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ON INTEMPERANCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,-The long expected report of the select committee of the House of Lords on intemperance. has just been issued. Very great interest is attached to this important paper, and it will exercise no ordinary influence on public opinion. The committee met frequently, heard evidence on both sides, or rather on all sides of the question, and has at length published its conclusions and recommendations. It is not at all a bad sign, that the report has already excited no small degree of anger and alarm in the minds of licensed vituallers and others who feel their craft endangered, and their trade exposed. Yet it is a mild, temperate and moderate degree of restriction and interference which is recommended, but that is sufficient to arouse much enmity, and in the eyes of these suffice to condemn the whole report. No immediate legislation is intended; as the spokesman on behalf of the Government, thus announced a few evenings ago in the House of Commons. It would scarcely be reasonable to expect such a course from a Government and Parliament which owes so much, for their place and power, to brewers and retailers of drink. Yet will this report bear good fruit. It will encourage and strengthen the hands and hearts of the temperance reformers, and it will accustom many to look upon the principle and necessity of further restriction of the accursed traffic. Events are rapidly moving in that direction, the present House of Commons cannot present as bold a front in opposing the pressure of opinion, as it did five years ago, and hope points to a new Parliament prepared

their able report.

to move on in the restraint of this bus-

iness. We are deeply thankful for

PRESIDENT RIGG is undertaking an extraordinary amount of work on behalf of the Thankegiving Fund, in addition to the care of his department of the sducational work, and the miscellaneous duty which ever falls to the lot of our Presidents. He has uttered some strong things in connection with this In Antigua it was nineteen years old, havimportant movement for the relief and extension of Methodism. The present position of affairs in the Church of England, and the hostile attitude of many in the church, towards our work and progress, have been ably and boldly exposed. In earnest and vehement terms, Dr. Rigg charges the Ritualists, with being unmistakeably Popish in their teaching and practice. He asserts that they are persistently organising throughout the whole land to establish themselves, and to root up Methodism by every means in their vince. power. The times demand a large increase of zeal and consecration on the part of all who love the principles of the blessed Reformation, and would save this country from the curse and slavery of Romanism.

IN THE CIRCUITS. A few lines in reference to the manner in which the Thanksgiving Fund is taken up by our people upon the circuits. The great central meetings, have large and distinguished deputations, and the leading men from all parts of the District. This is not practicable in our smaller circuit meetings, but yet it is most cheering to find that the hearts of our people are thoroughly in the movement. Upon my own circuit, the day was one which will long be remembered for its gracious influences, its abounding joy, and the liberality of the church and congregation. The tender memories of sainted parents, the gifts in the name of loved ones whom the Lord has taken up, the enrolment of the name of every beloved child, the offerings for life preserved, for grace received, and for the have passed away, but their successors hope of glory, combined to lift the service into a region of brightness and acterize meetings for contributing large sums of money.

THE QUEEN

has safely reached ber retreat in the beautiful and sunny Italy. It is a pleasant change from the storm, snow, and wind of our last ten days. Winter yet lingers in our midst, but the Queen has by a few days travel, escaped all this and now is surrounded by a very panied by any of the stately pomp of and 282 members. The ministers at prepanied by any of the stately pomp of the state

OUR ENGLISH LETTER. that all newspaper reporters and special correspondents shall keep at a distance. The rest and quiet will be of great advantage to her Majesty, and the business of the country will not suffer by her absence. Another great sorrow has overtaken the Royal family, in the sudden death of a son of the Princess Royal of England, and a grandson of the Emperor of Germany.
The bright, hopeful lad in his eleventh
year was very suddenly stricken down,
and after a few hours of much suffering, sank into death. This event took place while the Queen was in Paris en route to Italy.

WARS AND RUMOURS.

The present aspect of affairs is not encouraging. In Afghanistan our forces are moving forward to the capture of Cabul, and the young ruler is as impracticable as the old, deceased Ameer. his father. The day of peace is distant in that quarter. In Burmah, trouble is brewing. Our Indian rulers have been slighted and there is difficulty ahead. Troops are being sent in that direction. In South Africa, they are than numbers gives real strength to a dewaiting for the reinforcements, and war stores which are on their way. The Zulu King appears inactive, but the information is not reliable. It is a great land to conquer, and worth but very little if we had it. It is asserted that it was absolutely necessary to destroy the power of this wild and warlike people; but it is a cruel and dangerous undertaking. At any rate, England has her hands full, and ample employment for her troops.

March 31, 1879.

1779.

One hundred years ago, there was not an ordained Methodist preacher in the whole of British North America. There had been one at Newfoundland for seven years, from 1765 to 1772, but he was now in England. The societies there, numbering over two hundred members, were left for thirteen years to the care of local preachers and exhorters.

The Ame ican States had revolted, and were now being formed into a Republic. Metho ism then being thirteen years old. ing been introduced and continued by the exhortations and prayers of laymen. In England it had been operating for forty years, and had gathered into religious societies thirty thousand members.

There were ministers of other denominations in Nova Scotia in 1779. Four or five Episcopalians, about as many Congregationalists, two or three Presbyterians, one Baptist, and the great revivalist, Henry Alleine, whose ministry produced such an awakening throughout the Pro-

There were in Amherst a few Methodist families who had emigrated from England in 1775. These, true to their religious instincts and training, established prayermeetings, and in 1779 realized a gracious revival of religion, which resulted in the conversion of many souls. One of these was William Black, who soon afterwards became very useful as a preacher. Thus Methodism was introduced into this Province. It entered the world in connection with a revival, and will live only while the Spirit of revival continues. This ought to be thecentenary of Methodism in Nova Scotia.

No event so correctly fixes the date of a religious denomination as a genuine revival of religion. It was so in reference to Christianity. Until the day of Pentecost,

Province and elsewhere. The first and second generation of preachers and people remain, and best of all the revival spirit continues. God has made use of this and to increase the amount of evangelical preaching.

we find in this Province 17 ministers and 1838 members; in New Brunswick, 8 ministers, and 721 members; Newtoundland, 13 ministers, and 1054 members: P. E. Island is included in the Nova Scotia District, It had then only 2 preachers and Prince Edward Island, ministers, 93, members, 7446; Newfoundland, ministers 48, members, 6191, Total for the Maritime Provinces, ministers, 248, members, 14,547. The progress has been much more rapid in what are now the Provinces of On tario and Quebec, Fifty-four years ago the Wesleyan Methodists numbered only 9 preachers and 1532 m. mbers. At present the numbers are: preachers, 894, members, 91,796. More than two thirds of all the Methodists in the Deminion are

The number of ministers in Mova Scotia belonging to the various denominations is about as tollows: Episcopal, 93; Presbyt rians, 100; Eaptists, 100; Free Baptists, 16; Congregationalists, 18.

In the last number of the "Canadian

Methodist Magazine," the Rev. W. H. Wit hrow made the statement that for the last hundred years Methodism has opened a place of worship on an average every day during the century. Give God the praise. Holiness of heart and life rather nomi ation.

The year 1779 was remarkable in reference to the missiona y work of Methodism. That was the year God seat Dr. Coke to Mr. Wesley, who has had lew equals in advancing the glorious enterprise of Christian missions.

If any of the readers of the WESLEYAN wish to be posted in reference to Methodist history in the Maritime Provinces, let them purchase and read the ably written and admirably arranged history of Methodism in the Lower Provinces, by the Rev. T. W. Smith, of Windsor, N. S. We are surprised that so few of our people seem disposed to secure the volume. Every family ought to have the work. Three or four editions ought to circulate in British America.

The second volume, bringing the history down to our day, is in course of preparation: but unless the first is purch sed there is not much encouragement to publish the second.

The works of God and our fathers will not be appreciated unless we peruse his-

If our young people would abandon trashy literature and read useful books, they would appreciate more highly their religious privileges. But what of the next hundred years? We will all then be familiar with history.

G. O. H. Maitland, April, 1879.

METHODIST EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS, ST. JOHN N. B.

EXMOUTH STREET CHURCH.

A meeting was held in Exmouth St. Church, last night. There was a very poor attendance-not over 30 being present. Prayer was offered up by Rev. Mr. Weddall, and then Rev. Mr. Hart addressed those present. He regretted that so large a number had stayed away and said that he felt pained at their absence. He rejoiced in the fact that there were even a few present. The occasion was the anniversary of this branch of the Methodist Educational Society. He explainthat the higher education of intending ministers could never be self-sustaining and so they had to be supported by the state-and therefore be secular or else they had to be supported by private subscriptions. There was no computing the power for good exertthe Christian religion was not fully establed by the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Trinity, etc., and it was thus The impulse of that powerful work at that England possessed the great in-Amherst 100 years ago is still felt in this fluence she does. There was an old aphorism that "knowledge is power." and to-day there is a great influence of the day were propagated not by men exerted by it. At the present day knowledge is ranging itself either for or against the Truth. On one side there are earnest believers and all gladness which do not ordinarily char- branch of His church to stir up others, their capabilities are given to Christ: on the other side is a class who discard revelation, and they come to We note signs of progress. Fifty years | deny the existence of a personal God | men who sought to dim the glory of after the conversion of Mr. Black (1829), and moral accountability and that the Son of Righteousness; Mr. Narraman lies down in the grave, when his work, is done, besides the brute creatures. The lines are now sharply giving themselves to God or departing trom Him. He referred to the infidelity existing in Germany in the last. The chairman invited the Rev. B. century and to the influence exercised Chappell to express his opinions upon but the service was authorized and sanc-

of that danger to which the people outside of Christendom are threatened had never been fully estimated. If they were at all solicitous about the moral life of the next gererationor care whether God or Belial should triumph-they should draw their practical sympathy. The church was endeavouring to hinder the growth of heathenism, and also to train up candidates for the ministry and so needed funds to carry on this work. Last year there was incurred a large debt, and the debt now amounts to over to rouse the sympathy of the congrein a practical manner.

Rev. R. Weddall explained that a gentleman expected to address the meeting, but, though illness, was prevented from being present. He said that Methodism began with an educated ministry. No one would deny that its founder was not a man of great and extensive erudition. He referred to the good done by Sackville Academy and then questioned why the people did not take an interest in the education of the ministry-in fact why were there so few present- It was, he said, the duty of the church to assist in the education of the ministry. At the Educational Society in Carleton, the night before, they had the pleasure of receiving a bequest of \$100, made by the late lamented Rev. G. M. Barrett.

Rev. Robert Duucan said it afforded him unfeigned pleasure to be present and was pleased to be able to advocate the interests of the church. He had to regret first that he had arrived too late and second that another member of the delegation, Rev. Mr. Paisley, was absent. He explained the objects of the Education Society. He gave a brief sketch of its history and closed with an appeal to those present to ex press their sympathy in a practical manner as extensively as they were

The meeting was then closed in the usual manner.

CENTENARY CHURCH.

There was but a slim attendance at the meeting on behalf of the Methodist Educational Society, held in the Centenary church last evening. In the absence of the Rev. Howard Sprague. the assistant pastor, Rev. Mr. Knight, invited A. L. Palmer, Esq., to preside. On assuming the duty, Mr. Palmer made a brief address upon the object for which the meeting was called. He spoke particularly of the necessity of an educated ministry, and claimed that the Methodist Church of Canada now occupied such a prominent and influential position in the Dominion that it was absolutely necessary for the denomination to take such steps as would ensure the accomplishment of the ob-

Mr. Palmer then called upon the Rev. Robert Duncan, of Marysville, to address the society. Mr. Duncan complained of the course which the Government had adopted with reference to the withdrawal of the grant from Sackville Academy entirely, and increasing or continuing it to the Fredericton University. He hoped that such discriminating patronage would not be continued and that a reconsideration of the transaction would be made.

The Rev. J. R. Narraway made a very forcible address. He advocated the necessity of an educated minis and esteem in which the Tremont Temple try, and took high grounds for the claims of the Methodist church to be represented by ministers of cultured and disciplined minds. The heresies of mean attainments, but by savants of high standing in the world of letters and science. The tendency of the age to the reception of heterodox doctrine must be met by ministers whose men tal training qualified them to dispel the mists of sophistry promulgated by way asserted that it was the duty of Methodists, as a leading religious denomination to take the matter in four of his hymns to a crowded congregacharge, and prosecute the idea of setion. A platferm was erected under the

He believed the amount and character sympathy with the work sought to be accomplished. God would certainly bless the effort, and in answer to earnest prayer and faithful labour, would certainly raise up men who would be standard bearers and leaders in the army of Christ-men capable of combating and dissipating the many errors which prevail in opposition to the truth as it in Jesus. Other work may have to stand aside in the prosecution of this mission, but this work is of primary importance to the building of churches and other secular duties. Methodism, in its unity of Govern-\$2,000, and so they were endeavouring | ment is more like the Catholic Church than any other; it is not the Centengations. He made an appeal to the ary Church or the Portland Church. audience to express their sympathy or any other particular congregation of the denomination, but the Methodist .

> A collection, amounting to \$7.50 was taken up. An announcement was made that any person subscribing \$5 became a life member of the Society. -Telegraph, Wednesday.

PERSONALS.

Hon. Jeremiah Northup, Senator, died at his residence. Halifax, on Thursday morning of last week. The funeral was itself a remarkable indication of the esteem in which the deceased was held by all ranks and conditions of the population. Both Houses of Parliament attended, with the Governor at their head. The pupils of two or three public charitable institutions were in the procession. Brunswick street was occupied to almost one half its extent by persons on foot and in carriages, following the lamented dead.

Mr. Northup was for many years a member of the Methodist Church. His religion, never demonstative, was found in his closing hours to be a sustaining and hallowing experience. The close of his life was eminently peaceful and confident. There are many to whom Mr. Northup's death will be a severe blow. It is seen only at this late period that his benevolence was far-reaching and unstinted. Yet, in the midst of it all, he flourished greatly in business. His honored father. 85 yars of age, was among the mourners at the funeral of a son whom he had cause to love and admire.

ADDRESSES TO MR. LUTTRELL .- A number of residents of Moncton waited upon Mr. Luttrell, last week and presentedhim with an address expressive of regret at the removal of himself and family to Montreal.

On Tuesday there was a very large attendance in the Methodist Chapel when be was presented with farewell addresses from the officials of the Church and Sabbath School, also one from the Bible Class which for several years he had

On the same evening the Lodge of Oddfellows presented Mr. Luttrell with an address printed in blue and gold on white satin, and handsomely framed. An address was presented by the Ladies' Aid Society of the town to Mrs.

Mr. Luttrell left on Wednesday for Montreal.

DR. LORIMER'S FAREWELL.-The Rev Dr. Lorimer, of the Tremont Temple, Boston, insists on his resignation, and made it final in a communication to his people last Friday evening. Now that the horse has escaped, the church is trying fast to shut the stable door; but it is too late. The meeting referred to was a very tender and impressive one, and testified in the strongest way to the affection pastor is held. It will be no easy task to fill his place. Dr. Lorimer's qualifications for filling it were peculiar. One day last week the church in Chicago, whose call he has declined to accept, telegraph. ed bim as follows: "You asked us, Where is your faith?' and we believe you are coming'-the reference being to a text from which the Doctor had preached during his visit to Chicago. To this dispatch he returned the following answer 'According to your faith be it unto you.'

MR. IRA D. SANKEY has recently been a guest of Mr. W. H. Greaves Bagshawe, of Ford Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Eagland. At the Sunday afternoon service in the parish church, Mr. Sankey sang Dean, was absent through indisposition.

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