

In the Methodist churches, hereabouts, the local bishops, whose names legion, are busily at work, preparing for conference changes, which will take place in April. There is a vague impression that the appointments, are made by the bishop and his cabinet, who, in solemn session, carefully sift the needs of the work, and trusting in God, send as far as they know the right man to the right place. And indeed, that is the theory, but he would be a bold man who would aver it to be the practice. The local bishop is the power behind the throne, and, while the duly elected bishop yields the sceptre as of old, it is he who gives direction to its movements.

The local bishop is neither elected, nor appointed—he grows. An official board is subject to the laws that govern all such bodies, and the strongest member of it comes to the front. He may not be the most pious, nor the wisest, but he must be a born leader of men, and he reaches his station by a process of natural selection that takes no denial. And this is about the way he works.

A charge has had a pastor for three years, and must perforce, make a change. The official board is called together to consult whom they shall invite. If the presiding elder is taken into their counsels it is rare courtesy; the Bishop of the church is never taken into the account at all. Sometimes the retiring pastor is consulted, but his recommendations, if indeed he make meet with little attention. Names of various ministers are suggested, their merits canvassed a little, especially in reference to their ability "to draw;" and then the work of the local bishop begins. It is he who guides, pushes, or drives, as necessity requires.

If he have no one in view at the moment, it is in his judgement the examination of those mentioned is entrusted; and his report is accepted without hesitation—unless, indeed, the board may be endowed with two such bishops, and then trouble may occur. Usually there is the form of a committee, but the strongest rules. On his estimate for character, ability, past successes and general fitness, a correspondence is entered upon, and the board presents its request to the elder for the appointment of Brother _____ for the ensuing year. It will be fortunate if the man selected be a member of the conference; there have been cases where he was not a member of any conference at all. We, by no means, decry the good intentions of the board, nor of the local bishop who is their representative, but in the matter of appointments the old way is, to our thinking, far more democratic and better.—New York Cor. Central Adv.

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On the 20th Feb., at the bride's residence, by the same, James A. Reed, Merchant, to Guleima, Maria Black, all of Summerside, P.E.I.

At Nashua Village, on the 21st inst. by the Rev. R. W. Weddall, Mr. Cornelius Vandine, of Canning, Queens Co., and Miss Martha Miller, of Nashua.

On the 20th inst., at the home of the bride, by the Rev. E. B. Moore, Mr. W. Nelson Murphy, of Newport, to Miss Ann S. Currie, eldest daughter of Mr. George Currie, of Brooklyn.

At the Methodist Parsonage, Belem, P.E.I., on the 31st ult., by the Rev. Joseph Sellar, A.M., Mr. John B. Curtis, of Wilnot Valley, to Miss Georgina McKay, New Annapolis.

By the same, assisted by the Rev. C. W. Hamilton, on the 7th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Belem, P.E.I., Hector Campbell, Esq., Teacher of the Grammar School, Centreville, to Miss Isabella Annie, eldest daughter of George Crosby, Esq.

At the residence of the bride, Jan. 8, by Rev. R. A. Daniel, Mr. John H. Morris, and Miss R. T. Smith, all of Advocate Harbor, N.S.

At the residence of the bride, Feb. 8th, by the same, Mr. Stephen Fulton, of Parrsboro' to Miss Annie E. Day, of same place.

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At Woodstock, on Feb. 20, by Rev. C. H. Paisley, M.A., Mr. W. R. Pipes of Houton, Maine, to Miss Sarah Graham of the first named place.

At Halifax on the 29th inst., by the Rev. R. Brecken, John F. Bent, Esq., of Granville, Annapolis Co., to Miss Emma Bacon, of Halifax.

DIED.
At Baie Verte, on the 27th Jan. Silas E. Crane, aged 59 years.

At Baie Verte, on the 19th, Feb., Rufus Chap-pell, Esq., aged 77 years.

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