MY MISSION TO FIVE ISLANDS'. A D. M.

DEAR EDITOR:-For the benefit of my lr:thren in the District and all whom t may concern, I desire to place on record some notes of my visit to Five Islands. The visit was by appointment of District and had several objects in view. At some personal inconvenience I left home on Friday. 28th ult., dined at the Oxford parsonage, where I found Bro. Cassidy, just returned from General Conferences " tired;" and reached River Philip circuit same evening. Next morning, leaving that portion of my effects which it was not convenient for me to carry further at the hospitable home of R. L. Black, Esq., I took the train to Spring Hill Junction, thence on the Parrsboro' line some fifteen miles to a certain crossing-the train kindly slowing up to enable me to get off, where I found Bre. Charles Lewis, of

Lynn, awaiting my arrival.

After tea at his son's house we started on a twelve miles' drive up the mountain, reaching our destination at 8 o'clock, p.m. Our drive was beguiled with conversation regarding the preachers of other days and their work, special mention being made of Rev. C. Lockhart, through whose instrumentality Mr. Lewis was brought into connection with the Methodist Church, and who seems to have been the founder of Lynn Methodism. Lynn is a small settlement on the Maccan Mountain. Some of the residences indicate at least the comfortable circumstances of their occupants. The place is dependent upon Methodism for Gospal ordinances Preaching is held in a school-house, small old and generally unsuited for the purpose. A small church is needed and the probabilities are that this need will be met at no distant day. At service time on Sunday morning the rain was falling heavily, nevertheless we spoke to some seventeen persons, some of whom came in with a half apologetic air as though they were thoroughly ashamed of coming to worship on so rainy a morning. After dinner, the rain still falling, I was driven by Bro. Geo. Lewis to Five Islands, some seven miles distant. On a fine day the view, as you approach the shore, must be very fine indeed. The islands which give the locality its name are very conspicu ous as they stretch along in a direct line, one quite large, having a good landing and affording considerable pasturage, the others small, bold and practically inaccessible. The settlement in its size, appearance and native beauty far exceeded expectations. The place religiously is Presbyterian, this body having for a church a large, barn-like structure like unto that wherein, in Cornwallis, our forefathers were wont to worship. There are three churches besides, Baptist, Episcopalian and Methodist.

The latter edifice, though small, presents a neat appearance, having been lately repaired and improved. Here we had a congregation of I think twentyfour persons, who had ventured out despite the disagreeable state of the weather and the uncertainty of any preacher arriving. We were pleased with the seeming intelligence of the audience and the excellent singing, and from conversation after service felt satisfied that Methodism has yet a future and a mission in Five Islands. The late Dr. Cooney is the accredited founder of Methodism in this place. Our next destination was Economy, and Bro. Hickey's letter of advice recommended us to Mr. S. H. Taylor for means of transit. He not being at the service, we placed ourselves under escort to find his residence. On our way thither we were met by a message from the good Presbyterian brother in whose church the evening service was to be held, to the effect that the day being so rainy, it was not worth my while to go through, as he had told the people in the morning there would not likely be any service. The good brother evidently did not believe in the "final perseverance" of the Methodists. But, being ourselves slightly taint ed with inherited Presbyterianism, we resolved, if the ways and means were provided, to push on. Having reached Mr. Taylor's house, the first question proposed after an introduction was, "Well, Sir, are you ready to drive me through to Economy?" "Goodness, must I drive all the preachers through !!" "Precisely so," was the answer returned. Not another word was said-not a "hum" or a "ha" The grey more was brought up, tea was had, and we started and notwithstanding the rain had a most pleasant drive. The country passed through not only possessed superior natural attractions, but abounds in evidences of comfort and wealth on the part of the inhabitants On our way we passed a new and very nest Baptist church At length, after a ten mile drive. Economy was reached and the home of W. Andrew Fulmer, Esq.

Here we deposited ourselves and after a kindly welcome proceeded, under the guidance of Bro. Fulmer, to the residence of Brother Thompson atoresaid, with whom we spent a very pleasant hour, finding him to be genial and very friendly with his Methodist brethren. Economy is a large settlement and, but for the emigration of the young people to the

ous place. It is supplied religiously by the Presbyterians and Congregationalists -the former a large and influential body the latter, an offshoot from the Presbyter. ians, small but plucky, judging from the beautiful manse and church they have succeeded in erecting.

Methodism has, we judge, no mission in Economy at present, save to hold on to Bro. Fulmer, and for this perhaps an occasional service will suffice, when the people generally can benefit by any peculiar excellence that may seem to attach to Methodist preaching.

Soon after eight o'clock the next morning we left on our return. Bro. Fulmer furnished the conveyance and Walter was our driver. We struck through the woods on a road that would have reminded the Fathers of some of their earlier experences, where our horse, being good, made nearly three miles an hour.

On our way we passed a blazing stick on which for some one's benefit was written, Gone to Paton's Mill to hoist the John McKinlay, October 1st, 1883." Thankful that this matter was being attended, to we passed on until some eight miles had been traversed and an impassable bridge reached, when, taking reluctant leave of our good friend Walter, we shouldered our knapsack and proceeded on foot. After walking some five miles we were met by a friend specially delegated by Bro. Craig, and soon we passed over Collingwood Heights, into Collingwood and were on the familiar ground of the River Philip circuit. Before I take leave of Five Islands, I desire once more to thank the brethren Lewis, Taylor and Fulmer for their great kindness, each of whom I may say, Mr. Elitor, takes the WESLEYAN, which m > doubt explains why they are so good, so staunch and so ready to serve the preacher and the church. May every blessing be theirs! At Biver Philip we found Bro. Cruig well, surpassing in every way all his predecessors, while the people are adding to their former achievements a new barn, which having been partly planned by your correspondent, will be "sui generis" a noble structure. In conclusion, we are grateful to Bro. Paisley for coming from Sackville and most acceptably filling our appointment on the Pugwash circuit. Pugwash, Oct. 4th, 1883.

UNITED GENERAL CONFER-INCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

(Concluded.)

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 19th. Rev. F. Chisholm presented the report of the Committee on Discipline, bearing on the marriage ritual. He said the ritual of the Methodist Church of Canada had been adopted with the exception of altering one question, as follows:-Wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband, &c. Wilt thou love, honor, and keep him in sickness and in health?" thus omitting the word "obey." Rev. Dr. Fowler said if they omitted

the word "obey" they would submit themselves to the derision of the world. Rev. Dr. Rice pressed for its insertion. Rev. W. S. Griffin said the time-had ome for it to be removed

Ray. Amos Campbell said that many ministers had expunged the word for some years past, and ladies connected

nonored and kept" their husbands, nothing more should be asked.

Rev. Dr. Stone said the New Testament said that wives should obey their husbands, but it did not follow that they

Rev. W. H. Graham hoped that the ritual of the marriage ceremony would be retained as at present. He liked to have a little of the Methodism retained that they had when boys, and these constant changes did harm, instead of good, as was supposed.

Rev. Dr. Fowler said this principle of the times.

Rev. Dr. Badgley hoped the report of the committee would be adopted. If really necessary to retain the word, he suggested that the question might read.

Wilt thou obey as it is fit in the Lord." word obey that the following be added, 'according to God's Holy Word and

After further discussion.

deep conviction on this subject. The tendency of the present age was to treat lightly the marriage contract. These matters were not properly understood. The people were not rightly in-

States, would be a growing and prosper- owing to the easiness with which divor- tance it has afforded me, and that in the ces were obtained in the States. The Methodist Church I have found a sphere tendency on the other side of the line for every talent I have had, and an outwas to lower the sanctity of marriage. let for every disposition or feeling I He hoped the Conference would oppose could cultivate towards God and tothe report on this point.

The report of the committee including this alteration in marriage ritual, was position in which in his Providence he

Rev. Dr. Carman moved that when this Conference adjourn it shall stand adjourned to meet at call as follows :-If the call be made before the conlegal Union, it shall be made by the President and Secretaries of this Conference under its provisional organization. If the call be made after the consummation of the Union by legislation, etc , as aforesaid, it shall be made by the General Superintendents with the advice of the General Conference Special Committee. The motion was adopted.

Rev. Dr. Carman moved. That in the case of ministers transferred prior to or at the Annual Conferences of any of the contracting Churches from one of the Annual Conferences of these Churches to another, or from one part of the territory to another part so distant as to cross the bounds of any of the newlyformed Annual Conferences, the men so transferred or removed by any of the Churches in due course of discipline shall belong to that Conference of the Methodist Church to whose territory they have been transferred or removed. Further, that such transfers of removals be made only in the interests of the work or under compact already existing, and that the field of labor to which the brother would have been transferred be designated.

Rev. E. Roberts said this resolution was intended to meet the case of some of their ministers, who, on being transferred, say to Prince Edward Island, had the option of leaving there after a certain number of years' service. The resolution was adopted.

Rev. J. J. Rice was elected Assistant Secretary to the General Conference. Final report of the Committee on Discipline was adopted.

Rev. S. F. Huestis moved, That the cordial thanks of this General Conference be presented to the press for the full, fair, and correct reports of our proceedings furnished to the public.

Rev. Dr. Rice had great pleasure in seconding the motion. He did not do it formally, but because he really felt they had been fairly and fully reported during the whole of the sessions of the Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada and of this provisional Conference. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Rev. R. Cade moved, That the best thanks of this Conference be extended to the Rev. J. A. Williams, D. D., for tory, and eminently Christian manner in which he has conducted the business of the sessions, and we unanimo usly trust that his life may long be spared to lead and bless the hosts of our beloved Zion, whose grand interests he has so long and sacredly held near his heart.

Rev. Dr. Carman warmly seconded the resolution. Expressions of strong regard and esteem for Dr. Williams were given by Revs. Messrs. Stratton, Parker, W. Williams, Dr. Gardiner, Williamson, Griffin, Gray, Antliff, Webber, Cullamore, Cade, Lounsbury, Chisholm, and others. In fact, this closing meeting of the Conference became a delightful fellowship meeting in which all former differences seemed completely forgotten, and the spirit of brotherhood and unity filled every heart with their Church would not desire to and all felt they were indeed one in Christ Jesus. One brother who had Rev. Dr. Dewart said if wives "loved been opposed to Union, humorously represented himself as a mariner trying to fasten the old ship to every possible hitching post that would arrest its progress towards unity; but the cable had slipped off every post, until he could should introduce it into the marriage find nothing to hold on to, but must ceremony. It seemed incongruous te drift on with the rest. The motion was adopted unanimously by a standing

Rev. Dr. Williams, in reply, said: Dear Christian Brethren-I do not know that I can say anything. I feel a great deal more than I can say. If you were opposing me on the floor of the Conference I know then what I would do. But when you come on me with was involved—that the Word of God thanks, which I do not think I deserve, could be lowered to the varying fashions | especially put in the way you have put them, it almost overwhelms me. I came into the Methodist Church with as little qualification for the ministry as any man that came in it. My ignorance was borne with and I was helped out of it by the Methodist people. Shortly Rev. Prof. Burwash sughested after the after my conversion I became acquainted with the man who was the instrument of my conversion, and I have always loved the Methodist ministry since, nor is there a better class of men Rev. Dr. Carman said he had anywhere. Looking at my position here and for the last two weeks it has been the most trying position I ever had, but I have felt myseif wonderfully helped. My brethren will know that I stood steadfast in reference to this Unstructed, hence there was a dissolute- ion matter. I was opposed to some ness in society. It was one of his high- things in the Basis. When the Church est honors to obey properly constituted | said "we must go in" I went in with authorities, and it should be so whether the Church to help the Church, considamong men, women, or in the Church | ering that I am her child and have been her child; that I am to-day what the Rev. J. C. Antliff said that they all Methodist Church has, by God's help, knew the difficulty which had arisen made me. I bless God for the assis- tional case. - Cornhill Mag.

wards man. I have lived for the Church by day and night. I bless God for the has placed me. My ambition is met in Jesus Christ; my sole desire is to preach to keep three. - Josh Billings. him, and when a brother asked me what we should put on the Conference seal. the words, "Christ whom we preach" at once suggested themselves, and for summation of legislation affecting our that Christ I live. I am very much obliged to the brethren for the consideration extended towards me; and for the kindly, heavenly feeling pervading this meeting, I render thanks to the Father. I hope this will be the beginning of a remedy known to medical men. glorious work for God. I am with you to live and to die, and after that will meet you in glory.

The President's reply was listened to with marked attention by the Conference, and had a visbile effect on many of the delegates.

One of the delegates then struck up the well-known verse :-

"And if our fellowship below In Jesus be so sweet, What heights of rapture shall we know

When round his throne we meet? which was sung with great energy by he Conference.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It was decided to present the Presi dent with a beautifully-bound album containing photographs of all the delegates, as a memento of the first united Conference, and Revs. Amos Campbell and J. B. Clarkson were appointed a committee to attend to the matter.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Dewart, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered to the secretary, assistant secretaries, and journal secretary for the courtesy, promptness, and ability with which they had performed their duties.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the vice-president, to the ministers of Belleville for their hospitality, and to the trustees of Bridge Street Church. After singing the 758th hymn, and prayer by Dr. Young, the President pronounced the benediction, and the Conference

One of the lecturers of the Salle des Capucines, in Paris, lately gave the folowing telling anecdote: "The ladies of Tlemcen, seeing our admiration of the Moorish children, surprised us by the visit of a splendidly-dressed and lovely little girl of seven or eight. 'Thy child is lovely as a rose,' I said to her father: 'does she read and write?' ' No. said he, 'my daughter is a girl !' 'And because she is a girl thou teachest her nothing?' Nothing: for a woman is happy only when she knows nothing.' But she cannot read the Koran, which speaks of Allah, who made her so beautiful!" 'So much the better; my daughter has nothing to do with the nysteries of the Koran.' 'But I believe, with the great Prophet Christ, that she has a soul, even as thou and I. 'Sidi!' cried he, desperate; my daughter is not a boy.' "

BREVITIES.

We see a woman treading the high nd holy path of duty, unblinded by the sunshine, unscarred by the storm. There are hundreds who do so from the ance, of whom the world has never heard, but whose names will be bright hereafter, even beside the brightness of

The origin of the term "grog" has nitherto been shrouded in some mystery, but its derivation has lately been given. About 150 years ago Admiral know yours are even worse than mine ernon, who then commanded our fleet in the West Indies, advised the sailors to dilute their rum with water. The old Admiral was in the habit of wearing breeches made of a silken material callby the French gros-grain, but vulgargrogram, and in this way he receivthe appellation of "Old Grog." diluted rum was soon preferred by his men, and, out of compliment to their old commander, they always called it Grog."

The Rev. Dr. Scudder, the celebrated missionary to India, on returning from his prolonged service, and while standing on the deck of the steamer with his son, a youth, heard a gentleman using profane language. "My friend," said the Doctor, "this boy, my son, was born and brought up in a heathen country; but in all his life he never heard a man b.aspheme his Maker until now." The gentleman apologized. It may be new to some that in not one of the many Indian dialects spoken in th's country are there words by which the Third Commandment in the Decalogue can be broken .- Chris. Weekly.

He (Sanson, the Parisian executioner), repeated again and again that to amount of physical suffering from the fall of the axe and the separation of the head from the body was exceedingly small—that death was instantaneousthat in the whole of his experience h had never seen a voluntary motion of the muscles after decapitation—that the stories of the opening and closing of the evelids after execution were invention contradicted by the whole of his obser vations, without a single example to the contrary—that the extinction of feeling and of life followed the fatal event im mediately, and without a single excep-

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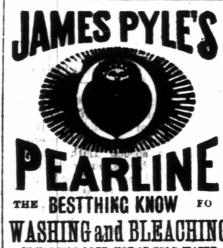
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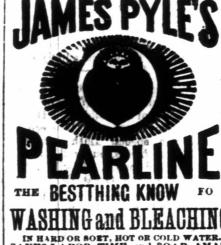
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