

not the exception but the rule. The church claiming precedence here, untrue to the character of some of her early fathers and of her now living divines pains us by a course of action often tending to fossilize rather than vitalize human souls.

MISREPRESENTATION.

Looking over a copy of the "Missionary Messenger," a Canadian paper, printed in the interests of the B. M. E. Church, I find an article signed "G. A. O." Reference is there made to a young man "of the Wesleyan connection," who was an instrument in our work of grace.

"JAMES VS. CASSIDY" CASE.

is, we understand, again to come up at the Court of General Assize which opened today. What will be the result of a new trial is yet a matter for conjecture, though it is pretty generally believed that as before, a jury will not be found that will agree.

FINANCES.

Fondly hoping that at the end of this year we would be in a position to substitute "surplus" for "deficiency," we now find the grounds for such hope growing miry; indeed we fear after all we shall be obliged to join in the dismal chorus of our provincial brethren.

OUR DEATH ROLL.

as will be seen in the obituaries, is large. It contains those from whom we feel sad to part, but none over whom we hopelessly mourn. They sleep in Jesus, and through Him whose grace made their lives beautiful, and cheered them in their dying hour we hope to see them again.

J. M. FISHER.
Bailey's Bay, Bermuda, April 4, '76.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

NOVA SCOTIA.

New Glasgow has procured a corporate seal at a cost of \$28.50. There is an estimated balance of \$65,000 to the credit of this Province. Steps are being taken to secure the arrest of Patterson, the absconding forger. J. Aldred, a man who has been missing from Halifax for some time, has turned up in Lunenburg Co. Mr. A. G. Church, of Amherst, died recently of Erysipelas, resulting from a wounded finger.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Fredricton wants \$60,000 from the government towards dredging the St. John river.

A resident of sackville, while out gunning the other day, accidentally shot himself, and has died from the effects. The Sackville temperance people are vigilantly at work on the matter of putting down the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

Twenty-seven millions of logs have been cut during the winter on the Nashwaak and its tributaries by the lumbermen in the employ of Alex. Gibson, Esq.

UPPER PROVINCES.

The Dominion Government was procured this week. There is a grand daughter of Burns the poet living at Guelph. Parlor skates are to be introduced in Montreal during next summer.

Two men were severely injured in a public-house row at Montreal on the 9th inst. A man named Brunsted, of London, recently stabbed both his parents very dangerously.

The managing editor of the Montreal "Witness" died suddenly the other day of apoplexy. An attempt has been made to fire the Methodist church in Dundas, a boy has been arrested on suspicion.

An Adventist congregation at Toronto sat up all last Saturday night anxiously expecting the end of the world. A residence at Montreal was entered recently by burglars, the residents drugged, and a clean sweep was made.

It is rumored that a strong clique is being formed at Montreal to "corner" the stock of the Montreal Telegraph Co.

A son of the Hon. P. Mitchell is under a charge of contempt of court at Montreal, for refusing to obey subpoena served upon him.

A blacksmith near London was charged with causing the death of a boy by stabbing him with a red hot iron, but was acquitted by the jury.

The Royal Albert Bridge scheme at Montreal having fallen through, there is a talk of making a tunnel from Montreal to St. Helena's Island.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Howe the celebrated spiritualist is dead. The Cardinal Archbishop of Salzburg is dead.

Cambridge won the Inter-university boat race. The Prince of Wales arrived at Malta on the 6th inst.

Mr. J. T. Ives, one of the leading men of Pictou is dead. H. Halford has resigned the Captaincy of the British National Rifle Team.

Brussels has an ice-house the roof of which covers an area of 18,000 square feet. There is a deficit in the Newfoundland estimates for the current year of \$86,000.

The North Derbyshire Coal Miners have struck work for an increase of wages. Men who beat their wives in California are themselves to be beaten according to law.

A ferry boat at Aberdeen was capsized recently and some sixty persons lost their lives. Further atrocities are reported as having been practised upon the Christians in Bosnia.

May 1st, 1878 has been fixed as the opening day of the Paris Universal Exhibition. Garibaldi has received a donation of one hundred thousand lire from his king and the people.

A Steamer has been wrecked in the Arabian Sea, with 500 Persian pilgrims on board, and all but three were lost. A. T. Stewart the leading dry goods merchant of New York died of inflammation of the bowels after a short illness.

Three powder mills at Utah exploded the other day and several persons were killed and a large amount of property was destroyed. Complications are feared between the governments of Great Britain and the United States, on the matter of the extradition of Winslow the forger.

A FEW CENTENNIALS AND MILLENNIALS.

- 100 years ago—American Independence.
200 years ago—King Philip (the Indian) defeated and slain; habeas corpus in England.
300 years ago—Massacre of St. Bartholomew; Spanish Armada preparing.
400 years ago—Printing invented; Isabella the coming queen.
500 years ago—The days of Tamerlane, the Turk; and Chaucer, the English poet.
600 years ago—Baliol and Bruce, Richard Bacon, Thomas Aquinas; House of Hapsburg founded.—Chicago Journal of Commerce.

THE PERILS OF TRAVELLING.—The perils of the traveller were illustrated by the conductor on the Mount Washington railroad last summer. When on the steepest rail-track in all earth, a man was frightened and said to the conductor: "Suppose the locomotive should give out, where would we go to?"

"Ah," said the conductor, "there is a brake at the front end of the car." "But," said the traveller, "suppose that should give out, where would we go to?" Said the conductor: "There is another brake, you see on the cars." "But," said the affrighted passenger, "suppose that also should give way, where then would we go to?" And the conductor replied significantly, "That depends upon how you have lived!"

CIRCUIT INTELLIGENCE.

BATHURST, N. B.—We have begun to hold special services in one part of this circuit with pleasing results. A number have decided to seek the Lord. Some who have wandered far in the path of the backslider have returned to the "Shepherd and Bishop of their souls," and poor sinners have come home to Jesus and can now rejoice in God, their Saviour. Many are earnestly seeking the Lord. The awakening is very general, and the prospect is a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Salmon Beach. To God be all the praise.

PETITE RIVIERE CIRCUIT.

MR. EDITOR.—We have thought a few lines from this circuit would interest some of your readers. We have nothing very marked to report in spiritual matters, but we are trying to keep everything in as good working order as possible in our classes and prayer meetings. We have had some special services at one of the appointments, in which we realized tokens of the divine favour.

At La Have Ferry there has been a week night appointment for over half a century. Nearly sixty years ago, when Mr. Orth, German Missionary, was on this ground it was proposed to build a chapel there; but the matter slumbered until two years ago, when Mr. Michael Wilkie presented a beautiful lot of ground whereon to build a Methodist church.

The few persons who took the matter in hand worked with a will, and the venture to say, a more self-sacrificing company of workers cannot be found in Nova Scotia. At the close of the tea-meeting, when all expenses were paid, they had two hundred and eighty-three dollars as the result of their labours. We have given the contract for the completion of the outside of the building, and we hope to occupy it during the summer months for preaching. The structure is to be 23 by 45 feet. We intend to build without tower or spire; but as an offset we hope to complete it free from debt. Our people seem very frequently to measure their folly by the height of their church spires. How often do exulting superintendents write of the number of feet the spire of some new church reaches into the clouds, forgetting at the same time to state that the whole thing rests on financial bankruptcy. No doubt, nine years ago, there was a flourish of trumpets about our church at the head of this circuit being completed with a spire one hundred feet high. It is not so high now. Last fall, in order to save our church from ruin, we were compelled to saw down a part of it, and this after our people had become almost discouraged in struggling with a heavy debt, \$400 of which still remains. Our trustees and congregations have borne their own burdens, never having sent out any begging circulars, or as far as we are aware, having solicited a single subscription outside their circuit for this church. It costs more to pay its running expenses annually than we are able to raise towards the funds of the Missionary Society, yet our Circuit stands number four in the Liverpool District in its contributions towards the Mission Fund. From a slight knowledge of some other circuits we are persuaded that thousands of dollars are lost to the General funds of our connection annually, as the result of ill contrived and poorly built churches. Surely there is work in the Nova Scotia Conference for a Chapel Committee.

Though our circuit lies on the West side of the La Have River, we have been visited by the "Spurious Revival" pamphlet epidemic. We received two of the precious morsels in one day through the post. Notwithstanding the opposition of the Devil, and the hatred of penitent bench "exposers" we hope to labour on for Christ and Methodism in this County, and the increasing favour shown us by God and man, indicates that we do not labour in vain.

I remain, &c., THOS. ROGERS.

(We are of the opinion that the letter has been delayed in publication, by assigning it to a wrong drawer. But as it has no date, cannot say for certain.—EDITOR.)

DONATION VISIT AT HANTSPORT.

MR. EDITOR.—Bro. Parker's friends at Hantsport made him a donation visit on the 31st ult. To this, the first affair of the kind we had attended, we went, disposed to watch with a critic's eye. So many strange stories had reached our ears of parsonages turned topsy turvey, and of matters useful and useless to a minister's family being handed to the Committee, and charged by them at the highest

rates, that we had grown skeptical in reference to the wisdom, and, to speak plainly, the honesty of these gatherings, which are becoming so frequent in our circuits. The donation visit held in the basement of our neat little church at Hantsport, must have been a model one. There was much with which to be pleased, nothing to condemn. It seemed to us that the advantages of a social and financial meeting were happily combined. Tea was followed by music and speeches and the presentation to Mrs. Parker of two or three presents from lady friends. The amount contributed and placed in the hands of the pastor exceeded eighty dollars, the greater part of which was in cash. While we still feel that it is better for both pastor and people, that whenever practicable, the pastor should receive the sum allotted for his support from the hands of the stewards, we would say that, wherever each meeting must be held, he should be glad to have them as much like that held in the basement of our church at Hantsport as possible.

You will be glad to hear that Bro. Parker's earnest efforts in the Master's cause are being accompanied with some success. At Falmouth village several have been added to the Church. Services have also been held by him at Hantsport and Mount Denson, with what results I cannot yet report.

Windsor, April 8.

ALBERTON, P. E. I.—The revival news which recent Wesleyans have brought us has indeed been very cheering. What can be more so to us ministers of the Gospel than these direct proofs that our "labour is not in vain in the Lord?" And surely we esteem it a mercy of that God, who has put us into this ministry, that He condescends to bless our efforts as workers together with Him. With gratitude of heart we herein perceive God is in the midst of us, giving us at least a measure of that power which attended the labors of the early Methodists, when they were first thrust out for their important mission.

On this circuit, during the past seven weeks, we have held services in our churches at Alberton and Cascumpec, in which the Lord has been pleased to pour out His spirit upon us. There were, during the seven weeks, about forty inquirers after salvation, most of whom entered into liberty. Some of these join other churches, but twenty-five were publicly received into fellowship in our church, some of whom give promise of much usefulness.

May God make the work within them permanent and strong. It is not without sadness of heart that we young men read of the death of Father Weddall, and our pioneer missionary, Geo. McDougall. Our Methodist ministry is a body in which if one nerve receives a shock and is no longer able to perform its duties, every other nerve feels in sympathy therewith. These beloved and useful brethren have passed from their toils to receive their reward; the one to meet before the throne with the fruit of his labours in the West Indies and these Maritime Provinces, and the other to meet with the Indian of the Plains, to whom he taught the "precious name" they now adore together.

When we last saw him he was called from his field of labor to testify before Conferences and large congregations of his work; but now he is called up to the General Conference above; and Oh what a testimony will he bear concerning the work of God among our North West Indians. A French grenadier, noted for his ability to lead, was killed in battle. His name was still continued on the roll, and when called, a sergeant answered, "Died at the post of honor."

Oh that the mantle and spirit of these may fall upon many others, that they may snatch up the standard fallen from these faithful hands, and lead on the hosts of the Lord to victory.

Yours, &c., A. LUCAS.

AVONDALE.—You will no doubt be glad to learn that while so many circuits have been visited during the winter by revival influence and power, we also have received a share of the general blessing.

The winter's campaign commenced with a series of special services in our little church at Belmont. From the first the interest was deep, and the church was filled nearly every night for the space of four weeks. During the services, between fifty and sixty came forward for prayer, most of whom found peace in believing. Some of these were visitors who returned home to tell how great things the Lord had done for them, while some were adherents of other Churches. Sabbath last was a "highday" for this little church. Having been on trial for the period prescribed by "Discipline," thirty-six persons were admitted to full membership in our church, thirteen of whom were baptized "with water." It was a very solemn service, and I trust its influence will be felt for many days to come.

Avondale has likewise been visited with "showers of blessings." We began our services here with the week of prayer, and continued them for six weeks, having sometimes two services a day. With the exception of two visits from Bro. McMurray—who kindly came to my relief—I had to rely on the lay brethren who nobly rallied around me. We have had some glorious seasons, and as the result of these services the hearts of believers have been quickened, and about forty have found peace with God through faith in Jesus.

Yours truly, J. S.

WILMOT CIRCUIT.—The Lord is graciously reviving his work in the Farmington Pine Grove Church. On the afternoon of yesterday forty-five persons testified to Christ's power to save, and fourteen presented themselves as seekers of the great salvation. In the evening the church was crowded and the altar thronged with penitents. This society has enjoyed continued prosperity since they entered their new church, and God is rewarding for faithfulness and liberality in connection with his service. Bro. Robson is earnestly engaged in the work. To God be all the glory.

Wilmot, March 7, 1876.

ST. GEORGE CIRCUIT.—MR. EDITOR.—I feel thankful to be able to report such good tidings from this circuit. The revival wave which started here last Autumn has continued to roll and spread. Our last series of meetings were held at Bocabec, and resulted in very much good. The meetings were largely attended, and seemed to be accompanied with the subduing influence of the Holy Ghost. Quite a number, through the influence of the Holy Spirit, were led to exclaim in the words of the poet, or words similar—

Nay, but I yield, I yield; I can hold out no more; I sunk by dying love compass'd, And own the conqueror.

A short time ago we received seven persons into the church, two of whom received the rite of Baptism by Rev. F. Harrison. The influence of the meetings has produced a marked change in the community, even among the most careless; and there are many who are, like King Agrippa, "almost persuaded." Those who made a profession of religion early last autumn are continuing to bring forth fruit unto righteousness. Praying that all may be kept faithful until the battle is fought, the victory won, and God shall say, "Well done!"

I am, very truly, Yours, SEPTIMUS E. COLWILL.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF HUMANITY.—Such was the subject of a lecture delivered by Rev. Levi Johnson, of Welsford, in the Carmarthen street mission course, last evening. Unfortunately, there was not a large audience, few being present beyond the season ticket holders.

The lecturer spoke of man in a three-fold aspect; 1st, physically; 2nd, intellectually; 3rd, morally, and described each at length. He proved the brotherhood of man in each, and said that, notwithstanding the difference of nationality, color and creed, we are one in the common bonds of brotherhood. He spoke of the high purposes of man, and urged upon all, for the accomplishment of those purposes, to find out their sphere of labor in life, and do it like men.

He illustrated each point with poetry and anecdote, to the great interest of the audience, all of whom were unanimous in expressing the opinion that the lecture was one of the most pleasing, entertaining and instructive of the course. Rev. Wm. Lawson presided, and at the close tendered to the rev. gentleman a vote of thanks for his able effort.

The next entertainment will be given on Friday evening, 14th, and will consist of music, vocal and instrumental, readings and addresses. By special request Rev. Mr. Ackman, of Carleton, is to deliver the concluding lecture on "Who governs the World?"—St. John Tel.

The Concert held last Friday evening in the School Room of the Methodist church, was in every way a success, both in point of numbers and receipts. We wish we had space to particularize the singing, as it was really fine. We trust that the efforts which have been used in the past to train the children in music, will not be slackened, but that we shall have the pleasure of attending many of these concerts in the same place. Some of the Recitations were very beautiful and touching.—Fredericton Rep.

PORT MULGRAVE.—Some have found peace, others are seeking. The Sunday School teachers are rejoiced to see also several of the School children giving the hearts to God. T. D. H.