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# SEPTEMBER

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# SEPTEMBER 1878.

First Quarter, 3 day, 4h, 11m, Afternoon. Full Moon, 11 day, 11h, 35m, Morning. Last Quarter, 19 day, 2h, 16m, Afternoon. New Moon, 26 day, 9h, 56m, Morning.

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THE TIDES.-The column of the Mool's Southing ives the time of high water at Parrsboro, Corn-rallis, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport and them all-

wallis, Horoh, Hantsport, Whileor, Hour Port Truro. High water at Pictou and Jape Tormentine, 2 hrs and 11 minutes LATER than at Halifax. At Annap-olis, 8t. John, N.B., and Portland, Maine, 3 hours and 25 minutes LATER, and at St. John's, Newfound-land 20 minutes EARLIER than at Halifax. At Char-ottetown, 2 hours 54 minutes LATER. At Westport, hours 54 minutes LATER. At Yarmouth, 2 hours 20 minutes LATER.

20 minutes LATER. FOR THE LENGTH OF THE DAY.—Add 12 hours to the time of the sun's setting, and from the sum sub-stract the time of rising. FOR THE LENGTH OF THE NIGHT.—Substract the time of the sun's setting from 12 hours, and to the remainder add the time of rising next morning

### DR. OSBORN'S ADDRESS.

### BEFORE THE BRITISH CONFERENCE, DUR-ING THE CONVERSATION ON THE WORK OF GOD.

Looking at the question before us a question of means and agencies-channels through which the Divine influence is to be expected-I have a strong persuasion, first, that as a religious community we are much in want of an entirely new or-dinance which has not yet been introduc-to give good gifts to your children, "how ed among us, and which, in my view, that much more will your Heavenby Father measure of growth and establishment which God has been graciously pleased to give us, now imperatively calls for. We want a link between the font and the Lord's table—we want to lay hold of one Lord's table-we want to lay hold of, our can ask or think, what a blessing may we Lord's table—we want to ray note of, our baptised children. (Hear hear.) We get to-day! We can calculate upon a get to-day! We can calculate upon a ance of that end. May God give every dren about whom we hear very little in with a child's rights and interests in God, thing that might arrest His influence in after life, and know very little. I cannot and a child's plea and prayer and claim us and mar our usefulness, and that with think that this is in accordance with the Divine institution. I think that we as a community do not realise the value and significance of infant baptism. I am satisfied that the saying of that blessed saint who was John Wesley's pattern of family religion is as true as any saying cuit, and 1 gave him the best advice I ever was, "If infant baptism were more improved it would be less despised." We strengthen the hands of those who in mistake call themselves Baptists, for we are Baptists as much as they-(hear, hear) -I won't give up to them the right. I. who baptise infants, am as much a Baptist as they who baptise adults. We give to them, however, a strong argument, by leaving those whom we baptise outside of any pastoral care. Some of the purest and stiffest Puritans in this country have written in the favor of the use of confirmation as the link between the font and the Lord's Table. They felt the loss of it when they were compelled to leave the casion like this? This is not an every Established Church, and we feel the loss day occasion, the first meeting of the of it every day. (Hear, hear.) Men sayand we need not be afraid to face the fact. -that the laying on of hands is as much a principle of the Gospel of Christ as baptism itself. There were six enumerated by St. Paul, and two of them were external-baptism and the Lord's Supper. What right had any man to take baptism and toss it overboard as if it were merely an external, or laying on of hands as if it were simply an external. They were a part of apostolic Christianity, in the loss of which they had suffered much. And I entreat my brethren to lay it to heart, and let us see whether we cannot stop the leak, the awful leakage that goes on year after year and year after year through the whole Methodist Connexion. How are we to keep our children ? You say they won't go to the class. I know that a dear friend has said that the class-meetings should be the link between the font and the Lord's isters and laymen together-a descent Supper, and you know I will not say a upon the Christian Church before organ. word to disparage the class-meeting; but there is this advantage in the apostolic ious specific regulation of the Christian practice, that you may deal with people | Church had been devised ; at the very outat a younger age and in a somewhat different state of mind, and with people who did not like to talk; and the longer this been preached, before a deacon had been subject is examined 1 am persuaded the appointed, before a minister had been ormore fully you will feel it to be desirable of seriously considering it. I am prepared to take the reproach of having ventila. ted it. The missing link with us is the link between the font and the Lord's waiting for the arrangement of the Church Table. Secondly, at the font itself there is much | the head of each, the signature and assurwhich may awaken the fullest and most ance that God accepted each then-then, serious apprehension, when we find so not as a symbol to be fulfilled, but to remany regard baptism as the mere cere- main in the Christian Church, to be an study. Her conversation gave evidence mony of giving a name to children, and abiding heritage for ever. Then the orso many more who say it does no good, ganization was arranged, then the Sacrabut it is not right to neglect the ordinance; ments were observed, then the lay elders and for some reason or other we don't feel it right to neglect it, but we don't see | constituted and sent to their work-all that much comes of it. An old Dissenter published a book, which he called, "An Inquirer into what Good Baptism does to Infants Before Baptism and Afterwards." (Laughter.) He brings out his views very descend upon us now, descend upon you (Laughter.) He brings out his views very clearly, and I am greatly tempted to ask if that book might not be put into more gen-eral circulation. Mr. Wesley's pattern of family religion is Phillip Henry. He ex-horts the preachers to read to the societies "Phillip Henry's Family Religion" In

own family and the family of his son becomes better known and meditated upon, in such proportion will the work of God regard to them : "Instead of the fathers will be the children." God designs the perpetuity of religion to be secured by the ency of converted families ; and therecal instruction. This ought not to be ft to ministers, to class-leaders, to Bible lasses, or to any external agency, but to carried on by godly parents. And parits, even where their is high station, ight not to be ashamed to teach the baes the first principles of the Gospel. How ould Phillip Doddrige's mother think, hen she was showing him the Dutch his is ready to every man's hand-it ants nothing but what every organizaon wants to make it work ; but that one thing which most underlie all our discus-

To us perform the promise due, Descend and crown us now with fire.

"Amen")-" with fire"-crown us now with fire-(" Amen")-And why not now? When the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place and are not we? (Cheers.) Is there any dissenting voice in this house? (No) Was it truer in Jerusalem than in Brad. ford? If we are with one accord in one place, and we have but one prayer in every heart, and one prayer in every mouth, what can withstand the coming of the Holy Spirit? Will God refuse it? What is the whole drift and tendency of revelation but to stir us to pray in faith? "If ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children,-and every father's heart will expound that-He will never say to you, "I can't afford it-you must wait a little longer ;" He will never say to you, "It will do very well but this upon a Father's, an Onnipotent Father's blessing, what can we not ask and expect? (Hear, hear.) And that baptism of the spirit will float us above a thousand questhe superlative blessing that God has givtions. A good man wrote to me during. the year about the difficulties of his cirand devotion, of every aspiration towards God, and of our efforts among men, in could. The last letter, however, I had that incomparable and matchless hymn-book. I am sometimes, jealous concerning from him tells me bis difficulties are all gone. There came down a gracious bap-it, lest the minds of our people should be tism of the Spirit, and all was hushed. diverted from it. There is no Christian doctrine that is not there expressed, There was no more controversy-the circuit was at peace. I say with regard to no Christian privilege that is not all our differences, if we could but realise there set before ca, and we all should do that this baptism of the Spirit is at thewell for ourselves and well for our people, service of every Christian, and that each if we direct them to repair to that book may claim it all the year round, what can as a companion of their secret life and what could, withstand it ?- (" Hear hear.) the never-failing friend of their spiritual retirement. May God grant us His Holy and continuous cheers.) The Ex-president (Dr. Pope) said that Spirit, and take from us anything consupreme gift, the gift of the Holy Spirit, trary to His will and make us instruments is offered to us, and accessible on an ocfor the performance of His will, in this England and throughout the world, more ready for every good work and more prosministry and lasty of Methodism in their perous in it. (Amen.) Conference, and we may be very sure that it is not without a secret inspiration of the Holy Ghost that the order of this morning session has been taken so out of your hand, Mr. President, and that we have been shut up to the occupation of two hours' instead of one in the considbeen busy in our midst and has borne eration of a question that is vital to us all; away from our church and congregation and that spirit which has suppressed your some whose departure deserves a record. ruling and opened so many hearts, and manifestly descended upon the last speakof July. Somewhat more than two years er-(hear, hear.)-and not only upon him as an individual, but I trust also upon ago he gave his heart to God, and manifested to the close of life the guinuineness office bearers of the Christian Church asof his conversion. In the midst of a sembled for the consideration of things painful affliction he was sustained by pertaining to Hiskingdom. I cannot but grace, and confidently appoached the hour remember-for I might pursue the theme here-I cannot but remember that the Spirit's great descent upon the congregastance." tion of Pentecost was a descent upon Min. ization was thought of, before all the varset, if I may so say, in the first hour of Christianity, before a single sermon had dained, before the baptismal waters had begun to flow, before the table of the Lord had been spread, before the organizjoin those already on the other shore. ation was complete, while all things were the Holy Ghost came down and rested upon were ordained, then the ministers were under the fuller, plainer, more blessed influence of the one self-same Spirst. Let me feebly echo what has been wrged in fervid prayer that the Holy Spirit may

Conference. As the Ancients used to say the impression has been borne in upon revive--in that proportion will the leakage | me that such would be the case. When I be stayed, and the men who have been witnessed the gathering together of the trained in that fashion in their early life members of the Conference on Sunday will never forget the training they have and perceiving the presence of the Divine received. The promise will be fulfilled in Spirit and the sacred unction that rested regard to them: "Instead of the fathers upon all, the manifest unity of all the will be the children." God designs the brethren, their devotion to the common Master: and the joy with which they an-ticipated the services of this week, I could a our families—in this solemn and ac-epted hour, I pray God to revive his earnest of the Divine blessing on this ork. There, we can give the instructions Conference. When I heard that that the hich will truly benefit—the real c\_teche- observance at Ilkley of the appointed ordinance of the Lord's Supper last Sunday was more richly blessed than ours was, I had become sure that it was the will of God to set upon this meeting of Confer-ence the seal of his most effectual blessing; and I have very little doubt that the combination of ministers and laymen on year of his age. this occasion will tend to the deepening of the piety of both classes and the les, and the old woman was telling about strengthening of the devotion of all to the amuel? (Cheers.) Hence, in the first cause we all love. You asked me, Sir, just astance, would I like us to begin-not now to speak. I intended to rise and mitting all the rest that may be invent bear my humble testimony, not a loveby a free evangelistic spirit; but in feast testimony, but an official testimony, od's name begin here-(applause)-here of the impression made on my mind in with godly instruction in the family. my travels during the past year, in refermy travels during the past year, in the ence to the deeper spirit as manifested in that unappeasable longing for perfect boliness which I have witnessed. I have holiness which I have witnessed. found many differences of opinion on sions and institutions, and must surmount | many subjects-many topics on which there was inquiry and discussion, but I have found everywhere that there is one topic from North to South, from East to West, in all our districts and societies that never failed to awaken a cordial and profound response which the Holy Spirit

alone can excite-the subject of perfect holiness. A great many terms have been used and much discussed. I do not myself believe Methodism had ever known a more prosperous year than the last. I do not believe that the ancient times were better than these. I do not believe tha there ever has been a Conference more full of the mind of the head of the Church than the recent Conference, or that there has ever been a more fervent, rational intelligent, and Scriptural aspiration after holiness than is witnessed by the Holy Ghost among the Methodist societies of the present day. And if it please God to keep alive this sentiment, and to give us grace in our sermons, pamphlets, and books, to teach the right doctrine of Christian perfection—ourselves as ministers to lead the way, and get our people into this land of uprightness, I believe there is a future before us in comparison with which the brightest eras of the past will sink into insignificence and darkness. God is preparing us for this, and may our meeting in this way tend to the further- gret-

OBITUARY.

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. DAVID RICE

LIZZIE MOREHCUSE,

Since our recent Conference, death has

Sunday that God intends to bless this during the last day of her life, but extreme physical weakness made it impossible. But, from a word occasionally caught by the ear of listening friends, we know the purport of her untold thoughts. They were all expressions of confidence in Jesus and conscious security through believing in Him. At last with the words, "I am going home; precious Jesus," on her lips, she passed in triumph to the everlasting rest

May the lessons taught by those provi-dences be deeply impressed upon the minds of the survivors. C. J.

Hillsburgh, Bear River, 7 August 28, 1878.

CHARLES AND WILLIAM STAPLES. Died, at Marysville, York Co., N. B., on the 9th of May, 1878, CHABLES, son of William and M. A. Staples, in the 19th

Thoughtful from a youth and respectdoubtless, of the example and teachings a young man lacking only "one thing." en." His end was peace.

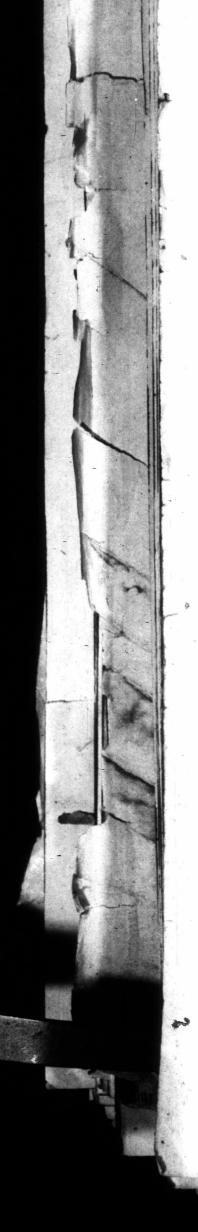
Three months after the above event the family of 'our esteemed brother and sister Staples was again invaded by death. WILLIAM, their third son, was summoned not he has never forsaken them." from this probationary state on the 6th | speak with feelings of heart-felt gratitude of August, aged 31 years.

Naturally reticent our departed friend talked comparatively little of his spiritual condition until after the death of his brother Charles. The importance of a personal enjoyment of that religion which had secured comfort and triumph to the one recently taken from the family circle, was soon after admitted as it had been felt, doubtless, before. He earnestly sought for and was soon enabled to rejoice in the consciousness of the favor of God. Christ from this time forward became the spring of all his joys. When referr-ing to his delay in coming to Christ he remarked to a friend that it seemed strange he had allowed himself to be deceived so long. The following stanza from one of our hymns was referred to in this connection as expressive of his re-

"Ah, why did I so late thee know. Thee lowlier than the sons of men! Ah, why did I no sooner go To these the only ease in pain

Two days previous to his death he beck. oned his mother to his bedside, placed his hand in hers, closed his eyes as if to sleep more quietly. She said to him, Bernard, my dear boy, if you thought you would recover, are you willing to die? When he composedly said, Oh yes, mother, if God thinks best to call me, I am willing to go. The next day his physician inform. ed his parents and friends that their fears were soon to be realized, that he was sinking fast. During the afternoon the Rev. Dr. Day read and prayed with him, after which, whilst on his knees. taking his hand, he said : Bernard, have you any request to make of your friends ? Without any apparent emotion, he said : " Doctor, do you think I am not going to get well?' The Doctor replied, " It is with pain, my dear boy, that I have to tell you you cannot live." Mildly he said, " I must acknowledge, Doctor, this has come suddenly upon me," and added, "Doctor, if I ful of sacred things, the result, in part, have any request to make, it is that you will tell sinners to seek a Saviour." Then of pious parents, Charles seemed to many | looking at his mother, commencing at the eldest to name each member of the large The fatal disease, consumption, of which | family, his strength failed. She told him he died had sometime previously marked to rest, she would tell them all. After a him as its victim. Its development, how-ever, became exceedingly rapid during the autumn and winter before his decease. blood and righteousness is all my plea; it At special services, held in our church is true there seemed a bright future before last winter, he sought and found the pearl me ; but if God sees fit to remove me it is of great price. Along with others he best, 'tis all well." And so passed away was received into our church on proba- a dutiful and fond son, loving brother and tion. Before the time came however for true friend to join the blood washed multihis reception into full membership he was | tude in glory. Deeply as the parents and summoned from the church militant to family feel under the sore bereavement, join "the general assembly and church of and, although their hearts seem riven to the first born which are written in heav- the centre, yet, in the midst of their sorrow, they rejoice "that the Lord has not heft them desolate, but while he has led them into deep waters, he has been with them, and being led in a way they knew They of the unremitting kindness and attention of friends in Yarmouth, as well as the public in general, during their son's sickness, death and burial; many of whom, they say, seemed to vie with each other in their unceasing efforts to smooth the passage of their loved one to his last resting place. Deep sympathy was manifested on the day of their departure from Yarmouth. After a short service at the house, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Day, Revs. Cahoon and Rowe, a large procession followed several miles. On the arrival at Lawrencetown they were met by Revs. Bleakney and Gaetz, together with a great number of friends, and the day following an unusually large funeral gave evidence

of the high respect and esteem the de-ceased was held in by friends at home. Immediately after interment at the Nictaux cemetery a very impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Bleakney from John xiii-7: "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter." At the close of the sermon Professor Tufts occupied a short time in giving some very consoling reminiscences of a pleasing and intimate acquaintance extending over a period of fifteen years with him, whom he termed the scholar, faithful friend, and zealous Christian.



one consent and one heart and devotion Ashamed I sigh and inly mourn, we may go down to our work. I shall That I so late to thee did turn. never forget the incomparable blessing.

Notwithstanding his severe suffering he possessed his soul in patience and gave en us a regulator both of our theology assurance to those who ministered to him in his last moments that death was gain.

BERNARD P. SHAFFE.

Who departed this life at Marmouth, on Sabbath morning, July 28th, graduated at Acadia College, in June, 1877, and anticipated spending a year or two at the Newton Theological Seminary; but there being a vacation in one of the teaching departments at Wolfville, he was offered the position and accepted, thinking it would afford him a good opportunity to continue his studies another year, and then as he used to say, "if God spared him and he had his health, he would still take the Theological course," there preparing himself to become a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed." He had often stated to his friends that, " many years ago he believed God had called him to become an Ambassador for Christ," and in obedience to the divine summons, he had determined to spare no pains in making preparation to become, with the Master's bless-ing, a successful labourer in the vineyard of his Lord.

When at home for a few days in June last he seemed as well as usual; but some-Mr. GEORGE MEERITT, died on the 20th what fatigued by the work of the year. We noticed he looked worn; but though a change of air and work would likely improve him, and being then on his way to Yarmouth to take charge of the Milton Baptist Church for a few months, we felt but little anxiety about him. He arrived of his decease, knowing that he had " in there Friday, June 21st, and on Sabbath heaven a better and an enduring submorning preached from Psalms lxi-2, When my heart is overwhelmed; lead,

me to the rock that is higher than I," and seemed, through age and weakness, to be at evening Gal. v-1, "Stand fast." The for a long time, just upon the border of week following was spent in calling on the river, liable at any moment to be callthe Church and visiting the sick, one of ed to cross. But, the fear of death was whom he seemed specially interested in, and remarked to his people, on one occaall removed; she was sustained by a hope in Jesus which was to her soul as an ansion, " that it would do them all good, as chor both sure and steadfast, entering, it had him, could they hear her strong exwithin the vail, and on the 28th of July, pressions of Faith in the blessed Saviour, she peacefully and painlessly left the and see her so happy, in view of her approaching end." The enjoyment haex. the large circle of friends and relations to perienced on these occasions, I am pleased to learn, was mutual, as this young woman frequently spoke to her friends of the daughter of James H. Morehouse, Esgr., happiness she experienced when listening died, August 14th. She was endowed with to his fervent prayers and earnest words more than ordinary powers of intellect, of consolation. The time was short they which were well trained by reading and were separated on earth, one week only passed when the acquaintance formed here | ply. of a richly furnished mind. Seldom do we was renewed in heaven. find a young woman who is, as she was, a

Although his disease seemed violent con amore student of such works as from the first stage, and at times the Locke's "Essay on the Human Understanding." She was also a great lover of symptoms were alarming, yet as we learn-nature and delighted in the evidences of the ed the physicians in attendance were gen. ed the physicians in attendance were gen-Divine goodness in all the works of God. tlemen whose skill could not be question. Her artistic talent is clearly shown by ed, and they were hopeful, we could not numerous paintings and the sketches of make ourselves believe he was dangerous, this romantic village and vicinity, which and when the telegram came requesting horts the preachers to read to the societies "Phillip Henry's Family Religion." In proportion as the spirit of that saint of God was acted upon, and in proportion as the this assembly in vain. (Hear, hear.) Here were many things she tried to say the clorious truths contained in the derivative of the societies the societies and the rentained in the societies and the rentained the societies and the rentained in the societies a the teaching which he acted upon in his I have had a persuasion ever since last. There were many things she tried to say I the glorious truths contained in the bless- where I shall dwell for some time.

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## DOMESTIC ITEMS.

A spoonful of vinegar should always be put into water in which fish is boiled

A lump of bread about the size of a billiard ball, tied up, in a linen bag and placed in the pot in which greens are boiling, will absorb the gasses which oftentimes send such an insupportable odor to the regions above.

There is a prescription in use in Eng-land for the cure of drunkenness by which thousands are said to have been assisted in recovering themselves. It is as follows: Sulphate of iron, fise grains; peppermint water, eleven drachms; spirit of nutmeg, one drachm ; twice a day. This preparation acts as a stimulant and tonic, and partially supplies the place of the accustomed liquor, and prevents that absoluto physical and moral prostitution that follows a sudden cessation from the use of stimulating drinks.

## FACETIÆ

A man, on marrying his fourth wife handed the minister a very small fee, with the comforting remark : "This is all that I have been in the habit of paying."

A young lady being asked where her native place was replied : " I have none : I am the daughter of a Methodist preach-

-" J. Gray,-Pack with my box five dozen quills.

There is nothing so remarkable about this sentence, only that it is nearly as suort as one can be constructed, and contain the whole alphabet.

An Alphabetical Flight -- A Butterfly Came Down Early From Gyrating Heavenwards In Joyous Kind, Lightly Meandering Now, Or plunging Quickly Round Some Tall Upas-trees Venom, Which X'uded Yeast Zymotically.

"Why didn' you put on a clean collar before you left home?" called out an impertinent young fop to an omnibus driver. " Cause your mother hadn't sent home my washing," was the extinguishing re-

A Kentucky orator and office-seeker exclaimed : "I wish to be a friend to the friendless, a father to the fatherless, and a widow to the widowless."

Said Douglas Jerrold : " I knew a man who could speak five-and-twenty languages, and he never said anything worth hearing in any of them."

"FELLOW CITIZENS !" said a North Carolína candidate, "I am a Democrat and was never anything else. There are three topics that now agitate the State :

