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BOOK COMMITTEE. The Annual Meeting of the Eastern Section of the Book Committee will be held in the Book Room (D.V.) on Thursday, May 19th, at 10 a.m. The Executive Committee will meet the previous evening at 7.30.

CHAIRMAN. The Annual Meeting of the General Committee of the Supernumerary Ministers and Ministers' Widows' Fund is to be held at the Methodist Book Room, 141 Granville Street, Halifax, Thursday evening, the 19th of May, at 7 o'clock.

THE WESLEYAN FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1881.

Do not forget that our Book Room and Printing Office has been removed to 141 Granville Street.

The names of the Rev. Dr. Punshon and the Earl of Beaconsfield have frequently appeared in the same columns during the last few weeks. It is not, it appears, the first time that the name of the latter has been bracketed with that of a Methodist preacher.

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An American exchange states that the late Rev. Joseph Castle, D.D., one of the most widely-known and honored ministers of the American Methodist Church, was the son of a British soldier, who with his regiment was sent to Canada, where, in the regimental school, young Castle received all his early education.

THE NEXT PASTOR.

In many of our circuits anxiety is being felt respecting the coming pastor. A selection has in some cases been made by the official members; in others silence has been preserved upon the subject. We refer to the topic in order to remind our friends that no official action that may have been taken can absolve them from personal responsibility in a matter of such great importance.

With the attainment of this blessed result the most humble member of the Church, on whose pathway to the place of prayer the grass has not grown, has something to do. His opinion in the quarterly meeting may have little more weight than his name would have with the directors of a banking company, yet Heaven lends him an ear and the arm of Omnipotence is moved by his petition.

Such instances go far to prove that the Church authorities may occasionally exercise their judgment in opposition to the wishes of true friends for the benefit of the latter. On the other hand, a glance over fields which have not borne the hoped-for harvest may lead some to question whether the exercise of greater care in the committee's selection of laborers might not have been followed by happier results.

REV. DR. PUNSHON.—POST-MORTEM TRIBUTES.

A writer in the London Watchman, present at the burial of Dr. Punshon, tells of the interest taken by that deceased minister in his youthful brethren. "How many ministers and Methodist office-bearers were present, but how few old men. Comparatively there were very few beyond the age of Dr. Punshon himself."

What a large number of ministers have come up from the country! was the comment of one accustomed to metropolitan gatherings. From the coast of Yorkshire to that of Kent, from Manchester and Bradford, and other busy centres north and west were brethren who had travelled, some of them all night, some from early morning, to be present at the service.

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"He was always so ready to help any young man who was trying to do his best." It is invidious to make comparisons; and we only speak of our own knowledge, and within its limits, but of the men we have known, none stood out for personal, unofficial, real sympathy with and interest in the rising ministry more than Morley Punshon.

Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, in reply to a note of inquiry, writes to the Methodist Recorder, respecting Dr. Punshon:—"I believe that our dear departed friend both preached, lectured, and spoke at the Tabernacle, and assuredly he was always welcome to have done so."

One of the clerks at the Mission House, on behalf of himself and his associates, addresses a letter to the same paper:—"I cannot forbear, while the memory of our beloved senior Secretary is still fresh upon us, and when the tears shed by us for him are still undried, to add this expression of the love and esteem which myself and fellow-clerks at this House cherish for the memory of the late Dr. Punshon."

AT THE ANTIPODES.—THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

The Rev. James Bickford writes to an English exchange:—"What will particularly interest our English brethren, as well as the English Methodist people, is the action taken by the Victorian Conference upon the subject of the Children's Fund."

was thoroughly sound. There were three objections to his scheme, the chief of which was that it was a tax on generosity. It was a mistake, however, to suppose that large circuit incomes invariably represent greater generosity than the rich ones; and even on grounds of respect for generosity the poorer circuits ought to be relieved.

Some amusement was felt the other day, when a deputy sheriff stepped on board a train at a Baltimore station and served a summons on Henry Ward Beecher, to answer a suit against him by an Agricultural Society.

The following note, from the Chairman of the Cumberland District, is worthy of a prominent place, both on account of the statements it contains and the earnest action it suggests.

THE CUMBERLAND DISTRICT—SUGGESTIVE.

The New York Herald of the 25th ult. very truly says:—"Colonel Ingersoll delighted an immense audience last night and can be sure of many more, for every bad character in New York wants to believe that Christianity is a fraud."

cent. in advance of last year. Of Dr. Stewart's sermon in the morning, and the address in the evening, I cannot speak too highly. I wish they could have been heard by every congregation throughout the Conference—as, I am sure, they would have impressed all with the importance of the object contemplated by our Educational Society.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Rev. J. W. Wakefield, of the Toronto Conference, has been appointed Secretary of the Education Committee of the General Conference.

In reference to the returns of the March quarterly meetings, the London Methodist has these hopeful utterances:—"As reported in our papers, increases are the rule and decreases the exception."

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