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## SHAME! SHAME!

This letter appeared in the *Church Chronicle* of the 11th inst., and exp lains itself:—

To the Editor of the *Church Chronicle*:

Sir.—Something about one of the most deserving Parishes on earth is certain to have an interest for every Christian in Nova Scotia. It is a little village, with a population not much over a thousand souls, increasing in size, but decreasing in godliness as it grows. It has no church. The Methodists have annually a fair near the place, on which occasion large numbers of girls and young men assemble to spend several nights together. They sleep in sheds erected among the forest trees, and John Wesley gives up praying on Sunday afternoons to sell sweets and figs, or to buy them. This is what the villagers call religion, and naturally there are many unbelievers. Would to God many more were among the faithful! There can, however, be nowhere more deserving people than the few who have kept the faith of Christ at Berwick, and who wish the glad tidings of great joy may be heard among their neighbours. They have worked hard, with this object, to build a house for God. It was for these most worthy people that a Concert was given a short time ago in Halifax. It brought them \$54 in coin, and treble the amount in encouragement. Need those who helped them greater thanks than this? They have raised by manual labor no less a sum than \$390. \$40 of this amount was collected, and as much more subscribed, by one whom the little flock will remember throughout eternity, and all the readers of your paper be glad to know. \$300 is still wanted before the Church of Jesus can open her lips at Berwick. A debt of \$321 was unavoidable, in order to save from climatic influence work already expended on the building. This is no begging letter. They pray for help. They have emptied their tiny purses before stretching out their hands to those who don't live in Macedonia.

J. L. KEATING,

Curate in charge of the District Parish. The Rectory, Kentville, Jan. 8, 1877.

Every allowance must be made we suppose, for the immaturity of Mr. Keating. Of a lad just donning his ecclesiastical petticoats and cutting his ritualistic teeth, too much should not be expected. We overlook his weakness of judgement. But what shall be said of the slander which he thus publishes, respecting villages which give him a home, and the people he is striving to convert? If there be a spark of latent indignation in the Episcopal breast for the crime of writing, and the sin of publishing in a religious paper, barefaced slanders upon a branch of the Christian church, we exhort them to lay this boy over the parental knee and— Really this is a pretty pass! Oftener than once, a venerable Episcopal clergyman was seen on the Berwick camp ground, with uncovered head, at least breathing a benediction. And now here comes an apostolic stripping to all but affirm that the Methodists of Berwick are turning religion into licentiousness. We may assure the *Church Chronicle* that a letter like that in our columns, respecting the Episcopal Church, would lose us a thousand subscribers. If the *Chronicle* can survive and fatten upon such provender, so much the worse for itself and its constituency. Much as we regret and deplore the growth of a Romanizing party in the Church of England, and sympathize with the true friends of that church, in consequence, we feel perfectly assured that there remains still sufficient of the grand, original elements, to stamp out the false fire, or to leave the building to the flames, and erect a better one. In this conflagration will be consumed, "wood, hay, stubble." And the *Chronicle*, which has already died more than once, will, if it have not a purer aim and more of Christ, perish finally. Public journals must take sides, with or against principles. For those that serve two masters—that are defenders of truth in one column and defamers in the next—there can be, with our present enlightened and better public disposition, but one end.

In a recent issue of the *Temperance Journal*, published in St. John, N. B., an editorial from the *WESLEYAN* on "Pulpit Combativeness," is published with approval, and its point turned against the unfaithfulness of the pulpit in respect to intemperance. Possibly there may be lack in this respect. The results of our own observations are all to the contrary, however. Drunkenness is denounced very frequently by most ministers in our time. The *Journal* adds:—

Before parting with this subject will the *WESLEYAN* take a kindly hint in reference to itself. It is a long while since we have heard a decided sound from our esteemed contemporary in reference to this great and increasing curse. Why is this? The denomination it represents are not proof against the seductions of this monster. We could tell of a great change in this particular during the past twenty years, and the direful consequences of this reaction. The serpent is closing in upon the church, and if the church don't destroy it, why it will destroy the church.

That writer has scarcely read our columns very closely. If he mean that editorially, intemperance has not been alluded to by us for "a long while," he may be partly correct; but our editorial oversight has not been wanting in respect to a supply of strong, salutary counsel and warning on the sin of drunkenness. Our's is a family paper, for general instruction and profit; so that no particular question of morals predominates in its columns. But no faithful journal can ignore the crying evil to which the above writer has reference, and we are quite sure we do not.

We may as well inform the *Journal* that we differ with it in toto, as to the growth of drunkenness among Methodists, as indeed among all Christian bodies. The temperance reform has made this not only a shame but a sin, and left it without apology. A true, wholesome sentiment has grown up amongst us, and a very general dread of this iniquity pervades society. We do not approve of suffering the temperance agitation to drop by any means; neither do we approve of croaking. We, too, can look back twenty years, and the vision makes us thank God and take courage.

ONE of our Halifax morning dailies half hints that the religious press has nothing to do with the manner of their cotemporaries in the treatment of public men. This is just what we averred. The intention is to crowd out all opinion save that of a certain tenor, and emanating from a certain class. As to "the holy rage" of certain persons, meaning we suppose, by way of retaliation, the clergy, and the curses they heap upon their enemies, all that is wide of the mark, on the Protestant side of the house at any rate. Our dailies have much ability, as all must acknowledge, and if a little conceit creeps into their columns now and then, we forgive them. But they ought to keep within bounds in discharging even duties which require severe and pungent criticism. Fine guardians of the public weal our religious papers would be indeed, if they allowed men whom they knew to be good and true, to be pilloried for the whim of any party.

The *Nashville Advocate*, which originally opened the question as to their being a Wesleyan Wesley now living, copies the reply made by the Rev. W. L. Cunningham in the *WESLEYAN* some weeks ago. Our English correspondent has also, as may have been noticed, thrown additional light on the subject.

In the same number of the *Advocate* we see editorial comments upon a circumstance very extraordinary. A post-al-card reached the Publishing House, Nashville, directed to Bishop Joshua Soule; and a letter came just previously addressed to Bishop Andrew. These good men have been dead several years. The editor asks what shall be done with the letters, as the United States postal arrangements do not extend to the country to which the two venerable Bishops have removed. As a corrective to the ignorance which these letters betray, the writer recommends that the *Advocate* be generally circulated.

We are very sorry to see that the Publishing House at Nashville is in trouble through debt. Subscribers of \$500 are coming forward to help the

concern. Desperately trying times have these been for connexional literary establishments. Some very capable managers in such concerns throughout the States are able only to report a profit of five or ten per cent. on 1876, while others have gone behind hand. But times are brightening.

THE campaign on behalf of the Endowment for the Theological Hall is progressing favourably. We hear of several \$1,000 subscriptions in Halifax. The Chalmers Church collection is over \$1,000.—New Glasgow and Pictou are to be visited shortly.—Pres. Wit.

Well done! It is always a healthy sign when higher education, in whatever department, is thus taken hold of. One sure evidence that these Provinces are advancing rapidly, is the eagerness with which colleges, academies and common schools are fostered.

How sad the termination of life with some of the great hymnists and musicians. Mozart's last hours were so pitiful! The author of "Home, Sweet Home," wandered the streets, homeless, while listening to his own sweet plaintive air, through open windows from a happy family gathering. And within a few weeks Mr. Bliss, author of that most inspiring "Hold the Fort," with his wife perished by a railway accident.

THE sermon published by us this week was furnished at our request. Having a train of original thought particularly adapted for the young, we considered it ought to be circulated in this public way. Any inducement to lead the rising generation to an early consecration of their services to God, ought to be prized, and we considered in hearing the sermon that it had a peculiar force in that direction. Our readers will appreciate it.

THE Third Quarterly Meeting of the BOOK ROOM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held in the Wesleyan Office, on Tuesday, 23rd inst, at 8 p.m.

ALL kinds of comments have reached us anent last week's article upon the use of tobacco. A general wish seems to be expressed that a reform may come, and as generally coupled with either a doubt, or a fear of lengthened combat before much is gained. A single misapprehension which we have observed, deserves to be corrected. It is, that the writer could have known but little of the tenacity with which the habit clings to its victim, and so could have afforded to be less severe. There is just where he held a vantage ground. After many years of captivity to the vice, he mastered it so effectually shortly after entering the ministry, that he has passed through fifteen years of emancipated enjoyment. And if there be one particular conviction which his experience has brought home to him it is, that no man with a degree of firmness can reasonably take shelter behind the excuse, that the habit of tobacco using cannot be abandoned.

WE record with regret the death of J. Wesley Hennigar, son of our esteemed father Hennigar. This is the second death of a Methodist minister's son, who has been connected with the Halifax Custom House, reported by us within a few months. In both instances the removal of good servants is felt to be a public loss. Mr. Hennigar leaves a wife and family in this city.

BERMUDA, this week speaks for itself in the letter of "R. W." We add that by letters from two or three brethren, we learn much that is encouraging respecting the health of Rev. S. F. Huestis. As we prophesied, his wonder was unbounded on landing amid the flowers and the glorious verdure. We have not the slightest doubt his visit will be made a blessing to others as well as himself. If only the brethren could effect in him the miracle of moderation—could bring his energies down from the high-pressure to even ordinary human engine work, he could do much with them in counsel and co-operation. But we warn them against leaving the fires burning and shutting down the safety-valve. We did not send our friend yonder to turn the whole ecclesiastical machinery of the island. Let them send him back to us restored and we will bless them.

By St. John papers we see that the Bible Society's annual meeting still keeps its proper place in that city, as a great union gathering. Speeches by several clergymen—among others our own Messrs. Teed and Hart—are reported at length in the dailies, and read well. It is a somewhat curious phenomenon, this survival of a great non-denominational meeting in full strength, while the Bible Society annuals have declined elsewhere. Some of the most stirring speeches and largest audiences we ever witnessed, were in the St. John Mechanics Institute at Bible Society meetings. The choicest eloquence of the land has always been expected there.

THE alumni of Princeton College are complaining that the powers that be in that college have been spending much time hunting up legacies among the rich and childless to put into buildings, while the work of instruction has been much neglected. The students have taken the matter in hand, and have called upon one Professor to resign for alleged incompetency.

## METHODIST MATTERS.

### N. B. AND P. E. ISLAND.

THE friends of Rev. W. W. Lodge met at the Parsonage, Apohaqui, Dec 26th, spent a pleasant evening, and presented him with a purse of \$71. A tea meeting which was held in Nov., realized \$100, which has been expended on the parsonage.

A short time before Christmas some of the friends on the Elgin circuit, presented their Pastor, Rev. J. K. King, with an overcoat, a buffalo robe, and other articles of value.

Fairville, St. John, keeps up a spirited series of literary entertainments. One recently reported in the *News*, is said to have embraced a great variety of local talent. Rev. J. S. Phinney has been lecturing very ably on temperance in connection with this course.

Here is an item from the *Fredricton Reporter*, indicating that Marysville is actively at work in the intellectual way:—

The young people of Marysville have recently organized the "Marysville Young People's Institute," for mental and moral improvement, which, at present is in a flourishing condition.

The following is a list of officers:—  
Rev. R. Duncan, *President*;  
Mr. Day and Miss Gibson, *Vice Presidents*;

R. W. H. Duncan, *Secy. Treasurer*;  
Com. of Management.—Mrs. McConaghy, Miss Libby, Miss Lint, and Messrs. Murray, and Rowly.

Each member of the different families connected with the Methodist Sabbath School was presented with a handsome volume, on Xmas Day, by A. Gibson, Esq.

Rev. D. D. Currie preached before the Free Masons on Dec. 27th, at Moncton. The sermon appears in the *Moncton Times* of 11th inst.

It gives me pleasure to state through your columns, that on New Year's day, at Bideford, P. E. I., the congregation of the Rev. Henry Penna, presented him with a new sleigh, "both elegant and useful," as an acknowledgment for his services, accompanied with their sincere and hearty thanks for the kindness which he had shown in responding to the united call of the people to make that place a part of his field of labor; having been abandoned by the congregation which occupied it before. In reply Mr. Penna said that he felt incapable of commanding language to express his feelings with regard to them. That although his motive in coming among them was to obtain the consciousness of having done his duty; yet he would receive the sleigh as a memento of the warm-hearted and open-handed generosity which had ever characterized the people of Bideford and Northam. Yours, &c.,  
ONE PRESENT.

As advertised, the Tea in behalf of the Wesleyan building fund, of Bedeque, came off at Centreville, on Thursday evening last. The weather being fine and the roads good quite a large crowd assembled. The tables were crowded with viands of the choicest description, which reflects credit upon the ladies who got them up. During the evening some of the friends favored the audience with singing. Near the close some speeches were made, but owing to the excited state of the crowd, and the lateness of the hour, not much at-

tention was paid to them. Not heard what the proceeds amounted to.—*Summerside Jour.*

DONATION, MONCTON CIRCUIT.—Some of the members of Rev. D. D. Currie's congregation, at Moncton, N. B., visited the Parsonage, on the evening of the 15th inst., whereupon Mrs. Edward Milliken, as their representative, presented Mr. Currie with a complimentary address, and Mrs. Currie with a respectable looking pile of bank bills as a New Year's Gift. The pile contained several tens, a considerable number of fives, a few fours and a number of other notes of lesser value.

ST. JOHN MISSIONARY MEETINGS. The Missionary Meetings in St. John have been wonderfully stirring as was anticipated. Dr. Reid's sermons on Sabbath in Exmouth St. and Germain are given in the papers. We will publish the synopsis next week.

At Germain St. public meeting on Monday evening, E. Fisher, Esq., occupied the chair. Excellent speeches were delivered by Rev. Joseph Hart and Dr. Maclise. Then Dr. Reid delivered an admirable address. An account of the proceedings at Exmouth St. on Tuesday evening, which had not reached the office in time for this issue, must stand over till next week. We append two or three paragraphs from the *News* in respect to Germain St. Anniversary.

Rev. Mr. Clark announced that Mr. W. A. Robertson, although now living in England, had written to say that he would make his usual annual donation of \$500 to the missionary funds of this congregation. He would also announce that a member of the congregation had offered to give \$1,000 to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada, the amount to be invested and the interest of it used.

The contribution was taken up, and Rev. Mr. Clark read a list of the committee and collectors for the year.

The Missionary Committee for the year is constituted as follows:—Thos. C. Humbert, Andrew Gilmour, Dr. J. C. Hatheaway, J. B. Marshall, J. W. Barnes, Edwin Fisher, S. G. Blizard, Henry Maxwell, Geo. E. King, J. O. Potts, J. R. Woodburn, Jos. Bullock, Dr. Sheffield.

The collection amounted to \$418. The gentleman to whom Mr. Clark referred, as having given \$1,000 to the Missionary Society, is Mr. Jos. Bullock, oil merchant.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

Charles St., Halifax, began its Sabbath School five years ago, with an attendance of 86. It now numbers about 330, having had an average attendance during 1876 of 250. The School held its anniversary this week, when about 70 prizes were distributed. This is marvelous success.

Acadia Mines, Londonderry, had a nice concert and entertainment at Martin's Brook on New Year's day, realizing \$82.20 toward completing the new Hall.

PERSONAL.—Rev. D. Hickey, who recently left the Nova Scotia for the Maine Conference, has been visiting some of the Annapolis Valley circuits and rendering valuable aid during the week of prayer.

Rev. George Boyd has been permitted by the Newfoundland authorities to supply Windsor for some months. He had been studying at Mt. Allison, Sackville.

Hillsburg is supplied, owing to Mr. Sargeant's illness, by Rev. G. F. Johnson, who had also been a student at Mt. Allison.

## LITERATURE.

THE SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HALIFAX INFANT HOME has reached us. This institution originated with most serious necessity, the dreadful cries of which awoke our population into activity and sympathy. Its two years work has been exceedingly creditable. During last year fifty have been admitted. The death-rate hath been as low as 21½ per cent. For three and a half months there was not a single death in the home. One consequence of this care for infants will be a large number of applicants for good homes. This provision is carefully attended to. Strangers are invited to call and see for themselves. The treasurer, Miss Nordbeck, will gladly receive contributions. The Home deserves all encouragement.

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