

THE WESLEYAN. SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1878.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

A visit to this beautiful Island last week afforded the Editor an opportunity of contrasting its present appearance with his recollections of fifteen years ago. At that time he held a pastoral relation to the Cornwall circuit, residing in the city. Of Charlottetown itself much might be written. It is following the example of several towns in the Provinces—in fact of certain illustrious cities of the old country—it is growing mostly at the extremities. Improvement in some buildings, especially the public ones, is very marked within the old limits; but the perfection of the city lies mostly in its more recently constructed edifices, and those are, for the most part, in the suburbs.

Methodism has made rapid strides in Charlottetown. The old church, of sacred memories, whose body grew by joints as new strength continued to reach it, has given place to a grand structure which occupies the old site, side by side with a palatial parsonage. Inside the church opens to a stranger with glad surprise. Of frescoing we have very little admiration, simply because it so rarely finds associations becoming to the æsthetic design. But with the majestic sweep of a ceiling such as this immense building affords, a true artist has found opportunity to show his colors to fine advantage. It is really a study, this piece of painting.

A congregation meets here morning and evening of very large proportions, reverential—which is but a general characteristic of Methodist worship, and intelligent, which is not so usual even among our most devout hearers, at least in the same sense as here. Perhaps in no other place in the Dominion are there so many adults making a study of the Bible, in Sabbath school classes, as in Charlottetown. This keeps up a strong supply of local preachers; it knits the brotherhood into a compact body; it feeds the flame of religious patriotism, and prevents the church from becoming a prey to false teachers; but it must also keep the preacher ever to the straining point of accuracy, and save him from relapsing into idle habits. Charlottetown singing was a proverb of commendation years ago. It has declined perhaps in some respects—at least that is the judgment of persons there of musical perceptions—but it is still very impressive and inspiring. Having preached morning and evening in the principal church, we were capable of judging that the church recently built, and now respectably filled with steady adherents, has depleted the original congregation but to a scarcely appreciable extent. Altogether the sight presented on Sabbath in the brick church of Charlottetown is exceedingly imposing.

Sabbath school work in Charlottetown has always been remarkable for the extent of its adult attendance. Instead of diminishing, this feature has grown into immense proportions. The very best talent of the two congregations—merchants, lawyers, judges, bankers and intelligent mechanics, are found steadily at the heads of classes, composed of men and women from sixteen to sixty years of age. This is therefore a rebuke to those who imagine they outgrow the Sabbath school when reaching maturity. The scholars are of all classes, the literary and the toilers of the day; so that it is quite respectable to sing hymns and study the Bible on Sabbath afternoons, sentimental nonsense to the contrary notwithstanding. Who can say how far Charlottetown may thus be an example of faith and patience to outside observers?

The new church is a religious hive of industry. Its construction is the most ideal city-mission church we have seen. The audience room in the afternoon is well occupied by the Sabbath school proper, while the upper floor is partitioned off into many rooms, where the infant class, and several large adult classes are free from intrusion.

Our ministerial force on the Island is doing admirably. Mr. Lathern, the chairman, holds in Charlottetown, as elsewhere during his pastorate, a very high place in public regard. He is

happy too in his brotherly associations. His colleague, with brethren on the surrounding circuits, all of whom exchange with him at intervals, are spoken of with great respect and affection.

Through the courtesy of and in company with Superintendent McKechine, we had a pleasant railway run to Souris, on the North Eastern point of the Island. Railways are always, or generally at least, greatly promotive of travel and trade. It is customary for strangers to laugh at this particular railroad because of its rather amazing eccentricities. It has very peculiar habits of departing from what moralists designate "the straight line of integrity," and this it does at most unexpected times and under peculiar circumstances. But it is a boon to Prince Edward Island. It is a vast improvement upon nothing. Above all, it is building up, with all the drawbacks of hard times, central settlements with marked rapidity. Mount Stewart is really a thriving place just now, and growing every day. St. Peter's, Souris, and such station villages, are throwing out new mercantile sign-boards and showing new substantial buildings by every roadside. Charlottetown and Summerside must be greatly benefitted by the railway. The line is managed with that precision and energy which never fail to bring success, whatever may be the nature of a business. There is but one misfortune that we could see in the enterprise—those sinuosities at which visitors laugh, the champion examples of what the sailor calls "circumbendibus," are serious deflections for a people who must look forward to paying a passenger and freight tariff, lengthened out by each wayward eccentricity of the contractors, long as their work shall last.

The McCarthy murder case is slowly coming to an issue in the courts. Beyond Annie Parker's, there is not a whit of any direct evidence against the Osbornes, though circumstantial evidence there is in abundance. The most startling testimony is that given by Dr. Allison, to the effect that, in his judgment, from certain indications, the body of the murdered man must have been taken out of the water some time after it was first placed there, and the two outside coats buttoned upon it. An immense amount of testimony has been given, of an indirect character chiefly, but bearing more or less conclusively upon the probability that the Parker story is true. A rumour, originating with the Sackville Post, to the effect that a sister-in-law of the Parker girl had divulged the name of her husband as the real murderer, turns out to be utterly groundless. We are very curious to know what the verdict of the Coroner's Jury will be in this exceedingly complicated case.

LATER.

The proceedings in the McCarthy inquest closed on Monday. A number of witnesses were examined for the defence, after which Coroner Hannington addressed the jury at some length, when they retired to agree upon a verdict. After deliberating from 5 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. they came into court announcing that they could not agree. Five of the jurymen found as follows:—

"We, the undersigned, convened for the purpose of inquiring into the cause of the death of Timothy McCarthy, find that Timothy McCarthy came to his death by a blow or blows on the head from a hatchet in the hands of Harry Osborne, in the bar room of the Waverly House, the said hatchet being given him by his mother, Mrs. John Osborne, in the presence and with the consent of Eliza Osborne, and we do say that the said Harry Osborne, Mrs. John Osborne and Eliza Osborne are guilty of the willful murder of the aforesaid Timothy McCarthy."

(Signed) CHARMAND WELLING, JAMES WILBUR, TRANQUILLE GALLANT, JOHN DICKIE, GEORGE MINER. The minority found as below:— "We find Timothy McCarthy came to his death by a blow or blows on the head but the evidence is not sufficient to say by whom." (Signed) LOUIS AVARD, GEO. MALETT. The jury were discharged and the Court adjourned sine die.

The Osbornes were sent back to the hotel. They will be returned to Dorchester jail to-morrow. The friends of the prisoners here are downcast at the result. They expected a majority for acquittal.—Chron.

EARL RUSSELL'S death is just announced. He had reached a ripe—very ripe age. As a statesman he always stood well in the front. There were times when, in early life particularly, the little man could show a great, heroic spirit.

A RESOLUTION ON LAY DELEGATION, sufficient for a good round text, has been passed by the Charlottetown Quarterly Meeting. The Resolution looks to the ultimate conclusion of a measure which was inaugurated when the doors of General Conference were opened to the laity. It recommends, if it does not ask for, the admission of Lay Representatives to the floors of the Annual Conferences. There are two or three things to be said as to the Resolution.

It originated with a very large, very intelligent and thoroughly loyal official Board. There are few official meetings more competent to form a judgement on any connexional subject than this. They have long been noted for the intelligent study of our economy, and their uniform appreciation of what is excellent in our modes of legislative and executive action. They are also so far above all imputation of self-seeking in the matter of Conference representation that their suggestions ought to have great weight. Now that England has called its laymen to annual Conference counsel, and Australia has proved the measure to be one of great advantage, there may be strong reasons assigned in favor of inviting our strong laity to come in with us and finish what they began, instead of dismissing them with a benediction, just as Conference doors are being opened. The Resolution will proceed from this first floor of the official temple, up to the Annual Assembly and the Quadrennial Court. We will watch its progress with some interest.

"\$6,000 damages" was the verdict given last week by a Jury in St. John's, in favour of a young Post Office employee. He had been accused by Mr. Dewe, Post Office Inspector, of stealing money, but though he declared his innocence, was dismissed. Does the law really allow a detective to cast adrift a young man against whom nothing can be proved, beyond suspicion, thus marking him as a villain before the world? It is, of course, essential that an Inspector should have large powers, should have free range of every private place, and a knowledge of the movements of all who live within the circle of the Post Office duties. But is he at liberty, when suspicions point to a clerk, to torture him into a confession, and, failing in this object, send him into the street? Surely every one has a right to trial in this country before being condemned. Even in Russia the Czar alone may do an injury to a public servant and repent or not afterwards as he pleases. While justice should be done in preserving public postal interests, it ought also to be as freely accorded to young men.

THE BERMUDA BRETHREN, Revs. R. Wasson and W. C. Brown, with their families, reached Halifax last week, their time in Bermuda having expired with the present Conference. They are all in excellent health. Many tokens of the tender regard in which they were all held on the Islands, were presented to them before leaving. Mr. Wasson was the recipient of addresses and gifts from the Templars and the youth of his own charge. Indeed, from what we saw personally, such was the strength of attachment between Pastors and people, that the parting must have been intensely trying to both parties. To all other bonds of union were added those begotten of a new life begun in many souls through the instrumentality of these brethren beloved. We are very sorry to hear that Bro. Purvis was quite ill when these Brethren came away. It is possible he may be obliged to return soon, the climate being too relaxing for his constitution.

REV. SAMUEL ROSE, our venerable and successful Book Steward at Toronto, has been honoured with a D.D. by a Tennessee University. We shall now know him as Doctor Rose, a serious change to make in a man's baptismal name! If Brother Rose concurs in the general verdict, that virtuous and honored old age deserves literary recognition in our ministry, he will receive the degree and be thankful. If he looks upon such distinctions in the light in which they are viewed by some men, he will still, with his good constitution, be able to endure all that his brethren require him to bear. He has our hearty congratulations.

BRUNSWICK ST. CHURCH, Halifax, has now followed the example of Grafton St. in the matter of placing its Pastor in its own Parsonage. The situation is really as delightful in the rear as natural scenery can make it; while inside the house is beautiful and spacious. The ladies of this charge undertook the extra debt of the Parsonage, and have already made good strides towards its liquidation. The house is the residence occupied by the late Edward Jost, Esq.

SAD AFFLICTION.—The Reporter thus alludes to the sad circumstances attending the family of Mr. John Downey, a well-known employe of the Provincial Penitentiary:— "That terrible disease diphtheria, which has broken in upon so many family circles in our Province of late, has carried off quite a large number of children from amongst us during the past few months; but the saddest case of any that has come to our notice is that of the family of Mr. John Downey on Wellington Street, from which the reaper has taken away four children within the past eleven days. Here is the melancholy record:— May 24—Amy Rozel, aged 7 y'r 11 mo. " 29—Florence, aged 3 years. June 3—Bessie May aged 12 years. " —Mary Ann, aged 10 years. The two children who died on Monday passed away almost at the same moment. Two other children are suffering from the disease, but it is hoped they will recover. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Downey in his terrible affliction.

THE "WESLEYAN" THIS WEEK.—We afford Mr. Currie much space in this issue, as we are anxious to get Mr. Brown off the gridiron as soon as possible. The letters will run through two or three more numbers.

The Ingonish appeal is really deserving of attention. That is purely Mission ground. We would gladly take charge of any monies or material for that good object.

Our readers will follow "G. J. B." in his description of Chautauqua with much pleasure and instruction. An International Sabbath School Assembly always involves considerations of the first importance, and added to a full appreciation of these, our correspondent had a keen eye and a facile pen.

Rev. John Brown attempts, in the Messenger of this week, to fasten upon us a charge of unfairness. He alludes to a previous instance of refusal to publish his letters thus:—

I do not forget when I was discussing the question of baptism with a venerable minister of the Presbyterian Church in the Presbyterian Witness, in which paper full liberty was given to us both, and from which paper I think, dear sir, you may learn the lesson of fair play: and when the Editor of that paper wished the controversy to be discontinued after a certain time, and the Presbyterian brother sent his communications to you: you very readily published them, but when I sent mine you refused them insertion.

"Full liberty was given to us both." Indeed! and yet "the editor of that paper wished the controversy to be discontinued after a certain time!" Is that the kind of fair play Mr. Brown demands—sawing off his beautiful baptistic tree when only half grown! We agreed, in advance, to insert a few letters from the venerable Presbyterian minister, but made no such agreement with Mr. Brown. He must excuse us for doubting still whether the Messenger or Visitor would publish Mr. Currie's letters under any circumstances.

By the above it will be seen that Mr. Brown is out "in reply to Mr. Currie." We are glad he has found a name for it. It would have been difficult otherwise for the public to decide.

Startling intelligence comes from Berlin. For the second time, the Emperor was fired at while out riding, this time with serious effect. Several shots entered his person, requiring medical care, and causing anxiety for his recovery. Communistic agitators are showing themselves in many places on the Continent. Doubtless, this shooting of royal personages is one part of their programme. Communism began with a scriptural idea of "having all things common," but it has so sadly departed from the scriptural aim and spirit, that society must make common cause against it and trample it down.

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DR. KENNEDY, of Mt. Allison, Sackville, is to be congratulated upon receiving a D.D. from Northwestern University, Chicago. The degree in this instance would seem to follow a B.D. previously possessed, as M.A. comes in the course of B.A., subject to certain

tests. The degree comes therefore as a right as well as an honour.

JUDGE WILMOT'S death has awakened intense feeling among our Ministers. One writes us—"I have lost my best earthly friend." Another—"My first, dear Sabbath School teacher"—and so on. It will be known by these evidences how much the nobled souled man found his way into the hearts of a class whom he always loved and respected.

A fine cabinet of geological specimens, collected by the late Rev. Thos. H. Davies, came into possession of Rev. W. H. Heartz. He generously handed over the whole (1,000 specimens) to the Museum of Mt. Allison, Sackville.

NEWS FROM THE CIRCUITS.

DONATION AT PUGWASH.—A number representing the Methodist congregation at Pugwash met at the Methodist Parsonage, on the evening of Thursday last. After a sumptuous tea and pleasant conversation, William Black, Esq. was called to the chair. According to a resolution of the meeting Dr. Dakins as spokesman for the company, with a suitable speech, presented their pastor, Rev. T. D. Hart, with \$31.50 in cash, and other useful things valued at \$5. Mr. Hart replied with appropriate remarks, accepting this kindly expression of his congregation's appreciation. Other speeches and music enlivened the occasion.

CAMPBELLTON, N.B.—Dear Sir, I am happy to inform you that a good work has been going on in the Restigouche Circuit for the last year. Although the Circuit is extensive and the labours arduous, there being eight preaching places, the appointments have been well filled and the services well appreciated, as indicated by full houses on nearly all occasions.

The good people of Belledune at the lower part of the circuit have commenced to build a church, much to their praise, and further, show by their liberal contributions toward the support of the Pastor that their minds are inclined in the right direction. At the Third Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit which was held at Campbellton for this year, the financial state of the circuit was taken into consideration; owing to the depression of trade and scarcity of cash in the country the finances of the circuit are not in that flourishing condition that we would wish still we trust that the necessary requirements of the circuit will be met by a loving people. Several short speeches which were made by the Pastor and members of the meeting showed that between them their existing sympathy and love, which same feeling is felt by the people in general upon the whole circuit. And I am happy to say that a cordial and unanimous invitation was given to the Pastor, the Rev. Mr. Tippet, to remain with us another year, which we trust will be accepted by the Conference, and prove a benefit to the church.

Fredericton, N.B., May 30. Rev. A. W. Nicolson, Dear Sir,—The accompanying Resolutions passed unanimously at a very full meeting of the Officers and Teachers of the "Fredericton Wesleyan Methodist Sabbath School" on Tuesday evening last, and I was requested to forward you a copy of the same for publication in the WESLEYAN.

Believe me, Dear Sir, Yours very truly, &c., GEO. A. PERLEY, Secretary F. W. S. S.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God, in the wise order of His providence, to remove from our midst our beloved Superintendent Judge Wilmot, Therefore Resolved, that while deeply lamenting the loss of one who, for more than a quarter of a century has lovingly and faithfully performed the duties of Superintendent of this School, yet remembering that our Father doeth all things well, we would bow in humble submission to his will,

Resolved that we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing widow and relatives of our late brother, and sincerely commend them to Him who has promised to be a "Husband to the Widow" and who, alone is able to bind up the wounded hearts, and wipe away all tears.

Resolved that a copy of these Resolutions be presented to Mrs. Wilmot, and also a copy furnished the WESLEYAN for publication.

The Entertainment in the Skating Rink, Hillsboro, came off last evening. John Wallace, Esq., was called to the chair and read a telegram from Messrs. Brydges and Luttrell, stating they had been detained in St. John and would not be able to be present. As a good many had gone to Hillsboro especially to hear the promised speech of Mr. Brydges, this announcement caused great disappointment. The Entertainment, consisting of music and speeches, was good throughout. The attendance was large. There were over 1000 in the Rink. About 309 went from the Moncton and Salisbury, and about the same number from Harvey, Hopewell and along the line to Hillsboro. A Choir of singers from Moncton, Salisbury, Hopewell Cape, and the Hillsboro Choir, presented a varied programme. Some pieces were extra well performed. Speeches interesting and patriotic were delivered by Revs. D. D. Currie, Chalmers, Comben and Wilson, and by Hon. John Lewis, Mr. J. K. Pidgeon and others. The programme was fully carried out. Those in charge of the arrangements, and particularly Mr. Dutcher, are to be congratulated on the success of their indefatigable efforts. The Hopewell Band was in attendance and played. The Rink was tastefully decorated. Several loyal transparencies were shown with good effect.—Moncton Times.

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Lay Representatives, elected by ballot are requested to attend on Wednesday, a.m. at 10 o'clock.

N.B., on JOHN McMURRAY.

New York.

6.30 a. 7.30 p.