WEDNESDAY, OCTB'R. 4, 1871. MR. PUNSHON.

At the close of a year's incessant travel and toil Mr. Punshon a month or two ago welcomed by his old friends and, indeed, by the British public generally, with unhad been some years away from England. and meanwhile great changes had been effected in that country, and events of the gravest importance had occurred in neighboring European lands. But he had not been forgotten. His absence from the mother country had been felt and lamented by multitudes of the best people in British Methodism. His course afar off in the great Canadian Dependency, at the head of the most powerful Conference affiliated to that of Britain, had been watched with admiring and longing interest. It had been noted that the oratoric reputation won by him in the old country had been sustained and augmented in the new world. He had taken and with ease maintained among the orators of America a position corresponding to that ungrudgingly awarded to him among for our people by those whose privilege it those of England. And it had not been overlooked that in an office of much importance and some difficulty he had displayed high executive ability and faultless discretion. It was natural therefore that the reappearance among them of such a man should call forth from intelligent British Methodists demonstrative tokens of appreciation. And it was fitting too. For in some respects. Mr. Punshon is probably the first man now in British Methodism, if not of Methodism every where.

British Methodism doultless has men

bly be. It has deeper thinkers; more pow- possession of their assigned fields of labor, erful logicians: more successful evangelists. erful logicians; more successful evangelists, and many equally hard workers. Nor as ed, followed by the inevitable collection, yet can we say that Mr. Punshon is en- on the first sabbath of the appearance of titled to take rank with the immortal five, the "new Preacher." -Benson, Bunting, Clarke, Watson and Newton. The fervour and power of Benson's ministrations have rarely been equal- It is trusted that they will long endure, and led in any age. Bunting was one of those be rekindled again and again upon hundreds heaven-born rulers that seldom make their of our Circuits during this year, so that we appearance among men. Clarke, though may rejoice at its close, over distinguished surpassed in exact scholarship has not been the well-balanced character of his genius. he has no peer in our history. And Newton in the magnificence of his vocal en- a few weeks ago. The Queen was absent dowments has had no rival in Methodism, and the ceremony was exceedingly tame except perhaps in the case of the eccentric and commonplace. The release from Par-Samuel Bradburn, which is possible, and in that of the seraphic John Summerfield, the session are very meagre and unsatiswhich is doubtful. We cannot quite count factory. Many valuable measures have Mr. Punshon's star as belonging to this been withdrawn, the Government have pared to assert that it will never be done. singues show firends have felt much disappointment at Mr. Punshon grows upon us yearly, and he the course they have pursued. has not yet reached the zenith of his fame. our church. First and above all things he has the true vivida vis of oratory. He has also observant of men and things; and the philrician, but is showing himself more and of their majority. more to be a man of the strongest common

on the occurrence of an unforeseen emergen-

his full capacity and almost beyond it. minion. Our co-religionists in the upper subside and matters resume their old quies-Provinces no doubt rightly value the work

when he first landed on the shores of this over whom he may one day be called to representation have been made by the continent. Should it be his lot while yet reign. in the fullness of his powers to resume his The sad catastrophe at Stowmarket in place in the ranks at home, British Methodism will also profit by his rich and varied place in the ranks at home, British Metho-lost through the explosion of a Gun Cotton dism will also profit by his rich and varied Manufactory, has been followed by an awexperience in America. For our part, ful explosion in a Coal Mine near Wigan; however, we hope that Mr. Punshon will and sixty-nine men or boys have perished. take up his abode permanently within the Thus in the fine bright summer, as well Dominion. Every year that rolls over his as in the depths of our dark winters,

of Mr. Punshon in the Maritime Provin-

need another period of recreation early next summer. It would afford him much early summer tide to breathe for a few weeks the cool sea air that fans our shores at that pleasant season. Coming among

Arthur, whose praise is in all our churches one of the General Secretaries of the Weslevan Missionary Society, and a most able and eminent minister, are to represent the British Conference at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of feel sure that these distinguished men will not return to England without visiting the Canadian and Eastern British American Conferences. What a treat it would be for our friends in Halifax, St. John, N. B., Fredericton, Charlottetown, and other chief Methodistic centres in the Maritime Provinces, if these three gentlemen, each one an host in himself, were to spend a few days in each of these localities next summer? It is to be presumed that earnest efforts will be made to secure that pleasure

ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE.

is to take the initiative in such a matter.

J. R. N.

Resumption of work-Resume of Parlia mentary doings—The Queen, and the Royal Family—Casualties and deaths— The Harvest—The state of France—The hope of the Church."

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—The vast machinery of Circuit Methodism is again in full opera tion. Preachers have returned to their homes invigorated by their holiday, and more learned than Mr. Punshon can possi- the newly-appointed Pastors have taken and in nearly all the Circuits, anniversary

The blessed influences of the Manchester Conference are yet being felt by many who were present and enjoyed them to the full. spiritual and numerical prosperity.

Your readers, Mr. Editor, will pardon equalled in the wide range of his learning me for going back a little in the order of by any Methodist student. Watson is even time, and making reference to a few events at this moment the first mind of universal of national importance, which have been Methodism. In power of intellect, and in crowded out by the pressure of Conferential news, and other Methodistic intelligence.

The Imperial Parliament was prorogued liamentary duties was eagerly hailed by all concerned, and it is felt that the results of prious constellation. But we are not pre again and again "backed down" upon the

An immense amount of time was spent But already he is the first living orator of over two bills, the Army Bill was only cara masterly command of racy and beautiful Ballot Bill reached the House of Lords late Circuits having unmarried ministers 25 per et. forms of speech. He has a graceful fancy in the session, and received but scant courand a brilliant imagination. He is keenly tesy there. The Peers quickly rejected it. without any fair discussion of its principles, as if in revenge for the blow dealt by the osophical faculty is fast developing within Government at their power and prerogahim. He is not a mere passionate rehto- tive in carrying the Army Bill in defiance

The issue of all this conflict is an unsettled state of public feeling, much dissa-In addition, as we indicated, Mr. Pun-tisfaction with the House of Lords, and a desire to have them either taken out of the shon is exhibiting rare powers as an administration—perfect in his mastery of principles duced. Mr. Gladstone's Government yet and patient in his study of details, with a retains a good majority in the Commons, clear perception of what is best to be done but has been practically weak in the past

Another demand upon the public purse As might have been expected, British has been made upon Prince Arthur attain-Methodists lav and clerical, were deeply ing his majority, and £15,000 a year was anxious on his arrival among them to retain voted for the purpose of providing for his Mr. Punshon among them for the rest of tuture maintenance. It is claimed that this his life; and though they were again combut it has occasioned another of those unpelled to give him up for a time to Cana- happy controversies, upon the status of the dian Methodism, they are determined on Royal Family, and the service they render, getting him back again at the earliest avail- or ought to render to the State, for the able moment. During his short sojourn among them, they showed how highly they prized his services by working him up to in the minds of large sections of the com-Mr. Punshon has laid Canadian Metho- munity, which to say the least of it, is the dism under deep and strong obligation by reverse of loyal, and is exceedingly uncomfortable to the peaceable and law-abiding his splendid labours in its behalf. He has of the United Kingdom. By far the largest increased the force of those obligations by part of the Royal Family is now provided cheerfully consenting to prolong his period for, and future demands may not be equa!of service in the upper portion of this Do- ly heavy, so that in time this irritation may

cence. In the meanwhile Her Majesty done for them by their distinguished Presi- Balmoral, and is quite an invalid. Much equal unprovided for deficiency. dent. Their appreciation of him, his gifts, sympathy is being felt for the Royal sufferlabors and influence, will, if possible be en- er, and all other feelings give way to those hanced by the manifestations of regard for of deep solicitude for her full and speedy a mutual undertaking. him evoked by his recent visit to England. The covery. She had intended to be present of partnership, which we have adopted in vestry and adding furniture to the parso-trials and in this instance they have been the parso-trials and in this instance. Great as has been, and is still likely to be, the gain to Canadian Methodism from her daughter the Princess Louise, and her We wish to obtain an equitable solution of creased their contributions towards the min-Mr. Punshon's services in its cause, the husband, but the visit was first postponed this Conferential difficulty; and "if any ister's salary some fifty per cent. profit is not wholly on one side. Mr. Punshon himself has been no local to the Wales with his family is on the Continent, shon himself has been no loser by his la- water with his latention while abroad, and receives much attention while abroad, bours on this side the Atlantic. He has but cannot refrain from practices which gained much from contact with what was deeply grieve those who most earnestly deto him an entirely new state of things in sire that he should stand high in the estima-Canada and the United States. He is in every way, a man of riper intellect, of every way, a man of riper intellect, of broader views, and wider sympathies than nown or worth in the estimation of those of nown or worth in the estimation of those nual grant. During recent years urgent

death is at work, and "dangers stand thick head will render the Dominion a more and through all the ground," for every day

calamity overtaking some of our fellow men. Lis too soon to give an estimate of the acceptance of him ere long. We rejoice to see more of him ere long. We rejoice to that any reduction of the grant would seem demands a rest from my loved employ, was indeed to me a novel Tea Meeting. We rejoice to that any reduction of the grant would seem demands a rest from my loved employ, was indeed to me a novel Tea Meeting. We rejoice to like throwing two Islands, of great imporgreatly distresses me. The words in the had a delightful day. Many people walked palmy days, but which we can never fight

learn of his safe return from England. We trust he will have a highly successful and in consequence prices have not declined, although the weather has been so fine, and so much corn has been so fine, and so much corn has been secured in excellent financial resources is owing in part the oriso much corn has been secured in excellent financial resources is owing in part the ori-

so ruthlessly destroyed.

pray for the coming of the period of unend- Brethren. ng peace, and of His appearing whose is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory."

Sep. 8, 1871.

THE NEW COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

No. 4.

CHILDREN'S FUND, CONTINUED. We have learned that in dealing with natters of finance, figures of speech seldom of arithmetic. In this practical age we can all best understand an illustration which shows itself in numerical columns and the highest ambition to be cherished in proves its propositions by an appeal to famaking Circuits self-supporting. We are and I dare say he has one at Channel. iliar rules of notation. Hence we conclude to attempt some representation in miniature of the mode which was given in our last article as No. 4, in order to secure a substitute for the present unsatisfactory assessment upon our membership for the Children's Fund. We do so because of the mportance we attach to the scheme after onsiderable thought upon its merits. Three results seem essential in any plan to be adopted.—1. To relieve the membership from taxation. 2. The most perfect equity available in dealing with Circuits according to their financial capabilities. 3. The mos simple arrangement in striking annually

the true proportions of assessment. Our proposal is to divide our Circuits by ome such rule as the following, the division of course to be effected by a competent committee, and the circuits to hold always the privilege of appealing to said committee

raising \$1600 to 1800, from \$1400 to \$1600 from \$1200 to \$1400 70 per cent. from \$1000 to \$1200 from \$800 to \$1000 Dependent Circuits and Home Missions

thing like the following result:

Required for the Children's Fund \$1.650. There are 19 Circuits which must raise ac-

Circuits.	Class.			To Raise for C. F.	
		Clas	18.	Each.	Total
	100	per	cent.	\$185	\$185
2 "	70	" "	4.6	130	260
1 "	60	**	6.6	110	160
3 "	50	44	"	93	279
7 "	45	"	"	84	586
5 **	26	66	44	46	230

The proportion of the highest Circuit in cation is not as much by one-third as according to the method followed at present. In other words, the Circuits charged above with \$185 has been contributing \$300; but

merical proportion of a single District, but ity of our people. In 1869 this Circuit raised command too at times, some other sights any one can see it could be done as readily for this fund \$4.50; in 1870, by Subs. and and sounds of which we will not speak at for the entire Conference. Thus, all ad- collections \$9.50, and this year the amount present. When the parsonage was comjustment of Children's Fund taxation would of subscriptions and collections is \$24,00. pleted, they had a house warming, and a be avoided in Financial Districts and a con- We are thankful to sav, that during the last joyous time, and if you believe me, Yorkshire

sequent source of trouble laid aside. classes, and as Dependent Circuits and friends have reduced their church debt con- ant wheel, and the infant mission had be Home Missions constitute two-thirds of the whole number, a great deal of time is saved Hantsport friends have reduced the debt It was no longer a nove

Fund are just so many partners joined in ed some two hundred and thirty dollars, to independence and aggressive action had ar at Inverary Castle to share in the festivi- the plan suggested, would seem to be the sonage, &c., man can show just cause" why our plan should not be adopted "let him now speak," &c., &c.

> Home Secretaries of Foreign Missions in regard to the necessity of withdrawing a

France is quiet, and rests after its late Mission operations. The grant from Home refreshment of spirit in the heats of the early summer tide to breathe for a few weeks the cool sea air that fans our shores present they are reposing. Thier's is the degree of enthusiasm the day may not be believe that "all things shall work together "President of the Republic" such as it is, far distant when the Conference proper will for my good." Through the assistance of left Canada on a holiday visit to his native us at that agreeable time, he would doubt-land. On his arrival in England, he was less have delightful companionship.

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It is at that agreeable time, he would doubt-land in England, he was less have delightful companionship. there is no other man who could command and Bermuda must remain exception alin pointments filled for three months. any thing like respect or support as the their relation to us. They are mission endeavor to attend to my pastoral duties by the British public generally, with undisguised affection and enthusiasm. He disguised affection and enthusiasm. He disguised affection and enthusiasm. He dethodism everywhere, and Mr. Perks, ficulty is felt in procuring money as needed be met, how, in all justice, they are to trust the Circuit will suffer no materia either for paying off the War Indemnity to stand related to the Conference of E. B. loss. At present we have very large and the Prussians, or for conducting the Gov- America. Should a General Conference attentive congregations—and many indicaerament at home. The most needful re- be formed, securing union with Canada, tions of good. We had quite a large attenpairs are being undertaken to make Paris these Islands might be taken upon the regu- dance at our quarterly meeting on Monday respectable and presentable again, although lar Missionary list; but in any case the evening—and I believe all were anxious t will require many years to restore the Committee of Foreign Missions will be that I should rest, and endeavour to regain the United States next spring. We may grand historic monuments which have been obliged to regard them as legitimately en- my wonted health. And I trust by God's titled to a portion of the funds contributed blessing, I will be able to take my usual The trials of the Communists are yet pro- for work essentially Missionary. Indeed, ceeding. Two only have yet been condemn-ed to death and it is probable that there will the intention of the Missionary Committee, be but very few executions to swell the for they have usually dealt with these Isnumbers of those who have already fallen lands, and with the Ministers sent out to for its accomplishment, many think that

The mode of distributing the grant is difficult. English tourists are pouring into France that of making all the dependant Circuits and are curiously tramping over the fields, begin the year with equal advantage and which at this time last year were red with promise. In Financial District Meetings, the best blood of Germany and France. the Circuits are estimated as likely to raise No accurate account will ever be given of each so much for the coming year; then the fearful losses entailed by this most san- a propertion of Grant is set down for each guinary war. Happy will it be if the nati- Circuit on a scale which leaves them all ons will but learn to be wise, and dread, so with an equal deficiency. This, like the as to avoid in all future time an appeal Children's Fund, is treated on what we to arms for the settlement of their disputes. might call, were it not for the evil construc-But for the present there appears no war tion recently attached—practically to the cloud upon the horizon, so we will "rest term-the Communal Principle; a reciproand be thankful," and as a church labor and cal, mutual adjustment of Finance among But is this principle the best for our

cause as well as our Ministers? It will be seen that it is only necessary to show a ing and profitable. certain amount of deficiency on a Circuit one year in order to secure for it the following year a proportion of grant. The deficiency estimated as likely to exist on Circuits after the division of the grant varies from \$120 to \$150. The moment a Circuit raises within \$120 to \$150 of its full claims, it ceases to draw from the grant. Thus, there is a temptation at the outset to Circuits to keep at a low figure. pass current for the same value as figures It is useless to argue on the better intentions hodies, and to trust in those intentions for non holding out an inducement for Circuits to remain dependent. All experience and observation go to prove, that the system of subsidies and grants should be regulated by an elevating rather than a repressive policy Induce people to rise by holding out a re ward which they will obtain on reaching certain limit. The fisherman receives ounty on the proceeds of his voyage acording to his diligence and success in serring his employers. The Navy is paid a bounty for the extent of its service, in starving. lestroying the enemy's fleets and serving the State. What would be thought of the

statesman who would recommend that bounties should be offered to all fishermen who fail to reach a certain standard, while all who go beyond that standard shall be exempt? Or that ships of war which fail to secure prizes shall be paid an equivalent to place them on an equality with such as in the event of any supposed injustice, or have enriched themselves? We are not a the necessity of elevating or lowering cirmunicipal but a religious body—and this is the only argument which can be presented Circuits raising \$1800 or more, 100 per cent. against the examples we have supplied.

grant each year to afford a bonus to each Circuit which may improve its financial condition. Say to the officials at the quarterly-board.—Conference, through its Contingent (or Home Mission) Committee Taking the Halifax District according to ensures to you a fixed grant in any case: s liabilities this year we should have some- but that grant will still leave \$150 improvided for deficiency. If you make up in the regular way \$100 of this amount. Con-

ference will pay the balance. We have little doubt that the trial would new Committee-namely, to suggest the best modes of advancing our ecclesiastical interests, it being well understood that nected with the prosperity of the cause of

Circuit Intelligence.

FALMOUTH CIRCUIT.

meeting here. Our highly esteemed brothe proportion could be easily altered if the ther, Rev. J. G. Hennigar, exchanged pulother instances the scale seems, even by ther R. Weddall, Jun., rendered good sercomparison with the figures under the pre- vice at our meetings. The meetings though

These doings are all hopeful indications When this Conference was organized need a general and powerful revival of

> O! for more spiritual power! More of the quickening-saving energy of the Holy Hanstport, Sep. 27th 1781.

NAPPAN CIRCUIT.

Bro. Pike writes, Sept. 27th, 1871,cial Agent have hitherto prevented a result "My health has failed so greatly of late. which in our weak and unprepared condi- that I was obliged to seek medical advice. tion, must have been disastrous to the in I consulted Dr. Wilson, week before last, terests of religion. We have on our hands and he informed me that the state of my much ground which must continue purely bronchial tubes and lungs, would not admit missionary for many years. Newfoundmore important field for evangelical exer- brings its tidings of sudden death and swift land and Bermuda though especially pro- This, to me, is a very great trial. In fact vided for in the grant, -absorbing together the accumulated trials through which I The harvest is being garnered in good nearly half as much as all the other Discondition, and with much ease, as we are tricts united—are so remote, and are work- months, have almost overwhelmed me.

ately expresses my present feelings :-Is gathering thickly o'er my head, and loud The thunders roar above me. See I stand; Like one bewildered! Father take my hand

I am endeavooring with all my heart to share of work in January.

We are now making arrangements for the erection or purchase of a parsonage. And while all our friends here are anxious in this deplorable internal strife of the occupy them, as their own especial charge. having so little help, we will find it very

PETITE RIVIERE.

We have just held our Home Missionary Meetings here, and though only one days notice could be given owing to the late publication of the plan in the Wesleyan, we have done much better than last year. Our collections and subscriptions are already nearly two hundred per cent., in advance of the past. We were deprived of the presence and help of one of the members of our deputation who I am informed is with Bro. Allen on the "Caledonia" Mission, where a good work is in progress, with the able support however of Bro. Gaetz and Bro. Parker, our meetings proved both interest-

Sept. 26th 1871.

CATALINA I was surprised in looking over the Missionary Report not to find Petites and Channel. I see the money is all right, that is the sum total for Newfoundland, so only the list of names is, through some oversight, left out. Will you please insert a brief notice in the Weslevan to the friends at Petites and which ought to prevail among religious Channel concerning the mistake. If necessary Brother Welley could give you a copy of list for each place. I left one at Petites,

We are getting on very quietly here-ou people mostly at Labrador yet. There are pretgood reports from them in general I think. The shore fishery, especially about Trinity and English Harbour, is worse, so the people tell me, than ever it was before; some men have poor prospect for the winter among them. trust our Heavenly Father will raise up to them some means of keeping themselves from

Sept. 20th, 1871.

Mome Mission Intelligence.

ALBION MINES CIRCUIT.

cuit. There are those still here who remember him and speak of his usefulness. It would be worth while to try the experiment of retaining sufficient from the cannot say. Of course Methodism would have been in a different position to day in Pictou Co., had the ground once travelled by Mr. Weddall been held and worked by ministers of our Body. There seems to have been an interregnum of about fifteen years. Some ten years ago Mr. Cassidy found his way to Albion Mines, and to present organized form. Here were found number of English Methodist families, who hailed with joy the advent of pay; and there are few of us who do not a Methodist preacher. So encouraging look upon this as the chief object of the was the prospect that Albion Mines was was the prospect that Albion Mines was forthwith ponstituted a circuit and placed under the care of Mr. Cassidy. Soon a neat and commodious church was erected. Three money measures are very intimately con- years of hard yet, we doubt not, happy toil, and the Itinerant wheel had completed its revolution. The new minister in this case was Mr. Chapman, and Mr. Editor, you will not be surprised to learn that he was successful when I tell you what a siser said of him to me not long since. Speaking of her former pastor, she remarked concerning Mr. C., "Oh, but he was a dear, good man to visit." Well sir, to his We have just held our Home Missionary exertions we owe the erection of the pretty and comfortable parsonage at Albion Mines. It stands beside the church, on a committee deemed it proper. In all the pits with me on Sabbath; and he and bro-central spot, facing westward the beautiful grounds of Mr. Hudson, known as Mount Rundle, and commanding to the Eastward sent mode of taxation, as near the equitable point as can be reached.

The intestings indugal actuate, and community and successful. Our Home Mission Fund is manifold to the lovely Intervale, bordering on the East River. To be sure they both We have based these figures on the nu- festly gaining on the sympathies and liberal- want a little paint, but what of that! They quent source of trouble laid aside.

two years our financial condition generally, and Cornish Methodists know how to be has been quite hopeful. Our Falmouth joyous. Another revolution of the Itiner-

It was no longer a novelty in the place in treating them on a common principle, the against their church more than one half; It had outgrown the foundling and the nur division of grant leaving them with an and our good sister there, aided by other sery. It had become strong and vigorous friends, have by their sewing circle-by Now it must to some extent walk alone and The Circuits, in sustaining the Children's two small Bazaars and Tea meetings, rais- dispense with crutches. The time for semineither few nor light. Let me drop the figure and speak plainly. A mining population is a fluctuating population. past years have produced great changes in the Methodist church and congregation at of increased interest in the prosperity of Albion Mines. Cape Breton with its new this branch of the Christian church. To colleries opening up, drew many thither-THE DIVISION OF GRANT; CONTINGENT FUND. God be all the praise. But we greatly wards. Not a few of whom became idenby them that on the whole, they can make better work and better wages here than militated against the progress of Metho dism, and left it shorn of much of its form

This much for the present; we shall ontinue our remarks concerning this Mis sion in the early future.

September 22, 1871. GABARUS CIRCUIT.

I am glad to say that our Tea Meeting was cthers, would do them no harm. quite a success. We realized one hundred and I have enjoyed the company of the venerable payments. This arrangement suits parties who favored with just such weather as is needed. ed under such extraordinary circumstances, And now the failure of my health, which five dollars towards the new parsonage. It

learn of his safe return from England. thought to be a little under the average, tance and comparatively weak in Methodisof 12 miles. One striking feature in the pro- we had strength and vigor to climb mountains, gramme was a Bachelor's Table, which did face storms, and endure long rides on horsegreat credit to the young men who provided, back; but victories which we are show relucand the young ladies who prepared the provisions. It might be justly said of the people, and shared by others. Dr. Pickard is doing that they did what they could. Even the Ca- a good work for the Book-Room, and ha tholics attended the tea and the lecture in the kindly favoured us with the realing of the evening, and seemed to take a great interest in GUARDIAN and other papers from home.

the whole proceedings. he house finished in three months.

ten to the word with apparent eagerness.

W. H. CLARKE. Sept. 25, 1871.

MOUNT ALLISON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

to inform you of the condition, and operations of the whole speech. Strange that men of of our Educational Institution in Sackville, in learning have not sense and good taste enough all its departments, Academic, and Collegiate; on such occasions, either to sit still, or to speak but I sometimes think it would be well if the so as to be heard by those who are not more attention of our own people, and the friends of than ten varies distant from them. education generally in these Provinces, was more frequently called to the subject. It will I her sister, Mrs. Knight, to the Prince's Lodge. am sure be matter of satisfaction and thankful- This beautiful spot was selected by his Royal ness to God, on the part of the friends through- Highness, the illustrious Duke of Kent, the out our Conference bounds; to know that the father of our beloved Queen, as his country partment of the Institution. In the Male Acad- in Halifax on the 10th of May, 1794 as Comtendance than usual, with every prospect of an afterwards William IV., had made frequent not only in a literary and scientific point of nearly at the head of Bedorrd Basin, and at a devoted and conscientious. Having had the the Narrows, and survey the shipping in the not made five pounds this summer, so there is privilege very recently, of being present during harbor, nearly the entire length of the basin to the ordinary routine of class work and having the ocean. The palace, like the royal duke seen nearly every Professor and Teacher, at the himself, has passed away, but the round tower ordinary work, I could not but wish that many at the point of the grounds, where his band of The Minutes of the British Conference. fast principles rather than mere words; to find down one of the hills in town when his horse or 1845, inform us that, during that year their own words to express their thoughts. I broke through a detective plank, tell upon his like to hear them give as they are required. a master's leg and so bruised it that the t

Another thing noteworthy is the physical Victoria. On the 3rd of August, 1800, the royal convenience and comfort for which provision duke took a final leave of Halifax, and returned is made: neither trouble nor expense has been to his native land. His grandchild, Prince Arspared to make the buildings externally attraction, recently attended a picnic on this ground tive, and internally comfortable. It is well where his grandfather spent many joyous and known to many that at a very large expense him Methodism in this place owes its the Ladies' Academy has been turnished with a new heating apparatus, which has greatly added to the interior appearance of the building, and works admirably; and other necessary and important improvements have been made, In tact we have no hesitation in saying that the Young Ladies will find all that is necessary to minister to their health and comfort, and that however cold the coming winter may happen to for the pleasures and enjoyment we have exhe. Our only regret is, that there is not a much perienced during our visit." larger attendance: but there probably will be during the next term. We can assure our friends there is everything to encourage them to send their daughters here. Professor and

Mrs. Inch, will give them a hearty welcome THE "PROVINCIAL BUILDING SOCIand make them feel at home. I confess that one thing a little surprises me, namely, the fact that at present there are only two represents. tives from among the daughters of our Ministerial Brethren: however, I doubt not this will not long be, I hope the time is not far be accommodated, one-third of the number may be from the families of our Ministerial

future may mark its forward progress. Е. В. Sackville, N. B., Sept. 26, 1871.

Extracts from Rev. Dr. Green's Letters in A TRIP TO THE SEASIDE.

On Tuesday last, the 15th inst., the center When I came to this Circuit and saw the nial birth day of Sir Walter Scott, I had the piece of land which had been purchased for the pleasure of listening to an eloquent and able erection of the new parsonage, I felt sad at oration, delivered in the Temperance Hall, by heart, and at once told the people that I could the Hon. Wm. Garvie, who is connected with not make an effort to get a cent towards the the local government of Nova Scotia. It was, erection of a parsonage on such a site, as it indeed, a great literary treat worthy of a better was an Island. I know that Methodist preach- cause. The hon, gentleman exhibited great ers are not infallible, but I hope we have not research, high rhetorical powers, and a thorage done anything to deserve banishment. Well ough acquaintance with his subject; but the what were we to do; some of the people said thought will arise in your mind, as it did is that they had been trying for years to get a unine, why all these high enconiums on a man suitable site but in vain. I now asked them to who spent the power and tact of a splendid in try Sammy Hick's plan, viz., pray about it, and tellect in writing novels? If we must have now to we did, and in a little time we had the offer, els, and must read them, then give us Sir Wal. of the best acre of land in the whole neighbor- ter's in preference to many others of a more bood, only a few hundred yards from the dangerous tendency. But we should never fer-Church. Praise the Lord he still answers get that years of precious time are worse than prayer. We have this day turned the first sod wasted, and the minds and affections of those preparatory to building, and we hope to get ands ruined or life by novel reading. Life is he house finished in three months.

too precious to be frittered away with such
In our anxiety for the accomplishment of this much desired object, we have not forgotten without any improvement of the heart. Scott the spiritual prosperity of the Circuit. Many was undoubtedly a great man, but Knox, and have been the slain of the Lord the last two Wesley, and Chalmers, and Watson were months, and we are still praying and believing greater. There will be no novels in the Milfor a gracious visitation from on high. We lennium, but the works of these men will be have good congregations, and the people lis- valued then as they are valued now. Firm to their principles and work, each of them could say,

From its firm base as soon as I

Sir William Young, the Chief Justice, occupied the chair, and spoke or half an hour. He is said to be an able speaker, but he mouthed DEAR MR. EDITOR.—You are doubtless his words so much, and changed his voice so nade acquainted, by those who are best able often, that I could not catch a single sentence

"On Friday last Mrs. Morrow took na and work of the year, is progressing harmoniously, seat when he had command of his Majesty's and I believe with great efficiency, in every de- torces in these Provinces. The Prince arrived emy, and in the College, there is a larger at-mander in-Chief. Prince William, the sailor. increase. The staff of Professors and Teach- visits here before this; but Edward came to ers, in both branches of the Institution, are remain for a season, and selected this spot, view competent for the work; but thoroughly point from which he could look down through of our friends had a like opportunity; as I am musicians played sweet airs, is still kept in orsure that with myself, they would find them- der. These grounds, which abound with selves convinced, that if our young people who spruce, birch, balsam, lime, elm, &c., &., are are here for the acquisition of knowledge, which now laid out into lots for sale. Prince Edward is to fit them for future positions in life, do not Island was named from this prince in 1798, make sure, and rapid proficiency, in the various when the local Government changed the name branches taught, it is not the fault of those who from St. John to its present name, in honour are here to teach. The mind is trained to of His Royal Highness. On Wednesday, the think, and they are taught to grasp and hold 8th of August, 1798, this prince was trotting reason for every thing, and from the youngest, was advised to go home for a season, which he to the most advanced, they are treated with did, but returned the next year. Well for us consideration and respect, and are gently led that this fall was not fatal, for then England would not have been blessed with our beloved

> comfortable hours. But I must again bid-you good night; for tonorrow morning we reductantly leave this invigorating, sea-washed shore, and our numerous circle of new-nade friends, for home. Should anything special occur to us on the way you may hear from me again. To those kind triends here whose company, and hospitality we have shared in city we are principally indebted

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ETY" AS A LOAN FUND ASSOCIA-

In reference to our remarks in last week's nents made and the interests of all so happily combined in the organization of this Society distant when with as large an attendance as can to meet the requirements of all classes in the community; we urged the young tolks of both sexes to look the important question involved Brethren. Our Brethren of the Conference full in the face; i. e., to make a beginning, to who have young and rising families will soon lay up for future years, by investing their have daughters eligible to send here; and the monthly savings, and converting all they could succession will doubtless run on. And let us spare from present wants into productive capihope that financially, they will find no insupar- tal! Our young friends would do well to bear able difficulty in the way, I am sure the char- in mind that these suggestions once commenced acter and success of our Educational Institution and vigorously carried forward, would, in a here, only needs to be well known to be de- few years, enable them to begin business or servedly popular. The past history of this In- housekeeping (as the case may be) on a much stitution is one which may be reviewed with more advantageous footing than is generally satisfaction and thankfulness to the Great the case; the acceptance of this system of Head of the Church- The present is in a very utilizing savings is open to all. Housekeepers high degree encouraging; and we believe, as and families of every degree will benefit themwe devoutly and earnestly pray, that a glorious selves and find it profitable to own stock in "The Provincial Building Society." We esteem this Society as the beau ideal of a thoroughly safe, prudently managed institution.

As a Loan Association, with ample funds, it meets the wants of families who desire to own the house they pay rent for: it meets the aspirations of the business man who may not think it prudent to burthen his business by with-In letter No. VII. Dated Halifax. Aug. 21. drawing the amount necessary to purchase a 1871. Dr. Green says :- "The kindness of residence for his family : it meets the requirefriends, the strengthening influence of the sea ments of the farmer who may desire to remove tified for a time with our now unfortunate air, and the charming scenery around here, in- some incumbrance, or who may wish to im-Cow Bay" Mission. Others went to the duced us to protract our delightful visit here prove and develope the capabilities of his farm States and sought work in the Coal fields for a few weeks longer than we had designed by a more vigorous style of management, all of Pennsylvania. Some of these latter have to do when we left home; but to-morrow morn- these desires may be accomplished through the happily returned; and I have been told ing we set our faces towards Ontario. Our instrumentality of the Society. Loans are visit here has, in all respects, been agreeable made for ten years, at six and a half per cent. and pleasant beyond anything we had anticipa- per annum. Loans are made repayable by there- Such constant coming and going and going ted; and, to ourselves at least, highly satis- monthly repayments of \$1.38 for every \$100 factory. Mr. and Mrs. Morrow and their in- loaned; this includes principal and interest. teresting and pious family could not have been To illustrate: if \$1000 is loaned, the interest is kinder to us it we had been their own parents, \$656-together \$1656: this amount is placed while their very extensive and respectable cir- at his debit when the loan is made; the cle of relatives and friends has contributed, monthly repayment is 13.80: these repayments not a little, to our happiness. I have heard continued for 120 months clear off the intheir four city ministers preach very good ser- debtedness of the borrower. The Directors mons, which would be no disgrace to any pul- allow parties paying any certain number of pit in the Dominion; but a little more natural- monthly dues in advance, a like number of adness with some and a little more energy with ditional months' credit; parties availing of this privilege may pay by quarterly or half-yearly