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ly say yes, without coughing over the Of this topic we have been remindlittle word. Our people ask what has ed by the Educational sermons of been done with the large sums raised. the Sabbath, and by the presence of These have been most carefully the esteemed members of the Conferpended-so carefully expended that ence deputation. Reports from pernot one of the carefully educated sons more favored than the writer assure us that the week-evening talks and hard-worked men who in charge of our denominational upon this subject have been no less college and academies receives a salary to the purpose than the discourses of equal to that of a first-class dry-goods the Lord's day, though heard by a clerk-a fact certainly not creditable much smaller number.

Why should the pastor of a large to the Methodist Church. the sums themselves let city church congratulate himself on the presence of seventy persons on a look in the light of a statement fine evening to listen to addresses on President McCosh, of Princeton, Christian education from men who specting his term of office there. are popular because of their ability as only had the teaching staff been inwell as beloved for their work's sake ? but, to use his own words. We cannot imagine. Such indifference

friends have encouraged us by contriis not wise, from the lowest point of view. Already the world is awak- buting between two and three miling to the fact that compulsory ed- lions to erect buildings, to enlarge our ucation must be one of the main safe- library and provide the most improvguards of the future against the prev- ed instruments. Some of our benealence of the evil which renders our factors have furnished a grand telestreets unsafe, furnishes our jails and | scope, and others have endowed nine | erpool : reformatories with juvenile criminals, fellowships." But yet he considers and depletes our civil and provincial that Philosophy, his own department, treasuries. It is not to be excused has been neglected. He says : "We from a Methodist aspect. The annual are in acrisis;" and he asks \$200,000 to report reminds us that "few of Mr. strengthen the department of Philoso-Wesley's directions to his preachers phy. This trifling addition is double the were more peremptory or more forci- whole endowment of Mount Allison bly expressed than the following from College. We commend this fact to our the Large Minutes :-- " Preach ex. Methodist friends, meanwhile repressly on education, particularly at | minding them that while a few keen midsummer when you speak of Kings- sighted menoin Maritime Methodism wood. 'But I have no gift for have recognised the importance of this this.' Gift or no gift, you are to do | work in the generous gifts they have it; else you are not called to be a made, we are yet in the rear of our Methodist preacher. Do it as you Presbyterian neighbors.

can till you can do it as you would. Pray earnestly for the gift and use the

last General Conference.

A single fact in relation to Mount means for it." These words can leave Allison may here be mentioned-as no doubt on the mind of any man that stated in the Argosy for the present John Wesley regarded education month. In Edinburgh there are at as a meet topic for his preachers in present fifteen New Brunswickers purspring, summer, autumn or winter, suing studies in some department or and that the objector to educational other, of whom five are from Mount sermons would have been looked right Allison. And yet legislators are in the eye, and straight through, by found in both New Brunswick and that tireless, energetic worker. Nor Nova Scotia who ignore such work as can Christian reasons be pleaded in giving that Institution any direct behalf of these careless ones. Of this claim upon the Provinces thus one might be convinced from the benefitted ! words read in one of our pulpits on the evening of the Sabbath from the THE DAY COMING. prophecies of the rapt Isaiah. "And wisdom and knowledge shall be the Everywhere there are signs on the stability of thy times and strength of horizon of a coming contest, in which salvation ;" and from the last words Heaven will expect every man to do of the Lord Jesus, chosen for the his duty. A soldier in the olden time. morning theme in the same pulpit, of questionable valor, bore the name "Go ye therefore and teach all naof a noted millitary leader. "Let tions . . . teaching them to observe him prove himself worthy of my name all things whatsoever I have commandor drop it'', said the captain. And ed you, and lo, I am with you always, soon the Church will deal after this even unto the end of the world." Cerfashion with all abettors of the drink tain we are that those who heard the traffic. The man who pleads his povdiscourses based upon these words erty as a reason for the neglect of his should feel that direct Christian influhousehold can not pass as a true man, ences ought to throw their bright rays if he waste the provision for their over every 'department of earthly wants on his pipe and glass ; no prestudy, and thus prepare the student tence of charity will long give a man for the new discoveries and everthe character he apes if he, like the widening development of the world hero of Goldsmith's "mad'dog," clothes to come. It was through a similar the naked every day only when he puts conviction that Dr. Wilbur Fisk, of on his clothes; and the day is coming blessed memory, refused to leave Midwhen to be a professed Christian and dletown University to take the honored yet a quiet abettor of the rum traffic office of a bishop, and that Dr. Haywill be seen to be a no less impossible good, a leading minister in Southeru thing than the double service of God Methodism and President of Emory

to fill the places of their predecessors its effect. Under any circumstances with glory to God and profit to men. a license system is to be regretted, since it implicates every voter in the guilt of a traffic productive of disease, Has Methodism in the Maritime brutality, idiocy and crime, but the Provinces done her part in this work ? legislation of the day leaves little in Is she doing it now? We could scarcethe way of alternative.

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It is doubtful whether our Canadian Parliament will meet the question squarely during the present session. To meet it is a trial to any government. The Roman governor who left Paul bound serves yet as an examplar. It is matter of regret that the subject should have been treated as one of political partyism. The day will come when any party will find that its only safety is to favor the law-abiding and moral, Legislation, national or civic, should throw no shield of respectability over this vile business, and no man should be allowed to continue it in connection with groceries. Every where the creased from eighteen to thirty-six, stamp of vileness, is being attached " Our to the sale of intoxicating liquors.

> Some practical replies to the inquiries of the "Question Drawer' were given by D. L. Moody at the recent Christian Convention at Liv-

A question was asked "Ought Christians to dance ?" to which Mr Moody replied that if Christians worked for the Lord and were waiting for him, they would never have any time for dancing. Another question was put, "How is a minister to arouse his sleepy church ?" the answer to which caused much amusement, viz., " Get roused himself." In reply to the question. "May Christians travel on railways or tramcars on the Sabbath," Mr. Moody said he could not carry the consciences of other people. If he had a horse and carriage, he might please himself whether he took it out on Sabbath or not, but he would never take any man's Sabbath from him. A brewer who needs rebuke and not encouragement. attended in the inquiry-room asked if he could go on with his business. He said he should make it a matter of

prayer, and if he could go on with it to the glory of God, then let him do so, but it would trouble some men to distil a barrel of whiskey, and then p.ay for a blessing on it. In reply to further question he thought it was a great mistake to have "mission halls" and "churches." They had not two kinds of gospels. He was strongly in favor of the employment of women for home mission work. He had torn up a number of the questions because in their new life for others in the quarter of an hour, break their union into pieces. His advice was whenever they met a hobbyist to give themselves wholly by immigration him a wide berth.

The sentence passed by his Honor do. the Chief Justice upon the lads recently convicted in St. John of a daring robbery will prove the wisdom of those who have been urging the establishlishment of a Reformatory in that city. To have to conclude that a two years' sentence to the Dörchester Penitentiary was the better horn of the dilemma was a sad necessity, in the case of criminals of such tender years. If the epidemic of youthful crime is to be checked it must be by greater care on the part of parents and guardians. Only the other day, on one of our principal railways, the writer observed a lad feasting his imagination on fessed to find peace the first week, and one of those publications which represent crime as the highest approach to manliness. Let this be stopped, and a Reformatory provided for such as will yet transgress. Compulsory edu- Over 900 applied for tickets. The cation will aid in the work of improve- grand Brunswick Chapel was crowded

The Methodist Protestant remarks, that Robert Hall was the author of the witticism that some people make an umbrella of the church. This he did on observing one rainy Sabbath that a number of persons came into the church who were in the habit of passing it by, for the reason that it was raining outside and they came in for shelter. There are a large number who try to make a ladder of the church. Elevation in social life is their ambition. If they cannot climb themselves and so look enviously up be to God, it really was so. He had to those who are above them, or are so esteemed by these jealous people, they soon disclose their parasitic tendencies and climb by the aid of others. It is the vice of cities. The spirit that would make a ladder of the church to social elevation higher than the natural elevation of the aspirants

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The Christian Guardian calls attention to our Revival reports and anticipates a considerable increase as the result of the year's work. That this anticipation may be realized we earnestly hope, but we confess we have our fears as we from time to time hear churches which have proved the cradle

And the officers ? What would LIFE OF DR. BIRCHENALL

we do for our missionaries if it were This is a choice volume of religious not for our country circuits ? What biography, from the press of the Weswould we do if it were not for the sons levan Conference Office, London. The of ministers ? He would rather have subject of this book was a medical his boy a Methodist preacher than gentleman of Macclesheld, England. Prime Minister or Archbishop of Canwho during a long life had an extenterbury. That sort of thing was not sive practice ; and was highly useful. raised in the big towns. Such a young not only in his professional course, man as he had pictured would be afraid but also in every department of to say "Hallelujah" in towns, and if church work. He was a man of rehe said "Amen" the people around tined and scholarly tastes, of varied him would wonder whether he was ill. and extensive learning, a Christian of Ought we not to support the Society large-hearted benevolence, who stood which stretched out its hands to help high in the estimation of all classes in the weak country circuits, and stand a wide circle of acquaintance. He by those who are doing nobly for God was a highly useful member of the and for humanity? Look at the work Methodist Church, willing to bear resuch a man as Mr. Thomas Cook was proach for Christ's sake ; an able and doing at Liverpool: 300 souls prosuccessful local preacher, and a model class-leader, having had for many he (the speaker) had the great honor years, and in connection with a very of going down to meet the new conbusy life. no less than four classverts. No one was admitted without es, numbering over one hundred first applying for and then receiving a members ; and yet by a careful em. ticket from a class-leader or minister. ployment of time was able to maintain toward his spiritual charge a faithful oversight, not simply by punctual with them. The question was asked, attention to the weekly gatherings. " Do they stand ?" To which he rebut also by house to house visitation, plied, " Do all babies live, and do they and by wisdom, fidelity and tender. live without nursing?" ("Hear, hear," ness so guiding the souls under his and cheers.) Nursing was half the care as to prevent them straying from battle. There were many here who the fold of the Good Shepherd. In have been elsewhere but for

connection with his onerous medical careful nursing. A doctor said of him duties he was not unmindful of the to his mother, "There is no more harm religious interests of his patients, killing him than killing a frog. He thereby contributing to the health will, if he lives, be a burden to himboth of body and soul. As a Chrisself and to everybody else." But his tian, he at varied periods of his life. mother wept and prayed and nursed passed through a more than ordinary him, and here he was to night. Mr. amount of spiritual trials and struggles, Moody said to him last week. "I am involving great heart conflicts, and ocdeeply impressed with the change that casioning in his careful conscientious. has come over Methodism since I was ness, and in his earnest desire of being here eight years ago. Methodism is right in everything, deep and protractlike a new church. I feel the pulsaed anxiety ; but he was able amid the tion of health everywhere." Glory whole to preserve spotlessness of integrity, and to pursue a life of uni-60 or 70 young men left on his hands form, whole hearted consecration. at the beginning of the year. They The Rev. Dr. Rigg, who was intiwere soon got rid of, and he believed

mately acquainted with the subject of they would be a blessing. One young this memoir, in his introduction to the man-a genteel, kindly, godly educated young man-he hardly knew what volume pronounces him to have been one of the saintliest of men. He to do with. He looked around as to says, "For depth and richness of exwhat he should do with him, and finally put him down in a colliery disperience, for unintermitting conse cration of life in active service, unittrict, where they had a chapel but no ed to habits of the strictest self church. Things had died out in consequence of quarrels and dissensions. examination and of intense spiritual He guaranteed the young man his meditation, - sitting in heavenly

places in Christ Jesus-and for persalary, and off he went. At first he fect consistency of character during met with nothing but discouragements. more than half a century, I have He, however, knew where to go for neither known nor read of any Meth help. For three days and nights he gave himself up to pleading with God odist layman who might compare with that he would send down his mighty him, nor any saint of former days in power. He went on the Sunday to any land to whom he seemed to be in he chapel, and a few were there in ferior. John Fletcher was not. I be the morning, and at night a few more. lieve, a holier man than John Birchenof the large numbers who leave the At the close of the service four men all." The long period of active sercame forward to ask for mercy, and vice and great usefulness of this godly they all found it. The work of that man was succeeded by years of great they introduced doctrinal matters, North-west or in the neighboring Republic. Unless some of the larger Divine grace from end to end. There ter express the extreme blessedness was a band of colliers the curse of the of a saintly life than the last written whole neighborhood. They would testimony of this good man in relation fight anybody and go anywhere for to the peace and joy and hope ina fight; but nearly every soul in that which he awaited " nature's final band had been converted to God. hour :" " The soul centered in Jesus, There was a band known as "the and from its peaceful surroundingsdrunken band," all drunkards, and from center to circumference-aristhey had their photographs taken in ing evermore aspirations of praise, gratitude and love." What a coma group. He believed that every face ment this upon the Psalmist's ufterin that group was now the face of a ances. " Mark the perfect man, and Methodist. They had six or seven singing bands of colliers, and the behold the upright; for the end of courage that used to enable them to that man is peace.

third week Rueben Smit had been grea interest grew ers hesitating quiry meeting creased until room was fille A large nu find peace many have God's childr been trying t clear evidenc

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and mammon. College, refused the same office at the In England a great moral victory was recently won in the House of Commons, when Sir Wilfrid Law-There never was a time when it was son's motion in favor of local option

more necessary that the ministry was carried by a decisive majority. should be completely fitted for its A cheering fact may be noted-the work. Of the progress of education members of the present Government at home nothing need be said ; nor voted heavily in favor of the motion. It should any discount be demanded upon is equally to be regretted that the prinits advance elsewhere. An evening cipal members of the late Government or two since, in the course of a most voted againstit in accordance with their first decade. Its second is likely to able address, Dr. Stewart gave facts apparent effort in the past to float upon begin under more favorable auspices furnished by young ministers remov- the combined influence of the Church than its friends at one time dared exed from the Maritime Conferences to and the publican. In beer-ridden the great Northwest, which proved England, however, it is being found, secured and its endowment fund has that among the thousands moving as the Methodist Recorder remarks, reached a figure which is a guarantee westward with the march of empire that no safe political platform can be against embarrassment. The annual are men and women not behind the made to rest upon beer barrels. As sermon was preached in the Dominion most accomplished of those who yet the London Standard expresses it. Square Church, on Sunday, 29th ult., tarry at their firesides. Unfortunate "for the first time in the history of by the Rev. W. Williams, President must that Church be which sends to this country, intoxication, irrespec- of the London Conference. these intelligent wanderers the preach tive of the social level on which it theme was the inspiration given by er of the gospel who cannot meet may be seen, carries with it a lasting Christianity to mental as well as moral them on at least a common intellect. stigma." In the United States, a activity. The attendance the past ual level. And not less imperative is more advanced public opinion is ask session has been twenty-three. the necessity for carefully educated ing for the prohibition of a traffic the United States, no Theological laymen. To Methodism belongs in which enriches for a time an individ- College in the M. E. Church has an great measure the honor of emanci- ual at the expense of the degradation attendance of over 96. At any one of pating the laity from the swaddling and death of scores of others. Foiled the dozen Protestant Divinity Schools clothes of the past and sending them for a time, the better people of sev- in Canada the largest attendance is forth to repeat and reiterate the eral States are turning their attention 70, and of the four Theological Col-"Come" of the Spirit and the Bride : to high license. A license charge rang- leges in Montreel, this Institution is justice to God and men and regard ing from four hundred to one thousand second in the number of students. for the past demand that Methodism dollars, with wide awake men and a The Rev. George Douglas, D. D., is the should send forth her hosts of youth vigilant police in the rear, is having Principal.

That preacher is shorn of his strength who forgets the injunction, "Keep thine heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." The remark of the Catholic Review upon the preaching of the great American revivalist reminds us of this :-- "He pleads with them as if for life and death. And what a power is earnestness! How weak are the highest flights of eloquence without it ! It is the heart that speaks to the heart ; and until you have the heart you have not the man. You may convince his judgment, but if you do not touch his feelings and move his affections he will remain solid, as if unconvinced. It is the consuming fire

glowing in the heart of the preacher, absorbed with the greatness of his theme and the intense interest of his message, that kindles the spark in the cold and lifeless hearts of the worldling and the indifferent, and, in time, with the aid of the grace of God. fans it into a flame of true compunction for sin and an ardent desire and purpose to lead a new life."

The Calendar of the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, has been issued. With the session just closed. that Institution sees the end of its pect. Its building fund has been well His

churches in neighboring cities sustain they ought to report large additions. Rev. R. O. B. Johnson calls attention to our statement, copied in a late number from the Yar mouth Herald, that previous to the recent

death of the Rev. Ingham Sutcliffe no minister had died in Yarmouth since fight now enables them to speak for the departure of Rev. Harris Harding Jesus, and they had gone all through in 1854. Mr. Johnson reminds us the district telling what a Saviour they that an esteemed Free Baptist minhad found. The chapel was now ister, the Rev. Thomas Brady, in his earlier years a Methodist local preacher, died in that town in June, 1866. We readily make the correction.

It has been found necessary to change the place for holding the annual meeting of the Halifax District. The chairman after consultation with a number of the ministers, has called the meeting for June 12, at Windsor. A change has also of necessity been self. made in the place of meeting of the Truro District. It will be held at Enfield on the Shubenacadie circuit.

A gentleman, whose name we are not at liberty to mention here, has again forwarded payment for more than eighty copies of the WESLEYAN May he

At the Annual meeting of the English Home Missionary Society a most earnest speech by the Rev. Charles Garrett, President of the Conference. called forth loud and continued applause. We give a part of it :--

Then there was the benefit the Society conferred upon the multitudes of feeble circuits which were scattered through the country villages. He held to this view with all the fervour and small, the learned and the ignorof his soul that, whatever part of ant. The people of this country are Methodism ought to be neglected, it within our reach. O ! that Methodism was our highest interest and strongest would rise and show herself equal to wisdom to take care of our scattered the occasion. I have no trouble in country circuits. After showing that addressing workingmen. Do not patnot only the rank and file of Methodronise, but treat them as men. Do ism but the officers of Methodism came not approach them with kid gloves, far more from our country circuits but shake hands with them when you than from those in the towns, the meet them. Let them feel that you President continued: What a calamity are a man and a brother, with Christ's it would be if the supplies were stoplove in your heart, and Christ's mesped that produced products like that sage on your lips, and with our rally-Cheers.) That would be "killing the ing cry, "England for Christ." we goose that laid the golden eggs" with shall never rest until England is saved. avengeance. Therefore, let us watch over our country circuits whatever we (Loud and prolongued applause.)

THE MISSIONARY COMMIT-TEE

crowded, and he had to send a layman Rev. Dr. Rice presided at a meetto help the young man to meet the ing of the Missionary Committee of classes. They had the annual fair in Consultation and Finance, in the that district, which used to be a regucommittee-room of the Richmond lar saturnalia; but this young man street, Church, Toronto, on the 3rd said he was not going to let the devil inst. Among those present were Rev. have his own way any more, and so he Dr. Sutherland, Secretary of the marshalled his six or seven singing Committee, Rev. Messrs. John Gray, bands and they kept up the singing all day long. Nobody wanted to go Wm. Hansford, J. A. Williams, D.D., John Potts, D. D., John Shaw, Rev. into the shows because they were ask-Dr. Rose, and Messrs. John Macdoning for mercy. They turned the fair ald, Joseph Lister, A. J. Donnelly, into a grand evangelistic gathering. One Richard Brown, and T. N. Hall. Afof the landlords said he hadn't had a ter routine business special clauns soul in his place that day except himfrom missions were disposed of. A They were up the next morning lengthy report on the progress of the as fresh as a lark, and this was the French Missions was read by the Gengrand thing about teetotallers. Tee eral Secretary, and after some discustotallers were brighter before breakfast sion was unanimously adopted A than they were before supper. At series of recommendations respecting night all the booths and the shows were shut up. They folded up their the work in Quebec was passed, and will be laid before the Montreal Antents like the Arabs and stole silently nual Conference. The question of away. Instead of lasting a fortnight giving financial aid in the erection of it was all over the second day, and this the parsonages on the various mission young man and his brave colliers. masters of the field, sang praises to fields, so as to reduce and finally high heaven. He had written within extinguish a large annual outlay the last few days to him as follows : for house rent, received considera-" If Conference would but send some ation and a sub-committee was appointed to consider the quesof us young men forth, say to a crowded. wicked district. in some city or tion and report at the next meettown, or let us have the deserted or ing. A report on the condition of the half filled chapels, which as a rule are Oka Indians and Mission Schools in in overcrowded districts-if they would the North West passed in review, and let us have them as mission halls. the General Secretary was instructed guaranteeing us a small income that to obtain all available information in we might be able to say that we were regard to the present condition of the not working for ourselves, we would Oka question, and the following show what Methodism could do. I committee were appointed to wait on would go anywhere." We are going the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs : Revs. Dr. Rice, Sutherland, to win, gentlemen, said Mr. Garrett in conclusion. The millennial glory and Mr. John Macdonald. The Comis coming in upon us. It is reaching mittee then adjourned. our homes. It is touching the great

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MR. EDITOR,-You and your readers will doubtless be interested to know the results of the series of meet. ings held in this town during more than four weeks past. The meetings were commenced as union evangelistic services in which the Rev. Mr. Donald, of Prince Street Church, the Rev. Mr. Caruthers, of Knox Church, and myself joined our efforts. From the beginning there were indications of the Divine presence. During the second week several came under convic.ion. At the beginning of the

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