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It is now three months since his conversion, and he seems to be growing more and more sensible of the great sinfulness of his past life, and the great obligation he is under to God in snatching him "as a brand from the burning." Whenever our collectors go, souls are brought into the kingdom. Two of our collectors went a few weeks ago to Matamoras, a town of twelve thousand souls. They write me: "Never have we people so desirous to hear the truth as contained in the Holy Scriptures. Scarcely can we get time to eat or sleep, so anxious are they to hear our readings in God's Word. Several have professed conversion, and among the number are an aged woman of sixty-six, and a boy of thirteen years. Two men, who threatened to shoot them if they came there with their Bibles, are now sitting at the feet of Jesus in their right minds!" That Mexico is ripe for the Gospel, facts in abundance plainly show. And that God is most wonderfully raising up native agencies to cultivate this promising field, appears to us a consummation most devoutly to be desired. Noting the solid and forceful character of the Scotch people, one might, if he dwelt on the subject, desire their acquisition to Methodism. But that is entirely out of the question, the next best thing being for the Scotch Presbyterianism which has been consolidated and invigorated to do its work for God and the world in the most effective manner.

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MRS. M. WHEELOCK.

The late Mrs. Mary Wheelock, wife of Jos. Wheelock, Esq., was born in Chester, in the County of Lancaster, when her parents removed to Canada in this Province. She was blessed with pious parents who felt deeply for the spiritual interest of their children, and all around. As they lived at a distance from any place of worship, her father built a church, and, when no ministers were near, conducted service himself. Mr. Abraham Whitman was a man of deep piety and general intelligence, a member of the Congregational church. Her mother was also a deeply devoted woman belonging to the Baptist persuasion. They however were lovers of all good men, and many of the early Methodist ministers received a hearty welcome and were kindly entertained under their hospitable roof. The influence of piety at home, together with their godly care to bring up their children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," had the happiest effect upon them; for most if not all became useful members of some branch of the Church of Christ. When our late sister removed to Bridgetown, she became a regular attendant on the Wesleyan ministry, and about 40 years ago she joined the church; and was ever afterwards a steady, consistent, and devoted follower of Christ. The particulars of her conversion we have not ascertained, but of her faith in Christ, and the enjoyment of his love we have heard her speak in the most satisfactory manner. Her piety was not obtrusive yet it shone with a mild and attractive lustre in all the walks of life—humble yet sincere, retiring, yet not cowardly, for she was never ashamed to be known as a follower of Christ. As a devoted wife, a tender and pious mother, and a fervent friend, her conduct was above all praise, above the expression of her early associates and intimates, whom she feared and loved with an interest in Christ, and would say I must speak to them; the subject of religion. When she felt she was near death she exhorted her partner, and children who were present, to be sure and meet her in heaven; and left a message for all her absent children to seek Jesus as the only sure foundation. Her affliction was long and painful, but she was born with great patience and resignation to the will of God, she would often say in the midst of her sufferings, "I will not will of my own but to be left to the will of my Saviour" and would add "these sufferings are to try my faith." She valued the visits and prayers of ministers, and Christian friends, and would speak to them freely of the comfort and support, the Lord graciously vouchsafed to her in her affliction. The day of her death the writer of this asked her if she felt Jesus precious. She answered "Yes" About an hour after she raised her eyes heavenward and exclaimed "I see Jesus," "I see Jesus," "I shall soon be home. In this happy state her spirit took its flight to the realms of eternal day, in the sixty-seventh year of her age.

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This much for yourself, Mr. Editor. You understand that are the duties which pressing on me just now, make literary labor not the easiest thing in the world.

To the public, or that large and respectable portion of it which reads the *Wesleyan*, all I have to say is this, that having been requested to furnish in a short article the note-worthy incidents of a hasty visit to New England, in an evil hour I consented.

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I especially feel guilty for not sending some account of our new Church at Lower Horton, and of the dedicatory services held in it, a few weeks after we began our labours here.

In regard to this Church we may say, "other men laboured, and we have entered into their labours."

The first service held in the Church was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Richey, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Smallwood, both of whom were present by the unanimous request of the Trustees. The dedicatory sermon, founded on Zechariah 6, 12, and 13, was a masterpiece of eloquence—one of Dr. Richey's best pulpit efforts; and was listened to with rapt attention and profound interest by a very large congregation, many of whom had come a considerable distance.

The numerous and warmly attached friends of the Rev. Mr. Smallwood, who were glad to hear his voice again, though far from gratified if he could have presided to them in the afternoon; but the state of his health not permitting him to do so, the Rev. Mr. Pitblado who also was present by the invitation of the Trustees occupied the Pulpit and delivered a highly practical and useful sermon, founded on Hebrews 4, 2. At the close of this service many said "We have had a good day." It was indeed a most interesting and spiritual feast, and we hope of those you never call to mind but with feelings of pleasure and thankfulness.

Within these walls thus consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, and other portions of the Circuit many ordinary and extra services have been held since that memorable Sabbath; but, I am sorry to say not with satisfactory results; I have been privileged to see elsewhere—especially in Aylesford, Barrington, Carboneau, Harbor Grace, Annapolis and Petite Riviere. Yet God has been doing more, it may be, than we have been favoured with a few conversions, and with some additions to two of our Churches—but low much need for further improvement! How many are following the Saviour, like Peter, "Afraid of Him, and how many are not following Him at all; and appear to have no desire to do so! Had, indeed, it were but little regard for their souls' welfare many evince. How long shall it be thus, oh my God, how long? How long shall it be so men will awake to seek Jesus the value of their souls—will become concerned to escape hell and gain heaven? Oh that God may appear in the days of our Fathers when many a valley of dry bones "Lived, and stood up their feet, an exceeding great army!" For this we are longing, hoping and praying—Our cry is, "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live! May we cry in the exercise of the faith that cannot call in vain.

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THE beautiful little church which occupies a most eligible and commanding site, and reflects so much credit upon the Architect N. Sterling, Esq., and the Contractors, Messrs. McIntosh and McIntosh, was opened yesterday (Sabbath, Aug. 1st, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the service of Almighty God, under very gratifying and auspicious circumstances.

The introductory services were conducted by Rev. E. B. Stetler, the lessons were read by Rev. H. Pickett, D. D., the sermon was preached by the Rev. John A. Clark, A. M., the 122d Psalm was read by Rev. Messrs. Milligan and Lockhart alternately, and the Prayer of Dedication by Mr. Milligan.

Powal Camp-meeting.

MR. EDITOR.—It was certainly a very happy circumstance that suggested the novel idea of a Powal Camp-meeting; for, though it began in weakness, it ended in power.

The spot chosen, a beautiful maple grove where the multitude could worship God unhindered by fierce winds or burning sun-beams, advised that devout and fervent part of the Committee. Its well arranged seats, level surface and thick fresh foliage make it, in the estimation of those who judge from personal observation, inferior to but few of the American Camp grounds. The services which began on the 3rd inst. and closed on the evening of the 11th were seasons of peculiar divine manifestations. During the entire continuance of the meetings, there rested upon the campment a sweet heavenly influence which assured the people that the ark of the Lord was with them. The exercises of the first Sabbath—sin-convincing, soul-converting, and heart-sanctifying in their nature, gave tone to all the following—All the services seemed to be increasingly good until they culminated in the great glory of the 10th, the great day of the feast when scores professed to seek Jesus and many testified to the power of renewing grace. That day was one never to be forgotten by the weeping multitude then assembled.

We make a low estimate, we think, when we say over sixty professed to have received Christ whilst many more rejoiced in sanctifying power. Persons of all Creeds attracted by the novelty of the occasion attended and, several belonging to the Roman Catholic Church were among the

converted. Prominent among the many of the ministers and lay who labored for this glorious result—were Dr. and Mrs. Palmer who, leaving not the toll of a journey from New York, some to aid in making this the first P. E. Island Camp-meeting a success. We have seen them in labors abundant before, but never more powerful for good.

It will be pleasing to their many friends to learn that advancing years had not cooled their ardor, nor marred their usefulness; but that they were never more strong, nor his loving appeals more effective.

This success must be very gratifying to the Supt. of the Powal Circuit, the Rev. James Burns, with whom the idea of the meeting originated, and who notwithstanding the indifference of most and the opposition of some prevailed in his purpose, conducting the exercises to the satisfaction of all present, until he saw the good anticipated accomplished, and all attending the service fast and warm friends of Camp-meetings. With a passion for roof-raising he prayerfully toiled for this result; he has his reward—God's Word. We express the warmest wishes for every man and woman who has taken part in this year's success will encourage him to a second year's effort. We want more religious activity more Camp-meetings.

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Sussex Vale.

MR. EDITOR.—It was a pleasure to learn from the report of our Sabbath School Committee submitted at last Conference in Charlotteville, of the increase of Sabbath Schools among us, both in number and efficiency. On this circuit two additional schools were opened early in the season where none existed in the previous year. They are preparing.

On Tuesday, 20th inst., four schools combined in a festival held in the open air, very numerous and respectfully attended by scholars, teachers, parents and friends; the day proved one of the finest of the season, tables were loaded with a supply of good things graciously provided, innocent amusements were kept up with energy during the afternoon, conducted with the best moral order and propriety; all seemed happy. A hymn was sung and appropriate addresses were given at the close by some of the teachers, and before leaving the ground our National Anthem was sung, and three cheers were given for our beloved Queen.

Woodstock.

FAREWELL FESTIVAL.—The young ladies of the Wesleyan congregation in this town having resolved to give the friends of Rev. A. W. Nicolson an opportunity of meeting him and his family, previous to their departure for Windsor, in a social reunion, determined on a strawberry festival at the Institute. With a view to the reduction of the debt on the new Chapel, the Rev. gentleman suggested that the occasion should be rendered pecuniary service. Both objects were very pleasantly and successfully served, on Monday evening. There was a large gathering of representatives from the surrounding towns, and some \$70 were realized at the door, the admission being only 15 cents, and refreshment tables. Mr. James Watts presided and with Mr. S. B. Appleby, Mr. John Leary, Mr. R. A. Hay, Hon. C. Conell and Rev. Mr. Cassidy made addresses appropriate to the occasion, and expressive of their respect for Mr. Nicolson and regret at his removal. There were also readings and music, instrumental and vocal, in this last exercise Rev. Mr. Bolton and his lady very materially contributed to the pleasure and interest of the occasion. Rev. Mr. Nicolson spoke shortly, referring to the subjects of his interest to himself and Church over which he has been pastor two years, and dwelling with satisfaction upon the kindness and christian sympathy which he had experienced at the hands of the Ministers and members of the other Churches in the place.—*Carlton Sentinel*.

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