

# The Wesleyan.

Longworth Mr. B.

Rev. A. W. NICOLSON,  
Editor and Publisher.

Published under the direction of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada

\$2 PER ANNUM IN ADVANCE  
Postage Prepaid.

VOL. XXXI.

HALIFAX, N.S., MARCH 8, 1879.

No. 10

## WHOLESALE DRY GOODS

EX S. S. "NOVA SCOTIAN."  
Black Dress Silk Buttons,  
Black Velveteens,  
Colored Satins,  
Winceys,  
Fancy Flannels,  
Hosiery, Etc.  
1000 3-Bushel Grain Bags.

Wholesale Dry Goods Warehouse,  
111 and 113 GRANVILLE STREET, HALIFAX  
ANDERSON, BILLING & CO.,

## NEW BOOKS

PUBLISHED AT THE  
WESLEYAN CONFERENCE OFFICE, LONDON.

DANIEL QUORM, and his Religious notions,  
Second Series. 75 Cents  
A PLEDGE THAT REDEEMED ITSELF.  
By Sarson (Miss Ingham) author of "Blind Olive,"  
"White Cross and Dove of Pearls." Handsome  
binding and illustrations. 75 Cents

THE CARAVAN AND THE TEMPLE, and  
Songs of the Pilgrims. Psalms cxx-cxxiv. By  
Edward Jewitt Robinson. \$1.

THE BEARS DEN. By E. H. Miller, author  
of "Royal Road to Riches," a Sunday School or  
Reward Book. 45 Cents.

FOR EVER: An Essay on Eternal Punishment  
By Rev. M. Handley. Third edition revised and  
enlarged. \$1.50

WAYMARKS: Placed by Royal Authority on  
the King's Highway. Being 100 Scripture pro-  
verbs enforced and illustrated. By Rev. Benjamin  
Smith. 75 Cents

LIFE AND DEATH, the Sanctions of the Law  
of Love. The Fenley Lecture for 1878, by G. W.  
Olver, B.A. 30 Cents

FOR SALE AT THE  
METHODIST BOOK ROOM,  
125 GRANVILLE ST., HALIFAX.

## THE GREATEST MUSICAL SUCCESS OF THE DAY IS

### H. M. S. PINAFORE

It has attracted large audiences night after night,  
and week after week in all the principal cities, and  
having easy music, and needing but simple scenery  
is being extensively rehearsed by amateurs every-  
where. This success is merited by its perfectly in-  
nocent wit, its lively words and good music. Try it  
while it is new, in every village.  
Elegant copies with Music, Words and Libretto,  
mailed for \$1.00. Per dozen, \$9.00.

Emerson & Tilden's  
HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR \$1.00  
LAUREL WREATH, by W. O. Perkins 1.00  
C. Everett's SCHOOL SONG BOOK .80  
are three of the very best books for Seminaries,  
Normal and High Schools, &c.

## Octavo Choruses

A splendid stock of these on hand, cost but 6 to  
10 cts. each, and each contains a favorite Anthem,  
Glee, Oratorio or other Chorus, Quartet or Part  
Song. They are much used by Choirs and Societies  
for occasional singing. Try a dozen? Send for  
list, or send 10c for our full Book Catalogue.

Invest 6 cts for one Musical Record, or \$2 for year

OLIVER DITSON & CO., 3-sten.  
C. H. DITSON & CO., J. E. DITSON & CO.,  
711 & 843 Broadway, 922 Chestnut Street,  
New York, Phila.

## JUST PUBLISHED.

### BAPTISMA:

A new book on Baptism.  
EXEGETICAL AND CONTROVERSIAL  
By Rev. J. LATHERN.

Price 75 Cents  
FOR SALE AT

METHODIST BOOK ROOM,  
125 Granville St., Halifax, N.S.

"Decidedly the most original book on baptism  
which has appeared in recent years."—Halifax  
Wesleyan.

"Searching and trenchant."—Toronto Guardian.

"A becoming spirit with cogent and powerful  
argument."—Presbyterian Witness.

"Scholarly style, closely reasoned argument and  
eloquent diction."—Editor of Canadian Methodist  
Magazine.

"Your laws of interpretation are sound and can-  
not be overthrown; your deductions sober, pertinent  
and conclusive."—Dr. Isaac Murray.

"Powerfully and eloquently written."—Argus.

"Exhibits accuracy of scholarship and extensive  
research, and although when defence or assault is  
required the blows fall with iron strength and firm-  
ness, there is displayed withal a devout and Chris-  
tian spirit."—Argosy.

## FIRST PRIZE ORGANS.

C. E. FREEMAN is now selling and will here-  
after sell, the above celebrated instruments  
at the lowest figures, to match the times. I will  
also supply any other Organs required

ON REASONABLE TERMS as my motto is  
SMALL PROFITS

AND  
QUICK SALES.

Good discount to Churches, Ministers, Lodges, &c  
&c. Circulars with information free.

GOOD AGENTS WANTED.

C. E. FREEMAN,  
Amherst, N. S., General Agent

July 10—1 year.

CORNER GRANVILLE AND SACK  
VILLE STREETS.

NOVA SCOTIA  
Steam Machine Paper Bag Man-  
factory

THE CHEAPEST IN THE MARKET  
SEND FOR PRICE LIST.

ALSO  
BOOK BINDING,  
In all its Branches.

A. T. PHILLIPS

## FRESH ENGLISH BOOKS FOR OUR SABBATH-SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space  
in your valuable paper to call the atten-  
tion of the officers and teachers of Sabbath  
Schools throughout the Dominion to a  
valuable collection of books, comprising  
about three hundred volumes, selected for  
our Library Committee by Rev. Dr. Job-  
son, of London, England. Copies of which  
have just been sent out by Rev. Alfred  
Andrews, Secretary to the Sunday School  
Library Committee of the Methodist  
Church of Canada, to be read and report-  
ed on by the various ministers of the  
Methodist Church, only about fifty of the  
reports have been received at present, but  
they all speak very favorably of the books  
reported on. As far as my own opinion  
goes, I am free to say that a finer lot of  
books for the purpose for which they are  
designed, I never saw together. Of course  
in such a large number of books (no two  
of which are alike) the subjects treated on  
are very numerous, and include ancient  
and modern history, natural history, his-  
tory of the Christian Church in the early  
days of Christianity, with many thrilling  
narratives of the persecution of Christians  
in the days when the church was in its in-  
fancy, and many noble examples from the  
lives and deaths of the Christian martyrs.  
Biographies and memoirs of eminent  
Christian men and women, histories of  
the foundation and progress of Christian  
missions in various parts of the world,  
with scenes and adventures from the lives  
of the missionaries.

Useful and instructive accounts of the  
institutions, customs and daily life of the  
people in many foreign lands, amusing  
and instructive anecdotes and tales of old  
England, and many other subjects too  
numerous to mention. None of these  
books are of a light and frivolous char-  
acter, still they are sufficiently racy and en-  
tertaining to rivet the attention of young  
readers, and are, at the same time,  
sufficiently instructive to be read with profit  
by persons of riper years. They are all  
of a good sound religious character, and  
illustrate the Providence of God in all His  
works.

I may here mention that they are all  
English books, and are published by the  
Wesleyan Conference Office, London,  
the Religious Tract Society, and a few of  
the Leisure Hour Office, and Hamilton,  
Adams & Co.

Much more might be said on the sub-  
ject, but I think I have said sufficient to  
show that they are a good class of books,  
and may be cordially recommended as be-  
ing eminently adapted for the use of Sab-  
bath School Libraries; any information  
respecting them will be cheerfully given  
by Rev. Alfred Andrews, Strathroy, Ont.

Some time must elapse before the books  
can be finally approved by the Library  
Committee and prices adjusted; but the  
Secretary informs me that no time will be  
lost after the reports from readers are re-  
ceived, in publishing catalogues and hav-  
ing them on sale at the Book Rooms.

I am, Sir,  
Yours, &c.,  
B. FLETCHER.

## A VISIT TO THE LUMBER CAMPS.

In company with Bro. Colpitts, the  
authorized missionary to the lumbermen,  
I made my first visit to the camps. Our  
trip lay along the Nashwaak river and its  
tributaries. We reached the first camp at  
4 p. m., ten miles beyond the terminus of  
civilization. After seeing to our horse  
"Jerry," we were welcomed into camp  
and very hospitably entertained. The  
camp itself, built of logs, and covered  
with splits and earth, was about thirty  
feet long, by twenty wide, and from four  
to nine feet high. The floor was laid with  
round poles, somewhat flattened. In the  
middle of the inside was an open fire of  
hardwood logs, the smoke, the most of it,  
escaping through an aperture three by  
five feet in the roof, which also served as  
the only window to lighten the building.  
The sleeping berths lay on each side of  
the fire-place, and consisted of fir boughs  
covered by long blankets or camp spreads  
with the "deacon seat" for foot board.  
Many camps, however, as I subsequently  
learned, are somewhat different in their  
construction and internal arrangement,

having windows for light and stoves in-  
stead of open fires, and tables from which  
to eat instead of benches. Supper was soon  
ready. An old tool-chest, covered with a  
salt sack, formed the table; a tin pan and  
pint, with knife and fork, constituted the  
dishes. We were helped to a bountiful  
supply of pork and beans, bread, tea and  
"long-tailed sugar," the staple food in a  
lumber camp. Supper being ended there  
were axes to grind, sleds and chains to  
repair, socks and mits to darn, jumpers,  
pants and larrigans to mend—and this as  
I learned was the common evening em-  
ployment in every camp. Bro. C. distrib-  
uted some religious papers, tracts and  
pamphlets, which were gladly received.  
A religious service was then held, evident-  
ly to the interest and profit of all concern-  
ed. Bed time arrived, and we swung our  
hammock from the camp ribs and turned  
in to enjoy "Nature's sweet repose."

Next morning at 5 a. m. we found our-  
selves at breakfast and had family worship  
with the men. A part of the forenoon was  
spent in the attempt to catch trout in a  
beautiful little lake near by, but the  
moon was evidently astray, as we didn't  
get a bite.

After dinner we started for another  
camp and reached it a little before sun-  
down. "Jerry" being hoveled, and we  
supposed the crews of two adjacent camps  
were convened for worship and a very en-  
joyable religious service we had. After  
some religious reading and conversation  
the hammocks were again suspended, and  
two weary mortals hung up to rest,—to  
rise again at the very unquiet, un-  
clerical hour of 5 a. m.

The Fates are not always propitious.  
Bro. C. having contracted the malignant  
influenza, now so prevalent, we were  
compelled to seek the nearest dwelling  
house, some sixteen miles distant, where  
he remained a few days under kind treat-  
ment and then returned home. Although  
very reluctant to part with so efficient a  
guide and so agreeable a companion, yet  
for the next ten days I roamed through  
the forest, visiting the various camps on  
the Nashwaak and Napudogan streams,  
and preaching every evening to the hardy  
sons of toil. Last Sabbath I walked five  
miles through the woods on snow-shoes  
and had the privilege of preaching four  
times in as many different camps.

To the credit of the men I must say that  
in every case I was treated in the kindest  
and most respectful manner, and the word  
preached seemed to be greatly appreciated.  
The more I know of this lumber  
mission, the more I am convinced that a  
suitable man ought to be appointed solely  
to this work. There is ample scope and  
opportunity for doing much good. About  
ten thousand men are annually employed  
for a great portion of the year in the lum-  
ber business of the Province. Many of  
these men for months together do not see  
a Christian church or minister, and are  
wholly deprived of the means of grace.  
The Gospel ought to be taken to them and  
thus many would be reached who would  
otherwise remain beyond the offers of  
Gospel salvation. While as a Conference  
we strive to aid the French, German, and  
Indian Missions, we ought not to lightly  
pass by so important a field of missionary  
toil within our own borders. The laborers  
of the Conference appointed missionary to  
the lumbermen have already been highly  
prized and greatly beneficial.

To properly work this mission involves  
some expense for a suitable outfit of pung,  
travelling-bags, snow-shoes, hammock,  
blankets, etc., and means real work, with  
much privation and a large amount of ex-  
posure. But then it would pay morally,  
and I am persuaded, financially also, as  
the material contributions of the hardy  
lumberman would not all be in spruce  
gun as proved by my own experience. It  
is to be hoped that this important mission  
will in the future receive something like  
its due meed of interest and practical aid

L. S. J.  
Nashwaak Village, York Co., N.B.,  
Feb'y. 22, 1899.

## NOTES FROM PLEASANT POINT.

DEAR EDITOR,—Some of your readers  
may be at a loss to know where Pleasant  
Point may be found; for their information  
allow me to say, it is at the entrance of  
Musquodoboit Harbor, and forms an im-  
portant part of the Musquodoboit Harbor  
Circuit.

On the evening of the 17th inst., nearly  
as large a public gathering, as was ever  
witnessed at that place assembled to listen  
to a lecture, by the Rev. J. M. Fisher, (Su-  
perintendent of the Musquodoboit Harbor  
Circuit,) under the auspices of Pleasant  
Point Lodge, (organized Nov. 20th, 1876.)  
The meeting was called to order by the  
chairman. After a chant by the choir, the  
chairman introduced the speaker of the  
evening; who treated his subject "Tem-  
perance," with great ability and pathos;  
both interesting and amusing the audience.  
The "Rum Seller" received a severe  
handling, and the moderate drinker came  
in for his share of blame; during the lec-  
turer's discourse, he related some amu-  
sing and appropriate anecdotes. Excellent  
speeches were also delivered by John  
Nauffts, Esq., (H. D.) and Alex. Fawkins,  
Esq. The audience retired highly satis-  
fied (to say the least) with the evening's  
entertainment, which I have no doubt will  
strengthen the already strong temperance  
sentiments of the place.

Spiritually we have much room for en-  
couragement. The congregations are un-  
usually large, and our pastor is untiring  
in his labors. G. W. THOMPSON.  
Feb. 22, 1879.

## ANOTHER DONATION AT HARVEY, A. S.

Co.—The friends of Rev. R. Wilson met  
at the house of Mr. W. H. A. Casey, Har-  
vey Corner, a few evenings ago. After  
spending a pleasant time and after par-  
taking of refreshments, choice and abun-  
dant, a purse containing \$31.50 was hand-  
ed to the rev. gentlemen, who replied in  
his usual happy and eloquent style. He  
was followed by Rev. T. A. Blackadar,  
whose well chosen and able remarks  
made him more endearing to the hearts  
of friends than so earnestly cling around  
him. Short speeches were made by A.  
Anderson, James Atkinson, James Myles,  
Asabel Wells, G. Bunster, W. H. A.  
Casey and J. M. Stevens, Esqrs. The  
roads were very bad, otherwise the atten-  
dance, and also the purse, would have  
been larger, notwithstanding the very few  
Methodists residing here. The Baptists  
came to the front and gave tangible proof  
of their sincerity towards their Methodist  
brethren.—[Telegraph.]

The religious services now being held  
in the Baptist and Methodist Churches at  
this place are largely attended and very in-  
teresting. A large number of persons,  
many of them young, have renounced  
their former course and are setting out in  
a religious life.—[Berwick Star.]

## OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

THE WAR IN ZULULAND.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

Long before these lines will be in  
print the Atlantic Telegraph will have  
conveyed the news of a sad reverse  
which has befallen our troops in Africa,  
and of the most calamitous beginning  
of the war with the Zulu King. The  
destruction of nearly 600 men, with a  
very large number of officers, is a great  
calamity, and the intelligence was re-  
ceived in England with profound sur-  
prise and national grief. Again it is  
felt that somebody has blundered, but  
in the absence of detailed statements  
there has been comparatively little ad-  
verse criticism. The unfortunate men  
appear to have been separated from the  
main body of the army, to have been  
suddenly surrounded by overwhelming  
numbers of the savage enemy, and  
after fighting with splendid bravery,  
they were all cut to pieces. The forces  
at the disposal of the General are quite  
inadequate for the war into which we  
are plunged, and a fearful calamity has  
resulted at the very outset.

## LARGE REINFORCEMENTS

are at once being sent out. In all the  
great military centres, and in seaports,  
the preparations are being hastened for  
the despatch of a fine and powerful  
body of troops, to enable the war to be  
prospered with redoubled vigor, to  
avenge the death of so many of our  
brave troops, and to defend the Colony  
of Natal, which has been placed in  
imminent danger. All this has now  
become imperative, and there is intense  
eagerness on the part of thousands of  
brave fellows to be off to Africa and  
share in the fierce strife.

## THE QUESTION

as to the origin of this war, and what  
necessity impelled our authorities to

cross the frontier and carry defiance  
into the face of such a numerous and  
savage people, has not yet been fairly  
answered. Our present policy at home  
and abroad is altogether belligerent,  
and we have plenty of trouble on every  
hand. In due time we shall have fuller  
information, and can only wait and  
pray for the speedy termination of a  
conflict which threatens to be severe  
and burdensome.

## THE EXPLOSION

of an immense gun on board the  
"Thunderer," one of the great turret  
ships forming part of the squadron in  
the Mediterranean, which caused the  
death and wounding of a very large  
number of men, has been officially en-  
quired into. The result of that enquiry  
has been to bring to light the almost  
incredible fact that the gun was twice  
loaded, that the first charge did not  
explode, and instead of that circum-  
stance being made the ground of  
caution and enquiry, the gun was low-  
ered and again loaded by machinery,  
and the terrible result followed. It is  
estimated that the length of the two  
heavy charges must have been about  
ten feet, containing upwards of two  
hundred weight of powder, and also  
shot and shell. Those on whom the  
blame rests have not been indicated,  
they have in all probability been num-  
bered with the sufferers by the accident.

## THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT

is again in session. The formal opening  
took place last December, when it was  
so suddenly convened on account of  
the Afghan war. The Queen's speech  
was then delivered, and consequently  
the meeting of our legislators last  
Thursday was very quiet, and devoid  
of all ceremonial. Foreign affairs will  
necessarily occupy much of the time of  
Parliament, and the heavy arrears of  
Home Legislation will, as usual, be  
only partially dealt with. There is an  
expectation of some great surprise  
on the part of the Government, some fine  
stroke of policy, on the strength and  
popularity of which they may venture  
to appeal to the people. This is the  
sixth year of the present Parliament,  
and there are many indications that it  
will be the last. There will be a tre-  
mendous struggle at the next general  
election, for which each party has  
already begun its earnest preparations.

## CHANGES IN FRANCE.

The recent important changes in the  
government of France are all telling on  
the side of liberty. The elections which  
returned so strong a majority of Repub-  
licans have exerted a quiet but irresis-  
tible influence on public affairs. The  
resignation of the able and distinguished  
Marshal Macmahon, and the election of  
a new President who is net of the mili-  
tary order, marks the passing away of  
very much of the influence of the army  
and its leaders, and the bringing in of  
men pledged to the maintenance of free  
institutions and true Republicanism.  
One of the immediate effects of the  
changes just wrought is an extension  
of religious liberty. In due time other  
benefits will also become apparent, and  
those who have hoped either for a res-  
toration of the Republic, or for the  
collapse of the Republic in any other  
way, must experience no small degree  
of disappointment.

## OUR WORK

Wesleyan Methodists is being hope-  
fully and earnestly carried on. The  
widespread depression of trade, and  
the poverty of the people is being  
severely felt in some of the strong  
centres of our connexion. The financial  
straits of the year will tell upon the  
revenues of some of the great depart-  
ments of the work, but they will not be  
very seriously affected.

## THE THANKSGIVING FUND

is being steadily worked. Several  
District Central Meetings have been  
held during the fortnight, and arrange-  
ments are made for several more. The  
Circuit meetings have been successful  
wherever held in gathering up the  
offerings of the many. The amount  
realised is close upon £100,000, and it  
is felt that the movement is already  
doing our people much good. £10,000  
is already paid, and there will soon be  
a distribution of this, and more, for the  
payment of the existing debts. Mr.  
Rigg is working indefatigably in the  
movement, and is ably assisted by Mr.  
McAulay. The effort is occasioning  
much comment outside of Methodism,  
and will doubtless provoke other  
churches to attempt greater things for  
their own departments of holy labor.

## February 17th, 1879.

B.

## GENERAL ITEMS.

Charles Nappier, an English scientist,  
prescribes a vegetable diet as a cure for  
intemperance. The relinquishment of  
meat for six or seven months, he asserts,  
will destroy a desire for alcohol in the  
most aggravated cases.

Hayti is in the throes of another revo-  
lution, two ship-loads of insurgents hav-  
ing landed and proclaimed Gen. Benj-  
min President of the Republic. Several  
towns have surrendered to the insurgents  
but the present President is gathering his  
forces and preparing for a vigorous resis-  
tance. A battle is hourly expected.

It is stated on the authority of the Bos-  
ton Advertiser that the officers of Harvard  
College propose to allow young women to  
pass through the different stages of in-  
struction under the tuition of the vari-  
ous professors, but with a distinct organi-  
zation to be controlled by the board of  
seven Cambridge ladies. They are not to  
be considered students of the college, but  
more properly private pupils of the pro-  
fessors, with all the various branches of  
the college course open to them.

Those who were interested in the Cax-  
ton Celebration of 1877 will remember  
the celebrated Caxton Memorial Bible,  
which was printed, bound, and lettered in  
twelve hours at the Oxford University  
Press. The State Library at Albany has  
received a copy of this remarkable work.

Rev. R. W. Dale, D. D., a well-known  
clergyman of Birmingham, writes to the  
Congregationalist a graphic account of the  
industrial distress in England. He says  
that not even the darkest days of the Cri-  
mean war was there anything like the  
present distress among the poor of Bir-  
mingham. "During the 'cotton famine,'  
incident upon the Southern Rebellion,  
Lancashire suffered more keenly than any  
part of England is suffering now; but  
then the area of suffering was restricted,  
and relief poured in from all directions.  
Now, however, with the exception of the  
east district of London, where there is no  
usual want reported, there is bitter  
distress wherever large masses of working  
people are gathered together.

The American Palestine Exploration  
Society is about to give to the world the  
result of its labors in a complete of the  
region east of the Jordan. This in com-  
pany with Lieutenant Conder's map of  
Palestine proper, will add largely to our  
geographical knowledge of the Holy Land.  
The exploration has been under the gen-  
eral supervision of Professor Hitchcock,  
of the Union Theological Seminary. The  
first party, under Lieutenant Steever,  
surveyed 500 square miles of territory in  
1873; the second under Colonel Lane,  
made a rapid reconnaissance of the whole  
trans-Jordanian country, covering an  
area of 6000 square miles. The third  
party was led by Dr. Selah Merrill. The  
map which has been prepared by Mr.  
Eudolph Meyer, assistant engineer of the  
expedition, will consist of thirteen sheets,  
and will be published on a scale of an inch  
to a mile. It contains 225 names found  
on no other map.

Sir Wilfrid Lawson, the sturdy advocate  
of temperance legislation in the British  
Parliament, is about to offer a resolution  
in advance of the consideration of the  
Permissive Bill, which he has in charge.  
It affirms that "a legal power of restrain-  
ing the issue or renewal of licenses should  
be placed in the hands of the persons  
most deeply interested and affected,  
namely, the inhabitants themselves, who  
are entitled to protection from the injuri-  
ous consequences of the present system  
by some measure of local option." Sir  
Wilfrid is desirous of having an expres-  
sion of opinion by Parliament on the  
principle of his bill. It is his belief that  
members will vote for the resolution who  
would not vote for the bill itself.

The enterprise of Mr. James Gordon  
Bennett in preparing two vessels for  
Arctic exploration, the one to proceed by  
way of Spitzbergen, and the other by  
Behring Straits, is already well known to  
our readers. The steamer "Janette"  
has been assigned to the Behring Straits  
service, and is, we understand, already in  
San Francisco.

A bill has been introduced into Con-  
gress by Mr. Wood, authorizing the  
Secretary of the Navy to accept this  
vessel and take charge of her. The bill  
provides that it is to be fitted up with  
any material on hand, and authority is  
given to enlist the necessary crew and to  
provide the naval officers; and the ex-  
pense, at least the pay of the men, will  
be subsequently refunded by Mr. Bennett.  
It is not improbable that this vessel will  
be made useful in the search for and  
relief of the "Vega," Professor Nordensk-  
jold's steamer, which, in the opinion of  
some, has been frozen in near East Bay,  
on the western shore of Behring Straits.  
It is asserted that she is in company with  
a number of American whales, likewise  
caught in the ice by the premature  
advance of winter.