Obituary Notices.

Died, at Kennetcook, on 30th March, 1858, in the 63rd year of his age, Mr. THOMAS ALLEN.

Mr. Allen's religious life dates from about the 37th year of his age, at which time he was very powerfully convinced by the Spirit of God of his guilt and danger as a sinner, and was led through divine grace to the enjoyment of the "favour and the peace of God." He was noted for his steady, consistent piety, and was held in high esteem as a devoted christian by all who knew him.—He early connected himself with the Wesleyan church, and occupied for many years the position of Class-leader; and it is believed that his labours in this way were largely blessed of God to the assistance of many, walking towards heaven.

He had been suffering more or less from disease for years, but about Christmas last, he began to decline more rapidly. I visited him frequently, and found him hopefully anticipating a place in heaven; yet his faith appeared weak, and his spiritual enjoyment comparatively small. When I last called to see him he was evidently dying, and hopingly, and yet not with that implicit confidence in his Saviour which was desirable—his connection with earth was being dissolved. We prayed at his bedside, soon after which, though his voice had sunk to a whisper, he made a new effort of strength, and burst forth in more audible tones, exclaiming: "I can trust him now, I have not of late been fully satisfied of my acceptance as I wished, but I now feel that all is well." This was about the last he thing he said; in a few minutes more his spirit was at rest.

Newport, May, 1858. J. H.

Provincial Wesleyan

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To Correspondents.

ANGLO-SAXON — The P. W. for the Canada Missionary Notices is mailed separately every week.

The Approaching Conference.

The order of the Preparatory Committees in connexion with the above has been already advertised in this paper, and may possibly be found in another column.

We have been requested to publish the following plan of Preaching appointments:

Date.	Day.	Hr.	Place.	Minister's Name.
June 20	Sun.	11	Bruns. St.	Rev. E. Botterell.
"	"	7	Grafton St.	C. McMurray.
"	"	7	Bruns. St.	R. Knight, D. D.
"	"	7	Grafton St.	T. H. Davies.
"	Tues.	"	"	John Prince.
"	Wed.	7½	Bruns. St.	Missionary Meeting.
"	Thur.	7½	"	Rev. L. W. Sprague.
"	Fri.	7½	Grafton St.	Thos. Angwin.
27	Sun.	11	Bruns. St.	M. Richey, DD Pres.
"	"	11	Grafton St.	W. Wilson.
"	"	3	Bruns. St.	H. Daniel.
"	"	7	Grafton St.	J. Sutcliffe.
"	"	10	Bedford.	C. Lockhart.
"	"	7	Dartmouth.	H. McKeown.
28	Mon.	7	Bruns. St.	J. Lathern.
29	Tues.	7½	Grafton St.	Ordination Service.
30	Wed.	7½	Bruns. St.	Rev. J. R. Narraway, A.M.
July 1	Thur.	"	"	A. McNutt.
2	Fri.	7½	Grafton St.	J. Snowball.
				C. Stewart.

The following is a list of the ministers from other places, who are appointed to attend the Conference, with the name of the party at whose residence they will stay while they remain in the city:

Rev. Dr. Richey,	Mr. M. H. Richey,
A. McNutt,	Mrs. D. Starr,
R. Morton,	Mr. D. H. Starr,
J. S. Addy,	E. W. Chipman,
J. Hart,	P. Nordbeck,
J. F. Bent,	Mrs. McNeil's,
E. Botterell,	Mr. J. B. Morrow,
J. Snowball,	J. H. Anderson,
C. Stewart,	Mrs. D. Starr,
R. Smith,	Mr. S. S. B. Smith,
G. Johnson,	W. Langley,
W. Allen,	Mrs. Livingstone's,
Dr. Knight,	Mr. T. F. Knight,
J. Prince,	G. R. Anderson,
H. McKeown,	P. Coffin,
H. Daniel,	H D Frost.
S. W. Sprague,	G H Starr,
J. S. Peach,	"
I. Sutcliffe,	E Billing,
J. McMurray,	R McMarray,
G. M. Barratt,	E Jost,
R. F. Crane,	J B Oxley,
G. S. Milligan, M. A.	P Imlay,
R. A. Temple,	Mrs McNeil's,
W. Temple,	"
G. O. Huestis,	Troup,
W. McKinnon,	Mr S F Barss,
Dr. Pickard,	J Starr,
J. Allison,	T F Knight,
W. McCarty,	A Gorham,
T. H. Davies,	Dr Parker,
R. Weddall,	Mr J B Bennett,
J. R. Narraway, M.A.	A Morton,
J. Buckley,	L Wilson,
D. D. Currie,	W Full,
W. Wilson,	Mrs Loveland,
F. Smallwood,	Mr J Bell,
T. Angwin,	P McKay,
M. Pickles,	Kaye,
J. G. Hennigar,	Miss Jost,
C. Miller,	Mrs Livingstone,
J. Taylor,	Mr T Jost,
C. Lockhart,	W J Coleman,
S. Avery,	Dr Avery,
T. B. Smith,	Mr C H Black,
J. Lathern,	J E Starr.

Mr. Justice Wilmot and the St. John Sabbath School.

We take the following from the St. John *Church Witness*:—

The progress of the Sunday school system is truly remarkable. The first school was only established about sixty years ago, by Mr. Raikes at Gloucester in England; and now, in every land where Protestantism prevails, schools for the religious instruction of the young may be numbered by hundreds and thousands. The system is now, indeed, world-wide. It is justly accounted an essential instrument to the well-being of every church. And how marvelous have been its results. If we look back to the little group of wandering children who were gathered in the first Sunday school, and remember that the attempt to instruct them was frowned coldly upon by many—some calling it a whim, others proscribing it a heresy, and others again seeing in it the portent of a revolution,—and now contemplate the glorious issue of the work then so faithfully commenced, we must surely exclaim with grateful hearts, "What has God wrought!" It was many years, however, before any substantial progress was made. Numbers looked for a long time with a strange, suspicious eye, upon the man of Gloucester; they built a wall of prejudice, thick and strong, and entrenched themselves behind it. The system nevertheless prevailed; its energies were mighty, that just as massive walls have given way to the living force of growing plants, so did that wall of prejudice, which antiquated notions had reared, fall before it. It possessed, and still possesses, we believe, [illegible] the monumental inscriptions tithes—it is bound to no hierarchy. Church policy might be demolished, and church system be drifted down the stream of time, and Sunday schools nevertheless exist; for they are free as the air they breathe; and wherever a group of little children could be gathered, and a teacher full of love be found to meet them, there would still stand forth that most catholic of all catholic things—a SUNDAY SCHOOL. It is amaranthine, for it cannot wither away. It is asbestos-like, for it cannot be consumed. Imperishable; or if it ceases to be, no nearer date of its extinction shall be found, than that, when its existence shall be unneeded—when all shall know the Lord from the least unto the greatest."

In St. John, as many of our readers are aware, Sunday schools have been established for nearly thirty years. It was one of the first efforts of Dr. I. W. D. Gray, the zealous rector of Trinity Church, on his arrival here, to form a Sunday school; and we need hardly say that he succeeded. The school flourished, and we are happy to add still flourishes: and no doubt, numbers can trace their first impressions of religious truth to the instructions received within its walls. On the erection of the parishes of St. James and St. Mark's, distinct schools were formed in them by the Rectors, the Rev. John Armstrong and the Rev. G. M. Armstrong, and we have now four schools connected with the Church of England in the city, exclusive of Carlton. Large and flourishing schools are also in active operation in connection with other Protestant churches of the city, as will be seen by the subjoined statement:

Statement shewing the number of the Children and Teachers connected with the various Sunday Schools established in the city of St. John and Parish of Portland, in May '58:

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.	No. of Ch.	Av. att.	No. Tea.	Superintend.
Trinity Ch. School, (Rev. Dr. Gray.)	400	330	31	R. Rynd, J. R. Ruel.
St. John Ch. Carleton St. (Rev. G. M. Armstrong.)	150	150	22	R. S. Dewber.
St. John Ch. Brussels St. (Rev. G. M. Armstrong.)	150	130	15	T. W. Daniel.
St. James Ch. (Rev. W. Armstrong.)	150	150	19	H. W. Frith.
St. Luke's, Portland, (Rev. W. Harrison.)	200	150	22	J. C. M'Intosh.
St. Paul's (Rev. Mr Lee)	60	50	7	
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.				
St. Andrew's Ch. School (Rev. W. Donald.)	100	100	17	W. Girvan.
Ref. Presbyterian (Rev. Mr. Crowdy.)	60	50	8	J. Armstrong.
St. David's Ch. (Rev. Mr. Ferrier.)	75	60	14	J. Paterson.
Calvin Ch. (Rev. Mr. Alves.)	100	85	21	R. McLauchlan.
St. John Ch. (Rev. Mr. Bennet.)	200	180	24	R. Kelley.
METHODIST CHURCH.				
Germain St. Ch. School (Rev. Mr. Botterell.)	215	160	24	G. A. Lockhart, E. E. Lockhart.
Centenary Ch. (Rev. Mr. Albright.)	300	220	38	J. Gardner, J. Jenkins.
Brussels Street Hall, Waterloo Road,	200	250	25	Mrs. M'Lauchlin, D. J. M'Lauchlin.
Wesleyan Ch., Carleton (Rev. Mr. Smith.)	150	135	17	John Thompson.
Wesleyan Ch., Portland (Rev. Mr. Snowball.)	200	162	20	G. Jordan, T. Wright.
BAPTIST CHURCH.				
Brussels St. Ch. School (Rev. S. Robinson.)	300	240	24	N. S. DeMill.
March Bridge Ch. (Rev. E. E. DeMill.)	100	80	10	
Germain St. Ch. (Rev. E. Hill.)	160	140	20	V. Graves.
Waterloo Road Ch., Free Com. (Rev. E. M'Leod.)	120	80	10	W. Peters. (R. J. Underhill.
Portland Ch., Free C.	100	80	15	
Bethel, Duke St.	60	40	8	J. F. Masters.
Portland Ch. (Rev. Mr. Crawford.)	200	140	20	J. S. May.
CONGREGATIONAL.				
Union Street Church.	60	40	8	T. B. Barker.
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Our readers will recollect, that a few months ago Judge Wilmot delivered a very instructive and interesting lecture to our Sunday school children, on the discoveries of Mr. Layard at Nineveh. He is a warm friend of Sunday schools, and is earnestly desirous to promote their welfare. The Superintendents, therefore resolved to mark their sense of his kindness and good-will, by some token of their esteem, and it will be seen by the following documents, which we gladly publish, how this design has been carried out:—

At a meeting of Superintendents of Sabbath schools in the City of St. John and Parish of Portland, held in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, on the evening of May 25, 1858—

On motion, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That we tender to his Honor Judge Welmot, on behalf of the Sabbath Schools which we respectively represent, our sincere and hearty thanks for the great interest he has manifested, at different times, in the welfare of our schools, and more particularly for the kind manner in which he met and addressed them during the past winter.

And further *Resolved*, That we request his acceptance of a Library for the use of the Sabbath School at Fredericton over which he presides, and also of four sets of diagrams, as a small token of our gratitude and esteem.

Resolved, That Dr. Paterson and Mr. J. R. Ruel be a Committee to present these Resolutions, with the Library and diagrams, to Judge Wilmot.

JAMES PATTERSON, Chairman.
JAMES R. RUEL, Secretary.

St. John, May 27th, 1858.

HON. SIR,—It gives us great pleasure to discharge the duty assigned to us, in presenting your Honor with the enclosed document, and conveying to you the Books and Diagrams to which the Resolusions in that document allude.

At the same time, it affords us much satisfaction to state, that at the meeting at which the Resolutions referred to were passed, Sabbath School's statistics were obtained from the Superintendents who were present, of which the following is the substance:—

	Schools.	Scholars.	Teachers.
Church of Eng. Schools,	6	960	116
Presbyterian "	5	502	88
Wesleyan "	5	937	125
Baptist "	7	800	113
Congregationalist "	1	40	8

The whole number of schools is 29, of scholars, 3,242, and of teachers 450. This statement, we understand, does not include two or three schools at Carleton.

Your Honor will, no doubt, be gratified with these statistics, and join us in expressing a hope that God, by His grace and the influence of the Holy Spirit, will so bless the instruction communicated by the teachers to so many children, that the fruits of it will appear in the walk and conversation of many of them during life; affording evidence that they have been brought to believe in Christ, and to put all their confidence in Him.

We have the honour to be,
Your Honor's faithful and ob'nt. servants,
JAMES PATTERSON,
JAMES R. RUEL.

Hon Judge Wilmot.

REPLY OF JUDGE WILMOT.

GENTLEMEN,—I receive with great pleasure the Books and Diagrams which you have presented to me, on behalf of the St. John Sunday-schools, for the use of the school under my superintendence at Fredericton; and for myself, and in the name of my beloved teachers and scholars, I thank you for your very valuable and useful present.

On the occasion to which you refer, I found an abundant reward in my work, and yet a greater reward *after* my work, in the assurance that among teachers and scholars, a fresh interest was thereby awakened, not only in the *perusal*, but in the *study* of the Holy Scriptures. And as you have now furnished me with a bountiful supply of materials for future lectures, I shall look forward with great pleasure to the first favourable opportunity for again addressing the St. John Sabbath schools; when we shall either traverse the "Catacumbs of Rome," and explore the sepulchral records of primitive and persecuted Christianity, or make an [illegible] the monumental inscriptions Prophecy," and gather materials to strengthen our faith and confidence in the Divine inspiration of the Bible; or illustrate the degrading superstitions and barbarous cruelties of "Paganism and Idolatry," and contrast therewith the benignant and peaceful influence of a pure and holy Christianity.

The Statistics of your schools are highly gratifying to me. What a responsible work! How incalculable the value of faithful and affectionate instruction from Sabbath to Sabbath to *three thousand, two hundred* youthful and immortal minds! Ever remember, that loving, faithful teachers, are sure to find loving and attentive scholars; and the reward is certain, for "in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

"The Book for both worlds" is THE book of our Sabbath schools; and he who teaches the science of Christianity from that only text book may always be assured that he never teaches alone, for he who has promised that His Word shall not return unto him void, will assuredly accompany that blessed word with the teaching of the Holy Spirit.

Committed, as I am, for life, to the delightful work of Sabbath school teaching, I shall at all times feel a deep interest in the success of your Sabbath Schools. *Our work is one*—our *book* is one—our *God* is one—our *Redeemer* is one—our *Comforter* one—our *throne of grace* one; and with all of every clime and kindred and people and tongue who shall receive the final and eternal reward in heaven, the *song* will be *one*—"To Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever."

Looking forward with much pleasure to the time when I may again be permitted to address your Sabbath schools, and impart instruction with the aid of your valuable present, believe me, very sincerely and affectionately yours,

L. A. WILMOT.

St. John, 25th May, 1858.

We will only now add, that we sincerely hope that Judge Wilmot may be induced to address our schools again on any or all of the topics he suggests.

St. John District.

MR. EDITOR,—The Ministers of the St. John District Meeting commenced their annual session on the first day of June, according to previous announcement, in the Wesleyan chapel, located in the town of St. Andrews; and they continued faithfully and perseveringly to attend to the great duties devolving upon them, as in the sight of God, and as the ministers of Christ, and the messengers of the Churches, until Friday morning they were enabled, by the good providence of God, to close one of the most interesting sessions I have had the privilege of attending.

On the evening prior to the commencement of the public business of the District a Prayer Meeting was held in the body of the Chapel. The congregation was good, and the people appeared serious, while some of them were the devout worshipers of Christ. The Chairman of the District conducted the meeting, as in the presence of God, and several of the senior brethren prayed, as though they were on the suburbs of heaven. The Divine unction evidently descended on the ministers and many of His people. The seed sown and the influence felt it is hoped may be manifest after many days.

During the District we were favored with preaching, both morning and evening. This was altogether a new thing in St. Andrews. The people, however, in the midst of their worldly avocations, found time to attend these several services. The numbers who listened to the Word of God, and the discourses of his servants, would have done credit to a much larger town and to a Wesleyan community much more numerous than in this locality. The sermons of the brethren were in the highest and most important respects emphatically good. To individualize would perhaps be invidious. It must, therefore, be sufficient to say that they were evangelical, scriptural, methodical, energetic, spiritual, and devout. They preached as men of God who felt the importance of Bible religion, and were in good earnest in pointing perishing sinners to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world. Although no effort at display was manifested, yet mind, intellect, imagination, cultivation, a systematic and extensive acquaintance with the great doctrines and precepts of Christianity, as well as vast expansion and power, were evident. And what is infinitely better, the Spirit of the Holy One, who dwelleth between the Cherubim upon the mercy-seat, accompanied their words with power.

The business of the District was attended to both systematically and thoroughly. The devotional exercises observed on these and similar occasions were carried out in the spirit and in the letter. The sacred scriptures were read, our incomparable hymns sung, and earnest prayer offered to the God of all grace, for his benediction here, and heaven hereafter, for the spirituality and efficience of his Church and the salvation of the world.

On the second day of the session, during the financial business, Messrs. T. Crocker and Charles Stevenson, Circuit Stewards, of St. Stephen's and St. Andrew's Circuits, were present, and took part in the discussions relative to finance. Notwithstanding the commercial depression which has prevailed during the year, has, in some of the Circuits seriously affected this department of the work, the results upon the whole have been better than previously anticipated. To God be all the praise! For the silver and gold are His, He can dispose the hearts of men to support His cause.

The happiness of the Meeting, however, was occasionally marred in consequence of the absence of two or three of its members. Our esteemed Bro. Brownell was compelled to leave us, to seek repose and relief in the bosom of his family on account of the state of his health. Two others were absent during the whole session, as was stated, by family affliction. With these exceptions, the District Meeting was happy, harmonious, and useful. Great unanimity prevailed, and proper respect for each other's feelings, character and position.

The examination of the two candidates for our work was highly creditable to themselves and satisfactory to their Fathers and Brethren. They were, therefore, unanimously recommended to be continued on trial

After reading the Liverpool Minutes, and many feeling and practical remarks, from several of the senior Ministers, the members of the Meeting determined, by the grace of GOD, to dedicate themselves more fully to Him and to the service of His Church:

"To labor on at His command,
And offer all their works to Him."

The Brethren of the District were pleased with the appearance of St. Andrews, and gratified with the reception and the kindness they received from our friends. This town, which already evinces life and energy through the influence of the Railroad, and which is beautifully situated, was rendered unusually pleasant during the session by a succession of fine days and a bracing atmosphere. The arrangements of the District, and their reception, I cannot better express than in the following Resolutions which were unanimously adopted by the Meeting:

"That the District Meeting of the St. John District, assembled in St. Andrew's for the first time, desire most cordially and respectfully to record their grateful sense of the kindness of those friends by whom the members of the Meeting have been so hospitably entertained. This Meeting also would express their great satisfaction at the large congregations which have attended our morning and evening public religious services, which we earnestly pray may be productive of much and lasting spiritual good.

Resolved, further, That a copy of the preceding Resolution be read by our Chairman in the chapel, immediately after the sermon this evening."

Resolved unanimously, "That the cordial thanks of this District Meeting be presented to our esteemed Brother George Johnson, for the very satisfactory arrangements which he has made for the comfortable accommodation of its members during the session of the present District Meeting, which is the first time a Meeting has been held in St. Andrews." (Ext. from the journal.)

E. BOTTERELL, Chairman.

St. Andrews, June 3.

The thanks of the Meeting were presented to Bro. Stewart for his efficient and faithful services as Secretary of the District, and also to the Chairman for the unwearied, impartial and business-like manner in which he discharged the duties of his office.

On Friday morning, after duly signing the Minutes, the greater part of the Brethren departed to their respective Circuits. In the afternoon our esteemed Bro. Smithson returned to his station at Mill Town.

Thus, being left alone, I have, by the request of the Chairman, prepared, for your valuable publication, the above sketch.

Yours truly,
GEO. JOHNSON.

St. Andrews, June 4, 1858.

Newfoundland Correspondence.

GRAND BANK, April 20th, 1858.

MR. EDITOR,—About five months ago I mailed a few lines addressed to your office for insertion in the *Provincial Wesleyan*, briefly noticing a few of the most interesting incidents connected with our journey from Nova Scotia to our Newfoundland home, and giving some account of a gracious revival of God's work on this Circuit.

The work of conversion from sin to God spoken of in my last continued to advance gloriously until about three hundred persons of all ages had professed peace with God through Jesus Christ. Among them were those who had been bred within the pale of the Established Church of England, and four young men Roman Catholics. One of the former denomination, a young man, was at first strongly prejudiced against the Wesleyans, and violently opposed to the Revival Meetings, but in a Love Feast, subsequent to his conversion, he drew tears from many eyes by relating how he had wandered about England and on the sea in his unconverted state, seeking rest and finding none, appearing to himself to be dissatisfied with every place and every thing, until at one of our revival prayer meetings the Holy Spirit convinced him that the salvation of the Gospel was what he needed, and when he kneeled among the penitent the hand of Divine mercy drew him into the cleft rock as Noah drew the weary dove into the ark. Now, said he, I am happy, but I never before was,—henceforth this God shall be mine,—His service and His people shall be mine till death. The conversion of Romanists were highly interesting cases. Hired as servants by vessel owners here, and away from the influence of the Priests, they attended Divine worship, and the truth accompanied by the Spirit soon shut them up to the deep conviction of their need of the righteousness which is by faith. One, a young Frenchman, came to the communion place and pleaded very affectionately in broken English with evident deep self-abasement and very becoming reverence, for pardoning mercy, and soon obtained and rejoiced in the sweet sense of sins forgiven. Some time before this happy event, when he was yet in gross darkness, his master playfully advised him to throw away his rosary, but he replied, "Me no give he for fifty dollars;" but when grace had changed his heart, and removed the scales which Popery had so carefully plastered on his eyes, he threw the beads into the fire, saying, "He no good." A young Irishman, came to the penitent farm deeply concerned for his "sowl." He said he was a dreadful sinner and must go to hell, and falling upon the floor he beat himself calling upon the blessed virgin to have mercy upon him. We informed him that God in Christ alone could save, and directed him to look to the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world." He did so, and found the pearl of great price. But a minute account of the Revival extending through three months would fill a volume, so I forbear, knowing the extent and importance of your correspondence. The results have demanded much gratitude to God. Instead of the winter evenings being spent in carousing and general ungodliness, the haunts of wickedness have been deserted, and every evening passed either in public services and prayer meetings in the sanctuary, or in prayer meetings from house to house. Instead of the usual scenes of riot and dissipation during the Christmas holidays the penitents were solving at the mercy seat the Philipian jailor's all important question, and new-born souls, like the returned captives of old were exclaiming, "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." There was also a greatly increased demand for "The Book," and it was highly gratifying to the lover of souls to find many who a short time ago cared for none of these things anxiously asking for the Word of God.—The effort of Divine grace upon the intellect in awakening a thirst for useful, and especially religious, knowledge, was clearly exhibited in the avidity with which the people purchased and read the excellent selection of works supplied by our Book Room. Our Love-feasts and Sacramental occasions have indeed been "seasons of grace and sweet delight." While our people manifest a just appreciation of our excellent Class-meetings by their universal and regular attendance.

In the month of February I visited Burin, accompanied by two kind brethren from this Circuit as guides. There I formed the acquaintance of the Rev. Mr. Dove, the Superintenent of the Burin Circuit, whom I found doing a good work. During my tarry of seven days we witnessed the conversion of more than a score of souls. My principle object in visiting Burin was to secure the presence of Mr. Dove at the Missionary Anniversary on my own Circuit. With that general disposition on the part of Wesleyan Ministers to help one another he readily consented to undertake the long and difficult journey, and after walking twenty miles, fifteen of which lie across the neck of land separating Fortune Bay from Placentia, without a house, and only a blind path, with our knapsacks slung to our backs soldier-fashion, we reached Frenchman's Cove in pretty sound, at Grand Bank, at sunrise on Friday morning. Mr. Dove's visit among us proved to be a season of great spiritual delight and profit to our people, inasmuch as the Word delivered by him was with liberty and power, and his advocacy of the Cause of Missions was admirably calculated to secure the object of the meetings. Our Missionary receipts on this Circuit are more than double the amount of last year, that is about £112.

Since our arrival last August, death has been very busy among us. The unwelcome visitor has "come up into many windows," and we have committed the mortal remains of seventeen to their kindred dust; four only, however were adults; and it is a comfort to the parents of the deceased children, to know that the "Truth and the Life" has said "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." The adults were Mr. Thomas Hickman, of Fortune, and Mr. and Mrs. Hyde and Mrs. Henry Hickman, of Grand Bank. Permit me to notice a little more specially the last named:—Mrs. Hickman passed her childhood about twenty-five miles from this place, in a dark corner called Garnish, but in the providence of God was led hither some years ago; and being here during a gracious revival under Mr. Fox, she was brought into serious concernsfor her eternal salvation, and joined a class—though she did not then obtain a clear evidence of acceptance with God—and after a time relapsed into a careless state. But it pleased the Holy Ghost to convince her deeply of her sins during the first service I conducted after my arrival here. She was subsequently invited to come to the Friday evening class, met in the preachers house; and on the first evening of her meeting, she wrestled into glorious liberty, and went on her way rejoicing; after which she gave delightful evidence of the reality of her profession—in constant spirituality of mind, high religious joy, and earnest efforts endeavouring to win others to the Saviour. I am informed that between the period of her conversion and her lamented death, God's Word, private and public worship, and religious conversation, were her chief delights. Late in last December she was informed of the dangerous illness of her aged mother, still resident in Garnish, and love for her soul prompted her to walk twenty-five miles along the shore,—where there is no road—that she might, if possible, be useful in assisting her aged parent to rest the immortal spirit upon Zion's foundation, before the wheel was broken at the cistern and the golden bowl at the fountain. On her return, in very cold weather, Mrs. Hickman was obliged to wade swollen brooks, and in this journey contracted a violent cold, which terminated fatally on the eleventh of March. During her last painful illness the prospect of death had no terrors for her; she had taken refuge in the open side and out-stretched arms of the blessed Jesus, who was the altogether lovely of her soul. Although she was deprived of the power of speech for several days before she fell asleep, yet when Christ and his redeeming work, and kindred subjects were spoken of, she would sweetly smile, and look upward; and when we laid her in the grave, and bedewed the spot with our tears for the loss of one to all here greatly beloved, we had no doubt but that the freed spirit was mingling with the undying enjoyments of the redeemed ones, in the "Psalms of the blest;" and many were the prayers that her deeply afflicted husband and charming little boy may at length join her there. You will I am sure appreciate the feelings which led me to take a mournful pleasure in thus noticing one in whom I felt deeply interested, as having been convinced during my first service in this place; also, the first trophy brought to the Redeemer through my labours on this Island, and now the first of the souls that God has been pleased to give me here, safely stored up above.

Mrs. BOND died at Frenchman's Cove, twenty-five miles from here, several weeks ago. The circumstances connected with her conversion appear strikingly illustrative of the Scripture doctrine of a special divine providence which works often

"——in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform."

Mrs. B. resided in a part of this Island where the blessed gospel is scarcely ever proclaimed, and consequently, in common with her neighbours, she had very incorrect views of vital godliness, and no experience of it until a few months before her death, when God led her by a way which she knew not, and which at first seemed very dark and forboding. Early last fall one of her daughters was married, and her son, in company with others, was celebrating the event by discharging heavily charged fire arms, when the gun held by him exploded, seriously shattering one of his hands. This event led the parents and the young man to come to Grand Bank, that the latter might be attended by Mrs. Chilcott, the excellent christian nurse in this place. During their protracted stay the mother and son were truly converted, and the father greatly enlightened; and I am assured that Mrs. B. departed this life triumphing in Christ Jesus. We are still favoured with occasional droppings from above on this Circuit. Ten souls professed converting grace last week at Fortune.

It may interest some of your readers to be informed that the return of the general census taken on this Island last autumn shows a population of about 120,000; the different denominations stand respectively as follows: Roman Catholics 55,000, Episcopalians 44,000, Wesleyans 20,000, and minor Protestant denominations, principally Congregationalists, 1,200; showing a majority of Protestants of about 9,000. The ratio of increase of the respective denominations since the previous census taken about twelve years ago is as follows: Roman Catholics 18 per cent., Episcopalians 25 per cent., Wesleyans 41 per cent. It is delightful to the Wesleyan to look around and see what a great work Methodism is doing in this important Colony. Great doors and effectual are still opening for us on every hand, and we only require the men and the means connected with the blessing of the Head of the Church to wrest many thousands out of the soul-destroying grasp of Puseyism and Popery, and bring them within the genial influences of a pure New Testament Christianity. We need a Protestant Alliance here similar in its constitution and objects to that organised in Nova Scotia, for Popery here as everywhere, true to herself is insinuating her agents and influence in every possible way into the Government offices and institutions of the country. That question so justly asked not long since in Nova Scotia, "Is the Lieuteuant-Governor or his Reverence the Roman Catholic Bishop who administers the Government of the Colony?" is often answered here in favor of the latter, and yet there is no reason why the Roman hierarchy should monopolise the offices and the Legislative and Executive powers of the country. Except that Protestants seem to forget the Popish boast of immutability, and that therefore they would still resort to the halter, the gibbet, the rack, and the stake, did not glorious Britain throw her shield of protection around us. Certainly Protestants ought to combine to throw off that yoke which neither our fathers were, nor we are,

Kempt Circuit.

MR. EDITOR,—I am very happy in being able to testify to the enlarged and continued effort which the interesting people of this Circuit are making in reference to the pecuniary claims of the work of God. Independently of the fact that the ordinary receipts of the Circuit have during the first year been doubled by the generosity of our people; there are now three Chapels being built in the Circuit. The first one to which I may refer is one at Kennetcook, which will cost about £800; and is one of the neatest and most beautiful country churches in the Province. This will be ready to be opened immediately after the ensuing Conference. Another has been commenced during the year at Tony Cape, the outside of which is finished.

But it is especially in reference to the third that I have sought a place in your columns. We have just commenced a Chapel in Upper Kempt. Here, while the congregation is large, the greater part of the people are poor, rendering it necessary to build a large Church, while the means are not at hand. To supply this deficiency it was proposed to hold a bazaar early in the ensuing autumn. It is confidently expected that the display will be among the finest ever seen in this province. Beside abundant refreshments there will be a large collection of articles of domestic and foreign manufacture. May I then, under the circumstances, appeal to the sympathies of the friends of the cause, and request contributions of fancy and useful articles to this object, and also a large attendance at the day of sale. Any articles thus contributed will be most gratefully received, by a people, who, while they are themselves willingly making strenuous efforts, are in a position to claim the sympathy of friends. J. HART.

Newfoundland District.

The usual annual Session of the Ministers of the Wesleyan Church, comprising the Newfoundland District, commenced its sittings in this City on Thursday, the 20th ult., and terminated on Monday evening last. We understand that questions of great interest in connection with the extension and welfare of the Wesleyan Church in this Colony, received mature deliberation; the number of Ministers at present in the District is 16, and we are informed, that at the approaching Conference to be held in Halifax the current month efforts will be made (and we have no doubt successfully) to obtain an accession of two or three to the present number, so that those portions of the Island only occasionally visited, or entirely destitute of the ordinances of religion, may be either regularly visited or permanently supplied.

During the session, Mr. W. S. Shenstone, son of the Rev. W. E. Shenstone, of Carbonear, was proposed as a candidate for the ministry, who preached his trial sermon on Wednesday last, on which occasion he delivered a most appropriate and acceptable discourse. We trust the day is not far distant when many of our native youth will engage in the ministerial work among their own countrymen, and signalize themselves by zeal and usefulness in that high and holy calling.

On Monday forenoon the Wesleyan Ministers, in a body, waited upon His Excellency Governor Bannerman, and presented him with an Address, which is subjoined; his Excellency received the deputation very graciously—the reply is also appended.

To his Excellency Sir ALEXANDER BANNERMAN, *Knight, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the Wesleyan Ministers of the Newfoundland District, in connection with the Conference of Eastern Britith America, assembled at this our first Annual Meeting since your Excellency's arrival in this Colony, avail ourselves of the earliest opportunity afforded us, of conjointly presenting to your Excellency, as the Representative of our beloved Sovereign, Queen Victoria, our hearty welcome and warm congratulations.

We trust we need not assure your Excellency, that none are more distinguished for loyalty of feeling towards the illustrious occupant of the British Throne, or for more affectionate regard for Her Representatives, than ourselves and the thousands of our people over whom we exercise pastoral care and oversight, and that now, as ever, our influence and co operation can be confidently calculated on for promoting the important ends of truly Christian Government, viz, the peace, security and happiness of the various orders of society.

With our fellow-subjects of British connexions and feelings, we have deeply sympathised with our beloved Sovereign and her Government on account of the troubles and atrocities which have transpired in India during the past year, involving such a sad expenditure of British wealth and life.

The victories achieved over the authors and accessories of the revolt, have given us satisfaction; and that the arms of her Majesty may be crowned with complete success—that her rule may be firmly and lastingly established, and that much good may be the ultimate result of this painful Rebellion, is our sincere prayer.

The marriage of the Princess Royal with the Prince of Prussia, under circumstances so auspicious, has been to us matter of rejoicing, and we share in the ardent desire so generally expressed, that the union may prove lasting and in all respects happy.

From the success that has distinguished your Excellency's Administration in other parts of her Majesty's dominions, and the kindness which has characterized your conduct towards us as a people, we entertain the confident expectation that your Excellency's Government of this Island will be beneficial to its various interests; and that, as an important part of the population over which our gracious Sovereign has given you temporal rule, we shall receive from your Excellency that favourable consideration to which we trust we are and shall be entitled, not only on account of our numerical importance, but also by a deportment, honourable to the Christain character and devoted loyalty of the venerable Wesley, whose name we bear.

That your Excellency's administration may be long continued—that your sojourn among us may be agreeable to you, and that the blessings of health and long life in this world, and everlasting happiness in the world to come, may be vouchsafed both to yourself and Lady Bannerman from the Great Sovereign of Heaven, is our united wish and prayer.

HENRY DANIEL, *Chairman.*
JOHN S. PEACH, *Secretary.*

To the Wesleyan Ministers of the Newfoundland District in connection with the Conference of Eastern British America.

REVEREND SIRS,—

I receive with much pleasure the Address which you have just presented to me; you have availed yourselves, you informs me, of the earliest opportunity afforded you since my arrival in this colony, to offer me your hearty welcome and warm congratulations, for which I beg to return you my sincere thanks.

The feelings of loyalty which you express towards the illustrious occupant of the British Throne, will, I am sure, be appreciated by her Majesty, and, I need not assure you that such expressions are most gratifying to her Representative in this part of her dominions, particularly when they are accompanied by assurances that he may confidently rely on the co operation of those who exercise pastoral care over thousands of the people, to promote the Christian ends of all good Government while he endeavors to continue to all the Queen's subjects civil and religious liberty, and to secure, if possible, their peace, happiness and security.

I am rejoiced to observe the ardent desire in which you participate with the people of England, that the marriage of the Princess Royal with the Prince William of Prussia, may prove an union lasting and happy to the two Royal personages themselves, and tend to cement the friendship of the two nations to which they belong.

That the Rebellion in the East may soon terminate, and her Majesty's Arms be crowned with success, will, I am sure, be hailed with gratitude by you, and that her rule in the vast Empire may, under Divine Providence, be firmly

You are so kind as to say, that success has distinguished my administration in other parts of her Majesty's dominions; it is pleasing to receive such a testimony [illegible] loyalty and numerical [illegible] Colonies, most [illegible] ernment, and I [illegible] will bear the name of the [illegible] (and all other dependencies [illegible]) long enjoy the blessings of [illegible] in Newfoundland, and [illegible] which, in the time, with God's [illegible] people this Colony [illegible].

I again sincerely thank you for your very kind and affectionate wishes for [illegible] happiness of Lady Bannerman and family, and for which, I assure you, we both [illegible].

On Sunday last, the annual Sermons in behalf of the Wesleyan Missions were preached in the Wesleyan Church in this City in the morning by the Rev. J. S. Phinney, of Harbour Grace, in the afternoon by the Rev. D. HARRIS, of Bonavista, and in the evening by the Rev. T. GARTY, of Carbonear. At all the services the congregations were large and highly respectable, and the collections good.

On Tuesday evening the anniversary meeting of the Missionary Society was held; although the weather was unfavourable, the [illegible] Church was well filled; the Chair was occupied by NICHOLAS STABB, Esq., whose opening speech was a clear and lucid exposition of the objects and aim of Christian missions. An interesting Report, embracing a condensed view of the