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Letter from Rev. J. Lathern.

(Concluded from our last.)

There is one other ex-President to whom I must refer-the Rev. Wm. Arthur. It is interesting to mark with what watchful eyeand constant solicitude, Mr. Arthur overlooks the proceedings of Conference; and with what skill, at some critical moment, he interposes with a seasonable suggestion affording a solution of the difficulty. He never attempts to crush an opponent, and never for the sake of victory takes any advantage of a previous speaker. Though apparently in good health, his voice is not strong; and when at some point of complication, he steps towards the front with his hand upon the President's chair, there is a general "hush." and a wonderful transition, instantaneously from confusion of noise to listening silence-the words are golden words of wisdom and gentleness-not one must be lost. Of Dr. Punshon, the most popular of all the members of the British Conference, and quite as influential in administration as the great leaders to whom I have referred, I need not speak at length. As in the case of Rev. Messrs. Albrighton, Butcher and others he was personally exceedingly courteous Villa Chapel. The spacious building, one of the most beautiful I have seen in England, was crowded to overflowing, and the service altogther was one of memorable interest. I was not surprised as we passed out with the crowd to hear the remark: "After all there's Osborn,—Secretary of Conference in spared us until the present. the same church—to find that he was dian," Capt. Branner, arrived here from unable to leave Birmingham for Oxford Port-au-Prince, bound to Havre, with yel-Place in Leeds—where he had arranged low fever on board. The surgeon and an- here called—with an over-liberal con-

ed much license for digression. Woe to the unfortunate brother who threatens to leave the Conference. The Presi- criticize his severity in this particular. dent, Mr. Gregory, exhibits admirable unreasonable impatience; and not unfrequently comparatively young men we remember the deplorable results of are indebted to the courtery of the past, we feel that His Excellency is to be President for the opportunity of getting off a speech. In the main there seems to be less of order, somewhat more of confusion and almost at times of clamour, than at our own General Confer- ally more healthy or more exempt from tions the interest and power of the muda; and the only reason Bermuda is and also "that the kinship of the body recent Montreal Conference.

here the advantage is largely on the side of our British brethren. Their hymn-book especially they turn to good choir alone as with us the whole congregation unites in the Te Deum, or some chant; and between the two lessons, a hymn is sung through without being lined. On two successive Sunday | circuit, viz., Miss E. Outerbridge, the sisevenings the hymn thus announced by ter of W. A. Outerbridge, our theological the minister and sung throughout was student at Sackville. The other is the "Nearer my God to thee."

Sabbath evening service. It was one cellent young ladies, who will be followed of the most refreshing and instructive with the best wishes and earnest prayers of the series. The preacher on that oc. of many loving friends for their health casion was Dr. Wm. B. Pope, and his and success at Saskville. Bermuda is theme the "unction of the Holy One." It was wonderful to see how, without five or six there. any advantage or attribute of popular oratory—as the result of scholarly ex- has removed quite a number of our church deft and delicate manipulation of speech—he held in rapt breathless interest the great congregation.

On the evening of Saturday last a most impressive and influential temperance meeting, under the auspices of 79 years. Mrs. Edwards was the daughthe Conference, was held in Dr. Dale's ter of John Loane, surgeon in H. M. magnificent chapel at Carr's Lane 47th Regiment, an Irish gentleman; and formerly that of John Angell James. Among the speakers were Benjamin Hellier, Theological Professor, Shep-herd Allen, a Methodist member of land death she was an exemplary member Parliament, F. W. McDonald one of the of the Methodist Church, known and recoming men of the Weslevan ministry, spected by a very large circle of friends. appointed to accompany Mr. Arthur to She will long be remembered for her ex. shall not inherit the kingdom of God;" the other to him."

trified the audience by the best plat form speech I have yet heard in England.

to the colleges, grounds, libraries, &c., of Oxford University. In the Bodlein ford the time and cost of an Atlantic voyage were abundantly repaid. In London we staid at the house, near the Strand, formerly occupied by Dr. Saml. Johnson. There after a week of most delightful intercourse I took leave of mother were starting for the continent. J. LATHERN.

BERMUDA,

MR. EDITOR, - My colleague, J. L. Dawson, A. B., arrived in the New York boat on the 22nd ult. He received a cordial welcome, as does every Methodist minister who comes to Bermuda, and entered upon his work under very auspicious circumstances. He has made a fine impression, and his prospect for useful- the eldest daughter of Mr. P. R. Carris, cious circumstances. He has made a finc

ness is encouraging.

We are now passing through the hottest and most trying month of Bermuda weather, when every one fee's like keepand considerate. One of the special ing as much in the shade and as quiet as treats of the Birmingham Conference possible. The general health of the pecwas Dr. Punshon's sermon at Aston ple up to the present, has been tolerably good.

YELLOW FEVER

having made its appearance early in the season, in Memphis and other Southern cities, there have been some fears that it left her bereaved husband with a dear litmight be imported into Bermuda, It is the boy, only six months old. May Christ believed that the scourge never originated | be more and better to him than a mohere, but has been always, when here, ther! but one Dr. Punshon!" It was a relief brought from abroad. Within the last St. George's, Bermuda, to myself, having consented contrary to | year, it has been at our door several orders, to take the appointment of Mr. | times, but a gracious Providence has

On the 25th ult., the S. S. "West In-Excellency Major General Sir Robert It will be impossible, without trespassing too far upon your space, to atunnecessarily strict, and ventured to But when we remember his responsibility, at the head of more than two thousand vellow fever find an entrance, and when commended for the sleepless vigilance and unremitting exertion by which he has sought to save us from a decimating pes-

tilence. . dangerous and unhealthy climate is because loose and inefficient quarantine regu-On the contrary the interest of the lations allowed the yellow fever to be impublic religious services of the Confer- ported into the Colony, when there were ence has been growing upon me, and present Europeans unacclimated to be been guarded by the quarantine vigilance of Fir Robert Michael Laffan, its reputation as a place of health and safety would account. Instead of invocation by the be much higher than it unfortunately is.

This Halifax steamer will carry away

TWO OF OUR YOUNG LADIRS, who go to attend the Ladies' Seminary at Sackville, N. B. One of them is from this Recording Steward of Hamilton Circuit. I have alluded to the last Conference A. M. Oudney, Esq. . They are both exville, but this year we hope it will have

DEATH

Lord. In May last, Mrs. Sarah Edwards, wife of Mr. John Edwards, of this town, went home to the mansion above, aged she possessed in an eminent degree 'the best characteristics of the Erin nation. She was converted to God about forty-

the General Conference of the M. E. cellencies of mind and heart, and much loved her so well. In her girlhood days she was very fond of dancing, and said she could never be a methodist, because I cannot now say much of my visit when saving grace came, love for the othe colleges, grounds, libraries, &c., after her conversion, she said to the wri-Library, with its valuable treasures, the ter, "When God converted my soul, He dream of years was realized. At Ox- took all the dance, and all the love for ford the time and cost of an Atlantic dancing, out of me." Does He not take it out of every soul whom He converts?

Then on the 9th of July, Frances A., relict of William Fox Hayward, of Saint David's Island, was called to her neward at the age of seventy-nine. Sister Hayward joined the Methodist Church in Bro. Heartz, who with his wife and 1854. Her daughter gave her heart to the Saviour and united with the Method. ist Church eight years before, and through whose influence, no doubt, the mother was led to take the step she did. Sister H. was a very humble minded, consistent Christian; and when the Master sent for her she was ready to enter into the joy of

her Lord. A more sad demise, on account of her youth and circumstances as wife and mother, was that of sister Margaret Fox, who departed this life on the 29th ult., in of St. David's Island. She was for some years a member of our church. For the last six months of her life she was a great sufferer; disease insidiously tightening its grasp upon her naturally strong constitution until death came to her release. During this time the Comforter was with her sanctifying her affliction and prepar-ing her for her change. When the end came, she was perfectly resigned and willing to depart and be with Christ. She W. RYAN.

August 16, '79.

THE RESURRECTION. The arguments drawn from the Rible

usually relied on to sustain what is

to be for the Sabbath, and could fill his other man died of the disease. She was cussion-"the general opinion" (we own place. It was a pleasant alternational carefully quarantimed, supplied with what would rather say the popular or vulgar at liberty to doubt that these sublime tive to give the rotes of my sermon to she needed, and sent on her voyage. His opinion), are disposed of rather sumprophetic images point to infinitely marily. It is expressly denied that the terms used to designate the "resurrec- in their appointed time and order, we biography is given at the end, arranged tion" imply the emergence from the tempt any description of the prominent Every vessel from a Southern port is grave of the same body that was laid members of the floor. It is surprising quarantined, and any person landing from there-but rather do they teach quite how large a proportion of the speaking such vessel must go to Nonsuch—the the opposite. The argument drawn prophecies, and to inquire for their abundant and his task more difficult. is done by a few men. No one is allow- quarantine island-for a fortnight. In- from Christ's bodily resurrection is prodeed, some have thought His Excellency mounced wholly irrelevant, since that restoring to life of a dead body was in no sense a pattern or pledge of the promised resurrection of all men; nor tact in putting check upon any signs of Enropeans, who would be the victims did was that body in which the Lord was seen for forty days the same with which he has gone into heaven-which who presume upon their right to speak careless quarantine regulations in the latter, and not the other, is to be the anic prophecies had become so there pattern of the glorified bodies of the saints "in the resurrection." The pleasometimes heard-itself quite too puer-There are few, if any, climates natur- -that because "the body was the companion of the soul in its sin and obedience. With a few rare and rich excep- epidemic disease than the climate of Ber- ence, so it must be in the recompense." debates was not up to the level of our now regarded by some in England as a and soul of this life will require their reunion in the future life," is dismissed with the denial that there ever was any proper companionship or kinship passages: between the two-which denial is cleardevoured by it. Had Bermuda always by in accordance with the previously given statements as to man's exclusivespiritual being. Of the three theorres of the resurrection most commonly favoured—to wit: (1) That at some future time the precise body laid in the grave shall rise to a new and immortal life, (2) that a new body shall be constructed for every man around some indestructible germ, and (3) that the re surrections is the emergence of the spidaughter and only child of our esteemed | ritu | body (the soul?) out of the material, at the time of death,-he remarks, "I do not believe that any one of them] has the data for an un doubted termination," and yet he seems to half concede that the truth must hide itself somewhere within that triangle. But there is still another theory not altogether unworthy of consideration-something in this form: The resurrection is the emergence of disembodied egesis, subtle and searching analysis. has removed quite a number of our church spirits faom Hades, preparatory to their compense. It is submitted, how far you what I said to him. Said I: 'If in general about Methodism, sill not to be cord the names of three who died in the this view of the subject will avoid the difficulties that beset every other, and at the same time meet ail the requirements of the case.

Respecting the resurrection bodywhatever that term may signify-beyond the fact that such shall be provided (and it seems to be impossible to earthly materials-for "flesh and blood

it will not be "corruptible." as all ma-Church, and Charles Garrett, who elec. missed by the many who knew her and terial organisms must be. We are, in deed, assured that "in the resurrection" they are made "equal to the angels in heaven;" but even this declaration, though positive in form, is negative in its import; and even the Revelator, in describing the state of the glorified, deals chiefly in negatives. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat." There are, indeed, assurances of a positive character respecting the state of the blessed, but while they are emphatic and comprehensive, they are also very general, and without specific details. "It doth not vet appear what we shall be: but when he shall appear we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." This is enough.

The New Testament prophecies, lit-

erally construed, do most certainly as-

sure us of the coming of a spectacular

Day of Judgment, with its accompani-

ments of a general resurrection, and an innumerable assembly of angels and men—and the pageantry of a judgment seat-an assize of the universe; and the whole to terminate in the eternal doom of the devil and his angels-and in the perdition of ungodly men; after which the righteous of the earth shall be received into the kingdom of Christ's glory—to be forever with him. This glorious piece of imagery has been before the imagination of the church all through the centuries. It has been made the subject of artistic representations in sculpture and architecture, and painting and poetry. It has been formulated into prayers and liturgies, and sung in its hymnology, with the accompaniment of solemn chants and rapturour songs. And the imagery of that sublime drama has been largely and very effectively used to awaken men's consciences to a lively and wholesome sense of the necessity that is upon the coming of that day. Nor are we expect its fulfillment in conformity to don, 1869.) its imagery, shaped by men's fancies and according to their own pleasure. Out the world is also given, with name of This was the fault of the Jews of our the world is also given, what had the editor, place of publication Ac-Lord's time, among whom their Messi- Canada is well represent at a contract

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