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One of the most extraordinary adventures of a child of which we ever heard, occurred in this vicinity last week. On Thursday the 10th inst., a son of John Keenan, of this place, aged only three and a half years, disappeared from his home, and no tidings of him could be obtained by his parents. On

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I take this opportunity of expressing a hope that the additional editorial labours which you have assumed by so materially enlarging the Wesleyan, will be truly appreciated, and prompt our Ministers and friends to promote its more extensive circulation.

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WITH REGARD TO POLITICAL PARTIES. At a recent meeting of the Wesleyan District of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, attention was officially drawn to the important subject indicated by the terms prefixed to the remarks, in consequence of the report of communications from various sources...

On a calm and impartial review of the ampler and most accurate information which we have been enabled to elicit in relation to this affair, we have been conducted to two conclusions...

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We cannot omit, without neglecting our duty, to warn you against meddling with political parties, or secular disputes. You are Teachers of Religion, and not of any particular party. It is, however, a part of your duty, as Ministers, to enforce, by precept and example, a cheerful and obedient submission to the laws of the country, by its attachment to that illustrious family which we so long filled with our Great Britain. You know that your Brethren at home are actuated by the same principles...

We would bespeak the earnest and vigilant attention of all the junior Missionaries to whom we stand officially related, to those salutary and godly maxims, by which their fathers in the Lord have been uniformly regulated.

Canada Conference.

We have received a copy of the Minutes of the Canada Conference, 1852. From it we gather the following particulars: Rev. Enock Wood, President. Rev. John Ryerson, Co-Delegate. Rev. Geo. Sanderson, Secretary. Rev. Amos Green, Bank Secretary. Rev. James Spencer, Editor of the Christian Guardian.

The Conference comprises Two Districts, and Five of these thirty-three are on trial; twelve, however, are being untried of last year. One has been expelled from the Conference, and two have desisted from travelling for want of health.

Total number of members 27,585; of whom 1,111 are females. Increase on the year 1,372. The Conference Fund received from the several Circuits, \$363 12s. 2d., and from the Book Room and Printing Establishment, £290. The total amount of the Superannuated Preachers' Fund for the year, £618 17s. 8d.

The next Conference is appointed to be held in the City of Hamilton, C.W., on the first Wednesday in June, 1853.

The returns of the Sabbath Schools, though said to be imperfect, show that there are in Canada West, in connection with the Conference, 207 Sabbath Schools; 2,145 Teachers; 15,140 Scholars; 38,245 volumes in the S. S. libraries. There are also several Bible and Catechism Classes.

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The Statistics thus given are sufficient to show that the Wesleyan Methodists of Canada West occupy an important position in the country, and while faithful to their solemn and sacred obligations, must exercise a powerful influence over all its religious and moral interests.

As an important portion of the great Methodist family, we sincerely and heartily wish our Canadian brethren God-speed in their evangelistic efforts.

Address to Dr. Evans. REV. AND DEAR SIR, The brethren composing the late Nova Scotia District Meeting, over which you have presided for the last four years, cannot allow your official connection with it to cease, without expressing the high sense which they entertain of the distinguished ability with which you have discharged the onerous and responsible duties of your office, and of the Christian courtesy and urbanity of manner which you have ever manifested in your intercourse with your brethren.

with, that what is now set apart as the Nova Scotia Western District, will under the superintendence of our highly esteemed and beloved brother, Dr. Ritchey, continue to increase in all the elements of prosperity and spiritual property. We tender to you, Rev. and dear Sir, the warmest and most sincere thanks for all the kindness you have manifested to us, as your co-labourers in the work of the Ministry, a remembrance of which we shall gratefully cherish as long as memory lasts.

Your affectionate Brother, In the Ministry of our common Lord. Rev. and Dear Sir, DEAR BROTHERS.

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For my measure of spiritual or financial prosperity enjoyed by the District in which we have so happily associated, we are indebted to the blessing of God upon the system of evangelization which, in the discharge of your ministerial and pastoral duties, you have zealously pursued.

Permit me, dear Brethren, to assure you that your unrelenting courtesy, and affectionate co-operation have left an indelible sense of obligation on my heart; and that it will be my delight to implore the blessing of God upon yourselves and your families, and upon the flock of Christ over whom the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers.

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Colonel Bruce in the Canada Conference. Shortly after the Conference assembled, on Wednesday, information was given that the Hon. Col. Bruce, Superintendent of the Indian Department, was in the city (Kingston) and wished to visit the church which the Conference was assembled, and at the unanimous request of the Ministers he was introduced to the Conference.

The President, in introducing Colonel Bruce, referred to the interest he has manifested in promoting the improvement of the Indians of our country, and especially in connection with the church which the Conference met in Kingston. We understand that no efforts will be spared to induce what we know of the party who is the prime mover in this effort.

We are not disposed to court the notice or favour of men of rank, or in power, but who are morally anxious to see the possession of a moral influence which renders its independent of the powers that be; we are not insensible of the value of an unobscured testimony from an intelligent observer of the happy results of Wesleyan Missionary operations, in promoting the spiritual and temporal welfare of the Aborigines of our country.—Toronto Guardian, June 16.

Favourable Notices of the Press. THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.—The first number of the fourth volume of the Wesleyan has been issued from the press, in new dress and shape, under the above title. It is published on Thursday, instead of Saturday, as heretofore. The general appearance of this number reflects great credit on those in charge of the mechanical department, and its editorials, and other matter, are, as usual, good.—Chronicle.

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A copy of the Twenty-Fifth Report of the Nova Scotia Bible Society has been received. The total distribution of the Sacred Scriptures during the year was, of Bibles, 1579; of Testaments, 2243. The total receipts of the Society for the year ending Dec. 31, 1851, were \$444 11s. 10d. The Report contains an interesting communication from Mr. Smith, the Travelling Agent, in which he gives a detailed account of his operations during the year past. It appears that he visited nearly a hundred localities scattered over the Province, attended eighty-nine meetings, and formed six new Branch Societies. The number of Bible Societies and Associations in Nova Scotia, connected with the British and Foreign Bible Society, is seventy-three. The Report shows the Bible-cause in the Province to be in an encouragingly prosperous state; and its friends have only to proceed in their energetic course, and soon a copy of the Sacred Scriptures, without note or comment, will be found in every family within the Province that is willing to give it admission. We wish the cause increased success.

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To the same effect is the language of Dr. Skerlock. The catholic church, says he, is nothing else but all the true churches in the world, united together by the common faith and worship, and such acts of communion as distinct churches are capable of, and obliged to. Every particular church which professes the true faith, and worships of Christ, is a true christian church, and the catholic church embraces all the true christian churches in the world; which have all the same nature, and are in some sense of the same communion. The true, single, particular church has the whole and entire nature of a church, and would be a true church, though there were no other church in the world; as the christian church of Jerusalem was, before any other christian churches were planted; and therefore there can be no other notes of a true church, but what belong to every true particular church; and that can be nothing but what are essential to a church, and what all true christian churches in the world agree in, viz. the true faith and worship of Christ.

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RELIGIOUS PERSECUTIONS AT FLORENCE.—Signor Martini and his wife, after having suffered already several months' imprisonment for no other reason than reading the Bible, have been tried and condemned, the husband to four years and a half, and the wife to three years and a half close confinement in goal. When the term of their captivity has expired, they are to be subjected, for three years longer, to the strict inspection of the police. What an exhibition of the inveterate enmity of the Papacy to God's holy Bible!

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NOVEL EMPLOYMENT OF ISOPHORBON.—An ingenious discovery, by which India Rubber and gutta percha are rendered applicable to the formation of artificial features, and to the coverings of artificial limbs, has been made by Mr. E. Gray, of Cook street, London. By this discovery, the necessity of what is called the Talisman operation, in supplying the place of a lost nose to a face, is removed, for that feature can be made as natural as if it were granted on the nose, and in such a manner as closely to resemble a natural one. The human ear can also be closely imitated by the substance, which perfectly resembles the natural skin, and is almost equally delicate. No complete is the deception, that, without the closest inspection, it is nearly impossible to detect a face which has superseded nature. This invention is among those which promise the variety of uses to which the materials employed in it can be applied.

THE WONDERS OF ELECTRO-MAGNETISM.—We spent a very pleasant hour, says the Spectator, at the room of Dr. Davy, in witnessing several interesting and novel experiments in electro-magnetism. For instance, we saw a piece of iron weighing some four or six ounces, suspended in the air, resting upon nothing other than a wire or below, or on either side, and depending from its position solely upon a current of electricity. In another experiment, a small body was suspended in like manner, and while thus detached from all visible influences, performed four thousand rotary movements per minute. They were entirely new to the company, and the latter claimed to be new to the scientific public.

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BETTER THAN THE NATIVES.—In the present Sophomore class at Yale college, the first prize for English composition was recently awarded to Yung Wing, a native Chinese.

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