

unwearied in her attention to her children: all of whom give decided proof that they have benefited by her piety, influence and exertions. Mrs. Troop's funeral was most numerous attended, and her remains were deposited in the family graveyard. The occasion was improved by a discourse from Matt. xxiv. 41, and which was followed by a very suitable address from the Rev. A. McNUTT; and the service was closed with an appropriate prayer from the Baptist Minister, the Rev. Mr. CUMMINGHAM.

MICHAEL PICKLES

Annapolis, March 4th 1858.

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SIGNIFICANT FACT.

Out of Sixty MINISTERS on the New Commission of Common-Schools for the Province of Nova Scotia, [Cassied up to May 1st], appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in Council, the names of only Two WESLEYAN MINISTERS appear!!!

DEPENDENCE ON DIVINE PROVIDENCE—A PRESENT CALL OF DUTY.

Verily there is a God that "judgeth in the earth," whose providence "ruleth over all," extending to the march of planets, the complicated mechanism of the wide-spread Universe, the rise and fall of terrestrial empires, the narrower interests of kingdoms and provinces, and to the minute and ever-varying circumstances of each individual of the millions of our race. "In him we live, and move, and have our being." "He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation." He sustains and guides each and all of earth's busy multitudes, taking cognizance of our thoughts and chronicle our footsteps. No vast—so constant—so particular—so minute—is the superintendence of the Supreme—the ALLWISE GOD—over each individual of the successive generations of men, who appear and act their part on the theatre of life, and then pass away, like visions of the night, into another and endless state of being. As a doctrine, the ever-continuing Providence of an infinitely good, and intelligent, and just, and powerful Being, who surrounds and upholds him, is at once a source of support and consolation to the mind of a good man. As a practical truth, he rejoices in it, and amid the vicissitudes, the sun-shine and clouds, the perplexities and trials and sorrows of life, he clings to it with all the ardour of his soul, all the tenacity with which the wrecked mariner clings to the life-boat on the storm-swept, furious ocean. "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." "Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall

be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." These are but specimens drawn from the Sacred Records of the practical exemplification of the principle of dependence on Divine Providence, and of the calmness and composure of mind in trying circumstances which it inspires.

We know not how it is that there appears to be less of this enlightened trust in God's Providence, at the present day, by professing christian people, than in olden times of the Church's history. Individual exceptions happily exist. There are to be found even now those, who, when required to walk in providential darkness, having no light, stay themselves on their God, and give utterance to the real feelings of their hearts, in the confiding language of the christian poet:—

"Though waves and storms go o'er my head,
Though strength, and health, and friends be gone,
Though joys be wither'd all and dead,
Though every comfort be withdrawn;
On this my steadfast soul relies:
Father, thy mercy never dies!"

thy providence never fails—

"Thy everlasting truth,
Father, thy ceaseless love,
Sees all thy children's wants, and knows
What best for each will prove."

But of this supporting confidence vast numbers, who bear the Christian name, are lamentably deficient. Hence they repine and fret at Providential arrangements, and not unfrequently "charge God foolishly."—Instead of seriously and prayerfully enquiring if there be not a cause for the manner in which He has dealt with them and others, they arraign the divine procedure at the bar of their own finite and partial judgment, and impiously pass sentence of condemnation. This conduct but aggravates the offences, and solicits at once the continuance and increase of His providential displeasure. "Shall I not visit for these things?" saith the Lord. We ourselves have no doubt, that the Providence of God has been most intimately concerned in the general depression of trade, stagnation of commerce, and failure of the staple articles of food, on account of the multiplied sins of individuals and communities, and because of the prevalent want of a distinct and constant recognition of their dependence on the divine blessing to ensure success, in the prosecution of the common, daily affairs of life. Prosperity is sometimes granted to a God-dishonouring, mammon-loving people; but there is a curse mingled in the cup, which sooner or later predominates. A long career of unexampled good-fortune is at times followed by derangement, loss, or what is called a "crisis," for which looking only at proximate or apparent causes, the worldly wise are at a loss to account; but the reasons of which, with the light and teaching of divine revelation, the christian man can readily, and, to himself at least, satisfactorily interpret. "Shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done it?" "Thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me. Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it ariseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know." Thus God himself explains the reasons of his adverse visitations; and he, whose ear is open to instruction, and whose heart is impressible with the stern majesty of divine truth, acquiesces in the righteousness of inflicted judgments, and in the disastrous history of past offending and self-trusting nations, he

perceives the true cause of present calamities, and future, portending evils.

Our object in bringing this subject before the attention of our readers, is to impress on their minds the necessity of withdrawing confidence in mere human schemes alone, and of exercising becoming, christian, and warrantable trust in God, as the source of all real and permanent good, in order to temporal prosperity to themselves, and to the nation of which they form a part. Expectation of coming weal, we fear, has been too much directed to men, and to measures of mere human device, whilst the SUPREMACY of our interests has been overlooked. Whilst we faithfully and diligently apply our skill and wisdom, our industry and means, let us rely on the blessing of God for success; and, in the way of humble and universal obedience, depend on his merciful Providence for seed-time and harvest, and for revived prosperousness in all departments of lawful enterprise. Whatever men of the world—persons of secondary principles only—may think, or say, or do, in this behalf, let not christian, God-fearing, people, neglect a duty, which God and their country earnestly call them to discharge, but, regardless of the taunts of the thoughtless and the jeers of the practically infidel, let them bear their country's welfare on their hearts, and bring it before God in earnest and confident prayer.

PROGRESS OF THE GOOD WORK IN ENGLAND.

We have been greatly delighted at perceiving from time to time from authentic and reliable sources, that, notwithstanding the systematic and wicked efforts made to injure the cause and influence of Methodism in the parent land, the Head of the Church has been favouring numerous Circuits with gracious and extensive revivals of religion; thereby affording incontestable proof that God is still with us, and blessing our Zion. Among recent statements in the *Watchman*, we find the following gratifying announcement made in "the Quarterly Meeting of the Committee of the London Missionary Society" held on the 12th April, at the Centenary Hall. "At the end of the meeting, the Rev. R. YORKE" (formerly one of the Pastors of our Church in this City,) "from Cornwall, by request, gave an account of the late revival of Methodism in the District, of which he is Chairman. He said, that he expected to report to the next Conference an increase of 4,000 members of Society, within his District. The statements he made of the numerous conversions of old and young; of prayers made for Divine mercy, offered in deeply sunk mines,—on the open grounds above; in private houses, and in public sanctuaries, were truly touching; and drew forth tears and expressions of gratitude from many in the meeting." Of *Callington* Circuit, it is said—"In general, the state of religion on this Circuit affords matter for great encouragement. The Circuit Ministers, in connection with fellow-helpers, do not labour in vain. We have peace within our borders, and have added upwards of 100 members since last Conference." *Durham*: "It was reported, that there had been an increase of 154 members during the year, and that there are at present 102 on trial.—So, 'we thank God and take courage.' These are but specimens of reports concerning the progress of the blessed work of God in connection with English Methodism. We shall in all probability refer to the subject in our next. Let the friends and supporters of our beloved Methodism be greatly encouraged in their efforts to spread 'scriptural holiness' throughout the world. God, yea, our own

God, will abundantly bless them, and cause his work to 'appear unto his servants and his glory unto their children.'

DEMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

"Our Contemporary of Halifax, *The Wesleyan*, is doing good service to the cause of Denominational Education in his Editorials on the subject, and by other means through the columns of his well-conducted Journal."—*Toronto Christian Guardian*, April 10th.

We are gratified at receiving so favourable a notice of our efforts to promote the system of Education in connection with religious principle, from one so competent to form a correct opinion as the Editor of the *Christian Guardian*. The religious Press has now a solemn duty to perform respecting the all important subject of education. Taking the high ground of Scriptural authority, the friends and advocates of Education on a religious basis, have nothing to fear from the opposition of those individuals who are in favour of a purely secular education. Light will increase—truth will extend and prevail—and parents, who have a just regard for the moral as well as intellectual improvement of their children, will instinctively shrink from a system of instruction, which deliberately shuts out from the halls of learning all reference to divine knowledge, and places the *Book of God* itself under public ban. We perceive that EDWARD BAINES, Esq., of the *Leeds Mercury*, has come out with a strong protest against Mr. Fox's Bill on secular education, extracts from which we shall give in our next number. Meanwhile we solicit a candid perusal of the excellent articles on the subject of Education which appear on our second page.

New Subscribers.

The Rev. G. W. TUTTLE, of Parrsboro, under date of April 26th, writes—"I have obtained two new subscribers for your excellent periodical, *The Wesleyan*, which I hope will be yet more extensively circulated, and spread its enlightening and cheering influence through the entire circle of our beloved Methodism."

Earnest and continued effort, on the part of our esteemed Agents, would materially assist in realizing the wish of our Correspondent. As the period of the meeting of our Districts is near at hand, we hope that our Brethren will be prepared then to forward a greatly enlarged list of subscribers. We have not yet reached the *ultimatum* at which we are aiming.

Accidents.

We regret to hear that Mr. Charles Foster of the North West Arm, met with an accident, we believe, on Saturday last, by a horse and loaded cart falling on him, whilst he was in the act of holding the animal, which has resulted in his death. The death of Mr. Carman, which is recorded to-day, was occasioned by his falling into the cellar of the American Book Store, on the evening of Friday week. Truly "in the midst of life, we are in death!"

Lecture on Christianity.

We acknowledge the receipt of a Lecture on the Evidences of Christianity, recently delivered in St. John, N. B., by the Rev. R. COONEY. Press of business has prevented us from examining it with that attention which it deserves, and which is necessary for the expression of a correct opinion as to its merits. We shall endeavour to notice it more at large next week. Could our Brethren favour us with the other published Lectures of the Course?

Rev. Dr. Eichey.

This distinguished Wesleyan, died at the Brunswick Street, on Friday evening last, and, deserving and truly profitable, large and attentive congregation, gentleman left this city in the *Ice Canada* for Boston, on Thursday en route for Canada.

Expanding Braces.

We direct attention to extra Fitch's Lecture on our third heading of "General Misc." are happy to hear that Mr. manufacturer of Expanding City, is receiving encouragement of business. Go, friends, and selves.

Religious Propagandism in

The executive committee of the Foreign Christian Union, under would respectfully call the attention public to the facilities now a circulating of Bibles, tracts, and works in Italy. Italians who have the Papacy are ready to engage and, in almost every town of Italy played in the distribution of fly-sheets the Papal system, with facts, imitations of Scripture, which put impression on the masses of the specimen of the style of these tracts in the January number of the *Observer*, (page 12.) and another in *Observer* of June 30th, 1859.

These fly-sheets will be prepared inspection of Evangelical Christianity the action of this society; and may be contributed to this object treasury of this society, will be printed in accordance therewith.

Already the cities of Italy are denominated with anti-Papal sentiment patriots are convinced that can be emancipated only by a reformation. Now is emphatically for truth in Italy. The door is the agencies are already in existence of espionage, or propagandism, and is under the supervision of evangelical Christians do not speak of opening of Providence, for the country will be deluged with the emissaries of Communism; and rescued from the grasp of Pope into the jaws of infidelity.

The Committee would earnest Christian public to co-operate in suits of which must be so vast as on the destinies of Europe and True Copy from the Minutes

The University of Toronto.

Legislation of last session in relation of King's College is, not meeting much attention. I have hitherto assisted Queen's Colleges, are to be these institutions to maintain existence with the largely end at Toronto. The design exists to crush these seats of success? Undoubtedly not, persons on which people feel not with more determination to remove their religious faith, or from that smoke of the Liar, and the leading religious are enabled to see the position in which they are placed, and in reference to their youth, they seem to feel which they have sustained in a measure introduced A. M. Donald—the only member to the Legislature—who worked out in this country, nor Victoria, nor Regiopolis College. The establishment of education of the youth of the United Kingdom, and the efforts of the successful, in the members of that Church, their children in secular knowledge by religious influence, will represent and the sustaining three-fourths of the people Mr. Donald's monopoly of a city may command the support of the whole of the North and West.

Lectures on Christianity

These lectures are a most