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NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE.

Some most important results have grown out of the action of last Conference, appointing a Committe of Ministers and laymen, in conjunction with the members of the Missionary Committee, to consider certain financial questions.

The Missionary Committee itself reached some good conclusions. By paringclosely every contingent expense, and keeping down unnecessary outlay, the actual unprovided for deficiency in domestic Missions was reduced to \$214, on the basis of \$750 salary. This, though it still leaves a painful blank in the estimates for ministerial allowances, is much better than last year, and almost equal to anything in our past history of prospective salaries. Resolutions were adopted to recommend that Conference enter upon a sifting process as to the actual promise of missions which have been in operation for some years. Unquestionably, there is a strong disposition to spend Missionary monies to the very best advantage. Where people are able to help in supporting ministers and are unwilling, they must expect that their Pastors will be sent to fields more ready to appreciate their labours.

In considering the vexed question of a basis for the Children's Fund Tax, good progress was made. A report will soon be in the hands of the Ministers and officials, setting forth a scheme which has the merit of equalizing and simplifying the figures of each year's apportionments. It is found that the Dependent and Independent Circuits, have, in their aggregate classification, about a proportion of the burden equal to the number of children in the families of Ministers occupying these Circuits respectively. In other words, the Domestic Missions sustain the children stationed on them, and so of the independent Circuits. By an admirable scale suggested, the strong will henceforth help the weak, without making the burden excessive in any case.

A scheme for property-aid, combining the intention of Grants, Loans, and Insurance, and applying to Churches and parsonages, was under consideration for some time. Our lay brethren did good service here as in the previous instance. This plan also is to be printed and circulated with the other, and after all possible information and suggestions may be gathered in, the Committee, at the call of the President, is to reconsider and report to Conference. We hope to see then a scheme which may apply to the Methodism of Canada.

Spiritual interests were not forgotten in these discussions. Arrangements were made looking to the necessities of God's cause amongst us, which will shortly be intimated to the Church through the proper authority. A year of great blessing we hope lies before all the Churches in our several Conferences. As one object in contemplation is to have District Conventions under direction of Chairmen, for the discusof spiritual questions, we may take the liberty of suggesting the fact, in order that plans be matured as early as possible. In our English work great good bas followed from such preparatory

ARE WE REALLY SINCERE?

The proportion of Christians who never think they are under oblication to bring into their systems of managing money and property the claims of God's cause, is something fearful. They profess to have been converted by the power of the gospel; to believe that in this gospel lies the only hope for sinfoundly thankful for God's great good. Churches during the session of the ness to them, and are daily endeavoring | Committee last week. The character

WESLEYAN, ity and love. They are happy in God -at peace with their neighbo:s-approved of their own consciences :- yet it is just possible they have been living by motives so selfish that a revelation of their heart-workings would strike them dumb! We confess we cannot understand it. Scores of good, honest, ardent Christians come up before our memory at this moment, whose piety is unquestioned, but who have not given to benevolent purposes in any year of their religious life five per cent. of their income. Of course they may have ways of doing good and concealing it. We doubt it though. Every giving thing brings itself into notice some way. The dews distil noiselessly, but men and flowers and all living things in nature see its lingering moisture sometimes. Giving Christians come sooner or later to their deserved reputation.

If only the mere waste of money in frivolous, extravagant ways, could be prevented among Christians, and the stream turned into God's treasury! Give me every tenth pinch of snuff," said Chalmers, in pleading for the Scottish Sustentation Fund. People laughed at the idea as absurd. But in snufftaking, dram-drinking Scotland, the tenth pinch and dram would make a fat endowment for any church. Our Missionary Treasurers are calling for \$200,-000 from a church membership of 100,-000. One-tenth part of the money wasted by Methodist women in babies dresses alone, would pay all that is required as a supplement to last year's missionary income. If the members of our Canadian Methodist Church will vow to abstain from luxuries for a single month, sending us in every instance the money they would otherwise spend on their whims and tastes, we will undertake to relieve the Missionary Secretaries of the mission in Japan-with its four ministers and six native preachers-for a whole year. We heard several years ago, a prominent Methodistclass-leader and thorough disciplinarian he was too, declare he never read articles on giving-always skipped them when he noticed the headings. He may have been generous—we cannot say positively; but we do know that he never had a reputation for giving, and we know equally well he has lost in speculations, not of the most safe kind, five thousand dollars in a few years. And now he wishes he had given it all

Some way-it is not exactly plain to as how-God will in the end keep back from these people all they have kept back from Him. They are happy here -none more so. They are hopeful of heaven, and will doubtless reach it. But -well there is a but somewhere.

UNION—WHERE IT MAY BEGIN.

A practical Lay brother, whose local surroundings call for the mutual consideration of two or three branches of Christ's Church, advanced strong arguments in Halifax, last week, in support of a measure which we recommended, editorially, a few weeks ago. Thousands of dollars might be saved to missions by a just compromise between the Presbyterians and Methodists, to begin with. A consultation between authorized officials might result in such an allocation of territory, now occupied by their ministers and ours, in certain localities where Protestants are but few and widely scattered, that several men and much money might be spared for more destitute places. We would all be astonished at the unanimity with which such a scheme would be received and worked out, if only the ministers fully consented. And if ever we are to conquer prejudices which hinder our people from enjoying the services of religion when administered by persons of good repute, and but differing from us in name, we must bring them into relations which will convince them that there may be a form of church loyalty which is really sinful. Of course there are neighborhoods where change would necessarily be made with great caution, or delayed for some years. But there are many in which economy and union might set out hand in hand forthwith

RABLE Missionary Meetings ners and pagans; that they are pro- were neld in Kaye and Charles St. to show their gratitude by acts of char- of addresses and tone of the services pense of others.

may be inferred from the fact that subscriptions went far in advance of previous years-in some cases were doubled. Our city papers were so enterprizing as to import some special clements from abroad for our benefit. For instance, one speaker was represented as a Missionary from the Northwest, and his address as a report of marvellous reformation among the distant tribes of that interesting country. The speaker was actually from Cumberland County, Nova Scotia, in which locality occurred the circumstances which he described. This brings matters down to plain, prosaic Home Mission work; but we incline to think the conversions were really valuable notwithstanding. .

WEEK OF PRAYER for Y. M. C. Associations. The second week in November has been set apart by Young Men's Christian Associations throughout the world as a Week of Prayer and Thanksgiving. The Halifax Association has obtained the co-operation of the Clergymen, and are now arranging ing a programme of the week's services Sermons will be preached in most of the Churches on Sunday evening 12 inst., specially to young men. Meetings will be held in Association Hall every evening from the 12th to 19th. We expect to be able to publish the programme next week.

IT seems at length to be considered impossible to reach the North Pole. An expedition has just returned which penetrated to within 400 miles of the place known by that name. Every aid of science was lent to this expedition; it was manned by the most experienced, brave and determined mariners. So that, unless science shall make great strides, everything possible has been accomplished. And what, after all, is gained? About this :- Brittania may now say to her children-" You see, there is nothing more yonder to excite your curiosity. I have buried, in common with other national guardians, some scores of my brave subjects in gratifying your ambition. Now be content." Here is the report of the ex-

"The Polar Sea is never navigable. The ordinary ice averages 80 feet in thickness. Animal life and the northerly migration of birds ends south of Cape Colombia. A memorial tablet was erected to Capt. Hall of the Polaris expedition at Polaris Bay. Esquimaux traces cease on the west shore in lat 88 ° 52' whence they cross to Greenland. The impracticability of reaching the North Pole was proved. All neighboring lands were examined.

Ir experience counts for anything, a good argument was made last week in Halifax in favor of introducing Laymen into our Annual Conferences. The vigour with which some of our businessmen seized some of our knotty questions was refreshing. What consistency is there in bringing these brethren into General Conference and denying them admission to Annual Conference? We make them at home in the parlor and shut them out of the porch of Methodist legislation.

In an English court recently two men were fined seven pounds for plucking feathers from fowls while alive. There seems to have been some one in Sheffield with sufficient courage to arraign cruel men in the face of all the possibilities of their future spite. It is astonishing how much evil is permitted through dread of incurring a little indignation. Moral courage is sure to awaken hostility always; but it questionable whether society can be secure or Christians faithful without a considerable exercise of unselfish heroism. We wish some disciples of Bergh would appear in these quarters.

THERE are tricks in all trades, and sorry we are to see that even the sacred calling of preaching is not without them. We insert elsewhere a card, now

Ir will be seen by advertisement that the Sackville institutions are entering shortly on their Second Term. There is room for students, notwithstanding the success to this date. Fill up those rooms, and test the strength of those noble teachers.

JAPAN.

Tidings have been received at the Mission Rooms of the safe arrival of Bros. Meacham and Ebey, with their families in Japan. A few days after they reached Tokoi, a District meeting was held, at which three promising young natives were recommended as probationers for our ministry.

THE CENTRAL BOARD.

From a note received from the Secretary Treasurer of the Missionary Society we learn that a Report of the proceedings of the Central Board is being prepared for publication through our connexional papers and otherwise. It is generally felt that this was one of the most important meetings, in connection with the Methodist Church, since the union, and the Report will be looked for with great interest.

THE celebrated doctor who preached recently in the Ottawa Dominion Church, and his great success in raising \$18,000, have both been outdone within the last few days. In a little village, where Methodism could only be sustained by liberal missionary grants, a beautiful church was built at a cost of \$5,500. After all means had been exhausted among the people to pay the debt, \$1,300 still remained. The Pastor called his men together; laid before them a scheme for dividing the debt into shares, extending over a brief time, with interest, took several shares himself, and in twenty-four hours had the satisfaction of singing the Doxology over a free church. This saves the debt from becoming a burden on the Mission Fund. The place is in Nova Scotia, and the minister the immediate successor of the President! Solve the remainder of the problem for thyself,

that the Turks were triumphant, having driving the Servians from the battle-ground, after a heavy engagement. Notwithstanding, it is difficult for Turkey to hold out any time, with Russia facing her. Should the Emperor of this latter country abdicate, however, it might turn the entire current of affairs.

UNITED STATES .- The Presidential contest in the United States is very uncertain as to results. Great misgivings seem to rest upon the minds of both parties. There can be little doubt that the balance will be very even. Should the Democrats triumph perhaps they would do better service than their apponents imagine. To hold rule now-a-days, politicians are obliged to be liberal as well as progressive.

"THE DAIRYMAN'S DAUGHTER" has been translated into twenty-five different languages, and six millions of copies have been put into circulation. book has been the means in converting hundreds of persons in all ranks of life. We hope to re-publish next week, from the Wesleyan of July, 1838, letters which show what most persons seem to be ignorant of—that the Dairyman's Daughter was a Methodist convert and the agent in God's hands in bringing her parents into the same faith.

M.S.S. - Really we must have a special training for editorial experts. In the great Central Post Offices they keep persons who can decipher addresses, names, localities and all, out of imitations of what our farmers call "Snakefences." The most perplexing thing being issued, for calling attention to to an Editor's soul, is not defective the services of certain evangelists. It English, or punctuation, or spelling in appears rather Plymouthish. Why do correspondent's manuscript. All this not these ardent souls strike out to new he can mend with patience. But strivand uncultivated territory, instead of ing to decipher among the hieroglyphendeavoring to create, in the minds of ice of a scholar, for instance, whether Christians everywhere, distrust as to he means that a horse ran away with the validity of their church relations, affright, or a house by the way was on meantime taking all credit for having fire-there seems to be no law or examto church relations themselves? While ple for patience in such a case. How denouncing the sects, they are striving came that wretched notion ever to gain to build up a sect themselves at the ex. acceptance, that bad writing is one

REV. A. FALCOFEE (Presbyterian). of Dartmouth, N. S., is to go as a Missionary-rather as a Pastor of a congregation sometime established - to Trinidad. Mr. F. began his labours in Charlottetown, some fourteen years ago, and has become a preacher of no ordinary ability. His real strength has never been understood in these Prov. inces, his ministry having been spent mostly where strangers could seldom hear him. We hope to learn in the future that he has gained a deserved

Another Fenian Invasion is talked of in the North West. Probably the Fenians will think better of it. Their success hitherto has not been so remarkable that they can take much heart in the purpose of conquering the Dominion by way of bringing Great Britain to terms.

WANTED.

Several manuscript diaries or journals kept by the late Benjamin Chappell, Esq., Post Master of Prince Ed. ward Island, were borrowed some years since in Charlottetown, and up to the present time they have not been returned. One of the volumes-a large one, contained a large amount of information relative to the introduction of Methodism in the Island, in which Mr. Chappell bore so distinguished a part. as well as much chiefly of value to Mr. Chappell's descendants, who carnestly desire that the missing MSS, may be returned. Any party or parties in whose hands any of them may be, would confer a great favor by forwarding them to Rev. Benjamin Chappell, B. A., St. John, N. B., to T. L. Chappell's Book. store, Charlottetown; or to the Wesley. an Bookroom, Halifax.

OUR ENGLISH LETTER

DEAR MR. EDITOR,-The news of the fortnight is not of much importance, for there is little or no change in the situation of affairs. We have had very startling rumors of renewed hostilities, of a general European embroilment and impending war. But as far as we can judge, it appears that an armistice has been proposed and accepted, that negotiations are in hand for some amount of justice and safety for the oppressed, and that for the present Turkey willescape the dismemberment and punishment so justly merited.

AN AUTUMNAL SESSION

of Parliament will not be granted. The Government is firm upon that point. It has been sorely pressed, but will not yield. The popular agitation has not been in vain for it has compelled our rulers to take more energetic action, to produce important papers, and to claim more for the poor Christian populations of Eastern Turkey, than would have been done if that nation had not spoken so loudly and angrily.

THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION

has just met for its early winter session in the busy town of Bradford. The attendance of visitors connected with the union was unusually large. The large sanctuaries of the town were thronged at the numerous meetings, and a fine tone of spiritual life pervaded the services. At this great ministerial and lay assembly there is absolute freedom to discuss all or any of the political questions of the day. This permision is very freely used, and presents a very striking contrast to the studied avoidance of all such topics in the great debates of the Wesleyan Conference. Topics of wide and general interest were ably introduced and discussed. All forms of Church work, and the pressing demands made upon the people of God by the activities of Ritualism, Popery and Infidelity passed under review. The healthy and strong influence of nearly all the papers and discussions will be widely felt, and from the full reports of the daily papers, as well as those of a religious character, the doings of the Union will be felt through all the free churches of the land.

THE BAPTIST UNION

met at Birmingham. It too, has had a most successful meeting. As in the case of the Congregational Union so with the Baptist, there is full freedom of theme and right to discuss, yet there is a power to legislate, and consequently some of the most important questions are deferred, dropped or neglected in the practical working of the Churches. Attempts are sometimes made to arrive at conclusions to be enforced in the Churches, but it is not permitted, and so it has frequently happened that wrongs are unredressed, and the weak churches suffer for want of a little more Connexional authority.

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