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TWO MISSIONS THAT HAVE PAID.

Wallace.—Within a radius of twelve miles, taking Wallace, Cumberland County, as the centre, the following ministers have been given to the Methodist Church:—

- Rev. John Prince, Chairman St. Stephen District. Rev. G. O. Huestis, Cornwall, P. E. I. Geo. Tuttle, Chairman Truro District. S. T. Tool, Fairville, N.B. A. W. Nicolson. A. S. Tuttle, Mills Village, N.S. S. F. Huestis, Windsor. John Johnson, Welsford, N.B. Levi S. Johnson, Vermont, U.S. Jonathan Fulton, Pennsylvania. Silas Fulton, Pennsylvania. Michael Campbell. John F. Betts, Salisbury, N.B. George Johnson. C. W. Swallow, Bridgewater, N. S. Bamford Tuttle, U.S. C. Fisher, Bermuda.

There are three additional brethren studying for the ministry from the same locality.—G. A. Huestis, LeMert Stevens, and M. David. Also Dr. C. Hurd, who was converted in the Methodist Church and offered for its ministry, but subsequently joined the Baptists, well deserves a place in this record.

This makes twenty ministers who have been supplied by the old Wallace Circuit within a period of thirty years. To this list should be added the wives of ministers—of whom there are four—who came from the same region. We may challenge the Dominion, perhaps, for a similar representation of numbers from so small a circle.

There are several notable facts to be deduced from the history of the Wallace contingent. Not one of the number has ever succumbed to disease—if indeed they have ever diverged to any extent from the direct line of robust health. A solitary individual lost a year by retirement, on two different occasions; and another sought culture in academic halls after spending profitable years in the ministry. All the Maritime Province have shared in their labours, including Newfoundland and Bermuda. To say that they have generally given a good account of themselves would be but little praise; they have been in most instances, centres of evangelistic power—revivalists, in the modern, better sense.

A veteran Supernumerary, still in the vigor of old age, Rev. J. G. Hennigar, spent a term on the Wallace Circuit forty-five years ago. In the itinerant service of those days, much of talent and industry were devoted to this field of labour; and as to money, in the form of grants, &c., one hesitates to commit a venture to paper as to the amount it absorbed, since it has only become self-supporting within recent years. It will readily be conceded, however, that Wallace has bountifully repaid the church for its vigilance and guardianship.

Most appropriate, at a very early juncture, would be a re-union of those sons and daughters who have gone out from Wallace. A hint that effect has been dropped recently which may be acted upon.

Bridgetown.—There seems to have been extraordinary religious vitality at this centre also, judging by the number of ministers supplied by it. Within twenty miles of Bridgetown the following came into the Church:—

- Rev. Mr. McMaisters, now dead. Mr. Sleep. Mr. Parker. W. Whedlock. W. C. Beads, retired. James Buckley, Supernumerary. F. Bent. T. H. Davis. W. Allen, retired. G. Bent Supernumerary. J. Bannister, dead. J. Legget, retired. Andrew McKeown, D.D., Boston. Hezekiah McKeown, Chairman of Fredricton District. J. McKeown, Free Baptist, recently returned to the Methodist Church with all his congregation.

We are not quite sure that these are

given in their proper order, but at least sixteen ministers, it would appear, have come from that locality, three of whom continue in the regular work. Bridgetown, being a fertile country, attained an independent position at an earlier date than Wallace we question, however, whether, in prosperity, it has continued to afford a supply of ministers to the church in the same ratio as when it was a claimant on the Funds. Wallace has never faltered in this particular. In both instances vigorous offshoots have sprung from the parent stem in the form of Circuits—these in their turn widening and preparing to originate still other fields of labour.

There are missions which never pay, or bring recompense to the church so slowly that they suggest various economical enquiries. Another class deserve to be endowed as nurseries for the church's ministry. Would it not be well in missionary estimates to make this distinction?

THIS WEEK'S CORRESPONDENCE.

We give this week very considerable space to correspondence upon a theme which naturally engrosses the attention of our ministers—the Grant from the Central Board. Three questions seem to find prominence, either directly or indirectly, in these letters. 1. Would we not have fared better out of union? Doubtless we would have occupied a better financial position this year had we remained as we were; but no man who forecasted our situation with anything like a business apprehension, could anticipate unvarying prosperity in regard to support for dependent circuits. For a few years our finances increased more rapidly than our demands; but we had begun to see a period when our circuits and men were multiplying beyond our monetary resources. From an unprovided for deficiency of \$185 per man, we had advanced till the descending scale touched \$110. The depression must inevitably have brought us back to the former figure at no late day unless some special Providence had favored us. It does not require a rare mathematician to demonstrate this.

2. Did the Central Board treat our Eastern Conferences with due consideration, considering their condition and resources when entering the union? It is apparent that, at least, we were placed upon a perfect level with the Conference West. We have no distress in which they do not share equally. For the rest, brethren have the guarantee of thirty men—ministerial and lay—the choice of our Connexion, and the soul of honesty, if there be such a thing in Methodism. 3. Did the Central Board do wisely in applying the stern measure of subtraction only to the Domestic missions? Two facts confronted the Board. It had a certain amount of work on its hands; and \$40,000 less with which to do this work than it required last year. The question was not seriously contemplated—Whether the Foreign and other purely mission work should be reduced. There could have been but one answer to such a question. Whether the Board might have instructed the Committee of Consultation and Finance to disburse an amount less next year by so much as would oblige the other missions to bear the burden of deficiency in the same proportion as the Domestic missions, is a question which admits of argument.

Of this fact our Brethren may rest assured: not one farthing of the grant, or of monies which help in any way to make up the grant, has been appropriated to any connexional object excepting this first legitimate one. It has all been placed to the credit of the Districts.

Bermuda papers are animated since the celebrated trial of James vs. Cassidy. There is half a hint from one of these, that if Episcopal pretensions do not cool down, some attempt may be made to show that, by right of prior occupancy, either the Presbyterian or the Methodist should be regarded as the State Church! How are the mighty fallen! We intimated some weeks ago, the probability of a little daylight being admitted, during the grave-yard trial, upon Bermuda laws and customs. The prediction has been fulfilled.

Next week we will try to find space for the remainder of the evidence in the Bermuda suit.

MINISTERIAL AMBITION.

"I am daily meeting the results of habits formed in another profession. Though studying for 'the holy office' my mind still yields to the promptings of ambition, notwithstanding there is so little in the ministerial life to encourage such desires. It is more than a desire, indeed—it is a purpose, a determination. Is not this altogether sinful?"

Extract from letter by a youthful Candidate for the Ministry.

We would hesitate to pronounce this state of mind as either sinful or injurious to a young minister. Under proper direction, the ambition to excel—doubtless implanted in the human mind for good purposes—may aid even the Christian minister greatly. "Covet earnestly the best gifts." Here is an injunction which implies enthusiasm; and we are not quite sure that men excel in any profession without it. Every aid of learning, every elocutionary advantage, may be coveted and seized. Of course, there can be but one aim in all this—to reach human hearts by the most direct pathway. Let ambition be sanctified, and its results must be acceptable to God.

Nor is the ministry to be regarded as offering no higher vantage ground to one man than another. In Methodism, particularly, our Itinerancy brings ministers in due time to their proper level. If they possess gifts, no church is better prepared to appreciate and profit by them. There is not a single obstacle to prevent natural gifts and diligent application from triumphing, but one—an inconsistent life. Apollos could not surmount that.

RENEWALS for 1875.—Our agents will do us and our subscribers a favor by an early enquiry as to the renewals for next year. If subscribers are to be discontinued, it is but just that they should announce the fact before the year expires. If new subscribers are coming in, it will be to their advantage to begin at once. There are always a few who cease because of removals, deaths and other causes. We hope our ministers will secure substitutes in such cases. The times may be hard in some communities, but we scarcely think economy can anywhere begin by cutting off the family paper.

We have no additional promises to make as to the paper itself. We began the year with a promise of giving full value for each subscription of two dollars; in the judgment of many, that promise has been redeemed. We will strive to improve; and all the additional strength brought to us by an enlarged circulation will be sacredly laid out on the paper itself, adapting it more fully to the objects of the family and the Church.

KAYE STREET MISSIONARY MEETING.

Kaye Street Church was deprived of the advantage of having the presence of either of the deputation at their annual public missionary meeting, held on the 17th inst., as Halifax had enjoyed its share of that favor, but the cause fared well, notwithstanding, both as regards the sympathy of members present, and the speaking and results. The chair was occupied by R. J. Sweet, Esq., and addresses were delivered by E. Lloyd, Esq., and Rev. Messrs. Johnson, Read, and Lathern. For point, and variety, and interest contained in the addresses, and for the amount of information which was brought forward in the space of time, the meeting excelled any we have been privileged to attend. The sum realised, so far as we can ascertain, doubled that of last year's meeting, and the subscriptions were full fifty per cent. in advance. Let us keep the ball rolling.

LITERARY.

Words to the Churches, a brief treatise on Revival Helps, Hindrances, Errors and Delicacies, &c., &c. By Rev. William Rogers Pepper. This pamphlet has been laid on our desk for notice. The author is now a probationer for the ministry of our Church, and is stationed at Miramichi, N.B. There is marked earnestness and considerable talent in the arrangement and treatment of Mr. P.'s subject. To the churches no theme can be of greater importance; and to any one seeking a revival, direct and extended, this treatise would be of great value. Belcher's Farmer's Almanack is also before us—the gem of Almanacs. It embraces even more than the usual amount of information. For sale, wholesale or retail, at the Book Room.

CIRCUIT INTELLIGENCE.

W. H. GIBBS, Esq., of Oshawa, Ont., and Rev. Mr. Williams of London, Ont., have visited Sackville on their tour in the Missionary interests of the Methodist Church. Rev. Mr. Williams preached a most eloquent and impressive sermon on Sunday morning, and on Monday evening a Missionary meeting was held, at which both of these gentlemen delivered interesting addresses. Mr. Gibbs presented an array of facts and figures shewing the progress of Missionary enterprise. Their work had rolled on year by year, until at the present time, the Society occupied not only Canada proper, but the Bermudas, Newfoundland, the great North West, British Columbia and Japan. In 1863 \$47,000 were expended in the work; last year \$147,000 were raised, but \$185,000 were spent; and he made a stirring appeal for aid to pay off this debt. Last year they had in their service 463 paid agents. He described British Columbia as a mighty heritage capable of supporting forty millions. He related many interesting incidents in connection with Missionary work amongst the Indians and half-breeds of that land, and presented a vivid and touching picture of the toil, privations and dangers of Missionaries, who are often without even the bare necessities of life.

Rev. Mr. Williams' address on behalf of Missionaries who are sowing the seed of the Gospel in far lands was full of ardent zeal, sparkled with humor and anecdote, and was rich in eloquent passages. About \$200 were raised.—Chignecto Post.

METHODIST MISSIONS. The second Methodist Missionary meeting held in Summerside since the inauguration of the General Conference in Toronto, took place in the Methodist Church, on Friday evening last. Geo. Doull, Esq., occupied the chair. W. H. Gibbs, Esq., of Oshawa, a lay member of the Conference deputation, very ably and forcibly advocated the claims of missions, especially those connected with the denomination in the Far West. The Rev. C. W. Hamilton read the report and the Revs. A. Lucas, of Alberton, and Clarke, of Margate, both gave short addresses. We were especially pleased with the remarks of the Rev. A. Lucas who expressed his abiding conviction that the missionary spirit had not died out of the church. As a practical evidence of the truth of the Rev. gentleman's utterances the handsome sum of \$118 was subscribed by the meeting, being more than double the amount raised last year. The deputation of the steamer at Shediac prevented the Rev. W. Williams, another member of the deputation, from being present, he being obliged to attend a similar meeting in Bedeque. Notwithstanding this untoward circumstance, the occasion was one of real enjoyment, and the interest well maintained till the close of the meeting, which was one of the largest and most enthusiastic ever held in the Methodist Church.

METHODIST CHURCH IN THE FAR WEST.—A correspondent from Derby, New Brunswick, writes to us.—Our English Methodists appear to hold peculiar views concerning both people and places in these provinces. If I could dispossess them of some of their queer ideas, I think it would be a good thing. The people, as far as I at present know, are better educated, and accordingly more enlightened, here than in many places in England. I have been perfectly astonished, when among settlers, to find them able to discourse eloquently on passing events and the sciences. I meet some well read in Wesley, Watson, Trefrey, fairly up in history, and well versed in memoirs of our greatest and most illustrious men. Free schools abound—there are five or six in the limits of my circuit. Every (or nearly every) man regularly takes and carefully reads one, two or three weekly newspapers. The result of so doing you well know.—London Meth.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—Last evening the anniversary services of the Centenary Church Sabbath-school took place, the children occupying the galleries. Their singing was a very pleasant feature in the exercises. Rev. Mr. Pope, Pastor, preached a very appropriate sermon from the words, "For who has despised the day of small things." He addressed the children on the great importance of building up a character in youth, the foundation of which must be the regeneration of the heart. He alluded to the influence which converted children exercised in causing their seniors to renounce sin, and what Sunday-schools were doing for the support of the missionary cause. He earnestly cautioned the children to be careful of small things,—of thoughts, which might be good or bad; companions, who might be virtuous or vile; books, which might be moral or immoral, and in closing asked for the officers and teachers the sympathy and support of the church and the co-operation of the scholars in their work. A candidate—a young lady—was baptized and received into the church.—St. John News.

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY MEETING IN SPRINGFIELD.

Rev. Mr. Lodge, of the Millstream, and Rev. Mr. Fisher, of the English Settlement, two energetic young English Wesleyan Ministers, held a Missionary Meeting at Belleisle Creek, King's County, on Sunday evening last, which was very largely attended. Rev. Mr. Fisher delivered an interesting and instructive address upon the parable of the grain of mustard seed, tracing the growth of Christianity as an evidence of the truth of the prophecy of Our Saviour; like the tree which grew from that seed, or like a Banyan spreading its arms over all the world, its branches taking new root everywhere, and gaining firmer hold always. Rev. Mr. Lodge set forth the wondrously rapid growth of the Wesleyan denomination since John Wesley first took his departure from the English Church until now, when they number about fifteen millions, and claimed, from the peculiar mode of working by the Methodist Church, that they were doing more efficient work, especially in the Missionary fields, than any other denomination. He read from the Annual Report statistics to prove this statement, and closed with an appeal for aid by contributions. A collection was then taken, and Miss Myles selected to solicit subscriptions.—XVI.—St. John News.

UNION CHURCH, ACADIAN IRON MINES.—According to arrangement the Union Church of Acadian Mines was opened for religious service Sabbath, Oct. 31st.

The first service was conducted by the Rev. J. Shenton, of Truro. The anthem, "The Lord's Prayer," was sung by the choir. Appropriate scriptures were read from 2nd Chron. vi. and Hebrews x. 19-26. The sermon theme was, "The Gospel of Power." The afternoon service was conducted by the Rev. J. McL. McLeod, of Charlottetown. His theme of discourse was, "The building of the Temple, typical of a Spiritual Temple."

The evening service was taken by Rev. M. Freeman, of Great Village, who discoursed upon "The Glorious Gospel of the blessed God." The church was filled at the first two services, but the storm prevented as large a congregation in the evening. The collections amounted to near \$58. On Monday evening a social concert was held under the presidency of R. Chambers, Esq. The choir was under the leadership of Mr. J. Esau, and rendered well some fine anthems. It would be invidious to specify where all were so good. Addresses of ten minutes or so, were delivered in the following order by the speakers, between the pieces of music:—Rev. M. Freeman, and J. Sharp, Dr. Kerr, J. Morrison, Esq., Revs. A. D. Morton, J. Ogden and J. McLeod, A. W. McLellan, Esq., and Rev. J. Shenton. That meeting was most successful.

A brief financial statement was made by the chairman. The church cost \$3,100; the liabilities are about \$2,500; the \$600 made up by donations. It is hoped that the 46 pews, to be sold this Wednesday evening, will realize about \$50 each. Beside these pews, capable of holding 4 persons each, in an end gallery and settees, there is seating for 100 more.

The friends there deserve great credit for the completion of such a neat church, for it was necessary to find some place in which to worship.—Truro Sun.

ATHOL.—We held our Athol Sabbath School Anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 14th. When the congregation, and especially those engaged in Sabbath-school work, were addressed on the importance of greater effort in the interests of Sabbath-schools generally. One of the young ladies presided at the organ, and the members of the school formed the choir. After the religious exercise were over papers were distributed to those who held the greatest number of cards. These cards were given for regular attendance and orderly conduct. The result showed that quite a number of the scholars had been present every Sabbath, and none had lost more than three Sabbaths during the summer. This is the best average ever made by the Athol Sabbath-school. The Superintendent and teachers have always endeavoured to be at their post, and to discharge their duty toward the little ones. Heretofore the school has been open during the summer only, but I am happy to say the officers have concluded to continue it through the coming winter. We are hoping soon to receive quite a number out of this School into our church, this is the object for which our teachers are labouring.—J. H.

PERIODICALS FOR 1876.—Our Annual Circular of Periodicals, Children's Papers, &c., will be sent out next week to all our present subscribers. We shall be glad to have early renewals and large orders for next year. The cash should accompany the orders.

"The Book for the People," evidently Clarke's New Method for the Piano Forte, by HUGH A. CLARKE, Professor of Music in the University of Pennsylvania, is the work destined to be in the hands of every teacher and student of music. Book and music dealers supply it for \$3.75.

MINUTES OF THE N. S. CONFERENCE.

to make up the necessary compliance to each Circuit, are being sent from the Book Room this week. It is cheapest in most instances to send by Mail. The postage is charged to Ministers, who will please charge that amount in Missionary expenses.

BRIDGEWATER CIRCUIT.—The want of suitable places for worship is a great hindrance to the prosperity of our circuit. At all our preaching places the congregations are as large as the rooms that we can secure will accommodate; but I feel assured that, in some places, the number of hearers would be almost doubled, and in a few cases, increased, if we had suitable places for worship. We do not own a church on all this circuit; and we are obliged to accommodate ourselves in churches hired from other denominations, public halls, schoolhouses and private houses; and the rent which we are obliged to pay for some of the above mentioned places is a great hindrance to the financial prosperity of the circuit.

Our people in the town of Bridgewater, feeling the importance of having a suitable place for worship, have again commenced work upon our church. They began to build several years ago but only partially succeeded. The lot with many hindrances and discouragements; and when I came to the circuit at the beginning of this year, four weather-beaten walls, only roughly boarded, without any roof, represented all the church property owned by our people. We began work on the above mentioned about two months ago, and the outside is now neatly finished. Size of church, 55 ft. by 35 ft., and 27 ft. from the floor to the top of the arch of the ceiling. We have made arrangements for finishing the inside this winter, almost all the lumber required being already on the ground. Our people, although few in number are exerting themselves in the building of the Church in a manner which is very creditable to them. Special praise is due to Bro's Thompson and Wade also to Edward Davidson & Sons, who have already supplied from their extensive lumber-yard sufficient lumber for the completion of the building.

C. W. SWALLOW, Bridgewater, Nov. 23rd.

MR. EDITOR.

As Treasurer of the Auxilliary Missionary Society I have just sent to the Chairman of Districts the Schedules showing estimates of circuit receipts and disbursements of grant, as prepared by the Secretary, Rev. H. Sprague for the recent meeting of the Conference Missionary Committee. They may well bring heartache to those devoted ministers who have to anticipate the enormous prospective deficiency shown.

The question arises as to what help may be afforded in this case. Something ought to be attempted. I would suggest that in addition to the appeal which the President is just now addressing to the Circuits, the Chairman of Districts might, with the concurrence of the President, arrange for deputations it might be done in connection with the missionary meeting,—to bring the state of matters fairly before the friends of the dependent circuits. Many of these circuits could, with anything like an earnest effort, easily save their minister from suffering the prospective deficiency for this year.

I would in the second place suggest that a fund, supplementary to the grant, be formed, not by a permanent organization, but simply to meet the exigency for the year. There ought to be sympathy enough with this most claimant need to secure, say, one thousand dollars from our generous friends in this Conference, without allowing any other interest to suffer. As occupying an independent circuit I feel that I ought to bear some part of this burden resting on my brethren, and will gladly be one of one hundred to make up this amount. Will some one organize the effort by acting as Treasurer and inviting subscriptions? Sackville, Nov. 24, 1875. J. HART.

FROM THE N. S. SECRETARY OF MISSIONS.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—By request I forward to you for publication in the Wesleyan, a statement of the Missionary Society appropriation in the Nova Scotia Conference for the present year. The Central Missionary Board granted to this Conference \$10,917, which is \$332 less than was granted last year. When the