like a call to a Methodist District meeting. That one word—Moderator—only seems slightly inharmonious, and yet we like the word. Even that term in Nova Scotia Free Baptist circles is, we think, rendered Chairman or President. But it matters little.

TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

Colchester county is moving towards the adoption of the Canada Temperance Act. A convention was held at Truro on Thursday the 14th inst., to discuss its merits and take consequent action. Rev. R. A. Temple was appointed President of the convention. Efforts are at once to be made to secure the adoption of the Act in that extensive county.

Stellarton has been a scene of sorrow. As one after another of the bodies of the buried men have been discovered and borne to the grave, the sadness has been renewed. The last body found was that of James Fraser, the underground manager. After a five days search it was discovered, nearly half a mile from the break. His widow lies in a precarious state. Efforts are being made for the relief of the widows and orphans. Messrs. S. Cunard and Co., will receive any donations for that purpose.

The Sabbath School Convention met at Moncton last Saturday. Delegates were present from the three Provinces. S. C. Wilbur, of Moncton, was appointed President; and W. B. Ramsay—Summerside, and J. R. Hart—Barrington, and William Lemont—Fredericton, Vice Presidents. An address of welcome was delivered on Saturday evening by Rev. Mr. Brown, Reformed Episcopal, in the Baptist Church. At a meeting on Monday evening, in the Presbyterian Church, Mr. J. C. Mackintosh, of Halifax read the report of Rev. Dr. Burns—a delegate to the late Centennial S. S. Convention in London. Rev. S. B. Dunn, another delegate, gave another report relative to the interest manifested in the Convention, and the historical facts brought out at the great gathering. The closing service was held on Tuesday morning.

Latest returns of the State elections from the more distant districts of Ohio and Indiana are filling the Republican party with hope, and making the Democrats feel as if a funeral were in progress. The majority for the former in Ohio may be estimated at 23,000, in the latter at nearly 7,000. It is not improbable that the unpopularity of English, the Democrat nominee for Vice-President, may have cost the party some votes in his own state—Indiana. This incident published in the *Boston Journal* some little time ago, has some force in it, especially in relation to a country which, with each change of government, removes every officer, down to the most humble way-office keeper:

"Mr. Lawrence entered into his manufactory last week, and calling his foreman, ordered him to discharge all hands. The foreman was astonished, and ventured to suggest that he had a fine set of men, that business was never more prosperous, and for the life of him he could not see the necessity for any change. 'But we must have a new deal. These men have been faithful, it is true; but there are lots of men to fill their places.' 'I don't know about that,' said the foreman; 'and, as for the change for the sake of a change, I must say, if you will permit me, that—' 'I know what you are going to say,' interrupted Mr. Lawrence; 'but it's no use. The principle is what I am contending for.' 'For Heaven's sake, Mr. Lawrence, what principle is there involved in a proposition which induces you to destroy a profitable business, and to try an experiment which is doubtful at best?' 'It is the great principle which is the foundation of the Democratic party at the North. It asks the people to interrupt the prosperous career of the nation because the Republicans have been in power twenty years.' 'Oh, I see!' said the foreman."

A dispatch announcing the defeat of the Basutos relieves somewhat our fears of another South African war. Yet only last March, Sir Garnet Wolseley showed that if these tribes are only united the Cape "possesses no military force capable of dealing effectually with them." British feeling is somewhat in favor of the natives and against the colonists. The *Spectator* says:—the Zulu war itself was a triumph of justice and good policy, by the side of this wanton and reckless adventure" of the Colonial government.

A slight lull is observable in the Irish agitation. Two causes may be assigned for this. The first is the pastoral of Arch-

bishop McCabe, of Dublin, denouncing the course of the Land League in strong terms; the second is the belief that the British are about to prosecute the chief agitators. In view of such action Parnell utters an uncertain sound. The government and not the Archbishop is the probable object of dread. Rome's action is too well typified by the priest who, during a certain attack on an Orange procession years ago in a Provincial town, is said to have called out in English, "Go home," and in Irish, "Come on." Those who know this, as Barnell must, attach little importance to her denunciations. By a late proclamation County Kerry is declared to be in a "state of disturbance, requiring additional police." A reward of \$5,000 is offered for the capture of the murderer whose shot missed Mr. Hutchins, but killed his driver.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A correspondent who detects some errors in the report of the recent tea-meeting at Port Clyde, sends a corrected account which appears in the usual place.

The Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Grand Division, Sons of Temperance, will be commenced on Tuesday next, in the basement of the National School in this city.

Friends who watch our weekly announcements of new subscribers will observe a steady increase. But yet the number of copies sent out is lamentably small in proportion to the immense Methodist reading constituency. We have received new orders from a few pastors, but are yet waiting for tidings from the many.

Sermons in behalf of Sunday-schools were preached in Gratton St. Church on Sunday last. In the morning Rev. S. B. Dunn addressed the children, and in the evening Rev. R. Brecken, the parents and teachers. Neither of these preachers permits his hearers, while in the sanctuary, to plan much business for the ensuing week.

The Report of the Halifax Dispensary, and the accompanying note from the secretary, reached us last week after our paper had gone to press. We regret that we were therefore unable to announce the approach of Hospital Sunday. The statements of cases treated, and of visits and prescriptions, show the value of this Institution, and challenge the support of the public. The Halifax Dispensary is certainly one of our most necessary and best-managed charities.

The Rev. Robert Duncan of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference, and the Rev. W. J. Hunter, D.D., of the Toronto Conference, were announced to preach sermons on behalf of our Missionary Society on Sunday last in the Dominion Square Methodist Church, Montreal. The names of Rev. Howard Sprague of St. Stephen, and Israel McNeil, Esq., of Carbonear, N. F., appear in the list of speakers for the annual meeting on Tuesday evening.

PERSONAL.

Rev. I. E. Thurlow lectured in Munro's Hall, Westville, on Friday evening, the 8th inst., to a large audience.

J. M. Hayward, Esq., of St. George's, Bermuda, arrived per *Beta*, on Monday last.

Rev. S. Aokman, during a recent visit to St. John, met with a pleasing reception from many of his former friends.

Rev. C. B. Pitblado, formerly of the Maritime Conferences, and now of Portsmouth, N. H., expects to spend the winter in Europe.

The name of W. F. McCoy, Esq., of this city, appears in the list of gentlemen lately appointed "Her Majesty's counsel learned in the law."

The address of the Rev. Alfred Andrews, Secretary of the Sabbath-school Board, is Galt, Ont. It would save time in many cases if letters were so addressed, instead of "Strathroy," his last circuit.

The name of Mr. J. J. Stewart, editor of the *Herald*, of this city, was taken off the list of bachelors on the 13th inst. We offer the recently-married couple our best wishes.

Rev. J. G. Angwin sends us a memorial notice of the late Stephen Brangman, of St. David's, Bermuda. We have been waiting for it. The subject of it was a worthy man. Mr. Angwin also advises us of the death of Mrs. W. G. Wolff, an aged member of our Church at St. George's. Her death was a happy one,—a fit termination of a tried and trusting life. Heaven is just as near that spot on the wide ocean as elsewhere.

A late number of the *Boscobel* (Wis.) *Dial* contains a very flattering notice of the Rev. John Allison, formerly of Nova Scotia. At the close of the Conference year his Presiding Elder had selected a pleasing appointment for him but Mr. Allison preferred to accept a call to Fairbury, Illinois, to which place he has already removed, carrying with him a high testimonial from the Presiding Elder.

The *St. John Sun*, in notes on the recent Exhibition, says:—"Mrs. Narraway's exhibit of wax work, so called, but superior to wax, was the embodiment of the perfection of beauty. Nothing made by the art of man, or rather woman, could excel her phantom forms and other creations of the thirty-two articles of flowers, prints and Jerusalem artichokes." We learn that the New Brunswick Government, having enquired into the circumstances under which Mrs. Narraway's exhibit was debarred from competition in the late Exhibition in St. John, have awarded her a first prize of fifteen dollars, equivalent to the five first prizes in the Fancy Work department she would have taken, and ordered that Honorable Mention of her articles be also made in the official list of awards.

LITERARY.

Messrs. I. K. Furley street, New York, following numbers: No. 41, Paul Ward B. Ramsay, 1 Reprint. Price 15 cents; and No. 44, Letters from a Philosopher by O. C. Colton. Price 20 cents; and No. 45, By George Augustus. All these are valuable. "The City of Dreadful Night" consists of 15 volumes, written by Ma. Sal. leading London late tour through New York and San Francisco entire for the first

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A new volume of *Harper's Magazine* closing Number most beautiful in this popular period new poem by a portan paper on Education," by Wm. H. Gibson's article entitled A charming description of Massachusetts, by with illustrations also an ideal poem, an exquisite drawing; also five articles, a short story, Spofford, illustrated Poem; the Square, by Henry Southern story; a poem on Mountain, by a usual variety of tin

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