I. John 14, 27th. The gift of our Saviour the Lord, So sweet and so precious is given,-So plainly 'tis told in His word, To all who are striving for heaven Peace I leave with you, My peace I give

Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. II. Is. 32, 17th.

A peace, an assurance secure, A righteousness here while we live, A comfort and joy ever sure,
A blessing the world cannot give.

III. Rom 5, 1st, By faith we are justified here. By faith we have peace with our God. Made free by His love from all fear We walk where our Saviour hath trod.

IV. Phil 4, 7th. The peace of our God from above, Which passeth the knowledge of all, Shall keep our glad hearts in His love, While on Jesus our Saviour we cail.

V. Col 3, 15-16th. Our Saviour has called us to take That peace which He freely has given To rule in our hearts for llis sake, And help one the other to heaven, Halifax 10th Aug. 1881.

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INEQUALITIES OF THE CHILDREN'S FUND ASSESSMENT.

Since receiving a copy of the Minnot assessed as heavily. The principle the circuits are assessed this year, bear | pating a year of successful toil. little or no relation to this return. After examining the assessment with of the weak helping the strong. I will that educational work : give a few examples of the inequalities of which many circuits and ministers are justly complaining. To the re-Missionary grant, where there was any, but excluded all amounts granted for rent and removal expenses. So that the amounts I name include the full amounts that were received by ministers on dependent as well as independent circuits. Some may object to this, and say that the amount granted by the Missionary Society varies from year to year. This is quite true, but for the last few years it has not varied

materially. Neither is the amount this year likely to be very different I trust that some member of the Committee will be able to explain these seeming inequalities to the satisfaction of those interested. If such explanation is not given and if an improvement is not made in the mode of assessment the days of this Fund are numbered. It is imposing a burden upon some which they are not able to bear. But let us look at some of the inequities of taxation. Base de Verte and Sackville receipts were respectively :855 and \$880; yet the former is taxed just \$50 less than the latter. Point de Bute receipts were just \$200 less than Summerside; but its assessment is exactly the same. And it ought to be added that the Point de Bute minister cannot work his circuit without the additional expense of a horse; while the Summerside minister does not require one. Bidefo.d receipts we e only three dollars less than Derby yet its assessment is \$40 less. Florenceville receipts were only \$341 and St. Stephen \$1000; but there is a dif. ference of only \$39 in the assessment Pownal raised \$612 and Moncton \$1, 100; but there is a difference of only \$20 in the tax. Noweastle receipts were \$567 and Baie du Viu and Tabus rntax \$220 yet they are both assessed alike, although the Newcastle minister requires no horse; but the Baie du Vlu minister does. Little York raised \$300 less than Fairville and is assessed or \$10 more. Tryon receipts were \$850 and Arthurette \$275 but the difference of assessment is only \$20. Florenceville receipts were \$341 and Cornwall \$840—and again the difference of sssessment is just \$20. In the Fredericton District there are the strongest anomalies. With the exception of a few circuits each circuit is assessed for the sum of \$90. No matter whether

say that it is a great pity that the assessment cannot be placed on the table of the Conference a day or so before the Conference is asked to vote upon it. The present hurried mode of voting this assessment has the one redeeming feature of preventing discussion as to its merits. I am quite certain that if the brethren had had sufficient time to see the unequal way in which this burdee was to be borne, something would would have been done with the view of equalizing it. A. B. C. To Editor of WESLEYAN

its receipts amount to \$700 like Shef-

field or only to \$275 like Arthurette.

But I must stop, not because I have ex-

hausted the list of inequalities, but be-

cause I have given sufficient to show

that an explanation is really necessary.

I trust that some one will now "rise

and explain." In concluding I would-

September 8th. 1881.

FLAT ISLANDS, NFLD.

On Friday last the teachers and

and marched to the principal places in the Cove, singing on the way. Having arrived at the house of James Joyce. E.q, they were on his grounds regaled with buns and tea. A very pleasant evening was afterwards spent in innocent recreation, ending with cheers for the pastor and his wife. as well as three much appreciated.

our Sabbath-school at Fint Islands, was inaugurated, S. Snowden, Superintendent of Band, presiding. Fiftynine members were initiated, and the following elected and installed into of-

fice. viz. :-Samuel Senior, President; Hy. Wm. Crann, Vice-President ; Harriet Taylor, Secretary; Mrs. Snowden, Treasurer; Eliza Butler, Guide; Sarah Parsons, Conductor; Walter Parsons, Sentinel.

The Band was thus started under most auspicious circumstances, and closed its first meeting per ritual. Yesterday our Sunday-school pic-nic

on Flat Islands passed off satisfactor-We expect to start on a missionary tour for Sound Island and the Bay in

FINANCIAL MEETINGS.

Flat Islands, Aug. 18, '81.

a few days.

TRURO DISTRICT.

The Truro District met in Financial District on Tuesday, Sept. 6th, in the utes of Conference, I have been trying East Mountain Church, Onslow cirto decide what principle guided the cuit. With two exceptions, all the Committee this year in assessing the ministers of the District were present. circuits for the above Fund. That The time was occupied principally in membership is not the basis of assess- routine business, such as receiving esment is evident; for some circuits with timates for the current year, and maka membership double that of others are | ing arrangements for missionary and educational meetings. Yet there was of assessment, I believe, is professedly time for several interesting and profit-(if I am wrong, I shall be glad to be able discussions on the various subcorrected) the financial ability of cir- jects presented. A cheerful tone charcuits as estimated from the amounts acterized the sessions. All the breth-raised under the head of "Circuit Re- ren appeared to be well pleased with ceipts." Yet the amounts for which their fields of labor, and to be antici-

The following resolution adopted shows that the District is in sympathy some amount of care, I have concluded with our educational work, and is that it presents a very good illustration | ready to do all in its power to promote

> Resolved, That this District meeting, appreciating the work of our Educational Institutions, become responsible for a scholarship of \$25.00 for the Mount Allison College.

In the evening a lively and earnest educational meeting was held. Short but effective speeches were delivered by Revs. W. C. Brown (Chairman). W. Shepherdson, H. Davis, T. D Hart and S. B Dunn. Devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. J. Tweedy and I. E. Thurlow. We venture to say that the large congregation assembled gained more light on the subject than they have ever before re-

the educational fund. joyed our visit there, and are indebted to pastor and people for the kind efforts for our comfort.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

The Financial Meeting of this District was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., in the Methodist church at Lunenburg. Those who are conversant with the affairs of this southern portion of the Province know that many of our congregations and circuits have been seriously depleted by a very considerable "exodus" of Methodist people. Lunenburgis adesirable exception to this state of things. The congregation of the town is one of the largest and most important under the oversight of our Conference, devolving upon its minister pastoral labors and responsibilities probably greater than those sustained by any other of the brethren.

By arrangement a meeting in the inerest of the Sabbath school was held on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the District. It was estimated that four hundred and fifty persons, cheifly youth, were present and listened to atractive addresses by Bros. Williams, Gee, Fisher and John Johnson. Also on Wednesday evening an Educational meeting was held. S A. Chesley, Esq, occupied the chair and made some aupropriate opening remarks upon the advantages of education to the people generally and especially to the ministry. The audience was somewhat smaller than the previous evening, owing to the Sabbath school pic-nic of the afternoon, but the excellent speeches of Bros. Hickey, Bigney and

Fisher were received with marked at-The routine business of the District was carefully and conscientiously prosecuted, and it was agreed to offer for competition a Liverpool District Scholarship to the Theological Institute of our Conference who shall oxcel in the English branches. The annual session of the District will be held in Mill Vil-By order of the District.

MEMORIAL NOTICES.

HENRY NEARY, OF GREENWICH.

How rapidly are our aged brethren, who have long stood by the ark of God, passing away! We ask with great anxiety-Shall the Church have the children, in the place of the fathers?

Bro. Neary was made partaker of Lath-school, with their pastor, Rev. S. ministry of Rev. William Croscomb, indemnity.

Snowden, assembled in the school room of blessed memory. For more than and marched to the principal places in forty years he had been a most useful member of the Methodist Church, and had with untiring vigilance sustained the offices of leader and steward. His experience was calm and ever confiding in his Redeemer. His demeanor in all the relations of life commanded the love and respect of all who knew ringing cheers for the Queen. It was him; the cause of God was ever dear the first Sabbath-school treat, and was to him, and his anxiety for the welfare of his minister was manifested down On Monday evening last the "March to the day of his death. In one word, On" Band of Hope, in connection with his whole Christian life from the time of his conversion to God was a most pleasing demonstration of Christian character.

Many years ago the Lord was pleased to call from earth his excellent wife. and subsequently his beloved daughter. Mrs Lovitt Bishop. In these painful bereavements, Brother Neary, though feeling his great loss, was enabled to say : "Thy will be done." During a series of religious services in Greenwich last winter, his beloved pastor -Rev. Thomas Rogers, writes, " Brother Neary was a great help to us, and was much exercised concerning the salvation of all his family. Let all who attended those services remember that that voice which so earnestly recommended personal salvation, is now silent in death, while the immortal spirit mingles with the redeemed around the throne. From Greenwich have gone up to God many of our beloved people, and we hope that many, if not all, of succeeding generations will follow them. O let us sing with greater solicitude and deeper feeling,

"Shall we gather at the river."

Brother Neary's sickness was not of long duration. His only desire for life was to do more for God, and in his position as collector for the minister to persuade others to do more for the support of those who devote their lives for their spiritual interests.

As he drew near the end of life he said "I have no fears that Jesus who has been with me so long will leave me

His departing message to all who stood by him, was "Prepare to meet thy God." And when his voice failed we could hear his faint whispers of such words as "Triumph," "Rejoice," and Precious Jesus."

This small tribute is made to his memory by one who knew him for many years. He died 16th of May, 1881, in the 76th year of his age. JAMES G. HENNIGAR.

August 1881.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

The celebrated French æronaut, M. Eugene Godard, and three companions, narrowly escaped a tragic ending of a balloon voyage, near Vienna, a few weeks ago. An auspicious start was made from the pleasure gardens of Schonorunn, and for an hour the sail through mid air was a pleasant one. ceived in so short a time. The collec. Then the huge craft floated into the tion exceeded the amount which the midst of a violent storm, and the terwhole circuit contributed last year to ror-stricken voyagers were surrounded by flashing thunderbolts. M. Godard Brother Robinson is doing a good alone retained his presence of mind, work on the Onslow circuit. We en- and endeavored to rise above the storm by emptying the sand bags. Finding this impossible, he decided to descend at once. The balloon was then 3,000 | the next-door neighbor."-Texas Siftfeet high, and moving at the rate of thirty four feet per second. The gaspipe was opened, and the balloon began to descend with fearful rapidity. Suddenly M. Godard exclaimed, " We shall fall into the Danube." A fruitless attempt was made to use the anchor, but the trees were too far below and the speed too great. At any moment it appeared that they might be engulfed in the stream, whence, owing to the storm, all escape would be impossible. M. Godard hereupon cried "Gentleman, we are one too many!" But as none of his companions appeared disposed to withdraw, he threw over twenty-five kilograms of rope, and, with the anchor attached to the remainder, endeavoied to catch the brushwood on the river edge. This, fortunately, succeeded, and the car was secured within a few feet of the

BRIGANDAGE.

A return has been issued respecting British subjects captured by brigands since 1860. There have been fourteen such cases in the time. Four of the outrages took place in Spain, three in Mexico, two in Greece, two in Turkey, two in Italy, and one in Sicily. The amounts of ransoms paid varied from £13,636 for Mr. and Mrs. Suter and their child, and £10,835 4s. 31. and fifteen gold watches and revolver costing £42 18s. 6d., for Colonel Synge, to £200 for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rankin and Mrs. Taylor who were captured in Spain in 1871. Except in the last two cases in Turkey, the English Government has never advanced the ransom moneys; but in 1870 the Governor of Gibraltar advanced the ransom money for Mr. John Bonell, and Mr. John Anthony Bonell, who were captured four miles from Gibraltar in Spanish territory, from the colonial chest. In almost all cases the sums were eventually paid by the captives or their friends, and no amounts were repaid or compensation or other payments made. There were exceptions in the case of amount of the ransom, and in the case scholars of Hay Cove Methodist Sab- the converting grace of God under the the Greek Government £10,000 as an innocent printers with their hierogly-

BREVITIES.

Too much courtesy is discourteev. You will find poetry nowhere unless you have some with you.-Joubert.

It is easier to tie a knot in a cord of wood than to do an evil deed and get rid of the consequences. The slander of some people is as

great a recommendation as the praise of others. When the grumbling citizen rushes into print with his complaint, he

"writes his wrong" whether he obtains redress or not. A little girl in a London Sunday school, being asked why God made the flowers of the field, replied : " Please,

ma'am, I suppose for patterns for arti-

ficial flowers. Some people's bad habits resemble the periodical headache of the Frenchman, who declared that it came on regularly once a month and lasted about

When a rural-resort landlord thinks a city man is putting on too many airs be merely says, as he hands him his key to his room at night: "Be careful to turn out the gas. Don't blow it out."

" What is the best remedy," asked a preacher of a shrewd observer, "for an inattentive audience?" "Give them something to attend to," was the significant reply; "hungry sheep will look up to the rack if there's hay in it."

The Boston Post gives the following advice to a temperance inquirer : "The way to resent the invitation to dring, so that the insult will never be offered again, is to take somethin that costs twenty-five cents a glass."

Nevada papers regret to see five-cent pieces in circulation on the Comstock. They say that " no surer sign of the | the Provinces. decay of the locality could be present-They hold that a "bit," a dime, is small enough for any country that isn't going down hill.

A little boy (aged four) who had been left at home while his mother made some calls, said to her on her return,-Mamma, I prayed while you was gone." "That was right, my dear, what did you say?" "I said: 'God, please to make mamma a lady that loves to stay at home.'

When Benjamin Franklin proposed marriage, his mother hesitated about giving her consent, on the ground that there were already two printing offices in the United States, and she not sure that a third would be successful, and that was young Ben's only visible means of support.

When a Methodist preacher of any prominence in this State does or says anything worthy of note, half the papers in the commonwealth make a local of it and say, "Rev. So-and-so, formerly of this city." Such is one beneficial feature of the itinerant sys tem.-Lowell Courier.

"Where is the island of Java situated!" asked an Austin school teacher of a small, rather forlorn-looking boy "I dunno, sir." "Don't you know where coffee comes from?" sir; we borrows it ready parched from

"Any letter for me?" asked a young lady of a postmistress in a country town. "No," was the reply Strange," said the young lady aloud to herself, as she turned away. "Nothing strange about it," cried the postmistress through the delivery window You ain't answered the last letter he

The Sunday- school was in debt, and reflect of the class of symptoms for which such he superintendent got up an excurthe superintendent got up an excursion to wipe it out, and was successful. At the next meeting of the Sundayschool the superintendent congratulated the scholars on what had been ac children." said he, rubbing his hands, " we are out of debt; what shall we do?" "Get in again !" piped up a shrill voice from a small boy on the front seat.

While a youth of thirteen was playing with his fellows, he ran against the stand of a poor, dilapidated appleman, and came very near tipping his treasures into the gutter. He instantly raised his hat, and politely asked pardon for the affront. When asked by his mates why he lifted his hat to a poor old apple-man, he replied: " I didn't do it because the apple man was a gentleman, but rather because I am

On one occasion, when Sir Walter Scott was in Ireland, he came to a gate which he could not open. At that moment a shoeless lad came up and open ed it for him. He wished to make him a present, intending to give him sixpence. He found he had only a shilling. "Here, my boy," said he, " is a shilling, and remember that you owe me sixpence." "Och," said the lad, " may your honor live till I pay you! How could any one have paid a more delicate compliment? It simply wished him immortality.

" A river of lava" in a manuscript, got changed in the office of one of our contemporaries so as to read " a river of lard." We do not wonder that the the Bonells just mentioned, in which author cried out in his indignation the Spanish Government repaid the but the editor responds that the manuscript was in fault. We have had to of Lord Muncastor's party, captured employ a microscope in the hands of in Greece, some twelve miles from an expert on some manuscripts, and Athens in 1870. In this last case Mrs. | we are about tired of such work. There Lloyd, whose husband was murdered are newspaper correspondents who the flavors commonly sold in the shops. by the brigands, received from the | should get rid of the delusion that King of Greece £1,000 for her imme- they already know how to write, and diate wants, and subsequently from | proceed to learn or cease to torment phics.-N. Y. Meth.

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