WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1870.

The numerous tributes paid to the memfeeble that movement sometimes appeared to time shall be no more! be. How little likely ever to attain commanding success. How undisguised and general was the contempt among the older, wealthier and better educated Christian communities of the country for this Methodist educational day of small and feeble things! How little any one dreamt that within the space of his questions; but I trust the importance plain and comparatively poor people called apology, and secure its unabridged publica Methodists to dot the land as they have done with Academies, Seminaries, and Colleges, many of them of high reputation overflowing with pupils and reserved for a To each and every member of the Wesfuture full of the promise of great things. Yet surprising as are the results already

accomplished by American Methodism in what might have been and might be anticipated. For probably there never has existed a Christian denomination of any considerable size that has numbered within its ranks a larger proportion of men highly lated to obscure its character, and weaken gifted by nature, endowed with vast intellectual force and energy, than American Me- small sum would amply suffice for the purthodism. It required no prophet to forsee chase of pens and paper, red tape and postthat whenever these men should come deeply to feel the necessity of calling to their aid imagined it was meant to cover? the manifold appliances of a high and rich in the Minutes, and met the eye of a fewmental culture, that they would not long in the P. W., and met the eye of many call in vain, and their zeal, their enthusiasm, but the majority of its readers seem to their practicalness, and remarkable aptitudes have been controlled by a convenient for organization and administration would prompter, who, as each note of information stand them in as good stead in the educational as in the more purely evangelical ly obeyed. sphere. Much as we admire the American Its income from the circuits was very Methodists for what they have already ef- trifling. fected in educational matters, we believe fected in educational matters, we believe they have only as it were just entered on they have only as it were just entered on the ministers of Christ on needy circuits, the work in which they are destined so and in opening new fields of mission work, greatly to distinguish themselves. In the carrying the gospel of salvation into desti- gether. About two-fifths of this grant goes town in the Diocese. They are strictly coming fifty years they will infinitely surpass what they have hitherto accomplished.

been pressing ardently forward on the educational course, they have been also steadily rising in the social scale. In all the great centres of trade and commerce in the Union their clever business men have been amassing wealth, and some of them are becoming millionaires. Almost daily a larger number of the men who head the great industrial and commercial enterprises of the day are falling under Methodist influences.

Perhaps, however, the rapid advance of Methodism in political influence in the United States within a short time past is more noteworthy than its progress in other directions referred to. The fact of having at- ing name to the fund already in existence; tained such influence is natent and undenia, and with the hope that this would make its ble. The number of Methodists occupying real character better known, and increase commanding positions in public life is already great, and will without doubt, soon gent Fund." What's in a name, without become much greater. President Grant is means to keep it up?—a war-cry without well known to be an adherent of Methodism; and Mrs. Grant is a member of the Methodist church. Chief Justice Chase is also said to be of Methodist predilections. The late Mr. Stanton Secretary of War during the great Civil contest was a Methodist. The late Anson Burlinghame. Chinese Plenipotentiary to Europe and the United States, was a Methodist. The present American Ambassador at Berlin is a to co-operate with the clergy in presenting Methodist minister. The successor of Jef- the necessity for the measure, and speak to ferson Davis in the United States Senate is a colored Methodist preacher. In fact the number of men in public life in the United States belonging to Methodism is quite large, and ought to be large, for Methodism is numerically very strong in many of the States, and comprises a large portion of their most intelligent and virtuous citizens.

cause during the war of secession by Northern Methodism were very valuable. President Lincoln publicly testified, during that awful struggle, that no denomination in the United States sent so many men to the front, so many nurses to the hospitals, or so many were \$6,673 that year. prayers to Heaven for the salvation of the Union as the Methodists. Three circumstances, taken together, account for the facts gratefully recognized by Mr. Lincoln. First, the Methodists are, as we have said, very numerous in the United States, especially in the Western part of the Unionthey had men to send. Secondly, the war, when it assumed an Anti-Slavery character on the part of the North, appealed strongly to the religious feelings of the Methodist people. Thirdly, the Northern Methodists shared, in a large degree, that common characteristic of Methodists of every age nation of the work formerly carried on under and country, called loyalty. Everywhere loyalty has been a prominent feature in the general character of Methodism; and everywhere, upon the whole, that feature has those more recently occupied fields of labour, been an element of power. That has been with properly be regarded as Misper-eminently the case in the Northern son stations; and its extension to destitute nortions of territory, yet unoccupied by our portions of territory, yet unoccupied by

Will American Methodism suffer spiritual loss from this increase of learning, social fluence and political power accruing to it? There is a possibility that such a result may RECENT ADVANCES OF AMERICAN
METHODISM IN THE SCHOOL, THE
CAMP, AND THE COURT.

Dut we trust it will not be so.—
Temptation and peril encompass every stage of life and development, personal and corporate; and, of source. ensue. But we trust it will not be so .and prayerfulness that were indispensable the President, co-Delegate, and Secretary to the safety of Methodism in the days of ory of the lamented Dr. McClintock, de- its penury and obscurity, will be equally inceased in New York, by the more respecta- dispensable for its salvation in the time of

ble of the United States secular Journals its wealth and greatness. Let us hope these has naturally suggested to us anew a fact graces will ever remain in lively and sucof which in one way or another we have cessful exercise within the American Methofrequently been reminded of late. That dist fold. Let us pray that our splenfact is that within the last few years Metho- did Sister Church, having so grand a field dism in the United States has in its social in which to labour for our common Lord, standing, scholarly attainments, and its polit- may bear the burden and heat of her midcal influence been rapidly approaching a day, at least as courageously, as unshrinkplace in the front rank of the great Republingly, and as faithfully as she performed lic. Time was, and that not long since, the task allotted to her in the childhood and Aid Fund. It is meant to provide for when even fairly educated men were very early youth of her marvellous career. We scarce among the American Methodists, are encouraged to believe that God is yet dent's and Co-Delegate's travelling expenboth in the ministry and out of it. We our with her in the plenitude of His strength. selves can well remember the period when The sacred oracles have not grown dumb the noble hearted, the saintly, the far-see- within her courts. Her sanctuary lamps where charge has been made. To meet ing Wilbur Fisk was amidst countless ob- are not faintly flickering for want of oil.stacles and discouragements fighting the good fight at the head of the incipient movement among the American Methodists in light, and life, and flame, and power in her behalf of a high Christian education. How holy places. May they remain there till age of from 13 to 75 per cent. in the cases

CONNEXIONAL FUNDS, &c.

MR. EDITOR,-My reply to "An Old subscriber" will require more space than thirty years it would be possible for the of the subject will be deemed a sufficient CIRCUIT AID AND CONTINGENT FUND.

HOME MISSION FUND. leyan Church, and of our Congregations:

-Arise! for this matter belongeth unto \$5.427. The grants to the poorer circuits and to the department of the higher Christian eduthe mission stations were made from a fund ed \$500 for contingencies, and also to inplicitly trust in Mr. Gladstone to do the

cation, and still more surprising as are the whose character and objects constitutionally probabilities of future achievements in the entitled it to the designation of CIRCUIT probabilities of future achievements in the entitled it to the designation of Circuit estimate, that there may be some funds in the Education Bill is to be read a second the priest, made Israel to sin. Jeremiah was same field, by the same body, nothing has AID AND HOME Mission Fund; but which hand, at the next Conference, for the reduction Bill is to be read a second the priest, made Israel to sin. Jeremiah was same field, by the same body, nothing has AID AND HOME Mission Fund; but which hand, at the next Conference, for the reducsame neid, by the same body, nothing will be affected, but was, unfortunately, introduced under the tion of these large and dreadful deficiences command almost universal consent, but a him to have been—he was more he was a fearinferior cognomen of the Contingent Fund, veiling its importance and reducing its in all circuits and stations; but we expect ed by strong organizations, when the Bill

ment, and Legislative-hall term was calcuits claims upon the sympathy and support of our people. So, some thought a very age-the only items of expenditure they

True, its nature and aims were pu relating thereto met their eyes, whispered,

But if the American Methodists have what" they "ought to do." come still.

losses, increasing in amount as new circuits were formed and new labourers called for support. From year to year the necessity for some action was felt: the formation of a new fund was discussed: but the minis ters were modestly reluctant to ask our people for an additional collection, though the necessities of many urged the adoption of and about twenty-eight are self-sustaining. some such measure for their immediate

the supplies, it went forth under the appel-" The Home Mission and Continlation of the sinews of war? The many took no notice of the prefix; those who did, did not free themselves for the misleading association the original misnomer 'contingent' had gathered around it, and them-no more

money came to hand. Something further was imperatively demanded; and, at length, in 1867, the Conference resolved, that, Home Mission meetings should be held on all the circuits and stations, at which laymen were requested the people kind and earnest words "contaken up at each meeting. The result was successful, but to a very limited extent: an are given to aid the brethren, is in a sink- of Papal Infallibility makes but little pro-\$350 was reported. But the unprovided minsters and their wives. Unless some party on both sides of the question, and the for deficiencies of brethren were NINE THOU- thing is done by our people here, worthy of Holy Father whose heart is set upon carry

The services rendered to the Federal \$24. The announcement of these facts by forsee all the painful consequences which nificence in Rome, they will not do his bid the Secretary was hailed by the committee must ensue. "I speak as to wise men! with demonstrations of joy, expressions of judge ye what I say." gratitude to God, and thankfulness to our people. But the unprovided-for deficiencies

> At the last Conference (1869) the following Resolutions were adopted :-

1. That the first of the two funds, into which the Contingent and Home Mission Fund is sep-arated, shall be known as "The Circuit Aid and Contingent Fund," the objects of which shall be the maintenance of the Church on established but dependent Circuits, and the defray ing of certain expenses necessarily incident to

2. That the sources of income of this shall be— (1.) A yearly subscription in the classes the March quarterly visitation.
(2.) A Public Collection to be

our churches in the month of August.

(3.) The amount of the grant to the Conference by the Parent Body, t

THE HOME MISSION FUND 1. That a fund be formed, the object which shall be the sustenation of the

2. That the sources of income for the Fund to suppose that the poorer circuits and the shall be— (1.) A Public Collection to be made at the Home Missionary Meetings, which shall be held in all the principal preaching places throughout the Fund? How is this done? See the

the claims of all the children are paid by the Fund? How is this done? See the

ouit Aid Fund an amount equal to the

whole sum the Home Missions are liable for

and also such other amounts as may be

required to aid dependent circuits in making

up their several sums. In this way the

merary and deceased ministers included-

are paid. Let it be remembered, that the

help from home is being diminished; and it

must be obvious to all, (except those who

will not see,) that unless our people adopt

more liberal views; and give systematically

and according to their ability, our Connex

ional Funds will soon be-where good Dr.

Knight expressed his fears we would be

some years before he was taken up from the

toils of the itinerancy, to the welcome and

the rewards of the heavenly rest-viz.: in

a state of bankruptcy. It is probable

brother minister, who is devising some kind of reform, or improved method, for raising

the childrens' allowance will report himsel

and his plan in the P. W., for the thought

The Horse and Carriage question will be

ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE.

Parliamentary Items-Relief for the Bishop

Reorganizing the Irish Church—To Council at Rome—The winter.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,-The events of t

The Parliamentary reports are full o

notices and motions, new Bills are being

introduced and several with old familiar

cussion upon the second reading of Irish

enkindling much enthusiasm and the people

of England care not to trouble themselves

of the Bill, and it is yet doubtful whether

large Dioceses, and the supervision of hun-

Two modes of relief are practicable, the

a Bill introduced into the House of Com-

liamentary duties, and give them the same

privilege of their brethren of the Dises-

tablished Irish Church; of attending solely

one of the signs of the times.

past fortnight are few and unimportant.

A HELPER.

consideration of its readers.

answered shortly.

strait to which we are reduced-the

the Connexion.

(2.) Donations made for the promotion the object contemplated by the Fund. and

(3.) The interest on moneys vested.

3. That the committee for the manager of the "Home Mission Fund" shall consist the project of the "Borette and Secretary to which we are compelled to resort. This year we take from the Contingent and Cir-

two Laymen to be appointed by the Conference; and one Layman to be elected by the Circuit Stewards of each District, at the time N. B.—For the present year the probable income of the Home Mission Fund shall be distributed by the Committee of the Contingent

These two Funds have the same son of income which the old Fund had, with the addition of the yearly collection, subscriptions and donations now sought for the benefit of the Home Mission Department It may be well to note the objects contemplated by the Contingent part of the Circuit Conference Printing and Stationery, Presises, Supply for Circuit, in case of death o Minister; Funeral Expenses—Minister's Minister; Funeral Expenses—Minister's, or member of family; Medical Attendance. such claims it has been customary to reserve a sum, before making apportionments for ordinary Circuit charges-the sum has rarely, if ever, been sufficient to meet the claims in full-but has paid only a percent

This year we have reserved nothing for any of the above items, but have appropriated the whole of the probable income to wards aiding Circuits in paying ordinary expenditure. It will be seen, therefore with what force and argument an appea should be made, by the Ministers and Stewards, to our people and friends, to advance titles are reappearing, if haply a kindlier in the sum of their support to this fund. - fate may await them in the present session. At the lowest estimate, \$500 extra should The Government promises considerable rehe raised to meet the probable claims, for duction in the expenditure for Army and which there is nothing reserved. Nor must Navy, and up to the present there has been it be lost sight of, that if the apportionments no division or testing question to show made shall be paid, the estimated unprovi- whether Mr. Gladstone yet retains the grand ded-for-deficiencies on Circuits—apart from majority of the past two years. The dis-in support. In reply, I say "Noah" was a laydeficiencies in Newfoundland and Bermudas, and exclusive of Mission losses-is Land Bill is now taking place, but is not

Men and brethren, suffer me to askcannot something be done to raise the need- about the details of the measure, but imcrease the income considerably beyond the estimate, that there may be some funds in The Education Bill is to be read a secon which this year are staring our brethren in few points are being severely criticised, and less denouncer of the wickedness and unfaith-The Law-office. Governmental depart the principal part of the receipts to come is passing through its future stages. Our from the town and city-self-supporting Connexional authorities evidently approve

> From the C. A. & C. Fund the Removal the great Committee upon Education will expenses are paid to dependent circuits and be again convened. Some of its provisions likewise to Home Missions; but, if the must be modified, or we shall have Denomi hearts and resources of our people it should and to the schools thus maintained, the have, the grants for removals brethren on needy circuits. No grants for the rate; can yet be compelled to attend. removals are made to self-supporting cir- Your readers may possibly have heard cuits, nor to dependent circuits whose quar- that the Bishops of the English Church are terly meetings invite men and get the men said to be hard-worked and over-taxed men. they invite—the parties inviting must pay. They confirm the statement, and refer to An important part of the assets or income

THE GRANT FROM HOME.

Its vital importance to the interests of the Parent-body did not withold its help— first is that of creating more Bishops which but where is the authority for saying it was may we not have it? The Divine compassion handsome churches in the County of Kings. tute and sparsely-settled districts of count to Newfoundland and the Bermudas; about subordinate to the Lord Bishop, or are suptry, was felt by few—only a few—"men oue-seventh of the balance is required to posed to be. It is understood that some of who had understanding of the times to know cover our removal expenses. If we were the Bishops object to any such division of These libe- not extending our bounds, increasing our either the emoluments or title, and fear that rally supported the Fund; and some of circuits and men; opening mission stations, in the new order may in time prove not a little them, who have gone hence, left legacies, time to become circuits and centres of influ- unmanageable and troublesome. Another which, being invested, help its yearly in- ence, nothing else than a withdrawal of this mode of relief is proposed from without aid could be looked for. But we are helping the Episcopal ranks, and is in the form of The brethren on circuits and stations ourselves to such extent, that the continurequiring aid were subjected to yearly ance of the original grant would be an ex- mons, intended to relieve them of their Parcellent way for the carrying out of the grand object of Methodism-to spread opportunity as after this session will be the

Scriptural holiness through the land. Our Conference started with seventy circuits and missions-not more than eight to the spiritual interests of their people were self-supporting. We have now on our The Bill may not pass just now, but it is Minutes about one hundred and thirty-two, Then we had seventy-nine ministers and probationers; now we have one hundred tact and management required to prevent and thirty. We have built parsonages and collision. The Bishop's power of veto has churches, paid off debts on Church property, been challenged, and not without great diffi-&c. Our payments to the Foreign Missions culty has this point been conceded to the have been continued,-in 1865 it was Right Reverend Prelates. The Laity appear \$11,285, in 1869, \$11,340, less in both willing to render help in the great work to

cases some local expenses. It is just to observe, that the reduction of this English annuity did not take place councils and deliberations of the newly conas soon as we feared. Thanks to the Committee in the Fatherland; and thanks to our great majority of these Clergymen have faithful Financial agent, in this; his lucid been and accustomed to absolute control in statements of our position, and forcible ap- all matters pertaining to their Church it is peals on behalf of the exigencies of the a new experience to be compelled to sit and uted to secure thefavorable consideration of much to learn in the working of voluntary the Committee, who kindly suspended the associations, and the direction of a Church

act of curtailment. But the delayed reduction at length began; and now, the "Grant from home" is great Council at Rome. It is slow work AND DOLLARS, for that year alone! In themselves, and proportionate to the re- ing his purpose must be sorely tried with was more encouraging. There was an God, to make it more adequate for meeting is really too bad; after all his trouble to get increase to the Home Mission Department the just and reasonable demands upon it, them together from the very ends of the of \$567, and in the Contingent Fund, of we are in a bad case. It is impossible to earth, and entertaining them in such mag

A WORD FOR THE HOME MISSIONS.

We have apportioned, in anticipation of a considerable increase to the income of this Fund the current year, more than the entire receipts of last year. And, if we get only the amount, so granted, there will remain an unprovided for deficiency of \$1030. to be borne by the ten brethren on these stations! If something is not speedily done to this fund more productive, it may be necessary for the Conference to adopt the army regulations, and send out a crier. to cry down the credit of the men appointed found in their own Dioceses when the next to poor circuits and stations. Several of summons goes forth, and who will see Rome the charges, which ought to be met by the Mission Fund, are now paid out of the other fund, as noted, and yet to be noted.

CHILDREN'S FUND. Given the number of childrens' allowances to be provided for; the circuits and sum required, in proportion to their several returns of membership; this year, every 55 members should raise the allowance of one child—\$40. The self-supporting pay the full amount chargeable to them. But, in the nature of things it is simply utopian words, for nothing short of this pleases God. HIS VIEWS

Taking into consideration the views of the writer of that article, of the relative position of

'ministry and laity," as illustrated in the third of the blame for the failure so generally admitt. ed, was to be expected; but I did not expect to be charged with being engaged in a "crusade against the ministry, and that by one who sustains in the forcible language of his seventh paragraph the correctness of my assumptions which are the foundation of his charge. And I therefore repeat my disavowal of the slightest antagonism or unkindly feeling towards our ministry, and must regard the charge as unwarranted and altogether unsupported, as fully appears by the

the measure of its success, and facts in the his failure where was there ever a successful one and repenting while they had the example of their ministers for a continuance in sin

I freely acknowledge, and who will not, that an earnsst faithful membership co-operating Home Mission cause had the hold on the national schools supported by public rates, with an earnest faithful ministry is indepensable to the full measure of success to be desir to missions children of parents, differing in principle ed, and that is obtainable in an organized might be saved to this fund, and go to help from doctrines taught, and protesting against | Church; but I deny that the unfaithfulness of the membership can frustrate the purposes of Jehovah in the use of His qualified faithful agents. Personal effort to bring sinners to the Saviour is certainly too much neglected by the laity, but are they not on many circuits but close imitators of their ministers in this neglect? have been toiling in hope a long period, and to have it completed in so short a period. May dreds of clergymen—the confirmation of the young—the duties of Convocation—

We, without doubt, should imitate those of the "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." To it become the birth place of precious souls! and attendance on Parliamentary business. early Church who when they were scattered

but such results are the fruit of persistence in enjoying the fruit of their toil in the "house also blessed. devotion to the cause, courage, and forgetfulness of self secure the love and respect of those under their command, and it may be safely affirmed of the soldiers composing our corps of the great army, that they will not desert their officers in the time of conflict, but fully sustain the hard earned reputation of British soldiers.

The reorganization of the Irish Church has proved to be a difficult task, and much

which the Church is called, their undoubted right a full share in the stituted governing power. Trained as the work in these Provinces, doubtless contrib- vote with the Laity. They have yet very \$51,00. The library forwarded from the Book entirely free from State control. There is not much to report from the

pecoming,-not beautifully but-alarming that they perform at best, even when the ly less, year after year. It will be seen, way is quite clear and the matter one of entherefore, that our resources from that tire indifference to any parties but themcerning the collection" which was to be quarter do not consist in gold mines or selves, the mode of procedure is dreadfully mints-that our Fund, from which "grants" circuitous and tedious. The great dogma increase over the previous year of some ing condition, and depresses the spirits of gress even in Rome. There is a powerful 1868 the Fund was divided, and the result sponsibilities of their stewardship under his wayward and impracticable children. It ding, or be led blindfolded by his cunning advisers. In the meanwhile, the Governments of Papal Kingdoms are speaking out and protesting against the Dogma. Learned Romanists are writing boldly and defiantly against the proposed article of faith, and are daring even to send their publica tions to Rome. In England the controversy rages between one section of Romanists and another, and the respective papers of the parties are battling fiercely upon this point. Rumors are floating about an early adiournment of the Council as the only way to get rid of some of the more troublesom

> vail. We see but few signs of spring except in lengthening days. It has been a trying season for the poor, and one of much sickness and mortality among all classes. An unusual number of sudden deaths have of a temporary personal affliction the writer was stations are then made liable for the full taken place, admonitory to all to be ready unable to be present. Bro. Weldon, has a ve to appear in the eternal world.

Fathers, for whom employment must be

March 11, 1870. Be a Christian in your works as well as

MR. EDITOR,-I had hoped what I had written about the cause of the decline of the membership of our Church had received all the notice designed to be given it through your columns, but I am shown my mistake, by an arti-cle which appeared in the "Wesleyan" of the 9th, headed, "The Ministry and the Laity." and must therefore ask permission to reply.

army in conflict, his complaint of injustice on May they soon find Him. Our congregations have of late had larger congregations, but we my part, in not accepting for the laity a share are good, attentive, and serious.

The incentive to make remark on the secon paragraph of the article under consideration is strong, but I forbear; convinced that the number of ministers who will not condemn it, and deplore its tendency is small; and that it will be generally regarded as a libel upon a portion of the membership not by any means the least effective in our church. A word however with reference to the insinuation contained in "baited breath." The representatives of that respectable body without whose permission and commendation no man can enter the precincts of the ministerial office, have nothing, in this quarter to fear from outspoken full discussion of their performance of duty in the admission of candidates to the ministry; the sting of implied unfaithfulness enters on the other side.

A kind of indirect plea is set up, that the faithfulness of the ministry cannot be judged of by tory of three Old Testament worthies are cited man, and was entirely successful in the work to which he was called. If his mission was a Moses too was of the non-clerical order, and accomplished the great task assigned him by Jehovah. He was found faithful, while "Aaron" the priest, made Israel to sin. Jeremiah was belong; and it would have been an extraordinary spectacle to see the people renouncing idolatry

Circuit Intelligence

PARRSBOROUGH CIRCUIT.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—I take the opportunity of forwarding you some account of our move ments and state in this field of Christian labour In September last, the ladies of Greville, resolved to make an effort to raise means to purchase a library, for the Methodist Sunday school of that place. Refreshments were at once provided, and the proceeds of the meeting, I am happy to say amounted to the noble sum of

Room, gives general satisfaction. For several years past, there has been a burden upon the shoulders of the Trustees of our church in Parrsboro' village: in the form of a chapel debt. You will readily suppose that this s felt as an evil which should if possible imme diately be removed. A few of the friends feel ing this, set themselves to work, and succeeded in getting up a Tea meeting, the proceeds to be pplied to the liquidation of the debt on the bove named place of worship. The amount received was \$80,00, of which \$12,00, was rais- The interest deepens, and we are looking for ed in connection with the Lecture delivered on the occasion, by the late venerable William Wilson, about a fortnight previous to his demise The debt still remaining, must of necessity be a ource of trouble to both the Trustees, and the rethren who may be stationed here, until the sum be liquidated. Did the whole congregation feel equally interested in this important affair and go to work with a will the debt might

soon be paid. It is but right that mention be made of the willingness of our people to contribute towards he comfort of those who "minister to them i holy things." By means of refreshments at the Five Islands, and a Donation visit at Parrsboro' \$65,00, were raised towards furnishing the Wesleyan Parsonage. The friends at the Little Forks, Spring Hill, Maccan Mountain, and Old Maccan, have this winter, purchased a sleigh and Buffalo Robe, at a cost of \$55.00 for the use of Bro. Seller, and his successors.

Our missionary meetings were held in Febru ary, and were well attended. The collections and subscriptions, were something in advance of last year. Bro. Seller has just returned from attending a missionary meeting at Advocate He speaks of it as a success. In consequence ry attentive, and interesting congregation there. He is much loved by his people.

This circuit may be regarded as among the most laborious and difficult to manage, within the boundary of our Conference. There are six sent."

A LAYMAN'S FURTHER DEFENSE OF sermons preached each Sabbath, by the two circuit preachers and often, as many during the week. Besides, our esteemed brother Lodge, takes three services every third Sunday. The field is so extensive, that it is impossible to attend rightly, in every place, to every department had a larger representation than usual from of our work. It is satisfactory, however, to every place in the Circuit except one. The know, that the Word of God has not been preached in vain. In connection with a few spirit and sentiment; the financial affairs of the special services held at Spring Hill, the church Circuit are not behind last year, at about the was much revived, and several young persons same date. A plan for the more efficient work professed to have received a sense of their ac- ing of the Circuit, by calling into more prom dinary means of grace, some have been conparagraph by the officers and soldiers of an strained to commence to seek the Saviour. Present. We hope much good will result. Wa

HORTON CIRCUIT.

MR. EDITOR.—Our Missionary Meetings in this Circuit were held in accordance with the 21st March:plan agreed upon at our Financial District

Bro. Barratt, although not fully recovered

Owing to local circumstances the above meet ngs were not as well attended as those of the previous year, except the one at Greenwich: out they were good meetings, and the collections and subscriptions were creditable.

Notwithstanding the heavy losses our agrig of the Dikes last October, the state of our Roy. D. D. Currie of Fredericton, preached in Circuit funds is as good as at any former pethe morning at 104 and in the evening at 7; the riod; but in regard to spiritual advancement Rev. Charles Stewart of St. John, preached in re have nothing very cheering to write.

nversion to God are of such rare occurrence cellent, and good use was made of it that our hands are ready to hang down, and our God was with His Servants in Preaching; the us then a powerful revival f the work of God The sittings are all free. Mr would be "A tree of life" indeed. And why Contractor, he has built them one of the most in the concluding paragraph should be realized. fathers and brethren, some of whom are now Churches came in to the Services, they were crease our faith! And these are times when unyielding faith in the all-conquering power of verted in our congregations have passed through powerful revivals of religion, and are consequently very much hardened,-not a few have backsliden from God and are standing in the way of the thoughtful, and there is much of scepticism abroad, especially in regard to the doctrine of the eternal punishment of the wick ed. How strange it is ! the Bible says plainly there is a hell, and that the wicked shall have their eternal reward there- says so as plainly as it does that there is a heaven where the righteous shall be eternally happy-as in Matt. xxv. 46, Mark ix. 43, 44.—and yet some profess to believe in that blessed Book as a revelation from God, reject its teaching on this point as contrary to reason! Surely "the God of

> cealed from them the obvious fact, that heaven itself would be a terrible hell to an ungenerate soul. May the good Lord give us more sym-

pathy for perishing souls !

Lower Horton, March 18, 1890.

this world hath blinded their minds," and con-

BARRINGTON CIRCUIT ITEMS.

RELIGIOUS At one of our appointments there is in progress a very promising revival. A goodly of manly and intelligent decision for Christ. grand and signal results. My colleague, Bro.

Mack, is indefatigable in soul saving work.

LECTURES. We had a fine intellectual treat a few evenings lelivered two most excellent Lectures to highly

periods in this lecture. The lecturer has won for himself many golden opinions and many admirers here. now be furnished to the readers of the Provin-

Yours, etc.

BAI DE VERTE.

cial Wesleyan.

Bro. Scott writes, March 23d :-"Our friends made us a Donation Visit las

Vednesday. About 150 of them took tea with is, and at the close presented us with produce and cash to the value of \$56, for which we feel erv grateful.

We were holding special services at the Baie, but, owing to the heavy snow-storms have been obliged to discontinue for the preAMHERST

Bro. Brettle writes, March 17

"We have just held our March Quarter Meeting at the Church at Tidnish Road. We Meeting was characterized by unanimity of ceptance with God. Elsewhere, under the or nent and systematic exercise the lay element of the Church was unanimously adopted by those cannot as yet report instances of true convension, but we sow in hope. May the blessing from Heaven come down, which can cause ever the desert to blossom as the rose

HORTON CIRCUIT.

Bro. Cowperthwaite writes from Wolfville

"We cannot communicate much spiritual prosperity, though we have not been without tokens of the Divine favor. At Wolfville rom a very serious illness, was with us in two our cause seems to be steadily growing. Our of our meetings, and gave us speeches that were Sabbath congregations are very good, and our calculated to awaken new zeal in the cause of prayer and social religious meetings are interesting and profitable. There have been two or Bro. Nicholson, the other member of the three additions to the membership of the eputation, rendered the cause good service by Church recently in connection with the ordinary delivering excellent speeches at Lower Horton, means of grace. At Kentville, our cause which Wolfville, and Greenwich, and by preaching an has been very small for many years, gives eviappropriate and instructive Missionary sermon dent signs of becoming more important in num-Avonport. In two of our meetings we had bers and influence. The village, now containefficient aid from Bro. R. Smith of Canning, ing the Depot of the Western and Annapolis and in one, from Bro. J. Taylor of Aylesford. Railroad, is rapidly growing, and the tide of to these excellent brethren our thanks are due. immigration that is setting in to it is beginning Rev. J. Crawley, who has been labouring in to tell upon our congregations and the membernnection with the Baptist mission in Burmah ship of our Church. Methodism, however, in or some years, instructed and interested us. at order to hold its own with the other denominathe Wolfville meeting, by incidents of personal tions, should have a minister resident in the vilxperience in regard to the discouragements lage. Perhaps the Horton Circuit will be diviand encouragements of missionary labour among ded soon. If it should, Kentville will probably he the head of the new Circuit

SUSSEX VALE.

CHURCH OPENING, ETC., ET On Sabbath 6th inst., the new church recently erected in Sussex Vale was solemply dedicated lturists and others have sustained by the break- to the worship of the Triune Deity. The the afternoon at 3 o'clock. The church was Special services held at Avonport last au- very densely crowded at each Service. We amn resulted in considerable good, and the regret that some could not get seats or standing one of religious feeling there is better than it room and left without enjoying the Service was before they were held. Precious seasons Friends were present from the adjoining Cir re enjoyed in some of our prayer and class cuits of Upham, Havelock, and the city of St eetings, and our congregations in general, in John, and from Smith Creek, Mill Stream, egard to numbers and respectful attention to Apohagui, Carsonville, Newtown, and varihe preaching of the word, need not be much ous other places; the day proved one of the mplained of; but instances of awakening and finest of the whole season; sleighing was ex-

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earts to faint. Some who sympathise with us word came with Divine power from the lips of n our work, try to comfort and encourage us the speakers. The collection amounted to \$65. by saying, "There is probably more good do- The Sanctuary cost between two and three ing than you are aware of, and the bread you thousand dollars and is nearly paid for; remainare casting upon the waters may be seen after ing debt will not be much more than 10 per many days." To this we cannot but reply, cent of the cost; the frame was only put up God grant that it may be so! but it does not some time after the last Conference, the buildsatisfy. We want to see present results. We ling committee and trustees have been energetic

Special Services held on the Mill Stream were been put forth by our ministers—what is being nished, the blood of Jesus has lost none of its much owned of God in the conversion of souls; efficacy, and the Holy Ghost has lost none of and others who had vielded to temptation and our Conference, to train up local preachers for His soul-converting power since those days gone astray were again restored to Divine fawhen, in portions of this Circuit, many were your, it was delightful to hear them pray in It is much to be desired that the aspirations led to Christ under the ministry of honoured public and witness for God. Members of other

scientific practical husbandry. To adopt the of many mansions." Encouraged then by such A number of kind friends ou the Circuit refigure and views of the writer of the article in reflections as these we still pray, "Save now, cently made us a visit at the Parsonage, and question, I would say, let the officers by their I beseech thee, O Lord I beseech thee, before they departed left us between sixty and send now prosperity. And may the Lord in- seventy dollars; the night was cold and stormy vet it was a most pleasant social re-union Several speeches were given and excellent the Holy Ghost is needed. Many of the uncon- music, vocal and instrumental, added to the interest. The tea-tables were provided by the friends in abundance of good things.

General Jate'ligence.

Young Men's Christian Sociation-LAST LECTURE OF THE SEASON. The last lecture of the Seventeeth Course, Young Men's Christian Association, was delivered at Temperance Hall last night by the Rev. Leonard Gaetz. of Picton. His subject, "Nature and power of habit," was worked up in a most effective manner, and the whole lecture was couched in language of genuine eloquence. We are unable to give anything but an imper fect account of the speaker's remarks, and hence prefer to say nothing. The hall was comfortably filled, despite the unpleasant weather, and the large audience at the close, dispersed, feeling more than repaid for the trouble undertaken in reaching the hall. Jas. B Morrow, President of the Association, ably filled the Chair, and at the close of the lecture, offered to the young men present some very well-timed remarks bearing upon the effect of habits as evidenced in his own experience. The prayer meeting closing the course will be held in Grafton Street Church on Tuesday evening next.-

TEMPERANCE CONVENTION. - The Provincial Temperance alliance commenced its second annumber of all ages have already given evidence nual convention in the basement of the Temperance Hall in this city on Tuesday evening the 22nd inst., the President A. Longley, Esq., in the Chair. The President and Secretary presented their reports; which were referred to a special committee, composed of Rev. Leonard Gaetz, Shippy Spurr, James Mur. Wilson, and Dr. Chandler Crane.

Some other routine business was transacted, since from Bro. Joseph Hart, of Yarmouth. He and short addresses were delivered by Rev. E. Clay, Rev. N. Vidito, Mr. D. C. Fraser, Mr. appreciative and enthusiastic audiences on this

Longley, Rev. L. Gaetz and Mr. J. Grierson.

The Convention held three meetings on Wedcircuit. The first, "The Anglo Saxon Lan-nesday, and a final one on Thursday morning. guage our heritage," was ably and eloquently The following was added to the third rule of the handled, evincing great research and much Constitution: "And any person, being a total nental grasp. The second "Womens Rights" abstainer, approving of the objects of the alliance, may become members thereof, on paying ras listened to with breathless attention. There the sum of ot less than one dollar annually were some beautifully chaste and richly ornate It was also resolved to raise an Endowment Fund of \$10,000 to forward the objects of the

alliance.

It is understood that the main object of the alliance is to secure the prohibition of the tratfic in Intoxicating Liquors, but yet that it seeks notice of these most excellent lectures cannot the general advancement of Temperance principles. The following is the list of officers for the ensuing year:-

President.-Hon. Samuel Creelman. Vice Presidents.—Halifax County; Wm. M. Brown, Lieut. Manning, Thos. Walsh, Chardler Crane, M. D., James Spike.

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