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## THE IMAGE ON THE COIN.

CÆSAR once stamped the Old World's coin with his superscription. The gold was his. That which bore not his image was spurious. Since Cæsar's day, rulers have protected their privileges and prevented the counterfeiter's art from imposing on society, by the solemn impression of their own images upon the rare metal through the mint. But it is easy to see that the world's wealth is passing to-day into the possession of One higher than all Kings and Emperors. Patiently has Christ waited for the world to come round, by the force of His own teaching, to a recognition of who really is the true owner of riches. Gradually, but surely, we are attaining to it. Our Lord is gaining access to the Treasuries of nations. The tables of the money-changers no longer dread His coming, but give Him welcome! His hand is upon the keys which unlock the iron and granite vaults of Banking-houses. Prosperous merchants are admitting Him into their offices while the year's balance-sheet is being adjusted. It has not occurred in many instances that His claims have the preference; but we are thankful to see that noble examples are presented of each year's commercial transactions being commenced by answering the question, "How much owest thou unto my Lord?"

The day comes apace when men shall not presume to contemplate what may be required to meet even their own most precious wishes, till first they have settled to the last penny with Him who made them Stewards. The Master hath waited long for the present gain; He can wait still for the final advantage.

Dreary enough is the retrospect. Gold the world has possessed in great abundance. The mountains and the valleys—strata and streams—have been unbosoming themselves to man, and inviting him to take freely of precious ore, pearls, diamonds, and all rare gems. Waxing fat with the food of Providence, he has but kicked most viciously. He has embroidered his garments with God's gold; lavished it upon concubines; wasted it in riotous living,—His Father meantime waiting for his return. Miserable prodigal! Nations have not been more faithful. Their wealth has but pampered their pride and stimulated their arrogance. Like children indulged with pocket-money, our rulers have vied with each other in the gaudiness of their court trumpery and the costliness of their war-ships and armies. To keep other nations in awe has been the great ambition; the minds of youth might suffer, and the souls of myriads perish, it seemed of little account. The wildest schemes of adventurers received national encouragement; while enterprises which were preparing universal righteousness for mankind, were left to struggle or die.

Two claims are now forcing themselves upon the attention of rich men,—the education of children at home—the conversion of the world to Christ. It is difficult to decide which has the preference. The great Western Republic—may God ever keep it before the nations in some good example!—is equiping its colleges in a most princely way. Every week brings us tidings of new thousands and hundreds of thousands consecrated to this purpose. If our own old home excels in any of its modes of Christian benevolence, it is in that of Missions. Pounds sterling are now furnished for this object by the million. Do our readers trace any of the consequences in the marvelous history of our times? Do they not see the distant hill-tops flashing with the glory of a coming Presence? Do they not see the first gatherings of that great multitude which is to welcome with a voice of joy and exultation the coming of the King to take undisputed possession of His own!

## THE TEMPERANCE CRUSADE.

The "new departure" in the temperance cause is entitled to more than passing notice. Week after week we hear with thankfulness that working, earnest Christian women are undertaking much for the suppression of the liquor traffic, and of their marvellous success. The question naturally arises—Is there a necessity for such a movement? "To the law and to the testimony." We started the temperance campaign with the old Total Abstinence Society. In those days public meetings were held, the subject discussed, and the pledge signed. This formed the first age of temperance. Then came the desire for a compact organization, wherein pledged ones should be more closely watched over than the Apostles of the cause had contemplated. Out of this sprang the Order of the Sons of Temperance, soon to be followed by the different Orders of Good Templars. These formed the second age. The experiment was made of securing stringent legislation upon the sale of ardent spirits, which in many cases succeeded, while in others prohibitory laws were obtained. The Church spoke out and warned the people, and the press gave its influence to the reform, but still the evil existed and untold havoc was wrought. Meanwhile there was a class of sufferers beyond all others. A class who had hailed with joy the dawn of the temperance agitation,—who had encouraged those fighting its battles—and had waited long and patiently,—waiting with breaking hearts and disappointed hopes.

These were the mothers, wives, sisters, daughters and widows of the land. Can we wonder that when they found the efforts of so many organizations unequal to the task undertaken—the various laws ineffectual—the entreaties of the Church disregarded and the startling facts published by the press unheeded, they should remember their imperilled or ruined homes, their unutterable sorrows, their blighted hopes, because of the demon alcohol, should join hand-in-hand, and, appealing to a righteous and merciful God, go forth to those places which had occasioned all their tears and misery, and beg the rumseller—wholesale and retail—to desist from his wealth-destroying, health-destroying, peace-destroying and soul-destroying work? The only wonder is that poor suffering woman has waited so long. Let those who may be tempted to smile contemptuously at the Temperance Crusade pause and consider. For our part we say, God speed their good work! The question is again asked—What would be the result? The results already are most cheering; as to the permanent effects we may fairly hope that among the many who have given up the sale of liquor, a goodly number will never return to such means for a living. But even should the greater part commit the wrong of engaging in their former wicked cause, the women can again appeal to them, for they might as well be found kneeling upon the cold stones outside the rumseller's door as tremblingly awaiting in their wretched homes the return of a drunken husband, or son.

THE WEATHER.—European readers would be astonished at the meteorological record of Nova Scotia for February. It was so fluctuating and severe. We are ourselves surprised at our climatic experiences for March. Here we have been for nearly three weeks, with a single exception, luxuriating in bright, calm mornings that might attract birds from the tropics. This has been the more extraordinary as vessels coming in from the ocean have reported heavy gales and freaks of alternate cold and snow-showers. The nights have been clear and frosty with us since March came in, but to this day (we write on the 16th) each morning has been as fine as in June, and the evenings a perfect mirror in Nature, save, perhaps, the shadows of our metropolitan smoke.

NO SEPARATE SCHOOLS.—This is the heading of an address to the public issued by the Baptist Committee on Education. J. M. Cramp, D. M. Welton and E. D. King are the names subscribed to it. It is a spirited and very positive expression. Much good has already resulted from this agitation. The school-board of Halifax is thrown open to the Press, and a High School is to be established in the city very soon. We have no doubt the Bishops have discovered that in issuing their Pastoral they made a mistake, inasmuch as the last straw has broken the camels back!

A YOUTHFUL BUT VIGOROUS CITY COUNCIL.—Such is that of Dartmouth. It began by putting Liquor Licenses up to $100. Now it frames bye-laws for the arrest of persons found drunk on the streets, and they must either divulge the names of parties who gave the Liquor, or be imprisoned six months! Moreover, if we understand the intention, any Liquor seller, whether Licensed or not, is liable to fine for making any person drunk! That sluggish creature—the public—will at length follow in the path thus opened.

SCOTTISH WIT.—That waggish Parson, Rev. Sydney Smith, was wont to say that the wit of a Scotchman could only be drawn out of him by an instrument, and that he knew of none better for the purpose than a cork-screw! But it would appear that other influences than those of the wine table are sufficient to produce this result. Politics excite people beyond the ocean as on this side. The following extract of a political speech we take from a Glasgow paper. Dr. Cameron, in acknowledging a sweeping election, of himself and colleague, said:—

One of my supporters actually undertook to be heckled for me—(laughter)—and put in an appearance which placed me altogether in the shade as an expounder of conundrums. (Laughter.) This gentleman was waited on by an elector, who wanted my opinion of capital punishment. It so happened that my supporter did not exactly know that himself; but the voter was obdurate—he must have an answer. The genius which, as I mentioned, I have observed rising out of the enthusiasm of many of my supporters came to his aid, and he put him down with the reply, "Hoot, man, ye're no thinkin' o' killin' onybody, are ye?" (Great laughter, and loud and renewed cheers.)

## Correspondence.

### OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

The Grand National Steeple Chase—Conclusion of the Great Tichborne Trial—Death and burial of the Rev. Dr. Binney.—First doings of the new Parliament.

DEAR MR. EDITOR—Your correspondent has for the first time during his residence in England been brought into contact with one of our national carnivals, in the form of a great Steeple Chase and Races, accompanied with all their surroundings of dissipation, betting, and fierce excitement. Our quiet town for a few days, became the object of the nation's interest; and to it there flocked a numerous and motley crew of men, who subsist upon the business of sporting and racing.

The gathering was under distinguished and even Royal patronage, although great disappointment was experienced because H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had not returned from Berlin in time to put in an appearance upon the course. But great numbers of the titled and wealthy flocked to see the cruel sport, and they were surrounded by a mighty crowd, gathered from far and near, numbering above 20,000 people. The sport is said to have been very fine, but it must have been excessively hard upon the poor brutes who were mercilessly driven over a four mile course, leaping over fourteen hedges and a considerable stream of water, and those which came into the final run with any prospect of winning, were fearfully distressed, bleeding from their nostrils, and mangled with whip and spur.

This is but "*one*" of the many great races which annually occur, and which contribute so largely to the dissipation of our youth, and the demoralization of the masses of England.

The famous Tichborne trial has come to an end, resulting in a verdict of guilty. The jury find that the Claimant is not Roger Tichborne, that he is Arthur Orton, and that he has basely and cruelly maligned the character of Lady Radcliffe. The sentence is fourteen years penal servitude, and he now occupies the cell, and wears the dress of an ordinary convict. So far the present ends this monstrous and most impudent imposture. A coarse minded and illiterate man, with a character so bad that its details must not be made known, has for seven years maintained his claim to the Tichborne estate and honors, and received the support of a numerous and wealthy party, and the plaudits of tens of thousands of the working people. The sums expended on his behalf to enable him to prosecute his claim and maintain himself for years, amount to an immense total, and the possessors of the estate in defence have been compelled to expend a considerable fortune. In addition to all this outlay, there will be the Government bill for the late prosecution, the expenses of witnesses, &c, which is computed to amount to a quarter of a million sterling. The time, the cost, and the labor expended in the exposure of this gigantic fraud, have been beyond all precedent, but there is a satisfaction in knowing that it has not been in vain. The villain is convicted, and the public mind appears to be at rest upon the matter, while the sorely-tried family can rest securely from the terrible annoyances of the claims and slanders of a base and unprincipled man.

The support which this man has received for so long a period of time and from so many of rank and intellect, will long be quoted as an illustration of the folly and credulity of the English nation in the midst of the boasted enlightenment of the nineteenth century!

The Rev. Thomas Binney, D.D., the eminent Nonconformist minister, and Pastor of the Weigh House Chapel, full of days and honors, has just passed from his toils to his eternal glory. As an author and preacher, he was widely and favorably known. For a long period of years he has been one of the foremost men of the Congregational Church, and his name is as an household word in thousands of Christian homes.

Devout and honourable men from all the churches thronged to his interment, and a great crowd gathered to witness the mournful ceremony. His remains rest in the famed Abney Park Cemetery, where so many of the illustrious Nonconformists await the great awakening. A great and truly good man has passed away, adding another distinguished name to the death roll of 1874.

Mr. Disraeli has selected his Government with great discretion, and appears to have surrounded himself with really talented and able men. The Liberals have retired with good grace and considerable equanimity of temper. The new administration will be met by no factious opposition. Parliament met on Thursday, and its first act was the re-election of the speaker, the Hon. Mr. Brand, who has been one of the "Whips" of the Liberal party. This is a graceful act on the part of the Tory majority, and a well-merited compliment to the ability and impartiality with which Mr. Brand has for two years discharged the duties of his high position.

March 9, 1874. B.

## NEWFOUNDLAND LETTERS.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—The Circuits and Home Mission Stations in the Carbonear District, which were unsupplied when the "Minutes" of Conference for last year were printed, are now occupied by zealous labourers, for whose presence among us we are indebted to Joseph Lawrence, Esq., of Wetherby, Yorkshire, whose practical sympathy for the cause of God in Newfoundland is unabated, and deserving of highest commendation. On our return from Conference, the brethren Freeman and Pratt were in St. Johns, having arrived from England a few days before, and proceeded without delay to their destination, the former to Island Cove, the latter to Catalina. The efficient and successful discharge of the duties of their office had endeared them to the people of their charge, and we rejoice in the assurance, that should their lives and health be preserved they will prove a valuable accession to our Ministerial ranks in this Colony.

*Trinity Home Mission Station* was supplied in the autumn by Bro. Dixon, who came to us highly recommended by the superintendent of the Lincoln Circuit. Previous to Bro. Dixon's arrival, the places comprising the Mission were visited by the Minister at Catalina, eighteen miles distant, as regularly as possible, but the necessarily short and uncertain visits, left the people without pastoral oversight, so that on the arrival of the Missionary, he lamented the languishing condition of our cause, and perceived the importance of throwing his energies into the work, in the hope of witnessing an improved state of things. He was cheered by the hearty welcome accorded by our people, and their kindness since has been a source of solace and encouragement. He preaches to an attentive congregation, takes an interest in the Sabbath school, and has organized a small class. At *English Harbour*, belonging to this Mission, a religious quickening has been experienced, and steps have been taken to erect a new church. The Missionary has visited Bonaventure and other places, where he was well received.

*Green's Harbour Mission.*—This place has been favoured for several years with the labours of an agent of our "Newfoundland Wesleyan School and Agency Society." The object contemplated by the formation of this Christian enterprise, was to appoint in remote and destitute coves and harbours, a teacher who would also conduct religious services on the Sabbath, and has resulted in immense benefit to the people of such places as Pouch Cove, Cupids, Catalina, Musgrave Town, Flat Island, Sound Island, Petites, &c. Some of these, with the adjacent settlements, have been formed into flourishing Mission Stations, and have the further benefit of the labours of a Home Missionary. Bro. G. H. Bryant who had been acceptably labouring as a hired Local preacher on the Huntingdon Circuit, England, came to us late in the autumn to take charge of the Green's Harbour Mission. He also preaches regularly at New Harbour, Shoal Harbour, and Hopeall, and occasionally at Witless Bay and Dildo. He writes: "Our congregations at all the services have considerably increased, and we cannot possibly accommodate the people who come. Last Sabbath several not being able to get admittance stood outside all the service; better still many are troubled about their souls, I am fully convinced that ere long these will be brought to decision. On arriving here I found the Sabbath school discontinued for the winter, and took immediate steps to have it reopened, and last Sabbath we had an attendance of 55 scholars, about 20 of whom were over 18 years of age. I am also conducting a Bible class for males, and Mrs. Bryant another for females, both of which are well attended I am paying all possible attention to our day school at which we have nearly 40 children. The new Parsonage is rough boarded, and we hope to have it shingled shortly. Do you think we can get any thing towards the expenses from the 'Parsonage Aid Fund?'" The brother was given to understand that the benefits of the above funds did not extend to this country. I wish that some lovers of Methodism in the Provinces, may be prompted to afford help to a people who are striving to help themselves. Donations towards the Green's Harbour Parsonage would be an encouragement and stimulus, to the people and Missionary of this newly formed Mission.

*Shoal Harbor Mission* has been occupied by a Home Missionary nearly three years, and was previously visited once or twice each year by the Minister of the Hants Harbour Circuit, distant about 25 miles by water. The present Missionary at Shoal Harbour, Bro. T. W. Atkinson is labouring very zealously, and with abundant evidence of God's approval. To visit all the places within the bounds of his mission requires *seventy five miles of water travelling* for there are *no roads*. Dwelling in different isolated coves and harbours are nearly *thirteen hundred persons*—where but 15 years ago there were only about 200 inhabitants. The following extracts from the Missionary's reports shew the nature and extent of the work in which he is engaged. "In *ten weeks* I have preached *seventy times*, travelled by water 350 miles, visited all the places some of them three or four times Although we ought to have at least five day schools, there is not one, and the children are growing up in ignorance. In several places; viz., Hickman's Harbour, Robinson's Bight, Lower Shoal Harbour, George's Brook, White Rock, Thoroughfare, and Jone's Harbour the people have commenced the erection of buildings to be used for school purposes, and for religious worship, and in some of them we expect to hold service early next summer The people are anxious for the appointment of an additional Missionary, and will cheerfully contribute toward his maintenance. The friends here have suggested the procuring of a "Steam Launch" so that the work of this extensive mission may be more expeditiously and easily performed. The boat is to be 30 feet keel, and 7 feet wide—to be supplied with horizontal boiler, to burn wood, and its speed to be 7 knots per hour. The entire cost will be $600, towards which the people on the Mission, and some friends at St. Johns have promised $400 Any contributions from the Dominion towards this object would be gratefully received and acknowledged. We recently held the first Missionary Meeting ever held here, and shall realize for Foreign Missions about $80."

In this District, Mr. Editor, we have but three Home Mission Stations at present, beside the Labrador; the Report from its Missionary appeared some time since in the PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN. The intelligence from the several Circuits is of the most cheering nature. At Carbonear an interesting Missionary Meeting was recently held in the church at the South side, opened last summer, which realized about $18.

Steps are being taken to erect a new church at Perry's Cove, and at Otterbury. At Harbour Grace a Tea-meeting held a few evening's since, realized $80 for replenishing the Sabbath School Library. In addition to exquisite music by the choir, there were recitations and dialogues by the scholars, and addresses by Bro. Ladner, superintendent of the Circuit, Bro. Currie, Rev. A. Ross, Presbyterian Minister of the Town and others. At Brigus a deeply interesting Home Missionary Meeting was held on the 13th inst., the collection amounting to $22. Addresses were delivered by the Superintendent of the Circuit by our venerable and beloved Father Shenstone, and Bro. Boyd. The Sabbath School scholars had practised suitable pieces which were very creditably sung, and several recitations on the subject of Missions were given in a manner that elicited the praise of all present. At Cupids our people have with unanimity and great heartiness resolved to erect during the year a spacious church to replace the one now used, which is antiquated in appearance, and too small to accomodate the increasing population. The prospective building is intended to seat about 900 persons. At Clarke's Beach the frame of a church to be immediately commenced, has been brought from the woods by our people who appear resolved to provide for themselves and others a suitable house in which to worship God. At Brigus preliminary steps are being taken to build a church 90 x 50 with 156 pews, to seat 1100 persons. The present time-honored edifice has been twice enlarged, is becoming unsafe and is much too small to meet the demands of the Wesleyan population of this important Town.

At Port de Grave a very neat and commodious church was dedicated to the worship of God in November last, and the frame of an other church to be erected at Bay Roberts, has been obtained. Home Missionary Meetings, largely attended, were held at both places during the present month.

At Blackhead considerable work has been done toward the completion of the capacious church there At Island Cove the inauguration of a Bible class promises to be of unspeakable advantage. At Perlican and Grates Cove there are tokens for good—and at Hants Harbour a large Parsonage has lately been commenced. We await, with earnest longing, the descent of the Holy Spirit, that the work of our hands may be prospered, and the Redeemer's Kingdom be established.

Yours truly,

THOMAS HARRIS.

(For the Provincial Wesleyan.)

I HAVE been glad to see, and to hear that the Methodists of Carbonear, Newfoundland, are taking steps towards the erection of a new Church. The old one, which has now stood for fifty-three years, and which P. Tocque, in his "Wandering Thoughts," calls the "Cathedral of Methodism, in Newfoundland," has done good service, and though, like the removal from us of good and loved friends, its dissolution will occasion painful feelings to some who have long known it; the time has come for it to yield to the demands of the age and to give place to a successor.

I feel a special interest in that honoured and venerable place of worship. It was the first Methodist Church in which it was my privilege to worship and to hear the Word of God, Within its sacred walls it was my happiness to listen to many a stirring discourse from such men as John Heigh, Geo. Elledge, John Pickavant, and Wm. Faulkner,—all now in the better sanctuary. The first was an able Theologian and sermonizer, and under him one of the most extensive revivals of religion ever witnessed in Carboneer was effected. The second, though not in the ordinary sense popular, was a man of extensive information, and a good minister of Jesus Christ. The third, who was for many years chairman of the district, was a "master in Israel,' affectionate, gentle, and gentlemanly in spirit and manners; and in the pulpit of his own church, where he was always most at home and happy, he was an orator at once charming and subduing. The last was a man of talent, and both popular and useful. Each of them returned to England after many years of successful missionary labor, and there passed away one after another to the home above

In the old "Cathedral," capable, as Mr. Tocque says, of seating fifteen hundred people, I first offered prayer in public; there I preached what was called my trial sermon, having some of the above named ministers as my hearers. The service was to have been at 6 o'clock on Sabbath morning, but perhaps having been sleepless the early part of the night, that hour found me slumbering in bed. A good brother, deputed by the waiting congregation, had to throw a few stones on the roof of the house where I was stopping for the night, to wake me up. Fortunately it was not far from the Chapel, so without the ceremony of a wash I hurried on my clothes, and got on the ground pretty much out of breath, and with my eyes just open enough to commence the service. Some of my elder brethren and judges, appointed as the official deputation to hear me, were not over pleased that I apparently was so little awed by the formidable prospect of appearing before them as to be able to oversleep myself

I had previously often occupied the "sacred desk," and attempted with some reluctance and much trembling, to address the congregation in the absence of the regular circuit minister; not unfrequently having as a part of my audience the master and clerks of the "firm" to which I then belonged.

After an absence of several years from Carbonear (spent in the regular work) I occasionally changed with the minister there or supplied his place when he was absent to some other part of the circuit; my own station there being the neighboring town of Harbor Grace.

Of the appearance of the congregations and of the preachers of those days in Carbonear, I retain a lively and pleasing remembrance. Where are they now? With comparatively few exceptions, passed away; so that were I now permitted to see the congregations worshipping within the walls of the old sanctuary, it is probable that nearly every face would be new and strange to me. The bodies of the worshippers with whose material forms I was most familiar in my early days there, are now for the most part reposing beneath the sod in the spacious and tastefully planted cemetery surrounding the church.

With some of those worshippers it was my privilege to hold spiritual communion; and the recollection of very many of them is cherished with fond interest. They were men and women of sterling Christian worth, and the thought of a re-union with them in heaven, makes the prospect of entering there increasingly interesting and attractive to me.

My earnest prayer is, that the present generation of Methodists in Carbonear may be more than equal to any of the past in zeal, in Christian love, and in consistent, practical piety.

I hope and pray that the building which it is contemplated shall succeed the present, will, without accident or hindrance, rise, spacious, substantial, and fair, and be the spiritual birth-place of many souls—a place of refreshing to God's people, and an ornament to Methodism and to Carbonear.

I would take the liberty of suggesting to the building Committee, and to all concerned, the great necessity of seeing that the work is well and faithfully done. Some of our churches in these parts and elsewhere, on which large sums of money were expended, for want of proper looking after during their erection, were so slighted by the contractors and others, that though only a short time up, they are found to be so rickety as to need large outlays to keep them standing.

I feel myself much indebted to Carbonear Methodism, and intend to have a brick or two in the new building.

Success to this important enterprise, and may all who can, help it forward.

S. W. SPRAGUE.

Carleton, St. John, N.B., 12th March.

OLD PERLICAN.

The events of the past year, especially by sea, have left deep thoughts for reflection. Some of the largest and strongest built vessels, with their crews, and freights of passengers, have sunk in the ocean bed. But it is "not all of life to live, nor all of death to die." Like these in a few years, we shall not be found in the land of the living. Life, one of the best possessions, holds out to none of us length of days, but whispers to us all,—"Be ye ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh." To many of their surviving friends, the loss has caused the bitterest cup of sorrow, and tears. The dearest ties have been sundered, and the last link broken as to this world But is there no hope for the departed? Verily there is hope for the righteous. "For they that sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him." But eternity alone must fully show the state of mind in which they were found at the solemn moment of drowning.

After a stormy watchnight the new year came rushing in with lightning speed, bringing with it congratulations, afflictions, sorrows and death. To some it proved the hour of religious decision, and brought with it courage to amend the life in the future.

The week of prayer in this Circuit will be long remembered for its spirituality, and high tone of feeling which prevailed, during the entire services. Several backsliders have returned to their father's house with weeping, but their tears have since been dried from a sense of "the love of God being shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Ghost given unto them."

At Lance Cove and Great Brook; where divine service is being held in a small School Room, eight persons have been added to the little flock of twelve. On meeting the society our hearts were made glad for the signs of prosperity, and for the assurance that "God's word cannot return void."

At Grates Cove, there has been a gradual growth in grace ever since last winter; and the tone of piety is of a high character generally. A few of the members of the Church have earnestly sought and sweetly found that "the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth from all sin."

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit be ascribed endless praises. Amen. THOS. FOX.

*January, 11th* 1874.

P. E. ISLAND,

MR. EDITOR,—*Dear Brother.*—The gracious wave of revival influence still flows onward in this District. Out of twelve Circuits, six have already realized blessed out pourings of the Holy Spirit.

The work at Charlottetown exceeds anything that was ever known there in connection with revival meetings. More than *five hundred* have been converted to God at the meeting held in Wesleyan Church. How many in other Churches I cannot say. But the revival feeling has spread from our Church where it first began, to others. Praise the Lord.

The largest number of communicants, connected with one place of worship ever seen at a sacramental service, I beheld last Sabbath at Charlottetown. The evident devotional feeling among the people made it a "season of grace and sweet delight."

The pastor (Brother Currie) has an immense amount of work on his hands, yet he seems as vigorous as ever, admirably adapted to his position. No preacher in our Conference, however, is surrounded by a more numerous official band of helpers than this brother. The partial restoration of vigour to Bro. Smallwood's voice, has enabled him to take a large share of the work as far as praying and exhorting are concerned. He loves as much as much as ever he did to tell sinners of their danger and to point them to the Lamb of God.

At Cornwall, one of the chief places on this wide Circuit, we have had a glorious season of reviving power and salvation. Upwards of sixty persons have been seeking the Lord, and about fifty have found his favor, and are now journeying heavenward. Three of my own family have shared in this visitation of grace.

On the Circuit adjoining this (Tryon) at Crapaud a most extensive and powerful work is now being realized. I have just heard that at least *one hundred* souls have been blest.

Summerside is also having a share in the tidal wave of heavenly influence. The good work has just commenced there.

It truly is, as you remark in your last Editorial, a time of revivals. Would not a general outpouring of the spirit, such as is now being felt in Scotland and other places, soon prepare the way for the latter-day glory?

But in the midst of the triumphs of grace, we are reminded in the providence of God, that earth is yet "a vale of tears," and that grace does not remove all the ills to which man is heir. Bro. *Berrie* of Sourie is laid up in Charlottetrwn, unable to walk beause of an exceedingly painful affliction in one of his knees. And Bro. *Phinney* of Bedeque, in consequence of a severe attack of Bronchitis has not been able to preach for four Sabbaths. We find it difficult, at this juncture of affairs, to supply these circuits.

Let prayer be offered to God in behalf of these Brethren, that they may soon be fitted to engage again in the work they so much love.

Bro. Jost and my Colleague on this Circuit have rendered noble service in the meetings at Cornwall.

Wishing you Mr. Editor as much success as you have had during eight months in managing the paper, and hoping that its *modernized face* will induce more to look at its excellent contents, I beg leave to subscribe myself yours sincerely,

G. O. H.

## Home Missions.

DIGBY NECK.

Bro. Brunyeate writes from *Briar Island*, Feb. 15:—In compliance with the rules of the Home Mission Society, I forward you a brief account of the work of God on this station. On my arrival here in October, the people were ready to receive me, and their kindness made me for a time forget that I was a stranger in a strange land.

On entering the field of labor, I found the fallow ground already broken up by the energetic labors of their former pastor, the Rev. William Dobson, of Digby Neck. Our congregations are large and attentive, many of the young people are deeply concerned about their salvation, several have been taken into the church on trial. I have also a Bible class for the young men, held every Saturday night in the church; from thirty to forty young people meet for religious instruction, and our labour is not in vain; we have already seen the fruit of our toil in this class. Our people have also established a very promising Sabbath school, with eight teachers, all members in Society, and an average attendance of twenty-five scholars, the school is also to be furnished with a library for the young.

Our financial prospects are anything but discouraging; by the aid of our Christmas tree and the private subscriptions, we realized the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, for the support of the ministry, nor do our people intend to stop here; other plans and purposes are being thought of. What we are most wishful for is a revival of true religion among the young. May the Lord hear our prayer and send us the desire of our heart.

## Circuit Intelligence.

HAMILTON, BERMUDA.—*To the Editor of the Bermuda Colonist.*—SIR:—It was with delight I listened to the announcement of the Rev. Mr. Cassidy, W. M., yesterday, that the Revival Meetings held in the Wesleyan chapel of this town, would be continued this week—and I hope for weeks to come. These meetings have been the means of doing a great deal of good, not only among the members of the denomination under whose auspices they are conducted, but among the members of the Church of England. Many who were leading a downward course to destruction, have been led to see the error of their ways through their attending these meetings. I feel proud to see the prominent members of the Church of England coming out boldly and assisting in carrying them on; and trust that before they terminate, we will see the Rector of this parish come out and—following the example of such eminent clergymen as Dean Stanley and others whom I might mention—assist the pastor of the Wesleyan Church in bringing souls to Christ.

I remain, yours, &c.

ATTENDANT.

SUSSEX VALE—ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—MR. EDITOR,—On behalf of the trustees and other members of the Wesleyan Church at Sprinfield, King's Co., we hereby gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a beautifully bound copy of the Holy Scriptures—a suitable Table Cloth, and a valuable silver plated Sacramental Service—being the liberal gift of Mrs. Pratt and other friends of the Wesleyan Church Portland, as an expression of their desire for the prosperity of that earnest form of Christianity called Methodism, at Springfield on the Sussex Vale Circuit.

The above favor was received a few days since, accompanied by a note from Rev. Robert Duncan, pastor of the Wesleyan Church, Portland, St John, conveying the donors best wishes, and which are likewise fully appreciated by the recipients.

Yours truly, C. W. D.

*Sussex Vale, March* 18, 1874.

HAVELOCK CIRCUIT.—The work of the Lord is progressing among us. Souls have been converted during the past winter, and the Heavenly grace still rests upon us. The good news from other parts of the field is encouraging. On Sabbath, Feb. 22nd, seven adults were baptized with water by pouring; and twelve have joined the Church. We trust their names are registered in the Lamb's Book of Life. At the Q. M.-sixteen voted for and two against Union. The vote for Lay Representation was unanimous.

Yours,

E. MILLS.

March 13, 1874.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—Up to the 13th no abatement in the revival. Upwards of 700 had been seeking peace.

CENTENARY ST JOHN.—It will be seen by our extracts, is greatly prospering. This is inferred not merely from the liberality of the congregation—always a safe criterion—but from direct information that souls are passing into liberty week by week. Mr. Pope sits firmly in that lofty saddle. May His master ever prosper him! The two questions on union were passed in the affirmative, at a large Quarterly Meeting, and with enthusiasm.

NAPPAN.—The River Hebert branch of this Circuit made their Pastor, Rev J. A. Mosher, a Donation on the 26th Feb. of $61.00 in cash. This speaks well for the cause there.

FREDERICTON.—The blessed revival influence is shared in here. Thirty persons have been seeking "the pearl of great price." There were all indications at latest dates of information that the interest was deepening.

ADVOCATE HARBOUR.—There has been considerable prosperity here in religious matters. A new Church is in process of erection. Particulars are promised.

GIBSON.—(late Marysville.) The union question was passed by a unanimous vote in favour of both propositions.

UPHAM.—The Quarterly Meeting asks for a division of the Circuit. The union question has been decided favourably.

AMHERST.—Quarterly meeting voted unanimously for union. Foreign Missionary meeting next Friday evening.

HANTSPORT.—At Mount Denson there have been very gracious results of meetings held during the past two weeks.

BURLINGTON.—A *cash* donation of $100 was made to Rev. E. B. Moore at Cheverie, a few weeks ago.

THE CHURCH MOVES.—WHICH WAY?—An amateur theatrical concert "in aid of the Episcopal Church," Guysboro', came off in Chebucto Hall, in that town, on the evening of 10th of March inst. An esteemed Roman Catholic layman, Thomas Condon, Esq., presided; and the rector, Rev. Mr. Shannon, and Rev. Mr. Currie, Episcopal home-missionary to adjacent districts, honored the company with their presence, and supped with the performers at the hall after the close. The proceeds, along with other monies raised for the object, are it is understood, to be appropriated to defraying the cost of proposed repairs to the church edifice.—*Com.*

## MINISTERIAL NOTES.

Rev. Mr. Potts of the Wesleyan Church, Toronto, was offered $5,000 a year to go to an American city. The members of the deputation said they were in a hurry home, and they would give him twenty-four hours to consider their proposal. He said he didn't require twenty-four seconds, that he was where Providence had placed him, and he intended to remain there.—*Mont. Wit.*

A POPULAR PASTOR.—Last evening the Rev. Henry Pope, Jr., pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Centenary Church, of this city, received a unanimous call from the Quarterly Board to continue the pastor of that Church for another year. At the same time the Circuit Steward, Alexander Lockhart, Esq., presented the pastor with $281, the gift of the congregation. Rev. Mr. Pope said he would have to ask for a little time to make a suitable response, for so much kindness and love, offered so spontaneously, quite surprised and overcame him. The meeting also passed a vote to increase the salary of the next year some $520 in addition to last year's amount.—*St. John Tribune.*

REV. MR. POPE AND THE CENTENARY.—*To the Editor of the Tribune:* A remembrance of past favors persuades me still further to trespass upon your kindness, by troubling you with this brief communication.

The pastoral relation existing between myself and the congregation of the Centenary Church of this city is becoming every day more agreeable and assuring. From the period of my entrance upon the duties of this responsible position, I have again and again been both surprised and cheered by most substantial evidence of the thoughtful sympathy and liberal affection of many of my dear people; but it remained for last evening to reveal to me the true "*largeness of heart*" by which they are distinguished. At an official meeting held in the church last evening, the chief official of the Circuit, Alexander Lockhart, Esq., quite unmanned me by requesting my acceptance of a purse of $281 from the Centenary congregation.

I need scarcely say, *such* kindness has made a profound impression on my heart, which overflows with thankfulness to the generous donors, and prompts me to pray that "the Giver of every good and perfect gift" may infinitely recompense them for their deeds of love

Yours truly,

HENRY POPE, JR.

St. John, March 13.

WE are sorry to hear that the Rev. J. C. Berrie, the Wesleyan Minister, of Souris, is now in a critical state. Before coming to this Country, he in some way or other hurt his knee, and ever since it has been a trouble to him. Still he continued doing his duty as a minister of the Gospel, and was certainly a most energetic worker. Lately he fell through the loft of a barn, which aggravated the old trouble. Finding, however, that it was impossible to labor under this great difficulty, he came to Charlottetown, where he is now under the hands of the Doctors It is thought by some that an amputation will be necessary in order to save his life.—*Summerside Journal.*

WE have to record the death, on Sunday morning last, in the 80th year of his age, of the Reverend Dr. Clarke of Amherst. Dr. Clarke came to Nova Scotia about fifty years since; the first three or four years he resided at Goose River, after which he removed to Amherst, where he continued to reside till death, having charge of the Presbyterian Church there. As an orator, a scholar, and a theologian, Dr. Clarke had a few superiors, while his kind manners secured him the friendship of those around him. Dr. Clarke has been failing in health for some time, and his death, at his ripe old age, was not unlooked for.—*Chig Post.*

WE take the following from the *Scranton (Pa.) Daily Times.*

Another proof of the widespread popularity of Rev. S. C. Fulton, pastor of the M. E. Church, was a surprise party at his residence on Friday evening last, where about forty persons from Dalton assembled. He was absent, attending prayer meeting, and before his arrival a bountiful repast was prepared,