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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 eye and 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.

It will be impossible, without trespassing too far upon your space, to attempt any description of the prominent members of the floor. It is surprising how large a proportion of the speaking is done by a few men.

On the contrary the interest of the public religious services of the Conference has been growing upon me, and here the advantage is largely on the side of our British brethren.

I have alluded to the last Conference Sabbath evening service. It was one of the most refreshing and instructive of the series.

On the evening of Saturday last a most impressive and influential temperance meeting, under the auspices of the Conference, was held in Dr. Dale's magnificent chapel at Carr's Lane.

the General Conference of the M. E. Church, and Charles Garrett, who electrified the audience by the best platform speech I have yet heard in England.

I cannot now say much of my visit to the colleges, grounds, libraries, &c., of Oxford University. In the Bodleian Library, with its valuable treasures, the dream of years was realized.

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.

We are now passing through the hottest and most trying month of Bermuda weather, when every one feels like keeping as much in the shade as is quiet as possible.

YELLOW FEVER

having made its appearance early in the season, in Memphis and other Southern cities, there have been some fears that it might be imported into Bermuda.

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There are few, if any, climates naturally more healthy or more exempt from epidemic disease than the climate of Bermuda; and the only reason Bermuda is now regarded by some in England as a dangerous and unhealthy climate is because of loose and inefficient quarantine regulations.

TWO OF OUR YOUNG LADIES.

who go to attend the Ladies' Seminary at Sackville, N. B. One of them is from this circuit, viz. Miss E. Outerbridge, the sister of W. A. Outerbridge, our theological student at Sackville.

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has removed quite a number of our church members during the past year. In addition to those whose obituaries have appeared in the WESLEYAN, we have to record the names of three who died in the Lord.

cellencies of mind and heart, and much missed by the many who knew her and loved her so well. In her girlhood days she was very fond of dancing, and said she could never be a methodist, because she could never give up dancing.

Then on the 9th of July, Frances A., relict of William Fox Hayward, of Saint David's Island, was called to her reward at the age of seventy-nine.

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.

St. George's, Bermuda, August 16, 79.

THE RESURRECTION.

The arguments drawn from the Bible usually relied on to sustain what is here called—with an over-liberal concession—"the general opinion" (we would rather say the popular or vulgar opinion), are disposed of rather summarily.

There is a great deal of his accustomed solid sense in Dr. J. M. Buckley's lecture on "Cant" and the following from the *Chautauque Assembly Herald's* report is not one of the worst passages:

The trifling way in which some people talk about the Holy Spirit is all cant. A great many people will get a scheme in their heads, and they will ride rough-shod over the pastor and all the people; and they say the Spirit told them this or that.

Respecting the resurrection body—whatever that term may signify—beyond the fact that such shall be provided (and it seems to be impossible to think of finite beings except as bodies), nearly all our information is on the negative side.

it will not be "corruptible," as all material organisms must be. We are, indeed, 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.

The New Testament prophecies, literally construed, do most certainly assure us of the coming of a spectacular Day of Judgment, with its accompaniments 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.

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CYCLOPEDIA OF METHODISM.

The above is an alphabetical compendium of information upon Methodism, which for fullness and variety of knowledge surpasses anything heretofore published, and which, for beauty of binding, typography and illustrations, is one of the most attractive books it has ever been my privilege to handle.

(1) Illustrations.—These number about 375, and consist principally of portraits of eminent ministers, laymen and women—living and deceased, and views of churches and educational institutions.

(2) Biography.—There are biographical sketches of most of the prominent Methodists living and dead.

(3) Impartiality.—The Cyclopaedia is gotten up in the interests of no particular church in the Methodist family, but of universal Methodism.

(4) Comprehensiveness.—Every branch, institution, usage and doctrine of Methodism is treated here, and each in its proper alphabetical order.

(5) Literature.—A necessarily imperfect but very valuable outline of Methodist biography is given at the end, arranged alphabetically by authors.

A list of Methodist periodicals throughout the world is also given, with names of the editor, place of publication, &c.

Canada is well represented in the Cyclopaedia, and the editor asks for the assistance rendered by our historians, Dr. Carroll, Francis, biographical sketches of Des. Elliott, Rose, Green, and Dr. Douglas, Dewart, Mr. Witherspoon, and Dr. David Allison, Gansworthey, and D. D. Currie, and Pickard.

In a work of this kind it is inevitable that some of the ablest spirits of the *Chautauque* appear side by side with "E. D. H. they," instead of "E. D. H. Dewart," although elsewhere the names are printed correctly.

On the whole, Bishop Simpson has produced a work of great interest and value, a tribute worthy of the great evangelical movement it treats of, and which will be thankful for. No other Methodist minister, or any one else, has sought to know anything in particular about everything in general about Methodism, and to understand the other denominations, and to give a full and clear, Dr. Cuthbert of Philadelphia, is at work at a Baptist Cyclopaedia.

Madison, New Jersey. Cyclopaedia of Methodism, embracing sketches of its Rise and Progress and Present Condition, with Biographical Notices and numerous illustrations. Edited by MATTHEW SIMPSON, D. D., LL. D., one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia; Everett and Co., No. 4 to 1027 pp., 1878. (Dedicated to the friends of Evangelical Christianity and especially to the young.)

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