

Provincial Wesleyan.

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Essential Church Principles.

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As to the lay element in our polity, our system has largely admitted this from 9000 Mr. Wesley's days; the only question at any time being the mode of its employment.

The Observer instances the extension of ministerial appointments from two years to three, as preliminary to the abandonment of the itinerant principle; not being aware that the three years term of service was one of Mr. Wesley's own arrangements.

On the subject of the Education of our Ministers it is difficult to understand the Observer. We do not suppose that he sympathizes with the feeling sometimes to be met with of unwillingness that Methodism should keep pace with other churches in real progress.

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upping of the North. The great meeting at Union Square is well remembered; the suspension of business, the crowds, the heroic enthusiasm. But who remembers the speeches? Bull Run hung the heart in mourning, but no orator touched the hearts of the living with the story of the slain. The Fourth of July. It was celebrated with only the usual demonstration, and the speeches were even below the average.

At the close of another year the nation had been in deep straits and peril; but no orator stepped forth; the capital was in danger, but no orator stirred the courage and the energy.

I observe that your last paper has very little from the pens of ministers in our own Conference. I hope a constant reader, has not frightened all our writers from the use of their pen. If so, I think that some of us, if kind words will do, will oblige him, when he writes articles on the communications of his brethren to do it with less severity.

Execution at Dorchester, N. B. The execution of Amos Hicks, charged with the murder of William Hill, took place at Dorchester on Thursday 8th inst. That unhappy boy who has thus at the early age of eighteen paid the extreme penalty of the law, pleaded guilty to the indictment at the Supreme Court, and was sentenced to death.

In vain do we attend the Russian banquet or go to the meetings at the Courthouse to find our lost orator. The witchery of Bradys' brogue is gone. We have no ears for Hiram Wallbridge. All the other orators come from the same third-class shop. None of them have the real ring. The disastrous loss of our speakers tried to express "the nation's gratitude to Grant." How deep the gratitude—how weak the expression! The first element of oratory was lacking, for one could not hear what the speakers said. Perhaps that was fortunate; for when we read what they had said in the next morning's paper, we discovered that it was not worth hearing. Yet who could possibly desire a better subject for an oration than Grant and our gratitude? How Gay would have treated it, his clear voice reaching the outermost verge of the crowd! How Webster would have dealt with it, in words as undying as the deeds they eulogized! How Choate would have immortalized himself and the meeting!

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