

THE WESLEYAN.

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PASSING ANOTHER MILESTONE.

About four hundred Methodist ministers have changed their places of residence, within the last few weeks, in this Dominion, in accordance with the economy of our church. Although each year brings many changes, there are, nevertheless, not very many removals, for each minister, even in the course of a life-time. Those who receive an appointment to more than ten or a dozen circuits, during their ministry, are a small minority of the whole number. For each of us there is only the one journey of life. At every Annual Conference we pass a milestone on the way. The removal of a minister to a new circuit, and even an annual re-appointment, is to the thoughtful ambassador of Christ an event which awakens the most serious reflections, which leads one into the closest communion with himself, and which involves the most solemn renewal of his covenant engagements with the great Captain whose soldier he is.

There is, inevitably, at such a time, in one's still and quiet hours, a looking back upon the past. What has been the general character of one's ministry? What has been its predominant aim? Has Christ been exalted before and above every other one? Has that ministry been faithful and bold in the utterance of living truths? Has one fearlessly, like his Master, said things that the people ought to hear, but, perhaps, did not like to hear? Has he aroused some that were asleep in sin, and has he stirred up antagonisms, as every faithful minister will, while sinners abound in the land? Has he given sufficient prominence to the great doctrines of repentance toward God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ?

There will be a looking toward the future. How, hereafter, shall one try to shape his ministry? Wherein, henceforth, can he do better than in the past? Is one giving each year a higher tone to his preaching? Is there a clear conviction of how excellent a treasure is committed to the ministry? Do we, as the years wear away, learn how more fully to present the truth as it deserves to be presented, and as our people need it should be presented?

The first Sabbath of a minister on his new charge is one of peculiar interest. As he looks upon his new congregation for the first time, his imagination will be strangely stirred. It will be likely to occur to him, that his new circuit may be the last circuit on which he will be permitted to labor; and that, therefore, he now becomes connected with a people who will witness the close of his ministry, and, perhaps, carry his remains to the grave. Or, at least, if his people shall not bury their pastor, he certainly will perform that sad office for a greater or a lesser number of them. He is to minister to them in sorrow and tears, in bereavement and death. He is to be to them as no other person in the community can be. He is to touch chords that will thrill here, and that will vibrate in eternity. By his life and ministry, the destinies of many, upon whom he, as the new pastor, is permitted to look, may be fixed forever.

The true preacher remembers that he must seek the conversion of souls. He must teach the people. His sermons should abound with good thought. He must be evermore a diligent and plodding student. He should try to train his people. He should aim to build them up in Christian manhood. It is not enough that they abound in faith and hope. They should grow in that charity which is suggested everywhere in the old Scriptures, and which has its clearer illustrations and enforcement in the teachings of Christ, and in the writings of the apostles. Well may we be solicitous to build up ourselves and our people in that charity which thinketh no evil, and which ever runs abroad in the direction of loving God with all the heart, and of loving our neighbours as ourselves.

Is there not room for greater excellence in ministerial work? We ought never to be satisfied with ourselves. We should keep the eye fixed upon the ideal beyond. If we reach to-day, the ideal we saw yesterday, it has moved on. There should always be an ideal in advance. We should never play at preaching, though sometimes we may seem to be in playful moods. We should never take blank cartridges into the pulpit. It is better, rather, that every word should be a bullet, and every sentence a volley. Then, if we are baptized for the dead, as every one of us may be, we shall not assail the strongholds of sin in vain.

THE NEW MINISTER.

Many of the congregations of our Israel have recently been subjected to the severance of the tie that has, for one, or two, or three, years, existed between them and their minister. Although that relation-

ship has been dissolved, there has been the forming of another connection. The new minister has found a home among the people, and has been heard in the pulpit. Some eager eyes have looked upon him; some attentive ears have noticed the qualities of his voice; some critical minds have, more or less discriminately, criticised his general manner.

There are some important things that it is well a congregation should remember in connection with the advent of their new pastor. He is only a man. The treasure of the gospel ministry has not been committed to angels. We have it in earthen vessels. Your minister has been subjected to a course of ministerial training. He has had more or less of experience. He is a thoughtful man. He recognizes his responsibilities. He knows that he has a great work to do. He will study, in summer and in winter, in freshness and in weariness, in good report and in evil report, to be an efficient workman, to win souls, and to build up the house of the Lord. As he is a true man, he will not be a mere machine. He will be an independent preacher. Let not the occupant of the pew, then, be surprised if his minister has a way of his own, and perhaps a somewhat novel way, of doing the work that has been assigned to him.

Your minister will not appear at his best at first. No really strong man ever does. He will draw a long bow. William the Conqueror carried a bow that no man in Normandy or in England, except himself, could bend. Your pastor will handle his own bow better than any other person can. He is planning for a campaign that will include much time, and will involve great labor, and in which he hopes to win precious trophies for Christ. He is, by the grace of God, your appointed guide. Every skilful captain keeps a reserve force for special seasons. Your minister has reserve power which, under favourable circumstances, will appear by and by. Accept his way of doing things as, probably, under existing circumstances, the best available. Accompany him in earnest co-operation into the field of effort. And having learned to labour with him, learn also to wait.

It is important to keep well in mind how much your minister depends upon you. Moses was, beyond all controversy, one of the grandest chieftains that the world has ever known. But Moses needed something more than that he should live near to God in prayer, and that he should have the consciousness of God's friendly presence with him. He needed the prayers of his best friends. At the memorable battle of Rephidim, all went well when Aaron and Hur stayed up the hands of Moses; but when the unsupported hands of Moses, in heaviness, had hung down, the battle went in favour of the enemy.

The Christian minister needs now, as much as Moses did, the help of his co-workers in the church. The conflict continues. The enemy is still in the field. The fate of ransomed souls trembles in the balance. Let our praying people, in all our congregations, stay up the minister's hands, with their warm sympathy, their hearty co-operation, and their earnest prayers. Then let minister and people put on the whole armour of God, and grasp the sword, and fight the good fight of faith, and we shall rejoice together in the victories that will follow.

THE CAMP-MEETING.

This is the season for camp-meetings. For many years camp-meetings were held with the hope that good would thereby be secured, and, to a great extent, as an experiment. They have been weighed in the balances, and they have stood the test. They are now, in many parts of the country, recognized as an established institution.

For several years a camp-meeting has been held, each summer season, in Berwick, Nova Scotia. The meeting this year is to commence on Monday, August 25th, and is to close on Saturday, August 30th. It will be noticed, therefore, that there is to be no service on the camp-ground on the Sabbath day. Those who have had large experience in such assemblages are divided in opinion, as to the advisability of holding the grove services on the Sabbath. Strong arguments may be urged in favour of both sides of this debatable question.

Twenty years ago (July, 1859), and nineteen years ago (July, 1860), we took part in camp-meeting work, in the beautiful grove of John Bennett, Esq., near Woodstock, N. B. The Sabbath days on those occasions were, in a variety of ways, emphatically, the great days of the feast. Never, probably, on any other occasion, were so many persons brought together in one assembly, in the rural portions of the Province, as were present on those camp-meeting Sundays.

Preceding those Sabbaths, during several days, praying persons had been taking part in religious services, in the early morning, and in the late morning, in the afternoon, and in the evening. There was a general looking forward to the Sabbath,

and an expectancy that then the power of God would be displayed in great measure in the salvation of souls. Every thing seemed to combine to make those occasions days of power. The continued intercession of the praying people, the sanctified excitement, the holy enthusiasm, the open ears, the searching eyes, the immense crowds, all combined to call up the reserve power of the preachers, and to clothe their message with a majesty, and a might, that, under other circumstances, would not appear. We remember well how William W. Perkins preached about The Necessity of Repentance, and Hezekiah McKeown about The Flood and its Lessons, and Robert Alder Temple about The Madness of a Life of Sin, with what seemed at that hour, to us, like apostolic fervour and Whitfieldian earnestness, and how, under the mighty power of the divine message, many in the vast audiences were swayed. It seems to us that at those camp-meetings the Sabbath day, with its associations, was needed that such inspiration and unction might be apparent.

If what has just been said may be urged as an argument in favour of holding camp-meeting services on the Sabbath-day, we are well aware that there are strong reasons why such services should not so be held. We need not now discuss the question. It is well that the Berwick programme for the present year, at least, should be carried out.

The holding of a camp-meeting involves hard work on the part of the Committee of Arrangements, and on the part of the more prominent workers therein. But it is a kind of work that will yield a good return. We suppose that there will be, as far as possible, a general attendance of all the official members of our church, who reside in that garden of the Province, and especially in that fruitful Berwick, which we have sometimes heard called the loveliest spot of all that garden. No garden spots, however, no fields, no forests, even in the Annapolis Valley, can yield such harvests as should be gathered in the last week of the present month in our tented grove at Berwick.

It will be necessary, as it seems to us, that from the very beginning, and unto the close of the services, there shall be a large attendance of our ministers. We do not reach success even in a camp-meeting, by guess work, nor by chance. Our plans should be well laid, our forces should be properly marshalled, our work should be well done; and in the name of our God we should set up our banners. And then we shall not spend our strength for naught.

A NEW INDUSTRY.

A company was formed in Moncton, N. B., about a year ago, for the purpose of developing and manufacturing The Peters Combination Lock. The company is known as The Peters Combination Lock Company. The stock was mostly subscribed by residents of Moncton, and is all paid up. The success which has attended the operations of the company, and the advantages within its reach of manufacturing, in connection with their locks, various kinds of rolled brass goods, has led the Company to extend its operations. The Company is now being enlarged. Its capital is being largely increased. A sufficient amount of new shares have been taken within the last few days, at par, in Moncton, to control the location of the works. It is probable that the Company will commence the erection of its workshops, in Moncton, at an early day. There is at present no establishment in the Dominion manufacturing rolled brass goods, and the various kinds of brass goods, which this company intends to turn out of its establishment. The location of such an industry as this in Moncton, can not fail to be a great addition to the business advantages of that growing town, and its surrounding country.

RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND.

A full meeting of The Relief and Extension Fund Committee was held at Toronto, on the 23rd ultimo. About forty persons, ministers, and laymen, were present, representing the several Annual Conferences. The Committee unanimously resolved to carry out the proposed scheme of raising a Special Fund of at least \$150,000.

Some two hundred and fifty ministers have already subscribed to this Fund. And the aggregate amount of their subscriptions reaches about \$70,000. Fifty per cent of the balance shall be appropriated toward the extension of our missions in the North West Territory, and in other destitute portions of the Dominion, and in the Island of Newfoundland. The remaining fifty per cent shall be divided among the Conferences in proportion to the amounts they may contribute. And this amount, so divided, shall be appropriated by those Conferences for local purposes, such as the Supernumerary and Parsonage Aid Funds.

PERSONALS.—Rev. S. F. Huestis has returned from his Western trip. Rev. E. R. Brunyate is enjoying a short vacation at Athol.

TRANSFER COMMITTEE.—The Toronto *Guardian* of July 16th, says: "The N. B. and P. E. I. Conference unanimously adopted the following resolution concerning the change in the constitution of the Transfer Committee. This gives a majority of the Annual Conferences against the change: 'Whereas, the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, in its session in September, 1878, did pass a resolution by which the Committee for the Transfer of Ministers and Preachers is so changed in its composition as to infringe upon the rights and privileges of this Conference, we, therefore, record our disapproval of the action of the General Conference.'"

The *Guardian* is not quite accurate upon this point. The resolution adopted by the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, relating to the Transfer Committee reads as follows: "Whereas, a majority of the Annual Conferences have voted disapproval of the Constitution of the Transfer Committee, as adopted by the last General Conference; and whereas, in consequence of this adverse vote, the new Constitution of said Committee may not come into effect; therefore resolved, that the Conference elect a representative to that Committee, in addition to the President, in order to be prepared for the possible surrendering of the Committee under its former Constitution."

A MEETING of the Eastern section of the Hymn Book Committee, will be held in the school-room of the Brunswick Street Church, Halifax, TUESDAY, August 5th, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

A meeting of the Special Committee of the Nova Scotia Conference—on "Relief and Extension of Missions," will be held in the Brunswick Street School Room, Halifax, on Wednesday, August 6th, at 10 a. m.

S. F. HUESTIS, President of N. S. Conference.

BRUNSWICK STREET SCHOOL.—The annual picnic of the Brunswick Street Methodist Sabbath School came off on Wednesday last, under the general direction of the Superintendent, William B. McNutt, Esq. The party went by steamer down the harbor and up the North West Arm. The sky was overcast all day, but no rain fell. A delightful day was enjoyed by the scholars and teachers of the school, and by their many friends who accompanied them.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS.—We give in this week's *Wesleyan* the Lessons for two Sabbaths—August 10th and 17th. We do this that our Sabbath School Teachers in all parts of Newfoundland, and in Prince Edward Island during the winter season, may receive the paper in time to use the Lesson, as it is intended to be used. We purpose, especially during the winter season, to keep, in reference to these Lessons, well ahead of the time.

REV. HENRY WARD BEECHER is to Lecture in Halifax, and in Charlottetown, next week.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS RECEIVED.

Harper's Magazine for August will pleasantly surprise even those readers who from long experience have come to expect in each successive number a new revelation of the possibilities of wood engraving. Never has even *Harper's* contained in a single article so many and at the same time so varied and excellent a series of landscape engravings as those which illustrate Mr. Benjamin's paper on Lake George. These engravings are from Mr. J. D. Smilie's drawings, twenty-three in number, covering every picturesque feature of the lake from Caldwell to its northern extremity.

Of an entirely different character, but of equal excellence, are the engravings illustrating Mr. Gibson's paper, "Snug Hamlet and Hometown." The drawings are by the author, who has taken for his theme an artist's vacation among the scenes of his childhood. The old New England homestead, with its inevitable garret, the studies of insect life, of the beautiful landscape view along the Housatonic, and of Hometown characters, and finally the reminiscences of school life, afford unusual opportunities for illustration; and the result here shown is very beautiful, apart from the glamour always cast over reminiscences of this kind. The beautiful engravings of butterflies with which the paper opens has been executed by Edward King, and is only equalled by the engraving of the peacock's feather, by the same artist, in the *Harper's* for August last year.

THE PRIMARY SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER for the third quarter, 1879, has come to hand. David C. Cook, 46 Madison St. is the publisher, and Mrs. Cook is the Editor. It contains 70 pages of matter, admirably adapted to the requirements of Sabbath school work. There are several pages of Sabbath school music. The work is well printed, on excellent paper.

MCALPINE'S HALIFAX CITY DIRECTORY for 1879-80 has just been issued from the press of the Nova Scotia Printing Company. It forms a book of 576 pages, and is filled with information of great value to all business men in this Province, and especially to the residents of Halifax, and the immediate vicinity. It contains an alphabetical business and street directory of Halifax and Dartmouth. It contains also the tariff, a postal directory, a legal and clerical directory, a list of members of the Royal Family, and full information relating to the various societies and institutions of the city and Province, corrected to the middle of last month. Typographically the work is all that could be desired.

THE MAP AND GUIDE OF HALIFAX CITY, containing R. R. Time Tables, a description of the Exhibition Building, and of the Maritime Provinces, by Messrs. Charles D. McAlpine & Co., 107 Granville Street, Halifax, has been received. This pamphlet contains not only a valuable plan of the city, showing its streets and principal points of interest, but also a great deal of information needed by business men, and others, in the city, and in other parts of the Province.

NATIONAL REPOSITORY.—Three illustrated articles grace the August number of the National Repository, the first being a series of selections by the Editor, entitled "Summer with the Poets;" the second an historical description of "Prague," by Prof. J. H. Worman; and the third an account of Lady Jane Grey, by Mrs. E. S. Martin. Prof. Wm Wells writes of "Catholicism at the Bar of France," Rev. T. H. Pearce, D. D. furnishes a sketch of "Jamaica;" and D. C. McDonald gives an interesting picture of the "Bodleian Library." The story of "My Land of Beulah" is continued, and one or two other selected articles are included in the number. The "Siboulette," by Henry Gilman, is a little poem of striking beauty. The Editorial Miscellany is as usual, full of good things.

A Mother in Israel: Memorials of Mary Ann Priestly, wife of the Rev. Joshua Priestly. (London: Wesleyan Conference Office.)—Mr. Priestly is well known as a biographer, and his writings have done good to many. This little book exhibits in its subject both "excellence" and "true womanhood." It is a domestic biography, containing little that is extraordinary, but showing how God may be served in the common ways of life.

The Halifax Medical College in Affiliation with The University of Halifax, has issued its Annual Announcement for the Thirtieth Session, 1879-80. Thirty-six Students were in attendance last winter. This institution affords superior facilities for a fair medical training.

The provisions of the Provincial Medical Act requiring four years of study before graduation will hereafter be rigidly enforced.

The Calendar of the Mount Allison Male Academy, for 1879, has been laid upon our table. There were seventy-one students in attendance during the last year. This pamphlet contains information needed by those who purpose patronizing this institution during the ensuing year. It may be had of the Principal, Rev. Charles H. Paisley, A. M., at Sackville, N. B.

A PEN WORTH RECOMMENDING.—We have been favored with samples of the celebrated Spencerian Double Elastic Steel Pens, and after trying them feel justified in highly commending them to our readers. They are made of the best steel, and by the most expert workmen in England, and have a national reputation for certain desirable qualities which no other pens seem to have attained in so great perfection, among which are uniform evenness of point, durability, flexibility, and quill action. It is thus quite natural that the Spencerian should be preferred and used by professional men, in business colleges, counting-rooms, government offices, public schools, and largely throughout the country. Indeed, so popular have they become, that of the "Number One" alone, as many as eight millions are sold annually in the United States.

The Spencerian Pens may be had, as a rule, from any dealer; but, when not thus obtainable, the agents, Messrs. Alexander Buntin & Co., 345 St. Paul Street, Montreal, will send for trial, samples of each of the twenty numbers, on receipt of twenty cents.

ADVERTISEMENTS.—We would call the attention of our readers to the information given, in this issue, to the general public, through our advertising columns. Those in Windsor and in Truro, and in the vicinity of those places, who need watches, jewelry, or sheet music, will find an excellent opportunity to secure such articles, and others in that line, by consulting the new advertisements this week dating from those places.

MR. JOHN TOLAND, Agent of the Bible Society, has made appointments at the following places, on the days mentioned below:—

Place	Day	Time
Woodstock	August 1st	3rd
Grand Falls	" 3rd	1st
Andover	" 4th	4th
Kinkardine	" 5th	5th
Kent	" 6th	6th
Florenceville	" 7th	7th
Victoria Corner	" 8th	8th
Richmond	" 9th	9th
Littleton	" 10th	10th
St. Stephen	" 11th	11th
St. Andrews	" 12th	12th

POSTAL CARDS.

TRYON, P. E. I., July 28, 1879.

The Rev. Mr. Deinstadt, in reviewing his work on the Tryon circuit, during the period of his pastorate, made the following important statement, in the last sermon he preached here, namely, speaking of the number of infant baptisms, he said: "The first year I baptized twenty-one infants; the second year—the year of the debate, on baptism, between Rev. Dr. Murray, Presbyterian minister, and Rev. Mr. McDonald, Baptist minister, at Tryon, I baptized seventy-three infants." This is a fact that, I think, should be handed round. It suggests that what our people need is light on the question of infant baptism. OBSERVER.

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Allow me to express my sincere thanks to you for the interest you have taken in me, and for the many kind words you have spoken to me. I am, my dear friend, ever yours, as of old, a true and faithful friend.

DEAR MR. DEINSTADT, through your kind invitation, I have the pleasure to inform you that I have accepted of a new circuit. I am, my dear friend, ever yours, as of old, a true and faithful friend.

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