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SECOND ARTICLE.

Once more we warn the reader against a misapprehension of our argument. We accord to congregations the right of choosing the ministers whom they are to support.

Two methods are now pursued in the choice of pastors. One is that of direct arrangement between the minister and the officials of a quarterly meeting.

- 1.—Independent Circuits which obtain pastors by direct invitation. 2.—Independent Circuits which do not believe in invitations, and consequently leave the choice to their representatives.

It must be apparent that an inconsistency prevails amongst us to the disadvantage of a large and worthy class of our congregations. More than one-half of our Quarterly Meetings are prevented from exercising a right which is never denied to the more favoured minority.

mutual advantage of man and wife to as great a degree as the parties were selected by the Lord Chancellor of England as under the present arrangement of courtship and contract.

all spiritual benefits in this as in other conditions of human existence. With in the past few years able Methodist theologians in the United States have been defining the relation of children to the Church and the conditions of that relation.

“Have faith in God.” This is the chief exhortation applicable to the condition of things we have been striving to illustrate. In the wide adaptation of this itinerancy there are more resources at God's command than most of us imagine.

“HUMAN DEPRAVITY AND SALVABILITY”

is the title of a tract just written by Rev. George Johnson, of Lower Horton. Its object seems to be to controvert a doctrine or theory respecting infants in relation to Christ and the Church.

his opponents believe in a natural purity, surely he does them injustice. Yet the best point in the pamphlet is made against this doctrine—a doctrine which we feel persuaded has not been believed by any Methodist of this or any other day.

Mr. Johnson has a good reputation for theological knowledge. He is known to be skillful and prudent in the art of doctrinal dissection—a safe, strong, keen disputant, within the limits of those forms of truth belonging specially to his profession.

- 1. They (infants) are born in a salvable state. 2. They are entitled to the influences of the Holy Spirit. 3. Should they die before accountability God will, by his Spirit, prepare them for heaven.

Where have we proof of this latter assertion? If divine grace be freely accorded to children in the event of death, why not in preparation for life?

METHODISM IN EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA.

Mr. Smith's History with the above title, is passing through the press of the Eastern publishing house. With characteristic prudence, the author is not only watching his matter in detail, verifying and collating facts with great care.

But we are not writing a review—simply a paragraph of congratulation. God's work in Grace has stages and developments as in Nature. The opening and expansion of Methodism in these Eastern Provinces we always believed to be a subject worthy of some faithful and skilful pen.

NOTES AND COMMENT

Local branches of the great national and philanthropic societies are exhibiting considerable strength. St. George's has been out in grand procession. The Masonic body is preparing an immense bazaar for Halifax in aid of their fine new Temple, an architectural ornament to the city.

Upwards of \$21,000 has thus far been received as private contributions towards the relief of the Southern M. E. Publishing House. They seem to appreciate the value of Methodist literature and newspapers in that country.

From the Halifax Chronicle we learn that this week on the New Seal fishery. It will be seen that our neighbors are prosperous, for which we tender our sincere congratulations.

Yarmouth, N. S., is greatly prosperous this year in Marine Insurance. This means one advantage in shipping—freedom from losses. Had freights been correspondingly good, immense wealth would have followed the year's operations.

The Great Seal of Nova Scotia has been a subject of correspondence with the English law authorities. These have set the matter at rest by deciding that the use of the old seal was legal.

TYPE VAGARIES.—Our obituary columns last week opened with a sentence which became sadly transposed by a derangement of types, after proof.

Rev. Costello Weston has, for the third time, we believe, made a specialty of the editor of the WESLEYAN in his Sunday evening sermons or lectures. He may have found a justification for this in remarks made by us from time to time respecting his ministrations.

War has been declared. As a first consequence, flour has gone up a dollar a barrel. What is of serious consequence to the poor, each loaf of bread is dearer by fifteen per cent.

Our educational interests seem to be commending themselves more and more. The church collections during the services in Halifax, conducted by Messrs. Burwash and Sprague, were quite double the amount of last year.

FROM THE CIRCUITS.

Amherst is moving in the project of a new parsonage. The old dwelling was removed from the town-centre; the new one is to be opposite the new church.

We regret to see a notice of the illness of Rev. J. Ellis, of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference. He had been detained three weeks in St. John on this account.