

That we are Christians as well as pastors, and that of all the souls committed to our care our own demands the first attention, and towards that first should our ministry be directed. Paul, in addressing himself to Ministers, in the person of Timothy, says, "Take heed to thyself, and thy doctrine, for in so doing thou shalt save thyself and those who hear thee." (Tim. 4. 16.) "Take heed to yourselves, and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers." (Acts 20: 28.) Abiding in Christ, we should have, every moment, clear as the sunlight, the witness of the Spirit to our acceptance with God. 2nd. That we are Pastors as well as Christians, and that it is with our high vocation as with our conversion—that our call to the ministry must be constantly renewed as well as our evidence of Divine acceptance. Paul says to Timothy, "I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God that is in thee." (2 Tim. 1. 6.) "Neglect not the gift that is in thee." Tim. 4. 14. In one sense we are converted and called but once; in another sense we are converted and called every day. The call of the pastor needs daily confirmation as well as the call of the Christian. (2 Pet. 1. 10.) Nor will the regular exercise of our ministry itself suffice for a confirmation of our call to that office; but on the contrary may endanger the spirit of our ministry by substituting function for feeling. The resolution of the apostles touches the secret of our efficiency. "We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word." Acts. 6. 8.

Dear Brethren, let us "enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus"—and by acts of entire consecration, "give ourselves wholly" to God and his great work. Ardent love and sympathy for souls, yearning desire for fruit, consuming zeal for the honour and glory of God, leading to the renunciation of whatever would lower the character and aims of our ministry, and to the endurance of hardness as good soldiers, let these be the paramount, undying passion of the soul. O for more of the feeling which the Apostle expresses when he says to the Galatians, "My little children, of whom I travail in birth as Christ be formed in you;" and to the Colossians, "I fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ, in my flesh, for His Body's sake which is the church!" Let us go to the "upper room," and wait for the Pentecost. Then, when "endued with power from on high," how easy and how blessed it will be to preach Christ! For too well do we know that the greatest difficulties with which we have to contend in our preaching, proceed not so much from intellectual as from moral causes—from spiritual declension, and a sense of unwitness. At the same time we shall gain in intellectual power; for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, putting our souls into closest affinity with the things of the spirit "shall" make use of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord (Is. 11. 3).

A further and special means of "promoting the efficiency of our ministerial labours," and at the same time, forwarding the work of saving souls, became a subject of prayerful consideration at a late meeting of the Conference Special Committee. In accordance with the concurrent opinion of my brethren I recommend that a Convention, composed of Ministers, Local-preachers, Exhorters, Prayer-leaders, and other leading members of our church, be held in each District, at the call of the chairman. The Convention may extend over a period of three or four days, and the exercises consist of the reading of papers on subjects adapted to stimulate the faith and ripen the piety of ministers and people, the relation of religious experience, reminiscences of Ministerial success, the singing of revival hymns, &c., &c. As one object of the convention should be the revival of the work of God in the locality where it is held, an enquiry meeting should be held after each evening service. A Business Committee may be appointed to arrange the order of proceedings.

Commending these thoughts and advice to your serious attention,
I remain, dear Brethren,
Your servant in Christ,
R. ALDER TEMPLE,
President of N. S. Conference.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE, N. S. CONFERENCE.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Nova Scotia Conference Missionary Committee at its last meeting:—
1. Moved by Rev. Mr. Nicolson, seconded by Rev. Mr. Brettle—
That this Committee would strongly recommend to Conference the importance of reaffirming its purpose to be controlled by the law previously in existence amongst us; that invitations from circuits to ministers can only be received when accompanied with an official promise to pay the necessary removal expenses.
2. On motion of Rev. Mr. McMurray, seconded by Rev. G. W. Tuttle—
Resolved, "That it is highly desirable the Missionary fund should be relieved to the

utmost extent in regard to grants to dependent circuits,—that this matter should be pressed upon the attention of all our dependent circuits or missions, and that such circuits should be encouraged to rise as soon as possible to a position of independence,—that grants to such Circuits should be lessened year by year; also that this Committee recommend to the Conference the necessity of relieving the Missionary fund of the burden of sustaining circuits that are not in circumstances of great spiritual destitution, and that such circuits be apprized that in all probability the next Conference will take steps for lessening the number of our missions, in the hope that missions of this class may be aroused to liberality in increasing their receipts, if they wish the ministerial supply to be continued."

Mr. Editor, it is surely high time for the Conference to adopt some vigorous measures in dealing with a certain class of our dependent circuits that have been receiving aid from the funds of the church for many years. Some of these missions are situated in wealthy districts of the Province, they return a membership in some cases reaching 220—they have large congregations, and yet they consent to take money which is greatly needed for purely missionary work in poor and destitute localities. May we not indulge the hope that several of such circuits will, after this year, cease to be classed among the Missions of our Church.

Nov. 14. S. F. HUESTIS.

UNPROVIDED FOR DEFICIENCY.

N. B. AND P. E. I. CONFERENCE.
DEAR BROTHER—I should like to know for my own information as well as that of my brethren, how it came to pass that the Central Missionary Board in making their appropriations so far departed from the usual method as to leave the N. B. Conference with an unprovided deficiency of \$254, while that of the N. S. Conference is only \$214. I can see no reason why the brethren in N. B. should bear a deficiency of \$40 over and above that borne by the brethren in N.S. Why such is the case is a question which our delegate to the Central Board should be able to answer for the satisfaction of his brethren interested.

If the principle of equality was at all regarded by the Board in their appropriation of grants, it appears to me the Brethren in N.S. must have greatly under-rated their circuit receipts or over-rated their circuit expenditures, as to secure a sum that has placed them in a position so much more favorable than that of their brethren in N. B. Hoping that you may be able to give a satisfactory explanation of the matter.

I remain, your's, &c.,
WILLIAM TWEEDIE,
St. Andrews, N.B., Nov. 9th, 1876.

(We only know that the Nova Scotia Missy. Committee cut down and trimmed off several branches of expenditure very severely, and in some cases the Com. assumed that Circuits must raise more. The Central Board did not make any inequality. The distribution there was according to claims.—EDITOR.)

THE LATE A. S. DESBRISAY AND HIS WORK IN BERMUDA.

WENTWORTH,
November 4th, 1876.

MY DEAR BROTHER—About 10 years since, in the month of December, I sailed into St. Georges, Bermuda, in a vessel named the *James Holmes*, where I stayed six or eight weeks before returning home to England. During that time anxious to see and hear what I could of the great arsenal of the Atlantic I wandered through the barracks and batteries, churches and chapels, over hills among the cactus, and wild plants peculiar to Bermuda, and in the evening time strolled into a meeting house (it did not matter to me of what denomination) to listen to a sermon or exhortation or to pass away an idle hour in the prayer meeting.

One evening by accident I strolled into the Methodist Church, I hated Methodists heartily, they were such a noisy, ranting, over-religious lot of folks, at least so I thought. The reason is easily understood, I was attached to the Church of England—I was going to say a member—but was afraid to, although I suppose that if the laying on of the bishop's hands in confirmation constitute a member of the Episcopal Church, why then I was one. But to proceed, the preacher was sickly; it seemed hard work for him to proceed, yet he preached eloquently, my sympathies were with the preacher. I had heard nothing like it all my life; so enraptured was I that I kept my seat till almost every member of the congregation had left. The preacher saw me came and sat by my side and talked to me seriously concerning my salvation, his earnestness drew the tears to my eyes and I promised him then I would give my heart to God. I fulfilled my promise afterwards when listening to a missionary preaching in India. He gave me at the time a card with his name inscribed and taking a pen wrote "Which hope we have as an anchor to the soul, sure and steadfast."

And I am happy in believing that though no more with us on earth, his glorified spirit now realizes the great joy of heaven; for hope is lost in sight; and the late lamented ALBERT DESBRISAY is now, where, when my life shall draw to a close, I shall hope to be forever—at my Saviour's feet. I offer this as a tribute to his name to show that he was an earnest worker in the vineyard of the Lord.
Your's, &c., W. G. LANE.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Mr. John H. Christie, North Sydney, has launched a new brigantine of 225 tons, called the *Lady Dufferin*.

The action of the law which prohibits the carrying of deckloads to the West Indies came in force on Wednesday, the 15th inst., and expires on the 16th of March next.

The gale of last week was very severe in Kings County, and the schr. "J. P. Chandler," loaded with potatoes, lying at the Oak Point Pier, Canning, waiting fair weather to proceed on her voyage to New York, pounded very heavily, starting her planks and causing her to leak badly. She also pounded against the pier and chafed badly. The cargo was much damaged, and was sold for \$940.

Capt. Henry Rose, of the schr. "Leander Corkum," at Rose Blanche, N.B., reports having hoisted a wreck on the coast of Labrador, and found the dead body of a man on board. Owing to the roughness of the water he was unable to take the wreck in tow, but took the body off and had it decently interred at the first port he made. The wreck is supposed to be that of an American vessel, and we have since learned that she has been towed into port by the schr. "G. W. Moore," Capt. John Noel, belonging to North Sydney.

A little girl named Freeman was very badly burned at Westville on Friday week in consequence of her clothes catching fire while she was standing near the stove. She lies in a very precarious condition, but hopes of her recovery are entertained.

The Bridgetown Monitor says that the Sessions of Annapolis County unanimously resolve to petition the Government to remove Mr. Grassie from the office of Probationer on account of illegal conduct in connection with the drawing of the Grand Jurors.

The schr. "Gorilla," and "City Point," which have been reported missing, were out in the gale of the 15th ult., but subsequently put into Port Saunders, whence they sailed in company with the "J. W. Falk," the two schooners continuing their voyage coastwise, the "J. W. Falk" putting into the Bay of Islands.

Mr. Alexander McDonald, of the firm of McDonald Bros., Hopewell, met with a serious accident at Glenagarry on Thursday week. While engaged in his saw mill his foot got caught by a circular saw, and before he could disentangle his leg was completely split from the foot to above the knee. He was taken to Hopewell by the train, where a doctor was waiting. It was found necessary to amputate the leg.

The Prussian barque "Prita," from Liverpool, bound for Mitsinichi, 81 days out, was burned at sea on Monday, 15th inst., and was picked up by the crew in an open boat. The brig. "John Good," Capt. Letteney, took three of the crew, and brought them to Sydney, C. B.

Launched at Canning, on Saturday, 4th inst., by E. Bigelow & Sons, a fine brig. of 250 tons register. She was built on the same model and furnished equal to the "Osceola," which was sold to parties in New Zealand last year, and pronounced by them the finest specimen of naval architecture owned in that colony.

The body, believed to have been that of James Cross, who was drowned from the yacht *Secret* on the 18th October, was found at the mouth of Yarmouth harbor on Monday week.

The body of David Brown, master of the schr. "Aden," was found at the Joggins Mines. He is supposed to have fallen over the side of the vessel.

The schr. "Lizzie," of Trigonmouth, on a voyage from St. John's to Glouce Bay, in ballast, went on shore at Port Nova on Friday night, and has become a total wreck. The crew were saved.

The *Amherst Gazette* says some evil disposed persons attempted to destroy the salmon in the Government mill at Oxford by placing the water upwards of a bushel of lime. The night watchman who was in the building, hearing a commotion among the fish, went to the tank, and finding the lime, immediately ran to the hotel and notified Mr. Wilnot, who forthwith ordered the mill to be stopped. By the immediate removal of the lime and the admission of fresh water, the whole of the fish were saved from destruction.

The barque *Minerva*, of P. E. I., bound from London to Charlottetown, P. E. I., was on Saturday shore in the thoroughfare at Main-a-dieu Harbor, C. B. She was in fire for five days, and was totally wrecked, struck heavily, and had an anchor out, making about 1000 strokes in 24 hours. The captain came to Cow Bay to get a tug boat to go round for her when the weather permitted.

Mr. J. E. Woodworth launched from his shipyard at Blomidon, another fine barque of 250 tons register. She is iron keeled, copper fastened, and called the *Ellershausen*. Classed 8 years in French Lloyd's. The *Ellershausen* was built on the same blocks as the barque *L. D. V. Chipman*, which Mr. Woodworth launched a year or two ago, and is the third barque he has launched from the same blocks within twelve months.

NEW BRUNSWICK & P. E. ISLAND

Mrs. Hunt Morgan is to lecture in St. John in aid of a permanent Soldier's and Sailor's Home in Halifax.

Rev. S.H. Weyman writes to the *Intelligencer* that "Diphtheria and slow fever are passing through Rouse Settlement and Corn Hill. The diphtheria is proving quite fatal, especially among the young."

Rev. R. Wilson, of Gibson, delivered the opening lecture of the Fairville lecture course, in the Methodist Church at that place, on 10th inst. No doubt a large number of people were present. The Model Young Man was the subject, and it was delivered in capital style. Rev. Mr. Ackman presided.

Mr. Alexander L. Wright, of Salisbury, Westmorland County, raised on one and one quarter acre 1000 bushels turnips this season.

An English paper states that the Right Rev. John Medley, Bishop of Fredericton, N. B., has intimated to the ecclesiastical authorities at home his desire to resign that see.

Mr. C. W. Goddard's dwelling, on Brussels Street, St. John, was destroyed by fire on Sunday night. The fire broke out in the attic.

Andrew Coyle, the man who was fatally injured by jumping from the window of the burning room in Adam Young's workshop, on the night of Thursday, the 20th ult., died at the hospital on the 9th inst.

Rev. G. M. W. Carey, A.M., pastor of German Street Church, St. John, has declined a call from the Free Baptist Church, Montreal, the people of his church being unwilling to part with him.

Another Breach of Promise Case is spoken of in Kent County. The plaintiff, whose affections were trifled with in a cruel and heartless manner, is an estimable and talented young lady now residing in St. John. The defendant is a lumber operator in Kent, and being in fair circumstances can readily respond to any verdict a jury of his native County may feel disposed to give against him.

A few days ago, while Mrs. Mowatt, of the parish of St. Stephen, was accompanied by her husband, who was driving down a hill, she stooped over to clear her cloak from one of the wheels, when a cloud, which she had about her neck, became entangled in a fore wheel, and was drawn so tightly as to strangle her. The team could not be stopped, and by her husband seeing that she would choke to death, drew his knife and cut the cloud, but not before it had made an incision about three inches long in her neck, and so discolored the surrounding flesh that it remained purple for four days after.

A tramp entered the house of Mr. Scott Emery, Jacksonville, one night last week. After visiting a number of rooms he entered a bed room in which were sleeping Mr. Emery's daughter, and two female friends. Groping his way to the bed he intruder laid his hands on Miss Emery's face, who immediately cried out, when the villain beat a precipitate retreat. After his departure a bottle was found, in which was a liquid supposed to be chloroform.

On Wednesday night, the 25th ult., Hiram Applebee, a man employed in running rafts for Gilmore, Rankin & Co., fell over the bank on Beaubien's Island, striking his face on a stump below, and had his lower jaw badly fractured, but is now doing well.

On the 7th inst., the ship "Czar," L.147, Brown, from Grenock, with coal, arrived at St. John, and on the 8th inst., the ship "Czar," a Norwegian, L.127, Berentzen, from Liverpool, with salt, came into port. These vessels are both of the same name, and within 20 tons of the same size, and arrived in port, after much the same voyage, within one day of each other.

During the third week in December, the ladies of the Methodist Church, Portland, are to hold a bazaar, intending to apply the proceeds to the aid of the Sabbath School. It will be kept open several days. Their success in the past, with such affairs, is indicative of success in the contemplated bazaar.

At the Alms House, St. Andrews, on Saturday 17th inst., a colored woman, named Clara Richardson, died at the age of 110 years. She was in possession of all her faculties till within three years ago, when second childhood came upon her.

The store of Hilarion Hachey, Esq., Bathurst village, was robbed of about 1800 in goods on Sunday morning last.

Inflamed with liquor, a young man named Charles Doherty acted so badly in his mother's house, Main street, Portland, that he ultimately brought up at the police station. He had smashed the furniture and windows, and then threatened to kill his mother, so that she had to hand him over to the officers.

UPPER PROVINCES.

The Montreal doctors, to save a man's life who was suffering from cancer, have, within a few days, cut out his tongue.

The Prince of Wales Rifles of Montreal, celebrated their patron's birthday by a grand concert.

Mr. J. R. Grindley, local manager of the Bank of British North America, at Montreal, has been appointed general manager for the continent.

The reports at militia department about Fenian movements on the border are vague and uncertain. It is possible that a corps or two will be ordered to the Vermont frontier.

Ward, whose death sentence for murder was not long since commuted to imprisonment for life, died a few days ago in the penitentiary. A medical examination of the skull by four professional experts, unanimously agreed that Ward must have suffered from mental derangement. This proves the entire propriety of the course of the executive in commuting the punishment.

Three seats in the Local Legislature of Quebec are now vacant.

The *Canada Gazette* contains the appointment of Mr. Lafamme to the Cabinet, and Judge Dorion as administrator of Quebec.

The sentence of James Ryan, sentenced to death for killing his wife at Peterboro, has been commuted to imprisonment for life.

The *Ocean Gem* has sailed from Quebec with the Canadian goods for the Australian Exhibition.

Two hundred cattle will be shipped next week from Toronto for the English market.

The Sherbrook meat factory was, on Saturday, destroyed by fire. Loss two hundred thousand dollars.

The Government have had under consideration the condition of the Montreal courts, brought under their attention recently by a deputation from the Montreal bar. Representations were forwarded to Local Government of Quebec, with view to remedying existing cause of complaint.

Diphtheria very prevalent in Ottawa.

A quantity of new assigned notes were stolen from the Consolidate Bank, Montreal, representing a sum of forty thousand dollars. The bank have taken the precaution to change their plates and so checkmate the thieves.

The Toronto Telegram has a special cable despatch from London, stating that the new Dominion loan of two millions and a half, put upon the market by the Minister of Finance, has been rapidly taken. Subscriptions to the loan came in so rapidly that the list was closed after being open for a few hours only.

Hon. Wm. Annand has been appointed Chief Immigration Agent of London depot.

It appears that out of 5000 cases of vaccination in Montreal, in only 4 cases have complaints been made and that these 4 were cases in which, as Mayor Hingston states, the lymph was not to blame.

Beautiful medals are being prepared for presentation to the Chiefs of the North West Indians at Toronto.

A telegram has been received from Lord Carnarvon that the Extradition Treaty is soon to be revived.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The district of Backer-Gunge, Calcutta, has been ravaged by a cyclone. One thousand native houses were destroyed, and one town totally submerged by waves 5000 persons perished. The Government has sent relief.

The Russian Minister of Finance has drawn up a report on the finances of the empire, in which he strongly deprecates war.

Cardinal Antonelli was buried on Tuesday night in the family mausoleum, cemetery of St. Lorenzo.

The French authorities have pardoned or commuted the sentence of fifty-two Communists, the gloomy result of defeat of a large band of Indians, under Sitting Bull, by General Miles, is confirmed.

50,000 sovereigns for Montreal, and 2180,000 sterling in American eagles for New York, were withdrawn from the Bank of England on Friday.

The whaling barque *Three Brothers*, with 190 of the wrecked whaling crews, has arrived at Honolulu.

An agreement has been reached between the masters and operative cotton spinners of Blackburn, England, by which the threatened lock-out is averted.

It is expected that the Conference on the Eastern question will take place in about a fortnight.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Standard* says the Roper, yielding to the demand of Russia, has agreed to relinquish the positions captured since October 31st; hence the occupation of Belgrade.

The Emperor's leader announces that England has proposed a Conference at Constantinople. The Conference is summoned on the basis of the integrity and independence of the Ottoman Empire. The programme will be identical with Lord Derby's recent proposals, the powers participating will be required to renounce selfish objects of territorial aggrandizement.

A despatch from Belgrade says the Serbian army can hardly be said to exist. It is utterly disorganized. The roads are covered with snow. Soldiers and fugitives are dying like rotting sheep.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Times* says Russia is preparing for all eventualities. The Russian officials who hitherto have been anxious to deny all military preparations, now maintain that the whole army is on a war footing. This sudden frankness may possibly be by command.

The United States Presidential question is still in doubt. Louisiana, South Carolina, Florida and North Carolina are now claimed by the Democrats, and the Republicans are equally persistent. The situation is remarkable, by reason of the persistency of both parties, and nothing can settle the difficulty but full returns properly authenticated.

Nine companies of United States troops have gone to Florida to prevent fraud, and a general movement is on foot to send prominent men of both parties to Louisiana to witness counting of returns. The latter movement embraces Everts, Charles Francis Adams, others equally prominent.

A Republican paper says a mob in Baltimore forced the *American*, a republican paper, to pull down its flag, and threatened to destroy the building, but 500 police turned out.

The Boston Journal, in an editorial, says, in reply to an alleged threat that the Democrats would not permit the inauguration of Hayes if he is found to have one of a majority: "The Republicans will see him inaugurated if it takes a million men to place him in the chair of State."

NEWFOUNDLAND.

We learn that the shipment of copper ore this season from Bett's Cove mine will reach the immense quantity of 20,000 tons, valued at over £200,000 stg.

We are informed upon reliable authority that France is likely to become a large market for our export of copper ore. We learn that two shipments have already been made in that direction, and that one of these shipments has been pronounced superior to anything of the kind yet received in France. The consignees of the cargo so shipped state that they are prepared to accept a contract for the annual delivery of 100,000 tons.

We understand that Dr. Eales, R. N., has arranged with the proprietors for the immediate opening and vigorous working of the Notre Dame Bay copper mine. Next year will also witness the active prosecution of several other mines in the same vicinity. The supply of the ore is inexhaustible; and there is no reason why Newfoundland should not mainly supply the world with copper. In this connection we would again point to the urgent necessity for a supply of labor from abroad, a necessity which will soon force itself upon the attention of our capitalists and the government, in order that the present staple industries may not be injuriously affected.—Star.

CIRCUIT INTELLIGENCE.

HILLSBURG MISSIONARY MEETING.

The above meeting was held in accordance with arrangements of Financial District Meeting on Monday evening, Oct. 30th. We were favored with one of the finest of autumnal evenings, and the attendance was said to be the largest known for many years in connection with a similar occasion in this place. The deputation consisted of Revs. E. Brettle, R. Smith, and J. L. Spongale, who by their presence and valuable services contributed vastly to the success of the meeting. After the array of names presented above it is needless to say the speeches were of a high order, practical, earnest and effective. Brother Smith excelled even himself in pointed and affectionate appeal. Bro. Spongale dealt with the principles underlying the Missionary enterprise in a logical and masterly manner, while Bro. Brettle the esteemed Chairman of the District, gave us a succinct account of the proceedings of the Central Missionary Board and the Committee of the N. S. Conference, and forcibly presented the claims of the Missionary Cause upon the sympathy and support of his hearers.

The financial results of the meeting were highly satisfactory. Notwithstanding the "hard times" and the pressure of local claims, the collection and subscriptions amounted to considerably more than those of last year, and it is probable that when the lists are completed there will be an advance of at least twenty-five per cent in the total receipts.

It is but right to state that our excellent choir rendered good service by furnishing appropriate music for the occasion. S.

LOWER COVE METHODIST SOCIAL.—Last evening the fourth social of the course at Carmarthen street Methodist Mission was, despite of the unfavourable weather, a great success, both in point of attendance and financially. Vocal and instrumental music, interspersed with readings and general conversation, formed a pleasant evening's enjoyment. Mrs. Pitts presided at the organ. The sum realized was \$27.—*St. John Tel.*

NEW METHODIST CHURCH.—We learn that the Hon. Wm. Muirhead has offered to donate a piece of land situate on Henderson street, to the Methodist denomination of Chatham, as a site for a new place of worship. This is all the more commendable as Mr. M. is neither a Methodist nor a member of the congregation. We understand that Mr. Snowball also has made very liberal promises to assist in building. The Trustees have so many kind offers that they seem to be losing time in making a decision or in talking over their good fortune. The original intention was to have improved the old building, which is in a good locality. But as matters now stand, it is in contemplation to build a new house. We hope they may soon be able to say: "O fortunati quorum jam menia assurantur."—*Gleaner*.