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Elizabeth was the daughter of Madison and Catherine Morris, of Massachusetts. She was born on the 4th March, 1846. Her name would not have been known, probably, beyond the immediate circle of her own relatives and friends, had it not been for the circumstances of her conversion and happy death, which we think will be deemed worthy of a permanent record among the illustrations of whom it may be said, "This world is but a sojourn."

Elizabeth was a devoted Christian, and her life was a constant offering to God. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and her faith was a source of strength and comfort to her. Her death was peaceful, and she was buried in the family vault.

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with Jesus for ever, and for ever, and for ever, repeating Amen. All in the room were bathed in tears. She continued exhorting, praying, praising, for about half an hour when, being exhausted, she said, "Lay me down, for my Redeemer has washed me from all sin. I am washed in the blood of the Lamb." And they laid her down to rest, how sweetly, how calmly, how blessedly, none but those who die in the Lord may know. "Jesus is mine, and I am His," she said, and then hastened away to be with Him for ever, and for ever, and for ever.

My colleague who visited her when her tongue was so full of Christ, and when her heart was "its glorious matter," thus speaks. "I never saw so much joyfulness—so much of heaven in a human countenance. Her face shone with an unearthly radiance, and her eye sparkled with delight, as she spoke of Christ, and heaven."

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effort, by our Ministers and people with this object in view, would greatly enlarge our influence, and be attended with the best results in the instruction and edification of very many. When so much is done to poison the minds of both old and young by pernicious works, the Church of God should be fully alive to its interest and duty in this respect, by introducing into every family the very best books, many of which can now be had in cheap form, suitable for general use. The circulation of the Good News Bible, The Provincial Magazine, was reported as being quite equal to what it has been at any time, and the receipts in advance of previous years; but it is matter of regret that owing to the failure of so many in the payment of their subscriptions, some considerable loss has been sustained by the office. The remedy to counterbalance this disadvantage is earnest effort to secure the payment of arrears, punctual payment of the part of present subscribers, and an increase of good paying patronage forthwith. These are essentially necessary, and assuredly can be gained if resolved upon and striven for in good earnest; and then we may have confidence that this important and noble department of our work will afford us satisfaction.

The Committee above referred to would be followed by those on Theological Instruction, Parsonage Aid, Superintending Fund, Contingent Fund, Missionary and Jubilee Funds, &c., but upon which we are unable now to furnish information. Their proceedings will be presented to the Conference, and in more detail by our excellent Reporter, by whose labours, we may hope, our next issue will be enriched. It is proper to remark, further, that the religious services in connection with the Conference were well attended in both places of worship, and tokens of the divine blessing were not wanting.

From our English Correspondent. Increase in the Societies—Approaching elections—The approaching Conference—Miscellaneous. The numerical returns of the Methodist Societies in Great Britain, have now been ascertained, at least with approximate accuracy; and the various speculations which have been indulged in are set at rest. It is not without interest to recollect, however, that a good effect of this stagnation of numbers should have occurred at a time when new places of worship have been erected in unprecedented numbers, and new congregations formed in the metropolis, and in many large towns. According to the calculations of the Methodist Recorder, there cannot have been a net addition of less than twenty thousand to the number of members and regular attendants on the ministry of the Word within the past two years, in which, nevertheless, the net increase of members has been only about one thousand. That there is a growing tendency amongst our congregations to decline or to avoid increasing in class is evinced by the fact that the total number of members returned would do much to rectify this tendency. Through the injudicious excesses of certain parties, and the painful reaction which set in after the labours of Mr. Coughley, it has happened that revival has for some years fallen somewhat into disrepute among a large section of the people. It is not, however, to be supposed that this stagnation of numbers should have occurred at a time when new places of worship have been erected in unprecedented numbers, and new congregations formed in the metropolis, and in many large towns.

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The Board separated, greatly encouraged regarding the future of the Institutions, and in the firm belief that they are worthy of the patriotic benevolence in which they had their origin, a credit to the Province in which they are located, an honor to the body making sacrifices to sustain them, and justly entitled to the confidence and patronage of the Christian public of the Lower Provinces.

Anniversary Exercises of Sackville College and Academy. The Annual Examinations and exhibitions of these excellent institutions took place at Mount Allison between the 18th and the 24th of last month. On the 18th and 19th the College examinations were held, chiefly through the medium of examination papers.—The scrutiny to which the members of the several College classes, (Freshman, Junior and Senior,) were subjected, was comprehensive, impartial, and thorough. The results brought out, though, as in all such cases, considerably varied according to the ability, energy and systematic industry of the students, were yet of creditably high satisfactory, such as would be creditably indicative of institutions of much greater antiquity and much loftier pretensions than Sackville College.

On the evening of Sunday the 21st, in Lingley Hall, Dr. DeWolfe delivered the annual discourse, in which the devoted scholar, after learning to be useful for the noblest end, was strikingly portrayed. The discourse was marked by that felicity of manner, that fluency, flexibility and chasteness of thought and expression, for which the Rev. preacher is so favorably known.

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