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 fer them from Conference to Conference.
 And he would be Bishop Punshon, and a *right*
good one. Have a Conference for each Pro-
 vince,—as you will in time—and a General Con-
 ference to legislate for all and to be composed of
 representatives from each Provincial Conference,
 and you will have a Methodist Episcopal
 church.
 But one says, "with all due respect to Bishop
 Punshon, I would give him no such power, to ap-
 point churches, station and transfer preachers."
 And I think the American plan very arbitrary.
 Yes, but many Methodist arrangements are
 more arbitrary in theory than in practice. And
 the people outside who only know the theory
 cannot understand how they are tolerated. Bi-
 shops are careful to select children, that will be
 most acceptable. Preachers often make formal
 request and the chairman of office are duly con-
 sulted. Preachers are really stationed by the
 chairman, and the people, after due consultation with
 him, and the people. Transfers take place—I may
 say, only with full consent of preacher; generally,
 as a request, and that of the church
 which he goes. Nine Bishops are presidents
 of all the Conference and devise the work among
 themselves.
 Chairmen in the M. E. church are called Pres-
 iding Elders. They have no pastoral charge,
 their salaries are paid by the societies in their
 districts, by appointments according to their
 ability. They visit the societies once a quarter,
 reside at quarterly meetings and usually as lay-
 assistants. They supply all vacancies not supplied
 by Conference, and all that occur between the
 Conference. A P. Elder is appointed for a year,
 and may only continue four successive years on
 the same circuit.
 There are three kinds of Conference. The
 Annual Conference corresponds very nearly
 with the Wesleyan Conference, but has no leg-
 islative power. The General Conference is
 composed of representatives from all the Annu-
 al Conferences. It makes laws, elects Bishops,
 Editors, Managers of Book Concerns, and Secre-
 taries of the principal Denominational Societies.
 It meets every four years. The Bishops
 are in turn. Quarterly Conference is equi-
 valent to Quarterly Meeting. There are no
 District Meetings. Part of their work is done
 Annual, partly by quarterly Conference. Exa-
 mination of character and of probations is by
 Annual. All financial business of the Societies
 and their respective Quarterly Conferences.—
 The Leaders' or Stewards' meeting was only
 recently recognized at last General Conference;
 though it has been in use for a long time, es-
 pecially in New England, under the name of
 Social Bazaar. It is composed of nine Stew-
 ards and the Leaders. Usually it meets every
 month. Ministers receive two ordinations; to
 the Society and to the Leaders. Ministers are
 elected, after four, Communion may hap-
 pen, and assist at Decisions. They are mar-
 ried when they please and the fact is not offi-
 cially recognized at all. Their salaries are fixed
 by their own Quarterly Conference. There is
 a Quarterly Visitation of Classes; but all the
 classes meet together once a month, under the
 pastor's leadership. There are no class tick-
 ets or payments. The probation of a member
 is minimum of one month. He must then be recom-
 mended by his leaders and approved by Stew-
 ards and Leaders' meeting. After that, he is
 received into full membership. He cannot be
 cannot be dropped except by vote of the
 Quarterly Conference, from which, if he is
 expelled, he has right of trials. Membership is
 carefully guarded, and an expelled member
 appeal from his jury to Quarterly Confer-
 ence and take his cause even up to General
 Conference.
 There are in the Methodist Episcopal Church
 100 Travelling Preachers,
 38,938 Members.
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WHAT IS TO BECOME OF OUR MINIS-
 TERS AND MINISTRY?
 EDITOR.—I have read very carefully
 correspondent's letters upon this subject
 these things be as described it is high
 some action was taken by our people at
 and I had hoped your last issue would
 contained from your correspondent some
 on "proposed modes of action as the
 best means of remedying the evil."
 Probably the great majority of our Min-
 isters of these provinces are contentedly re-
 upon the subject of Preachers' Salaries
 (allowances) and as an intelligent understand-
 the question is very essential to a pro-
 bation being taken, would your correspond-
 ingly answer the following questions:—
 How is the average salary say \$260 made
 in other words, what are the various
 which make up the amount?
 Does the preacher receive a grant from
 Education Fund? And if so, how much?
 Does he receive an allowance for Horse hire? If
 so, how much?
 What is the average Salary (allowance)
 Preacher in the English Conference?
 What is the average salary of a Methodist
 Preacher in the United States?
 What is the lowest and highest Salary re-
 ceived by any Methodist Preacher in the United
 States?
 Would said that there may be a discrep-
 andency a statement in the first letter,
 the Preacher receives the fifth year £60"
 in the second where they say "their
 Salary is about \$500.—(£137. 10s.
 or more?)
 ANOTHER LAYMAN.

Circuit Intelligence.
 STEPHENS AND NEIGHBOURING
 CIRCUITS.
 EDITOR.—Throughout the bounds of the
 of E. B. A., there is not a more de-
 ment of force for a zealous and faithful
 of the Gospel than that part of our Pro-
 viding on the border of the great Republic,
 the days of Duncan McColl of blessed
 the doctrines of Methodism have been
 by a succession of faithful men, whom
 it would feel their hire. As the result of
 of these men we have now four cir-
 cumscribed by ordained men, and one by a
 man. And as it has been my privilege
 all these circuits of late, I thought
 give your readers a few lines relative to
 believing that there are those who would
 be set at naught, both from the Circuits and
 the brethren appointed to labor upon
 the last Conference.
 ST. ANDREWS.
 I have been our privilege to visit this
 the appointment of our Esteem-
 ed Elders to this interesting field
 When on a visit to this circuit some
 of the Missionaries.
 The first of these was Mr. J. H.

General Intelligence.

EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.—On Monday evening, Dec. 27, the convention of the Teachers' Association met in Dalhousie College, Halifax. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Somerville. The inaugural address was delivered by the President, A. McPatterson, Esq. He delineated the leading characteristics of successful teachers, and warmly eulogised the services of the late Dr. R. A. Foster. He spoke encouragingly of the progress of Education throughout the Province, and claimed that Teachers should have a voice through their Association, in the regulation of educational matters.

The meeting was also addressed by Messrs. H. C. McPatterson, B.A. of Guysboro' Academy; H. Bayne, B.A. of Pictou Academy, and E. D. Appleby, B.A. from Lunenburg; all of whom spoke favorably of the progress of Education in their respective localities.

The Convention continued by successive adjournments until Saturday at 1.30 p. m.

We should be glad if our way would allow us to give a full report of the proceedings of this important Convention. It was a meeting which cannot fail of exerting an influence for good upon the cause of Common School Education throughout the Province.

HALIFAX INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—The successful results of the judicious management of this excellent Institution were pleasingly illustrated by an entertainment which was given on Monday evening, 27th ult. The room was appropriately decorated, and a platform raised at one end for the boys. The performances consisted of Vocal and Instrumental Music, Recitations, &c.

"We never (says the *Citizen*) saw 42 boys together, who showed in their happy and intelligent, and perfect contentment. The most touching incident of this part of the evening's programme, was the introduction of a poor little Danny (as the boys called him) to the couch, carried up and placed on the platform, where he recited 'the blind boy.' This little fellow, 12 years old, became an inmate about 70 years ago; soon after he was smitten with paralysis, and the right side was rendered entirely powerless. His spine next became diseased, and for nearly a year he has lain, day and night, on his back, just moving as he is moved by the boys, who, two at a time, volunteer to sit by him each day and night. Everybody has a kind word for Danny, and the soft-spoken boys are wonderful, and this is a great blessing."

"After the musical part of the performance was finished, the Chairman presented the prizes furnished by the Committee and other kind donors. Two boys in each department—Shoemakers, Tailors, Cabinet-makers, and Kindling-makers, &c.—each had one dollar given him for having the largest amount of earnings in the past year in his special department. A very handsome book was then presented to Samuel Ayres, the senior Shoemaker, who, the Chairman said, was a most successful worker, and at his occupation and saw was rich in confidence and esteem of his Committee, and all who knew him. It was a presentation of a very beautiful case of pens, acorns, fruit, &c., very tastefully arranged as a bouquet, made by Mr. Ayers, as a token of their esteem and gratitude, to and for Miss Ayres. R. G. Hill, very feelingly spoke to the boys, and expressed the debt of gratitude to Miss Cogswell by the Institution.

A handsome Bible was given to a boy for his general good conduct. This was presented by Mrs. Judge Young, of the town of Lunenburg. The Rev. Mr. Young, of the same town, gave a list of funds for the end of new building to be commenced early in the spring. The Rev. Mr. Young, has been given by the Board of Missions, the sum of \$1000, to make their returns, and the Board of the Birthe, Marriages, and Deaths, that was taken place during the year.

A provision made for the registration of marriages in this province is perhaps as nearly perfect as it can be. There is nothing of a denominational or pecuniary character to interfere with its complying with the law. Plenty of time is allowed—sixty days, to meet every contingency that may arise in the way of giving a name to the child.

Any person who neglects to perform this duty on behalf of his offspring, within that time, is to have the penalty—two dollars—deducted of him. If that were done by the Registrar, it would probably soon have the effect of making the law better known, and insuring full compliance with its provisions. It is a great desideratum, in some of the provinces of this Dominion, that there is no effectual provision for keeping a public registry of the marriages of the deceased, and their liabilities. We have not a single *form* for such a purpose, and it is hardly possible to see what a person can in this matter so as to have it carried out as fully as possible; and in any future legislation on the subject, by the Dominion Parliament, we should guard it from mutilation or non-work."

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