

MONEY WANTED!!!

The Book Steward finds, on entering the office to which he has been appointed, that among the "Liabilities" of the establishment are various sums either already overdue to publishers in England and elsewhere, or about to become due for notes in the bank, amounting together to several thousand dollars; he is, therefore, compelled to very earnestly call upon every person who is indebted to either the Book Room, the "Wesleyan" newspaper, or the Printing Office, to the extent of even a single dollar, to help him by an immediate payment of the amount due. H. PICKARD.

July 21, 1879.

THE WESLEYAN.

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1879.

THE Book-Room and Editorial departments of the Conference Office in Halifax, are being worked separately. It is important, therefore, that our correspondents should remember, that all letters relating to the business of either the Book Room or the WESLEYAN office, and all remittances of money for the WESLEYAN and for the Book-Room, should be addressed to the Book-Steward, and not to the Editor. And all books to be noticed, and all communications and advertisements designed for insertion in the WESLEYAN, should be addressed to the Editor, and not to the Book-Steward.

It has been necessary, in many instances, within the last few weeks, to change the Post Office address of subscribers of this paper. It is desirable that the address of our patrons, on our mailing books, should be thoroughly accurate. We hope all our subscribers to whom the WESLEYAN does not go properly addressed this week, will, immediately, send to the Editor a postal card, stating what the erroneous address now is, and carefully indicating what the address should be.

THE IRISH CONFERENCE.—The one hundred and tenth Irish Conference was held last month in Belfast. It was the first Conference held in Ireland since the union of the Wesleyan Methodist and Primitive Methodist Churches. It was the largest Conference ever held in that country. The Conference consisted of two houses—the ministerial, numbering about 200 ministers, and the representative, numbering about 120 ministers and 120 laymen. The number of members reported is 28,487, a decrease of 1,160. This decrease was occasioned by the refusal of many of the Primitive body to unite with the Wesleyans.

Six churches, four parsonages, and two school-rooms were erected during the year, at a cost of about \$12,000. The amount of debt paid off during the year was \$1,850, and the remaining debt is \$8,802. There are now in connection with the Conference 408 churches, providing accommodation for about 70,720 hearers. The Rev. W. McMullen was elected delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The ministers' conference adopted resolutions unanimously expressing the conviction that the class-meeting "should be maintained in unimpaired influence, and, if possible, rendered more generally useful."

The London Watchman, in referring to the action of the Irish Conference on the subject of class-meetings, urges the importance of attendance at class, as the one test of membership. The London Recorder, in a leading article on the same subject, takes a somewhat different position. Both papers, however, strongly urge the advisability of maintaining class-meetings as a peculiarity of Methodism, and as an invaluable means of grace. We extract from the article in the Watchman in type and it will appear next week.

THE FRENCH CONFERENCE.—The French Wesleyan Conference was held at Lausanne, Switzerland, in the last month. Lay delegates were in attendance for the first time. The principal difficulty with which the Conference was confronted was the financial situation. Relief was looked for from the Missionary Committee of the English Conference. But as the debt of the Missionary Committee is already very large, and is growing at the rate of \$5,000 a month, no help could be obtained from that source. The Conference determined upon retrenchment; and hopes to reduce the deficiency in the coming year.

We regret to have to announce the death of Rev. Frederick J. Jobson, D. D., of London, England. He entered the ministry in 1834, and has been a prominent minister in the ministerial ranks for many years. He has been a strong man in our Methodist Israel. During the last

seventeen years he has held the position of Book Steward of the British Conference. We have not yet learned the particulars concerning his death.

We earnestly request all our ministers in Canada, in Newfoundland, in the United States, and elsewhere, who regularly receive the WESLEYAN, and are interested in the purposes that it aims to accomplish, to send us a Postal Card for our Postal Card column, containing items of news suitable for our paper, when such items are within reach.

CORRECTION.—Some errors appeared in the article in last week's WESLEYAN from the pen of Rev. Joseph Gaetz, through the oversight of the proof-reader. In the first sentence the word "Wesleyan" should have read "Messenger." The words "Pedobaptist home" should have read "Pedobaptist house." And in the last sentence, instead of "Grateful for your progress," it should have read "Grateful for your prayers."

POSTAL CARDS.

DIGBY, July 22, 1879.

A tea meeting and festival held in the vestry of the Methodist church, Digby, on the 8th, realized \$37.50. The rain coming down in torrents hindered many from coming, but still the affair passed off very satisfactorily.

A Tea Festival was held in our new church on the "Neck Road" on Tuesday, the 15th. The day was most beautiful. Not many short of 400 persons were present. The arrangements, in order, the financial results were very cheering, viz., \$112.50.

Great climacteric disturbance here last week. Within 30 hours, the thermometer fell from 90 in the shade to 52. This was the most remarkable change at this time of the year perhaps ever witnessed in this part of the Dominion. R. W.

FREDERICTON, July 22, 1879.

A large audience met in the Lecture room of the Methodist church in this city on Friday evening last to welcome their new pastor, the Rev. E. Evans. The Rev. W. W. Brewer opened the service and introduced Mr. Evans to the congregation. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Henry Daniel, A. Rowley, Esq., Recording Steward of the Marysville circuit; S. D. McPherson, Esq., and Wm. Lemont, Esq. We have recently paid one thousand four hundred dollars of the debt on our church. This is a direct result, Mr. Editor, of your effort to lift the debt. We are full of good courage and hope for the future. M. D.

MARYSVILLE, July 22, 1879.

The Rev. W. W. Brewer and lady, received a cordial and most hearty welcome from the people of Marysville, on Wednesday evening last. We are earnestly praying for and expecting days of spiritual prosperity on this circuit. R.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HOW SOME PEOPLE ARE AFFECTED BY THE LIBERALITY OF THEIR MINISTERS.

WITH OTHER HEADS AND POINTS. Some on dependent circuits and on missions, whose ministers have contributed liberally towards the payment of church debts, &c., say: "They must have means." This is said in a depreciative tone, emphatically designed to carry the impression that the donors were not so liberal after all. Neither the spirit nor the speech of these would-be detractors has much weight with any one who has acted up to the felt responsibility of his stewardship. But there is sometimes more than this to be met as the effect of this systematic benevolence.

Under the idea that ministers who are ready to help in every good cause must be rich, these people would justify the withholding or lessening of their payments to their salary! Passing over the lack of Christian principle such a course manifests, it can be shown that the policy, in a secular point of view, is at fault.

Will not ministers, so unkindly and unjustly treated, because they aid circuits on which they may be stationed, while still recognizing their obligations to God for His mercies, discontinue helping such people financially, but rather send their donations to other localities, and have them acknowledged as coming from "a friend?"

Ungrateful words are not pleasant, but if ungenerous returns in deeds for kind consideration and self-denying aid can be avoided, without sacrifice of principle or neglect of duty, is it not wise to avoid them?

There are a few ministers who, by inheritance, or marriage, or birth, have money, independent of their salaries—and they give freely.

And there are some who somehow have all along held to the uninterrupted succession—not exactly Apostolic, or even connexional,—of good paying circuits; men who have never reckoned an unprovided for balance of \$350 or \$400 among their actual deficiencies, as some other brethren have done yearly (on a nominal salary of \$750—getting only \$350 or \$400), but have received their \$1000 or \$1200 per annum, and may, therefore, be supposed to have something to the good—in investments, say.

But who does not know that these men receive the interested attentions of certain persons who give their door-bells, at least, occasionally, strong pulls; and that the pockets, bags, or baskets, of such persons, are not lightened by their seeing

"your riverine," or "his riverine lady," whom they were pleased to favor with a call. Nor do gettars-up of bazaars, &c., forget where they live. These calls do not increase the money income any way. If there are exceptions, well-to-do, and yet stingy, miserly, always-making-a-poor-mouth ministers, they are to be pitied. They are neither less despicable and miserable here, nor less in danger of being shut out of heaven hereafter, than any other covetous men are. Eph. 1. 6. Don't envy these. Even the poor and needy don't regard them worthy of a morning call, or of leaving their cards at their door. In the hour of their affliction they are not consoled with anything like Job's pleasing recollections: "When the ear heard me, then it blessed me, when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me. Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me; and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy." Miserly people would prefer to devour poor widow's bread; and at the end of a month's uninvited sojourn, and hospitality, make them a present of a row of paper pins, or a steel thimble—and mourn over the cost, after they get home again.

Methodism has her generous rich laymen—and she has her thousands of laymen and ministers who, though not rich, are liberal. Taken as a whole, they are as liberal a body of men as can be found anywhere.

See what they are doing in England now; and what they are about doing in this Dominion? There are no Methodist ministers in the Lower Provinces who, compared with the wealthy members of their congregations, can be said to be rich. They are only so pronounced, in comparison of contrast with their poor, poorer, or poorest brethren. The salaries of some of these, last year,—including mission income and grant—was less than \$350, out of which they had to keep a horse, and bear the wear and tear of carriage, sleigh, &c. "But," asks the enquirer, "how can these 'poor' men give so much?"

The writer says they do. He can answer for one case. It has come to his knowledge that a minister whose salary—including claims for four children—was in 1877 \$480, and in 1878, \$490, and having no other source of income, since he entered the ministry, gave away in those two years more than \$150, and promissorially \$100 besides. Neither to rich nor to poor relations were these gifts given. A portion went to God's poor; the greater part to the cause of God.

It must have required great frugality and no little self-denial, on the part of himself and wife, to do this.

Yet of him, some persons who could not but know some of the objects toward which he contributed, may have said: "He must have means." Whether they deprived him of the greater luxury of giving more than he did, by withholding from him what they ought to have paid, is best known to themselves. He has been heard to say, that if he had received six or seven hundred dollars a year, certain church debts would be hundreds of dollars less than they are to day.

"He must be rich!" Yes. There is a sense in which the MASTER pronounces such givers rich: "I know thy tribulation and poverty—but thou art rich." Rev. 11. 9.

OBSERVE.

MR. EDITOR.—Permit me to say to the ministers of the Nova Scotia Conference, that it is deemed advisable to remind them of the fact, that owing to the unusually large claims upon the Contingent Fund, during the past year, only a very small balance is left to defray the expense of publishing the Minutes of Conference. The Conference gave no order as to the number of copies to be published. It is presumed, however, that it is the wish of the brethren that no order as to the number be done by charging a few cents per copy. Will the brethren, therefore, please inform me by postal card, as soon as possible, for how many copies, at five cents each, they are willing to become responsible?

It is believed that the desire of our people to have the Minutes of Conference, will justify the brethren in ordering at the rate of twenty-five copies per one hundred members.

J. A. ROGERS, Sec'y. N. S. Conference. Amherst, July 21, 1879.

To the Editor of the Wesleyan.

What I am about to write of, does not come within the scope of the duties of the Conference Reporter, you will therefore pardon my reference to it. I desire as a member of Conference heartily to express my high appreciation of the efficiency of the choir of the first Methodist Church of Charlottetown. Such singing as we were permitted to enjoy and join in on Conference Sabbath it is rarely our privilege to hear. The anthems, both from the Psalms and in the very words of our Bible, were delightfully restful, so that one quite forgot the singers in the enchantment of the song, and when at the close of the public exercises of the day, the large congregation rose and to the familiar tune of Shalms poured forth their souls in the hymn "When I survey the wondrous cross," it seemed that in the volume of melody was blended every voice and every heart. There was no longer any need to wish for "the good old times." If, instead of part pieces and solos in the singing of which there is so great temptation to worship not Him "but a voice," we could in all our churches have "everything that hath breath praise the Lord," it would greatly aid the spiritual worship as opposed to the looking for a religious entertainment. But we have digressed. As Bro. Fletcher the leader is an enthusiast in his work, he will not need such words as these to assure him that in so successfully leading the praises of God he is doing a noble work for the church and the Master.

SIGMA.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, July 21, 1879.

EDITOR WESLEYAN:

Dear Sir,—Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of Resolutions, passed by the Newfoundland Conference, in recognition of my services as Editor and Book Steward. The expression of the Resolutions is so kind, that a reply seems really necessary, if I would avoid the charge of indifference to what we Methodist ministers very highly esteem,—the approval of our brethren.

For the repeated expressions of confidence and appreciation which have come to me from those whom, during six years, I strove to serve, I am exceedingly grateful. I now have time to reflect, and the retrospect of that busy period leaves me but one cause of regret, namely, that a generous brotherhood and a forbearing constituency, had not a better servant. But such as it was, the service was cheerfully rendered.

I am, dear Sir, Yours respectfully, A. W. NICOLSON.

TO THE EDITOR OF "WESLEYAN."

DEAR SIR,—Will you allow me, through your paper, to suggest a few things to those concerned, about Camp-meeting affairs? In the first place, I think it would be well for the Camp-meeting Association to publish a statement as to the exact date of the opening and closing of the services. The current opinion here is, that the services will be held during the third week of August, and there may be a little confusion as to whether the meeting will commence on the 11th or 18th of that month: Would it not be well for the Committee appointed by the Conference, to meet at an early date and make arrangements for the services?

If we have proper arrangements, and our people come to our Camp-meeting with large expectations, and strong faith in God, blessed results will accrue therefrom, and our circuits will feel the benefits of those results all through the year.

Could it not be arranged for the Halifax and Annapolis Financial District Meetings to be held in Berwick during the Camp-meeting week? Thus guaranteeing a large attendance of ministers and leading laymen; and could we not give one day to the consideration of Sabbath School matters, which would do as a substitute for our District Sabbath School Convention?

Will the Camp-meeting Association permit a suggestion as to the propriety of adopting some better scheme for removing the indebtedness from the grounds, than that of bringing up finance at nearly every public service held? I believe that this militates very much against the spiritual results of our service.

I hope that the Camp-meeting this year will be the best one ever held. CALER PARKER.

DEAR EDITOR.—It is perhaps unusual to receive notes of progress from an entirely new circuit, before it has been occupied by its first pastor, but here they are.

At the close of Conference, instead of the usual "run home for a few days," I visited our new mission at Sheet Harbor. Friday and Saturday were partly spent in visiting from house to house. Sabbath morning I preached at Sheet Harbor, in the Temperance Hall, to a good congregation. At 3 p. m. I attended the Sabbath School, and lectured in the interests of its distinctive work; subject, "The Bible." At 7 p. m. I preached at Salmon River, distant ten miles. The service was conducted at the house of Bro. J. Whitman, and though the large congregation could not be accommodated within doors, yet the most encouraging order and attention prevailed.

On Monday afternoon our Sabbath School picnic was held. The weather was delightful, and the row from Westville Mills to the Point, the dipping our keeping time to the children's songs, was intensely enjoyable. Mason's Hall, kindly loaned by Worshipful Master Cruikshanks proved ample accommodation for the well-laden tables where over one hundred sat down to tea. At 8 p. m. the tables were cleared and the Hall packed by an audience that listened attentively to an entertainment consisting of excellent music, led by Bro. G. Y. Young, with the melodious, a recitation by Miss Hattie Young, and addresses by Rev. R. Logan and the writer. It is worthy of remark that not a single unpleasant incident is known to have occurred. We all enjoyed ourselves exceedingly well.

Our Sabbath School at Westville is in a most excellent condition. The average attendance is about sixty. Great credit is due to Bro. G. Y. Young, the Superintendent, and his staff of teachers. The school will doubtless prove a strong auxiliary in our work for God on this section of the Eastern Shore. J. M. FISHER.

July 23rd, 1879.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Gen. Benj. F. Butler, of Massachusetts, was in Halifax yesterday, and visited our Book-Room.

A grand naval review, to be taken part in by the British and French men-of-war sailors and marines, is to take place on the Common to-day (Friday) at 3 p. m., weather permitting. It will be one of the grandest affairs ever seen in Halifax, and will doubtless be witnessed by a large number of people.

WRECK ON SABLE ISLAND.—A STEAMSHIP LOST—THREE LADIES AND FIVE CHILDREN DROWNED. The steamer State of Virginia, Moody, from New York for Glasgow, went ashore on Sable Island on Saturday evening. Three ladies and five children were lost in the surf while landing. The steamer had 74 passengers, 104 head of cattle, and a general cargo. Sixty of the cattle were saved.

The purser, boatswain, and nine of the crew arrived in Halifax by the afternoon train. They report that the steamer left New York, and all went well until Saturday p. m., when thick fog enveloped the ship. At 8 p. m. the ship struck on the reefs of Sable Island.

The State of Virginia is a British iron screw steamer, of 1,594 tons, six years old, belonging to the State Line, running between Glasgow and New York.

H. M. S. Griffin, which sailed on Saturday for Sable Island to render assistance to the wrecked steamer, returned and proceeded to Roche's wharf. The captain of the lost steamer reported that all the passengers had been taken off by the Glenad, except his daughter, who would remain with him.

A schooner, showing no colors, and with the name concealed, arrived at the wreck on Sunday, and in spite of the protests of the captain of the steamer, the crew of the stranger proceeded to strip the cabin and had taken some valuable furniture, including the piano, when they were frightened by the approach of H. M. S. Griffin and made their escape. The captain of the wrecked steamer remained on the Island with his crew, to protect her from any more of these pirates who may pay her a visit. The schooner complained of is believed to be an American fisherman.

Mr. Frank Cleary of the New York Agency of the State Line, arrived here yesterday by the steamer Carrol. He has been in consultation with Mr. Roche, the Halifax agent, and arrangements have been made to forward the passengers by the Allan steamer Hibernian, which leaves this port for Liverpool.

YARMOUTH, July 21.—Mr. W. D. Lovitt, owner, has just received a cablegram announcing the loss of the ship St. Bernard, near Flushing; captain and mate also lost. The captain was Martin Burns, of Yarmouth, one of our best shipmasters; he leaves a wife and family. The St. Bernard was grain laden; age three years; insured in Yarmouth offices for forty thousand dollars. Fifteen hundred and sixty-four tons burthen. This is another terrible blow to Yarmouth shipping and insurance.

YARMOUTH, July 21.—The Grand Temple of New Brunswick, of the Templars of Honor, is in annual session here with Scotia Temple of Honor and Temperance, who hold their annual re-union on Wednesday evening in the skating rink. It promises to be the grandest entertainment ever given in Yarmouth. At least three hundred and fifty members and their invited guests will dine together. Preparations are on an extensive scale.

THE NOVA SCOTIA COAL TRADE.—A gentleman who lately visited Sydney and Pictou writes to us to say that the output of coal from the Cape Breton mines is not more than half what it was last year, while at Pictou there is a gratifying increase in the business.

The ceremony of blessing the bells at St. Mary's Cathedral, in Halifax, took place on the 20th inst. Seven of the smaller bells were consecrated at three in the afternoon, and the larger one, weighing 1,600 pounds, at seven at night. The Cathedral was thronged with people of all religious denominations. His Lordship Bishop Haley, of Portland, Me., preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon. His Grace Archbishop Hannan, assisted by Revs. Power and Carmody, then proceeded to bless the large bell, which occupied a position in nave near the high altar, and was suspended from a huge frame handsomely festooned. The bell received the name "St. Mary." During the anointment of various parts the clergy chanting the Psalms from David, the choir assisting.

The Rev. Mr. Cassidy and family were passengers in the Shattuck on Tuesday for Halifax. The rev. gentleman, during his short stay in Cape Breton, has won the respect and esteem of not only his own people, but of all classes in the community, and his removal from among us is much regretted by all. To the rev. gentleman and family we extend our best wishes for their future welfare. Mr. Cassidy is to be succeeded by the Rev. Joseph S. Coffin.—North Sydney Herald.

The Rev. Mr. Coffin spent the last Sabbath in Halifax, and preached in Brunswick St. Church in the evening. He left on Monday morning for Sydney, Cape Breton.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Carbonace Herald says:—"Tilt Cove Mine is opening up again. A telegram [was] received at Little Bay a few days since requesting the old hands to return to Tilt Cove." The same paper also says that "another mine is reported at New Bay, near Little Bay."

The Harbor Grace Standard says:—"The first marriage that was ever performed in the Presbyterian Church of this town took place this week. On Wednesday forenoon last, Miss Ellis, of Yarmouth, N. S., the late popular teacher of the Victoria St. school, was united in Hymen's bonds to the Rev. D. F. Creelman, Presbyterian minister of the Bay of Islands. The Rev. A. Ross and Miss Ellis being respectively groomsmen and bridesmaid. After the performance of the ceremony the happy pair drove to the steamer's wharf, and took passage in the Lady Glover for St. John's where they purpose spending a few days before proceeding to their Western home. The fair bride will be much missed in Harbor Grace where she has made many warm friends; and the best wishes of all who knew the newly-married couple will follow them wherever they roam."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The Rev. H. P. Cowperthwaite, A. M., assumed the duties of his new appointment, as pastor of the Methodist Church at Charlottetown, on Sunday last. He preached to a large congregation in the evening. His colleague, the Rev. George M. Campbell, also entered upon his labors

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