Provincial Wesleyan.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1872.

ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE.

Election intimidation in Ireland—Attention to Horse Racing—The Athanasion Creed—The Bennett Controversy—The Alabama Arbitration—Death of Rev. William Ellis—Dr. Livingstone—The Weather.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Great excitement is at present felt in Ireland on account of a recent decision upon the County of Galway election petition. The election in question took place several months ago, and the trial has been a most protracted one. The sitting member has lost his place, and the Judge specially accuses the Roman Catholic clergy who were the most active and influential supporters of the Home Rule candidate. The learned Judge said the evidence showed "the most astounding attempt at ecclesiastical tyranny which the whole history of priestly intolerance afforded." He intends to report the Archbishop of Tuam, the Bishops of Galway and Clonfert, and their clergy "as guilty of an organised attempt against the freedom of the franchise." The Judge, Mr. Justice Keogh, is a Roman Catholic, and well known for his strong attachment to his church, but has drawn down upon himself a most violent storm of reproach and the controversy rages furiously. The whole circumstance is most suggestive. It is a revelation of what takes place at most of the elections in Ireland, and yet so inscrutable is the secrecy and so firm the hold of the priesthood upon the people, that the full truth is but seldom known. It remains to be seen what action the Government will take in the matter, and what measure of punishment will fall upon the violators of the law.

There appears to be very little diminution of the racing mania in England, or any abatement of betting. The recent great race for the Derby received the ususl amount of patronage by all ranks, and for the time occasioned great excitement. The House of Commons, although sorely pressed for want of time, and with a great accumulation of business upon their hands, gave up the whole day to this Carnival of dissipation, and by a considerable majority affirmed their intention to continue a practice which is felt to be a sad example and highly detrimental to public morality. The preceding Thursday was Ascension Day, a festival of the Established Church, and services were held in the forenoon of the day. The House refused leave to its Committees to adjourn for that day, and yet could afford the whole of the next Wednesday to witness the great horse race upon Epsom Downs.

Ecclesiastical controversies yet distract the Church of England, and there are no hopeful signs of abatement. The Athanasian Creed which is appointed by law to be read in all Churches is regarded with much disfavor by numbers of the clergy, and a large proportion of the laity. The objection chiefly arises from the condemnatory clauses which assign to everlasting punishment all who do not believe in the doctrinal formulas laid down in the Creed. The Houses of Convocation after lengthened debate and almost interminable proposals of one kind or another, resolved to retain the Creed in its present form and place, and let the consequences be what they may, no change or relief is to be looked for from the clergy. Lord Shaftesbury has now come forward with a kind of declaration, which passes no opinion upon so ancient a document, but prays that the recital of it in public may no longer be compulsory. This declaration is being signed most numerously and influentially by the laymen of the Church, and will in due time be presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury and York. It is not to be expected that any decided result will follow. There is a great fear at present of touching any Church institution, or doing the least thing to loosen the hard and fast grip of that Church upon the established position and lofty pre-eminence to which it most tenaciously clings.

A most important decision bearing both upon Ritual and Doctrine in the English Church was delivered a few days ago. It came from the Judicial Committee of the Lords of the Privy Council—the highest court of appeal, and the final authority in all legal matters. The Rev. Mr. Bennett, of Frome, is well known as foremost of all the advanced Ritualists, and in his writings he has taught most plainly the Romish doctrine of Transubstantiation, and the worship of the Divine elements on the altar. Mr. Bennett had been prosecuted in a lower court for his heresies, but had been successful in obtaining a judgment in his favor. From this decision an appeal was made, but without any satisfactory result. Their Lordships' judgment is to all intents and purposes in Mr. Bennett's favor. He is not condemned or silenced; and it now appears that it is perfectly legal and safe, within the bosom of the English Church, to write and teach in favor of the most glaring doctrines of the Romish Church. There are in the Judgment many strong words of rebuke, the language of Mr. Bennett is said to be perilously near to danger, to be rash and ill-advised, but yet he really escapes, and the effect of the whole case will be to strengthen the hands of the men who are toiling with much diligence to subvert the blessed work of the Reformation, and hasten another triumph of Papal error and power. In fact the Romanists boastingly claim that this movement in the English Church is constantly furnishing them with new converts, and that the work of the conversion of England to their views of Catholic doctrine is rapidly progressing.

The latest item of news in the political world, is that the great International arbitration is at a dead lock, or something nearly akin to it. The Americans are tremendously tenacious upon every point, great or small, and the time is so far advanced that a postponement of the meeting seems inevitable, or the whole Treaty is to be done away. It is unsafe to hazard an opinion, or to transmit intelligence, as from hour to hour the conflicting rumours are spread abroad, and none can tell what the end is to be.

A veteran missionary, the Rev. Wm. Ellis, at the ripe age of seventy-seven, has departed this life. To him God gave the high honor of most successful labor in the South Sea Islands, and more recently in the glorious work accomplished in the Island of Madagascar, Mr. Ellis bore a distinguished part. His name is very precious to the London Missionary Society for which he laboured, and his praise is in all the churches of the land.

Strong hopes are again entertained of the safety of Dr. Livingstone. This time there does appear some ground for confidence, but we must wait for positive information before we become too sanguine of ever seeing him the brave Christian traveller again.

At length the fine weather has set in. We have had a long damp season, and the country much needs some summer heat, and warm sunshine, and for a few days the favor has been granted.

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June 15, 1872.

THE CONFERENCE PREPARATORY COMMITTEES.

The session of Conference was preceded, as usual, by the preparatory committees, which commenced to sit on Tuesday the 25th of June. In these committees a great part of the Conference business is put in proper form for presentation and valuable suggestions are made for the consideration of the brethren.

The stationing committee met at nine o'clock. The result of its deliberations will be seen in the second draft of the station sheet which appears in these columns. At half past two p. m., the book committee assembled to consider the affairs of the Book Room and "Provincial Wesleyan." A very satisfactory report from the Book Steward, Dr. Pickard, was presented. The accounts show a steady improvement for the past three years, and reveal that this important concern is rapidly advancing towards a condition of solvency. More than $3,800 of the debt had been already paid off, whilst five hundred new subscribers had been added to our widely circulated paper.

The committee for Examination of Candidates met at the same hour as the Book committee and examined eighteen young men who had been recommended as suitable candidates for our ministry.

The experiences of these young men and their clear and well expressed answers to the theological questions proposed were highly satisfactory, and they were unanimously recommended to be received and appointed to circuits. Their literary examination, conducted by the Rev. Cranswick Jost, has not yet been made known.

The Contingent Fund Committee met on Wednesday at nine o'clock. We noticed with much pleasure at the board three esteemed laymen, viz: Mr. Pickup of Granville, and Messrs. Gardner and Stoneman of Yarmouth. The Secretary of the Fund read the apportionment of grant to several Districts, mentioned the changes which had been made since the first apportionment, and stated that the total amount divided to the circuits was $11,933. The receipts from the circuit show an increase of $37. Grants were made to several brethren whose accounts had not been accurately adjusted last year, and a small sum was voted to meet several cases of special affliction.

In the afternoon the Home Mission Fund committee met. The Report of the secretary showed that the total receipts for the year were $6,292 being an improvement of $1156 over last year. This was a very gratifying statement proving that this important fund is becoming increasingly popular, and encouraging the hope that it will soon prove sufficient to meet the growing wants of our widely extended mission fields.

The Foreign Missionary Committee met at 7 p. m., and listened to a very pleasing report,—a report which clearly indicates that our churches take an increasing interest in the conversion of a heathen world.

The Conference opened at 9 o'clock, on Thursday, and continued in session until half-past one. For a report of its proceedings see another column. In the

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the Supernumerary Fund, Parsonage Aid Fund, and Sabbath School Committees met, each of which had a favourable report to present, and on the following afternoon the

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reviewed the condition and considered the future of this important fund. The increase in the receipts was not large, yet it was sufficient to create the assurance that our Institutions at Sackville, and the education of young men for our Ministry are growing in favour with our people. Some valuable suggestions were made, upon which the Conference will take action in due time.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The Eighteenth Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Eastern British America commenced its session on Thursday, 27th June.

Between eight and nine o'clock on Thursday morning, the ministers began to assemble in and about the Conference room. Many were the greetings and salutations exchanged, as brethren separated during the year by many a mile, now stood face to face once more, and numerous were the inquiries made concerning those whom age or afflictions had prevented from attending this yearly gathering.

At 9 o'clock the President took the chair and gave out the hymn commencing:

And are we yet alive,
And see each other's face, &c.,

The Journal Secretary in the absence of the Secretary read Isaiah 25th chapter and 2nd Corinthians 2nd chapter, after which Rev. Messrs. Davies and Daniels offered prayers.

Mr. Pope, then, in retiring from the chair, addressed the Conference in a brief but eloquent speech the substance of which is as follows:

Hon'd and Beloved Fathers and Brethren:

The hour has at length arrived to which I have often turned an anxious eye, since twelve months ago, obedient to your call, I tremblingly assumed the Presidential responsibilities of our vigorous and rapidly rising Conference.

Standing as I this moment do, amid the lingering shadows of the departed year, I am constrained by an overwhelming sense of the divine mercy towards me, lovingly and gratefully to exclaim "Hithertoo the Lord hath helped me" and blessed be the name of the Lord!"

I feel it to be an occasion for devout thankfulness to Him who holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, and in whose hands our times are, that with but three exceptions the lives of all the members of our Conference have been preserved throughout another year and in respect of those whose presence may no more lighten our Conferential assemblings—it is our confident joy to know that, as noble veterans or more youthful warriors of the sacramental army of our conquering Lord—they have ascended up on high to receive from His righteous hand "the starry crown to victors due."

With myself you will esteem it a matter of mutual grutulation and encouragement that, under the auspices of Divine favor, our various material interests as a Connexion have been more fully consolidated and strengthened, while the voice of the more spiritual aspects of the work committed to our care will exhibit unmistakeable evidences of increasing vitality and expansion.

In this day of novelties in religious faith, and insidious efforts to divide the Church of Christ it is refreshingly assuring to know that Methodism within the bounds of our Conference—in respect alike of ministers and members, is undivided in doctrine and co-operative in action. We have no new departures in Theology to record, and you will pray with me that God would forbid the day should ever dawn when our Church shall have any such event to chronicle.

Under a depressing consciousness of personal inadequacy for the duties of this high position I undertook them—Throughout the year I have been greatly comforted and aided by the counsel of some of my Brethren, and by the warmly expressed sympathy of all, for all of which they will please accept my best thanks. I have now much pleasure in calling upon the Secretary of the Conference to read that portion of the British Conference's address which relates to our Chief officers for the ensuing year."

Here the Secretary read the following extract from the address of the British Conference, viz:—

"We have much pleasure, in accordance with your request, in appointing the Rev J. G. Hennigar as your President, and the Rev. Charles Stewart D. D., as co-Delegate for the next year."

Mr. Pope then addressing the Rev. Jas. G. Hennigar said, "my dear Mr. Hennigar, Permit me to offer you my warmest and most cordial congratulations on your assumption of the Presidency of this Conference. I esteem it a high honour and supreme pleasure to welcome to this Chair one for whom I entertais so high a regard; and one in whose appointment to this honorable relationship to this Conference, his Brethren in this Country and our Fathers in the Parent Land have delighted to honour. Of all the members of this body I am confident there is none whose record in the Methodistic annals of these Provinces is more high and honorable than your own. The fidelity, zeal, and affectionate devotion to the highest interests of the sacred office which have invariably distinguished your extended term of ministerial service have justly entitled you to this expression of the confidence and esteem of your brethren. The prayers of the ministers and members of our Church will converge on this platform to-day, as they breathe to Heaven the desire that the year of your Presidency upon which you now enter may be one of great comfort and advantage to yourself, and remarkable for the prosperity which shall be vouchsafed to all the interests committed to your care?

THE PRESIDENT, REV. J. HENNIGAR'S ADDRESS BEFORE THE CONFERENCE, 1872.

Much Respected Fathers and Brethren:

From my earliest recollection as taught by a now sainted mother, I entertained the deepest reverence and respect for our ministers, and from the commencement of my ministerial life I have estimated the love and confidence of my brethren in the ministry as only second to the "favour of God." You will therefore appreciate the deep feeling under which I say this morning, that I gratefully accept the honour—the vote of this Conference and subsequent confirmation of the Parent Conference have assigned me.

While I regard your action as a token of affection and respect for myself, I also esteem it as an expression of your love and veneration for those who have long been engaged in our work. On this subject I only regret that many of my early associates in our ministry, several of whom have gone home to God and others who have honorably retired from the active work, have not been in circumstances to share in such expressions of your regard. But sure I am that their memory will be fragrant in your recollection, and that the few that remain will continue to share in that truly Methodistical characteristic love and esteem for the seniors. I take this position this morning, full and painfully conscious of my inability to discharge its duties as my predecessors have done, but my prayerful trust is in my Heavenly Father who has ever been to me better than all my fears. It is a matter of consolation that you have placed by my side a brother, in whose good judgment and brotherly kindness I can fully rely, and I do feel that I am surrounded with brethren who will cheerfully lend me that co-operation so indispensable to the prosecution and completion of our Conferential work.

I entered this work before the larger number of this Conference were born, and now drawing near the close of active service I want to say, that was my life to be repeated, there is no position, however honorable or profitable in the estimation of the world, I say none would be so desirable to myself, as that of a devoted Methodist Preacher.

I do not wish to take up much of the time of the Conference, but I want just at this juncture when some unacquainted with the *progressive* work of our Church in the Provinces appear to minify our advancement, I want from the standpoint of my *own* observation to briefly contrast the *present* with the *past* of our history as a Church.

When I entered upon my first Circuit, within the territory of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, we had but *one small District*, that District consisted of but 13 ordained ministers in the active work, with a membership throughout the three Provinces of 2,000 souls.

My *first* circuit in the Provinces was the Annapolis Circuit, under the superintendence of Rev. S. Busby, and it extended from Brier Island to Aylesford West, over all that extent of country including Brier Island, Digby, St. Mary's Bay, Bear River, Annapolis, Granville, Bridgetown, Laurencetown, Hanley Mountain, Beal's Mountain, Wilmot, Nictaux, Aylesford East and West.

There were *then* in the Annapolis Circuit a membership of 180 souls with 6 or 7 old chapels. *Now* within the same area, we have 11 ministers, 3 supernumeraries, 1000 members and 6000 adherents.

Horton was my next circuit, and included Kentville, Cornwallis East, Horton proper, Lockhartville, Mt. Denson, Upper and Lower Falmouth and Windsor. Here we had 140 members and 5 chapels. *Now* we have 5 ministers, 4 supernumeraries, 9 churches, 500 members, and 2,500 adherents.

Wallace, another of my circuits where I labored alone, extended from River Philip to Albion Mines, including River Philip, West Chester, Wallace-river, Wallace proper, Malagash, Tatmagouche, River John, and Albion Mines. Here we had 150 members and 3 old chapels. *Now* there are 7 ministers, 800 members, 10 or 12 churches, and 2000 adherents. Such was *numerically* the state of the first tew Circuits I travelled, and such is their advancement; and I believe that *all* the Circuits then in existence, have grown in the same ratio. This you will perceive from the minutes of last year, where we find that within the same territory, with the addition of Newfoundland and Bermuda, we had up to June 1871, 140 ministers, 19 supernumerarys, 15,334 Church members, 83,312 adherents, with a contingent of 17,863 Sabbath School scholars. While on *monetary* matters, in addition to supporting our own ministers, building Churches and Parsonages, we have within the last year raised the sum of $21,999 for our Foreign and Home Missions and Conference funds.

Now with such recollections of early days, I have with each succeeding decade been led to contemplate our advancement with wonder and gratitude.

When I call to mind that through the instrumentality of Methodism that thousands from our own country have gone home to God, and contrasting this assembled Conference with the first District I ever attended of 14 ordained ministers, truly my eyes do affect my heart, but it is with gratitude to Him who in our branch of the Church hath done great things. Who with such demonstrations can say that Methodism has lost her Heaven given power and efficiency? I contend that the work God has accomplished through us, within the past half century, has seldom been exceeded in modern times.

Then look at the *reflex* influence of Methodism in these Provinces on other churches, under God she has provoked other churches, but it has been a laudable provocation "to love and good works."

Then, my dear Brethren, let us go forth in faith seeking the Baptismal power of the Holy Ghost, let us be faithful to God and to each other and the future shall be as the past but much more abundant. To God be all the glory.

The President then took the chair and introduced the Co-delegate, Rev. C. Stewart, D. D., who would not trespass upon the time of the Conference by making a speech, but hoped that this meeting of the brethren would not diminish, but strengthen our religious zeal and fervour.

The limits of the Conference were fixed; the names of the 121 representatives read; and the hours of session arranged.

Moved by Rev. Mr. Daniel seconded by Rev. J. McMurray: That the thanks of the Conference are due, and are hereby presented to Rev. Mr. Pope for his valuable services as President during the past year. The resolution passed unanimously. The vote of thanks was then presented by the President in a few appropriate remarks in acknowledging which Mr. Pope said:—

Mr. President, Beloved Fathers and Brethren:

Permit me to express my sincere thanks to the mover and seconder of this Resolution for their kindness in proposing it, and to you for the kind and cordial manner in which it has been received. I can say in all sincerity before God, that next to an enjoying sense of His own favour, I prize the confidence and esteem of good men, especially of ministers of Jesus Christ and particularly Methodist preachers. If I have been able to discharge the duties entrusted to me at all to your satisfaction, I am truly glad and would offer all the glory to Him who has been my all-sufficient helper. Should I, in the course of my administration, have unconsciously wounded the feelings of any among you—I ask your forgiveness—I am heartily grateful for this opportunity of again greeting you all in the name of the Lord—of once more from this annual eminence looking out upon the wide battlefield upon which during the year which is past we have been fighting the battles of the Lord.

Here again to recount the marches and counter-marches, the toils and triumphs of the campaign, what battles have been fought what positions carried for our King and our God.

True the dint of the strife and the grime of the battle may be upon our brows and upon our hands; but hearts strong and brave in their faith in God and hope for humanity beat in our breasts, and we are resolved in the strength of Him who teacheth our hands to war and our fingers to fight with unswerving fidelity to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

Here again we gather to bathe our banners in the blood of the everlasting covenant, and at the altar of the cross, by the memory of our sainted dead, the crowned heroes, who, having conquered souls for Christ, and triumphed over the final foe, stand before Heaven's throne garlanded with imperishable honour, swear once more, death's fealty to our redeeming Lord; and then go forth to the renewed conflict with the general order ringing through the chamber of our sanctified souls, "the whole line will advance."

Again I thank you for your kindness, and be assured if in the future it shall be in my way to serve you in any respect none will be more willing to do so than I will be found to be."

Thanks were also presented to the Secretary, Journal Secretary, and assistants. Rev. J. G. Angwin was appointed assistant Financial Secretary of the Conference. W. C. Brown to report for the "Provincial Wesleyan," Messrs. Clark and Paisley Conference letter writers, and Joseph Hart and John Lathern to prepare the answer to the address of the Canada Conference.

Four young men, who had passed their probation creditably, were recommended for ordination, and thirty others to be continued on trial. Drs. Stewart and DeWolf, and the brethren Daniel, Smallwood, and Davies were appointed a committee to examine the candidates for ordination, and Saturday morning was fixed for that duty. It was ordered that the Book Room affairs stand for the order of the day for Friday morning. The hour of twelve having now arrived, the people began to assemble for the Conference prayer meeting, and soon a considerable number had gathered, although the attendance was by no means as large as it should be on such occasions. During the service it was announced that Bro. Crane, who for several weeks had been very ill, was at the point of death, and fervent prayer was offered in his behalf. At a quarter past one the congregation was dismissed, and the Conference resumed its business for a few minutes.

FRIDAY JUNE 28th.—The Conference opened in the usual form at nine o'clock. The Rev. Messrs. Cassidy and Prestwood were appointed to receive and disburse the Conference collection. Monday was fixed for the reading of the addresses from the British and Canadian Conferences, and the reception of delegates. Brother O'Banyan a representative from the British American Methodist Episcopal Church was reported to be present. On motion it was ordered that he be received with the other representatives on Monday next. On motion of Dr. Pickard it was resolved that Dr. Stewart, J. McMurray, and A. W. Nicolson be appointed a committee to convey our expressions of fraternal regard to the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces now in session in this city. The question of character was then considered in the usual manner, after which it was reported that three of the brethren, viz., John Snowball, Wm. Cardy and S. B. Martin had died during the year. Remarks upon the many virtues of these now sainted brethren were made by those who had been most intimate with them a full report which will be found in another place, and minutes were ordered for publication.

About this time Dr. Evans of the Canada Conference entered the room and took his seat upon the platform, amidst the hearty applause of the brethren, who delighted to welcome and old and well tried friend and faithful servant of the connexion.

The brethren M'Carty, Prince, and LePage were allowed to become Supernumeraries, in the hope that a years rest will restore their shattered health. A communication was then received from the Y. M. C. Association, offering the free use of their Reading Room to such members of the conference as might avail themselves of it. Brother Silas Fulton whose health had failed during the year offered his resignation and desired a recommendation to the Vermont Conference. On motion it was referred to his chairman.

The number of members in our church was reported to be 15362,—with 1191 on trial after which an interesting conversation ensued upon the state of our church when the further consideration of this important subject was laid over and the conference adjourned.

3RD DAY.—The Conference assembled at the usual hour, and commenced its proceedings with the customary religious exercises. A communication was read from the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, informing them that 4 o'clock, p. m., on Monday, had been fixed by them for the reception of our deputation. The conversation upon the spiritual state of our circuits, which had been interrupted on Friday by the arrival of the hour of adjournment, was resumed, and a committee was appointed to review the work and report to the Conference.

It was announced to the Conference that Bro. Crane, one of our supernumeraries residing in this city, whose illness had already been mentioned in these columns, had just passed to his reward. Suitable resolutions were passed and a committee was appointed to call upon Mrs. Crane and convey to the bereaved family the assurance of our heartfelt sympathy, and also to prepare a suitable minute for publication.

A general statement was read of the condition of our several funds; and the Conference proceeded to the order of the day—the "Book Room." The minutes of the Committee were read and received. Dr. Pickard then read a statement of the financial condition of the Book Room, and "Provincial Wesleyan," which showed both to be in a prosperous state. During the past three years there has been a gradual but certain improvement in the concern. The elaborate and exhaustive exposition of the business given by Dr. Pickard was very satisfactory to the Conference. His glance into the future was full of hope and propromise. His address was received with hearty applause, and on motion of A. W. Nicolson, seconded by Dr. DeWolf, he was re elected to the office of Book Steward by acclamation.

Rev. S. F. Huestis made a few pertinent and forcible remarks upon the duty of ministers with reference to the *Wesleyan*. The Ex-President was highly gratified by the accounts presented. The clouds of anxiety which gathered in his mind a few years ago were dispelled. He considered the condition of this important auxiliary assured, and, to make the Book Steward feel secure in the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the Conference, would move the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Conference tenders to the Rev. Dr. Pickard its earnest thanks, for the able, judicious and faithful manner in which he had discharged the onerous duties of his office as Editor of the "Provincial Wesleyan" and Book Steward during the past year; and begs to assure him of the warmest and most prayerful sympathy with him in his continued connection with this important department of our work.

Dr. Evans, at the invitation of the brethren, spoke a few words. He was highly gratified by the showing of these accounts. He had heard whispers that the Book Steward would never be able to untangle the concern, and extricate it from its difficulties. He never believed them. He was glad to find that he was not deceived. He remembered his own efforts of long ago to establish the "Wesleyan." He still read it with pleasure. Far away in the West there was no journal which he looked at with greater pleasure. He believed that when the union was effected between this and the Canadian Conference, that our Book Room and "Wesleyan" affairs would be placed in a still better financial condition.

Dr. Pickard had at one time felt a fear that his health would give way under the pressure of duties. That fear however had passed away. He accepted the vote which had just passed, as an expression of confidence and sympathy from the brethren.

Dr. Punshon, also consented to make a few remarks upon the affairs connected with the "Wesleyan." He was glad to find that a movement which had been inaugurated under his presidency was successful. He congratulated Dr. Pickard and the Conference. He had, himself, been on an editorial staff. The "Recorder" was started before he left England by a number of Ministers, of whom he was one. All cheap papers in connection with the Methodist Church had previously failed. Seven or eight of the ministers started this. It had now a circulation of over twenty-five thousand, had become a great literary success, and had been able to contribute something to connexional funds.

Having been in the inner closet he knew the difficulties of an editor. Dr. Pickard had his sympathy. He intended to subscribe for the "Wesleyan." He had read it with pleasure in former times, and wished to read it again. He then made one or two valuable suggestions which on motion to that effect were adopted, and the ex-President was requested to prepare a suitable minute for publication.

The Secretary of the Home Mission Fund, presented his report, and the resolutions recommended by that committee were adopted.

The minute in reference to the late brother Crane, was read by the Rev. Geo. O. Heustis, and passed, and it was announced that his funeral would take place on Monday at 3 o'clock, p. m.

DR. PUNSHON'S LECTURE.

On Thursday evening Rev. Dr. Punshon delivered his noble lecture on "The Men of the Mayflower." Long before the appointed hour the people began to assemble, and, although Mlle. Rosa d'Erina, the justly celebrated prima donna of Ireland was advertized to sing at the promenade concert in the Horticultural Gardens, yet the capacious church in Brunswick Street was crowded—pews, galleries, and aisles. A few minutes before eight the lecturer entered the church, and his appearance was the signal for applauses renewed again and again, as he walked up the aisle and took his seat upon the platform. The Anthem "How lovely is Zion" was rendered by the choir with admirable taste and fine expression.

M. H. Richey Esq., took the chair, and, after prayer by the Rev. J. McMurray introduced the lecturer in a brief but graceful and appropriate speech.

Mr. Punshon then came forward and delivered a lecture, which for grandeur of conception, richness of imagery, chasteness and beauty of style, and force of expression is seldom equalled, never surpassed. It was more than a lecture upon the *men* of the Mayflower, it was a magnificent evolution of the *principles* which gave strength and beauty to the texture of their character, and guided them through the difficult and perilous path which Providence opened before them.

He held his audience spell bound whilst he described the circumstances which led to their voluntary exile, pourtrayed the contemptible royalty of that period, painted the characters of their leaders, and recounted their perils and priyations. He paid a noble tribute to the wise and saintly Robinson who could not accompany them though his heart was with them, and to Miles Standish, who *did* accompany them though his heart was never in sympathy with their religious belief. He contrasted their attachment to the Word of God with the loose liberalism of the present day, much to the disadvantage of the latter, and called upon his audience to emulate their character and their self-denying devotion to duty.

He was interrupted during his lecture by frequent bursts of applause and by such a hearty approval both of his sentiments and his oratory as did honor to both the principles and taste of the people of Halifax.

At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was moved by Rev. Mr. Sedgewick of the Presbyterian church and seconded by Dr. Pickard. The doxology was then sung and the benediction pronounced.

(UNDER CORRECTION.)

LIST OF STATIONS

OF THE MINISTERS AND PREACHERS ON TRIAL OF THE CONFERENCE OF EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA, 1872.

Rev. James G. Hennigar, *President*.
Rev. Chas. Stewart, D.D., *Co-Delegate*.
Rev. Duncan D. Currie, *Secretary*.

I. HALIFAX DISTRICT.

1 *Halifax, North*—(Brunswick street,) Jabez A. Rogers; (Kaye street,) William Sargent; (Charles street,) James Strothard; Edmund Botterell, Supernumerary.
2 *Halifax, South*—(Grafton street,) John Read; H. Pope, (A) Supernumerary. *Conference Office*—H. Pickard, D.D., Editor and Book Steward.
3 *Dartmouth*—C. B. Pitblado; Thos. Angwin, Supernumerary.
4 *Windsor*—Albert S. DesBrisay; M. Richey, D.D., F. Smallwood, Roland Morton, Supernumeraries.
5 *Falmouth*—Jas. G. Hennigar.
6 *Horton*—S. F. Huestis; Geo. Johnson, Supernumerary.
7 *Kentville*—R. W. Weddall, A.B., under the superintendence of the Horton Minister, with whom he will exchange once a month.
8 *Newport*—John McMurray.
9 *Avondale*—Cranswick Jost, A.M.
10 *Burlington and Kempt*—John Johnson.
11 *Maitland*— J. A. Mosher.
12 *Musquodoboit Harbor*—J. S. Allen.
13 *Middle Musquodoboit*—James Tweedy.
14 *Sheet Harbor*—(Home Mission,) to be supplied from Middle Musquodoboit.
15 *Shubenacadie*—John W. Howie.
16 *Sambro and Margaret's Bay*—H. J. Clark.
17 *Bermuda*—(Hamilton and Somerset,) S. Humphrey, A.M. Wm. H. Evans.
18 *Bermuda*—(St. George's and Bailey's Bay) T. W. Smith, A. R. B. Shrewsbury.

II. ST. JOHN DISTRICT.

19 *St. John*, (Germain Street)—Henry Pope, (B); Wm. McCarty, Supernumerary.
20 *St. John*, (Centenary)—Duncan D. Currie; W. Temple, Henry Daniel, Jas R. Narraway, A.M., John Prince, Supy's.
21 *St. John*, (Exmouth Street—Thoms J. Deinstadt
22 *St. John*, (Portland—H. Sprague, A. M.
23 *St. John*, (Carleton)—Robert Duncan.
24 *St. John*, (City Mission—Wm. Maggs, under the superintendence of Bro. Pope.
25 *St John*, (Zion's Church)—Ralph Brecken, A.B., under the superintendence of Bro. Currie.
26 *Fairville*,—H. P. Cowperthwaite, A.M.
27 *St. Andrew's*—C. Lockhart.
28 *St. David's*—W. W. Percival.
29 *St Stephen*—J. A. Clark, A.M.
30 *St James, East*—To be supplied from St. David's.
31 *St James, West*—Wm. F. Penny, A.B.
32 *Mill Town*—Richard Smith.
33 *Sussex Vale*—Chas. W. Dutcher, Robt. A. Daniel.
34 *Grand Lake*—R. O'B. Johnson,
35 *Jerusalem*—Isaac N. Parker.
36 *Kingston*—Chas. W. Dockrill.
37 *Upham*—Joseph B. Hemmeon.

III. TRURO DISTRICT.

38 *Truro*—Job Shenton, Wm. H. Ibbetson, A.B; Thomas Smith, Supernumerary.
39 *River Philip*—George Harrison.
40 *Wallace*—Robert Wasson, Wm. Harrison.
41 *Pugwash*—David W. LeLacheur.
42 *Stellarton*—Arthur D. Morton, A.M.
43 *River John*—Robert B. Mack.
44 *Pictou*—Wm. C. Brown.
45 *Guysboro' and Canso*—Jeremiah V. Jost, Thos. H James; James Buckley, Thos. D. Hart, Supernumeraries.
46 *Goldenville*—One wanted.
47 *Manchester*—Edwin Mills.
47 *Sydney*—John Cassidy, Wm. Tippett.
49 *Gabarus*—One to be sent.
50 *Port Hawkesbury*—A. Fletcher Weldon.
51 *Port Hood and Margarie*—To be supplied from Port Hawkesbury.
52 *Ingonish*—One wanted.

IV. P. E. ISLAND DISTRICT.

53 *Charlottetown*—James Taylor, (City Mission) Robert McArthur; A. E. LePage, Supernumerary.
54 *Cornwall and Little York*—Edwin Evans. Waldron W. Brewer.
55 *Pownall*—W. W. Colpitts. The brethren on the Cornwall and Pownall Circuits to exchange with Charlottetown each once in six weeks.
56 *Bedeque*—John S. Phinney, John Ellis.
57 *Margate*—John G. Bigney.
58 *Summerside*—John C. Berrie.
59 *Murray Harbor*—Robert Tweedy.
60 *Georgetown and Montague*—To be supplied from Murray Harbor.
61 *Souris*—Aquila Lucas.
62 *Alberton*—Levi S. Johnson.

IV. FREDERICTON DISTRICT.

63 *Fredericton*—Leonard Gaetz.
64 *Marysville*—Robert Wilson.
65 *Blissville*—One wanted.
66 *Kingsclear*—Robert H. Taylor.
67 *Sheffield*—Fred. W. Harrison.
68 *Grand Lake, West*—
69 *Woodstock*—H. McKeown.
70 *Canterbury*—R. Weddall, Robt. S. Crisp.
71 *Knowlesville*—Charles W. Hamilton.
72 *Jacksonville*—Ezra B. Moore.
73 *Florenceville*—William Alcorn.
74 *Andover*—George B. Payson.
75 *Tobique (Mission)*—One wanted.
76 *Nashwaak*—Joseph Seller, A.M.
77 *Boiestown*—Thomas Marshall.
78 *Gagetown*—Elias Slackford.
79 *Miramichi*—I. Sutcliffe, A. H. Webb.
80 *Baie de Vin*—One wanted.
81 *Bathurst*—J. J. Colter.
82 *Dalhousie*—One wanted.

VI.—SACKVILLE DISTRICT.

83 *Sackville*—Elias Brettle. *Educational Institutions*—Chas. Stewart, D.D., Theological Professor. *Students in Theology*—Silas James, George J. Bond, Mich. Campbell, J. W. Dodd, Elias B. England.
84 *Point de Bute*—J. G. Angwin.
85 *Baie de Vert*—S. T. Teed, John Baines.
86 *Moncton and Coverdale*—Isaac C. Charlow.
87 *Dorchester*—R. A. Temple.
88 *Hopewell*—Samuel Ackman.
89 *Hillsboro'*—Douglas Chapman.
90 *Havelock*—Thomas Allen.
91 *Salisbury and Elgin*—G. W. Fisher
92 *Richibucto*—C. H. Paisley, A.M.
93 *Amherst*—John Waterhouse
94 *Nappan*—J. M. Pike.
95 *Parrsboro'*—David B. Scott, John Betts.
96 *Advocate Harbor*—Jas. M. Fisher.

VII. ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

97 *Annapolis*—Geo. W. Tuttle; M. Pickles, F. H. W. Pickles, Supernumeraries.
98 *Granville Ferry*—Joseph Hart.
99 *Bridgetown*—W. H. Heartz, Eben E. England; Thomas H. Davies, Joseph Bent, Supernumeraries.
100 *Wilmot*—P. Prestwood, J. E. Jubb.
101 *Aylesford*—William Tweedy.
102 *Canning*—G. O. Huestis.
103 *Berwick*—John S. Addy.
104 *Hillsburg*—G. M. Barratt.
105 *Digby*—James England.
106 *Weymouth*—George F. Day.
107 *Digby Neck*—Wm. Dobson.
108 *Brier Island*—One wanted.

VIII. LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

109 *Liverpool*—John J. Teasdale; Charles DeWolfe, D.D., Supernumerary.
110 *Caledonia*—Caleb Parker.
111 *Yarmouth, South*—A. W. Nicolson, A.M; J. R. Hart, Supernumerary.
112 *Yarmouth, North*—John Lathern.
113 *Yarmouth, East*—Thomas Rogers, A.M.
144 *Darling's Lake*—One wanted.
115 *Barrington*—J. McC. Fulton.
116 *Port La Tour*—J. R. Borden.
117 *Shelburne*—J. S. Coffin.
118 *N. E. Harbor*—W. W. Lodge.
119 *Port Mouton*—Jesse B. Giles.
120 *Mill Village and Bridgewater*—John L. Sponagle.
121 *Petite Riviere*—S. W. Sprague.
122 *Lunenburg*—Joseph Gaetz, J. T. Baxendale.
123 *New Germany*—One wanted.

IX. NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT

124 *St. John's*—G. S. Milligan, A.M., Henry L. Cranford, Thos. W. Atkinson.
125 *Harbor Grace*—Charles Ladner.
126 *Carbonear*—Chas. Comben, Joseph Hale.
'27 *Brigus*—Thomas Harris; W. J. Shenstone, Supernumerary.
128 *Port de Grave*—Thomas Fox.
129 *Black Head*—John S. Peach.
130 *Island Cove*—Joseph Pascoe.
131 *Perlican*—Isaac Howie.
132 *Hant's Harbor*—Simeon Dunn.
133 *Bonavista*—George Forsey.
134 *Catalina & Trinity*—John Reay.
135 *Twillingate*—James Dove.
136 *Burin*—John Goodison.
137 *Grand Bank & Fortune*—James A. Duke, John Currie.
138 *Port au Basque*—Charles Pickels, Jeremiah Embree.
139 *Exploits and Little Bay Islands*—F. W. Willey, Chas. Myers.
140 *Fogo*—One wanted.
141 *Green's Pond*—Solomon Matthews.
142 *Shoal Harbor*—Wm. Swan.
143 *Musgrave Town*—One wanted.
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145 *Labrador*—Joseph Hall, during Summer months.

EDITORIAL NOTES &c.

While the Conference is in session one of its members, the Rev. Robert E. Crane, has been removed by death. Mr. Crane had been in failing health for some time, and in consequence of this had resided as a Supernumerary in Halifax, during the past year; but until a few days ago it was not anticipated that the disease which had fastened upon him would consummate its work so speedily.

Bro. Crane died as he had for many years lived, in the faith of the Gospel.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon and was very largely attended by the members of the Conference and other friends.

Mr. Crane has left a widow and a large family of children who should and will have the sympathy not only of the members of the Conference, but of the Church at large.

2. The Conference is advancing with the business of its present annual session very pleasantly. The time of the Editor has been so completely absorbed by the business of the Committees and the Conference that he is compelled to leave all reporting of proceedings to the Rev. W. C. Brown who at the urgent request of the Conference kindly consented to undertake the task. We are very sorry that his report of Monday's very interesting and important proceedings (morning, afternoon and evening,) will have to be delayed until next week. Meanwhile we may intimate that at the special session called on Monday afternoon to consider the subject of the proposed union with the Canada Conference, the Conference after due discussion unan