

Obituary.

Mr. Milbury's family of St. Mary's Bay, N. S., were called, a few weeks ago, to remove from their quiet abode, an "olive plant," yet in the bud: "Nipped by the wind's unkindly blast." As is the general experience, death's "season" was not inopportune. The one taken "was the loved of all."

During the last month, in the same family connection, we were called to reflect upon death at another of his seasons, at the other extreme of man's existence. The great-grandfather of the above, Jeremiah S. Everitt, like a seal leaf from the old tree of human life, was laid among the withered things of "God's acre."

Mr. Everitt was born in the Eleventh year of the reign of King George the Third, 1771, in an English colonial possession, now known as one of the United States of America. Eighty-eight years ago he migrated from New York to Nova Scotia, where he lived until he saw a century, save one year.

It was hard to realize as we gazed upon that many form, confined, that the frosts of ninety-nine winters had fallen upon that quiet head. Not more than half of his still ample locks were frost-crested, and it was difficult to trace, as ordinarily, any deep furrows, and time-indelible impressions upon that placid and happy face.

Some twenty years ago he prepared to give death a welcome greeting, but still there was delay. He familiarized himself with the thought, character, and circumstances of death until it had lost all its terror to him. He was accustomed to speak of death rather as a long wished-for friend, who was coming to discharge the kindest office for him, than as a foe or a monster.

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ONTARIO CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Provincial Wesleyan. MY DEAR SIR.—If I did not know that a kind-hearted Methodist Preacher is the Editor of the Provincial Wesleyan, I would apologize for my long silence, but, as that functionary knows, his brethren cannot allow "do the things that they would," I will not trouble him with any lame apologies, for nearly two months silence.

Many prayers have been offered up on behalf of our dear brother, Rev. G. Young, and the Mission party at the town of Winnipeg, whose labors of love will necessarily now be retarded. We trust however, that the success of his faith will be found upon praise and honor, and that he will still be permitted to carry forward the noble work which he so auspiciously begun.

There has been considerable excitement in Montreal and in several parts of the Eastern Townships by reason of the short sojourn of Father Vincent, who has been here, and who is now in the city. Mr. C. was formerly a Roman priest in that province. Now that he has become a Protestant, he is hated with a perfect hatred. An act of violence was perpetrated upon him, while he was conducting Divine worship in the French Protestant Church in Montreal.

Our beloved President is still able to preach and lecture almost unceasingly, sometimes for Circuit purposes, or burdened Trustees, or other charities. The Report of the "Boys' Home" in Toronto has just been issued, and during his sojourn in his old field of toil, he has delivered many addresses on temperance, which are well calculated to do much good among the French Canadians.

Your Montreal exchanges, would furnish you with a graphic account of the Missionary Anniversary in connection with Great St. James' Church in that City, but a nice little episode took place, with which we are sure your readers will be delighted. Some time before, a band of Indians—Iroquois, situated at the Lake of the Two Mountains, near Montreal, had come over in a body to the Wesleyan Church. They had previously been Romanists, and a number of these poor children of the forest, attended the Breakfast Missionary Meeting, arrayed in their native costume, and by the assistance of the Missionary Bro. Rivet, they sang in beautiful style, the well known hymn, in their own language.

You will be pleased to learn, that in other departments of our work, there are encouraging signs of progress. The scheme for the Endowment of Victoria College advances though slowly, towards completion; between \$60,000 and \$70,000 have been promised. New Churches are being erected in all parts of the two provinces of Ontario and Quebec, particularly in the western part of the former. The President of the Conference, and other honored brethren, are often employed in dedicating beautiful sanctuaries. Recently, a communication was published in the Guardian, stating that the Chairman of the Belleville District, Rev. G. R. Sanderson, had dedicated six Churches in that District in three months, no less than three of which, were dedicated in one week, and all of them, were free from debt. Truly, this is as it should be.

It gladdens our heart, to be able to tell you, that in some places, where special services have been held, God has been graciously to bestow upon his people a large increase of power on high. Souls are being converted, so that though, some of our people have grown tired of our cold dreary winters, and have left us, for what they consider a more genial climate in the south-western parts of the neighbouring union, no doubt, when the sheaves come to be gathered, there will be a gratifying increase to the fold of Christ.

The Park St. M. E. Church, Worcester, Mass., have commenced the erection of a new edifice of large dimensions. It will contain commodious seats for 1800 persons, and room for seating for six or seven hundred more on special occasions. This will be the largest church edifice, with very few exceptions, in New England. It will have a cost of \$100,000. Two other Methodist churches are being erected in the same city, one of which is nearly as large as the one above described.

are becoming more united on prohibition. The license system has failed utterly to suppress the evil of intemperance. On the political question, there is a wide difference of opinion, though many believe that political temperance organizations will become a necessity soon. In the State of New Hampshire, the friends of temperance have organized themselves into a political party, and have nominated the Rev. L. D. Barrows, D. D., for Governor. Dr. Barrows is a prominent Methodist Minister, and is one of the Presiding Elders of the New Hampshire Conference. Similar political action will doubtless be taken by the friends of temperance in all the States soon.

The increasing interest among us in congregational singing, has created a demand for hymn and tune books adapted to such singing. Several such books have been published recently, but among the best of the class we have seen is the "Hymns of the Church," issued by Messrs. A. S. Barnes & Co., New York. It contains the best hymns in the language, and the tunes are excellent. The celebrated Dr. Schaff has contributed largely to the work.

"The Wise Men—Who they were," by Rev. Francis Upham, D. D., has just been issued by Messrs. Sheldon & Co. The author is Prof. of Mental Philosophy, Rutgers' College, New York, and is among the best thinkers and writers of the age. His present work evinces much care and thought, and will be generally satisfactory to all Bible students. It is a valuable contribution to biblical literature. It contains about 500 pp., and is largely illustrated. Its mechanical execution is in the best style of the art.

Several have gone from our circuit, carrying with them notes of introduction to ministers of the M. E. Church; and the removal of several families to the neighborhood of Section 7, of the Intercolonial Railway has increased the work of a circuit, requiring the labor of two men at least. Appearing incident at our last Quarterly meeting, was the handling of a good deal towards circuit receipts, forwarded by a young man, who a few months since, left Wallace for California. If others must go, let them go like him.

The more secular part of the Church work, has not, in the meantime, been neglected. Two concerts, given by the scholars of the Sabbath school and supplemented by refreshment tables prepared by the ladies of the congregation, enabled us to place a \$140 cabinet organ in the choir of the church at the Harbor; at Westworth, the outside of the church has been newly painted, and presents a highly improved appearance; and at Malaga, where we are engaged in extra services, the ladies have neatly trimmed the pulpit of their bright, pleasant church, and placed upon the desk, a good pulpit Bible, the gift of a son of the church there, the Rev. S. T. Teed, now of St. John's N. F. Ninety dollars by means of Socials, a great improvement on the present glutinous style of Tea-meetings, have been expended on the parsonage. An I. M. Editor, at the risk of being charged for an advertisement, will take this opportunity of saying through the "Wesleyan" to the friends at the Harbor, that the tower of their church will shortly need a thorough repairing; and to friends throughout the circuit that the committee appointed to erect a new fence around the Parsonage property in the spring will expect every man to do his duty. The departure the other day, from the Parsonage of several of our most liberal-hearted brethren, with their hands in their pockets, makes us feel diffident about further direct appeal,—for the present.

According to arrangement Missionary Meetings were held at the three churches in the circuit. The members of the Deputation were more numerous on paper than at the meeting. It is due, however, to the Brethren appointed that we should say,—what cannot always be said to such cases, that their reasons for absence were satisfactory. The congregations at some meetings were good, at others very small, but as many of our people have learned to give from principle not impulse, we have no fears respecting the results. Wallace Feb 6th 1870.

BERWICK.—Bro. Pickles—writes—Feb. 8.—"Since my last year many have been forward for prayers and a large number have found peace with God. To Him be the glory." PEGUASH.—Bro. Colter—writes Feb. 10.—"We are in the middle of a precious revival at an out-station,—the second with which we have been blessed this winter." WINDSOR.—We learn from the Windsor Mail, that the "WESLEYAN SABBATH SCHOOL RE-UNION, on Monday evening the 7th inst., which was held in the Temperance Hall, was a success in every respect, and especially in a pecuniary way, as the committee succeeded in realizing the very handsome sum of \$115, which is to be devoted to the purchase of a new library for the school." NASHWAUK, N. B.—Bro. R. O. B. Johnson—writes Feb. 1870.—"The Missionary meeting was held on the Nashwauk Circuit about a month ago; but I have been prevented from writing to you before by domestic affliction. The evening appointed for the meeting proved a very unpleasant one, consequently the attendance was not large. The Hon. G. L. Hatheway occupied the chair—one member of the deputation was absent, so that the chief speaking devolved on the writer and the Rev. A. D. Morton. The encouraging results of the labors of the last fifty years. Bro. Morton in a most interesting and effective speech insisted upon the duty of the Church to support Foreign Missions. The immediate apparent result of the meeting were a respectable collection and subscriptions beyond those of last year. During the year past the friends on this Circuit have expended about \$500 on the Parson-

age; this is now completely finished throughout from cellar to garret. I was informed by one of the leading members of the Church that within about two years the building had been expended on Church property. Bro. LeLachur is now employed by his medical adviser attempting to preach, because of a severe affection of the throat and lungs."

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE FOR NOVA SCOTIA. REV. AND DEAR DE.—The organization of the Evangelical Alliance for Nova Scotia was completed at two successive meetings held in the Rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association in this city. The following Basis and Constitution were unanimously adopted:— BASIS OF THE ALLIANCE. Resolved.—That in forming an Evangelical Alliance for Nova Scotia, its members, we have no intention or desire to give rise to a new denomination or sect; nor to effect an amalgamation of churches, except in the way of facilitating personal Christian intercourse and a better understanding; nor to interfere in any way whatever with the internal affairs of the various denominations; but simply to bring individual Christians into closer fellowship and cooperation, on the basis of the spiritual union, which already exists in the vital relation of Christ to the members of his body in all ages and countries. Resolved.—Therefore, that with this explanation, and in the spirit of a just Christian liberality in regard to the minor differences of theological schools and religious opinions, we do hereby adopt, as the basis of this Alliance, the following explanatory statement set forth and agreed on by the Evangelical Alliance at its formation in London, September, 1846, and approved by the European organizations, which are as follows:— 1. The divine inspiration, authority, and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures, as contained in the interpretation of the Holy Scriptures. 2. The Unity of the Godhead, and the Trinity of the persons therein. 3. The utter depravity of human nature in consequence of the Fall. 4. The incarnation of the Son of God, his life, his atonement, his death for sinners of mankind, and his mediatorial intercession for them. 5. The justification of the sinner by faith alone. 6. The work of the Holy Spirit in the conversion and sanctification of the sinner. 7. The immortality of the soul, the resurrection of the body, the judgment of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, with the eternal blessedness of the righteous and the eternal punishment of the wicked. 8. The divine institution of the Christian ministry, and the obligation and perpetuity of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. It being, however, distinctly declared, that this brief summary is not to be regarded in any formal or ecclesiastical sense, nor as a confession, nor the adoption of it as involving an assumption of the right authoritatively to define the limits of Christian brotherhood, but simply as an indication of the points in which it is desirable to place within the Alliance.

General Intelligence LOCAL. DISMISSAL OF T. H. RAND, ESQ., SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION IN NOVA SCOTIA.—The most interesting and apparently exciting item of recent news, in Nova Scotia is the summary dismissal of T. H. Rand, Esq., from the office which it is affirmed by his supporters and his opponents, he has most efficiently and successfully filled for the last six years. On Saturday the 6th inst., he received the following communication from the Hon. Provincial Secretary:— PROVISIONAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT. Halifax, N. S., 4th Feb., 1870. SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that, as I have, Esq., M. A. of Dartmouth, has been appointed Superintendent of Education. Mr. Hunt will be prepared to enter upon the duties of his office on Wednesday or Thursday next. Should you desire the time extended beyond the period named in order to arrange any unsettled matters before leaving, you are at liberty to instruct to say, the Government will be disposed to meet your wish. I am, your obedient servant. W. B. VAIL, Provincial Secretary. To the Hon. Provincial Secretary. Halifax, Feb. 6th, 1870. SIR.—Your communication informing me of my dismissal from office, has just been handed to me. Having exclusively devoted myself for nearly six years past to an untiring and I believe successful discharge of the duties of Provincial Superintendent of Education, and having at all times earnestly striven to administer