#### THE WESLEYAN.

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A DEFINITE AIM FOR 1880-81.

Of late there has been a lull in our Church work. Wearied ministers have found a coveted break in toil while attending the Conference sessions, and in not a few of our circuits the church machinery has almost settled down to a 'dull-times' quiet.

This season of rest is about to close. Familiar pastors are returning to their families and flocks; pastors designate yet unknown by face to their charges, are preparing to pitch their tents among them; and the whole machinery of the church is about to move under its usual pressure.

We trust that pastors and people as they stand at the threshold of the ecclesiastical year, will not err concerning the great purpose of all these arrangements. A purpose there must be, where so many men are employed, where so many churches are occupied, and so much money is used. What, then, is that purpose? New churches are needed? An important work, we grant, in a world where heat and cold, and sunshine and storm, will not long permit us to make the groves God's temples. Church debts pressing heavily upon the congregations must be paid? None can deny that such a result is desirable—a mortgage upon a dwelling adds nothing to its worth; as an incumbrance upon the house of God it is to be dreaded. The support of the ministry is often the prominent topic when church officials meet. This too is important. No honest congregation can be careless respecting the provision for him who ministers to them in holy things, while a dispensation of the Gospel is committed to men only, and not to angels. But none of these things, nor all of them combined, constitute the great aim of the Church's work. That aim, as seen from heaven, is to so present Jesus as the Saviour of men, so to testify of those tremendous truths of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ that thousands, soon to die, shall, before their probation ends, accept the blood-bought salvation, and live not unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them and rose again.

Richard Baxter's biographer says that the secret of Baxter's earnestness was 'a heart on fire.' Let brethren in the ministry ponder that expression. The great danger in ministerial life is a tendency to professionalism, which may not hinder the performance of duty, but may rob it of all power, and may even permit the man who once trembled at the truths he had to bear, to treat them as trifles and even as points with which to adorn his jests. Red-hot words, words that burn their way to the heart, are only to be thrown from the lips of men whose hearts are like Baxter's-' on fire.' Such men cannot be indifferent whether souls are saved or not. A cheering sign of the times to us was the private meeting of several of our ministers while at Truro, to consider the all-important question of personal consecration to Christ. 'I am very deeply impressed,' wrote a leader in the little band, a day or two since, 'with the thought that this movement, small in its beginnings, will result in good to the church. Holiness is power, and if we become a holy church, we shall go forth 'fair as the sun, clear as the moon, and terrible as an army with banners.'

Let not the membership attempt to roll all the burden upon the ministry. They too preach, but little it may be by the lip, but certainly by the life. 'The lives of professing Christians are the Bibles that men read to-day,' said a Christian officer of the British army not long since. He was right. The logic of the Christian life will ever be more powerful than that of the lips; before both men must fall, and say, We will go with you, for God is with you.' Light up your pastor's heart with holy sympathy. Act the part of Aaron and Hur in holding up his hands. Preface his sermons with that ardent prayer that opens heaven, and it shall be again as it was with Edwards of New England, who, one Sab-

gregation had been praying for a blessing, uttered his message with such terrible power that men clinched the very seats as if to save themselves from sinking into perdition.

Pastors and people will soon meet in the first social meeting of the year. at the first session of the Quarterly board, and at the first communion service of the Conference year. Let each be a period of complete consecration, and letting faith, mighty faith, grasp the promises, see that you agree that souls must be saved. Then, as Spurgeon says, 'your must and God's must the history of the most glorious days of the Church—shall repeat itself, and gathered groups in glory shall tell of this year as the special year of grace. Blessed possibility! Brethren in the shall it be realized?

The Catalogue of the Mount Allison Wesleyan Ladies' Academy for 1879-80 has been received. From it we learn that during the year seventy-four young ladies have availed themselves of the rare educational facilities offered at Sackville. A glance at our exchanges convinces us that our American neighbors are in advance of ourselves in their appreciation of the value of the higher education for women. We are following, however, if not with equal steps. Certain remarks from 'Zion's Herald' are well worth perusal:

The great moral enterprises of our age have already attracted the activities as well as touched the hearts of women. There is a wonderful harmony in the great scheme of divine Providence. Just when woman is receiving fresh inspiration to prepare herself for broader Christian work, and opportunities for intellectual and moral are The great moral enterprises of our age have aland opportunities for intellectual and moral pre-paration are opened on every hand, these peculia calls for her special talents and graces become apparent to all. Whatever may be the objections some of us have to the ordination of woman for the pastoral work, no sensible Christian doubts her adaptation to the work of social reform. She has already justified her peculiar endowment for awakening the dying enthusiasm of the churches and of philanthropists in the temperance move-ment. For the rescue of the abandoned and of the ment. For the rescue of the abandoned and of the periled of her own sex, there can be no masculine substitute for woman. The exigency in our foreign missionary work, calling loudly for some reinforcement to overcome the great social and domestic obstacles in the way of the evangelization of the heathen, could only be met by this late and wonderful consecration of woman to the work; and the marvellous success which has followed is the divine seal set upon it. owed is the divine seal set upon it.

But the chief significance of this great advance all along the line in the education of womau, in all along the line in the education of womau, in our estimation, is the influence it will exert upon the family circle. The great body of these cultivated young women will become wives and mothers. They will be better prepared to make their homes happy, both for their husbands and children. The home nurture will be a conscientious and careful work. An impiring intellectual atmosphere will be breathed over the happy child-bod in such bears. hood in such homes. Its preliminary education will be wisely directed, and a love for advanced learning will be awakened. The interest of an accomplished Christian mother in all the great moral enterprises of the day will become the early passion of her children. A helier and hypothesis ly passion of her child conception of the vast work of human elevation will be awakened in a generation trained under the influence of such devoted mothers. The elevation and inspiration of woman is the certain and permanent progress of civilization and Chris-

We learn that the Board of Governors have been successful in the search for a successor to Miss Whitfield, for several years the worthy Preceptress at Mount Allison. The 'Christian Advocate,' New York, thus speaks of the lady in question:

Miss Ella J. Barnes, of this city, has been appointed Preceptress of Mount Allison Collegiate Institute at Sackville, N. B. The lady is a member of St. James M. E. Church, of this city, and most highly esteemed. Our friends at Sackville will find the new Preceptress of cultivated mind, of polished manners, of rare conversational pow ers-in a word, one well worthy to be intrusted with the training of young ladies.

The Sunday School Centennial Service of Saturday last was, in point of numbers, a grand success. The scholars of twentysix schools. mustered in the Royal Exhibition Hall, with many of their parents and friends, made, perhaps, the largest gathering under any one roof ever seen in Nova Scotia. To us the scene was strangely impressive. The very name-reminding us that the service was the only one ot a hundred years-caused us to glance hastily into the past, and peer into the future. But one cannot muse long on the relations of the past and the tuture to himself when in the presence of three thousand children. The boundless future before them, with its tremendous possibilities, will make him torgetful of self, and incline him to follow the fashion of the old English teacher, who was wont first of all to take off his hat to his pupils,—as the future men of his country. Our musings were soon broken in upon by the sweet strains of the Band of the 101st. Of such importance has Raikes' once humble work become that a band of one of Her Majesty's regiments takes part in a commemorative service. Then followed the grand old doxology, in which the voices of the vast crowd were led by Miss Mackintosh, on the cabinet organ, and W. Ackhurst, Esqr., on the cornet. Rev. Thomas Duncan then led in prayer.

In point of order the gathering, as we feared, proved a failure. Only the voice of a Whittield could have reached the remote part of the building. We have heard but one voice that could have carried a message to the more distant listenersthat of a colonel of a British regiment.

the constant movement of a number of the spectators rather than children, the room became more like the place of a promenade concert, than of an audience prepared to listen to speeches. As a consequence the excellent addresses of the chairman, A. N. Archibald, Esq., President of the Sabbath School Association, of Cheit Justice Young, Hon. S. L. Shannon, Revs. B. Minard, C. B. Pitblado, and D. D. Currie, could scarcely be heard even by those on the platform. We intend, at an early date, to present to our readers the paper prepared by Mr. Shannon.

At the close of the addresses, the audience joined in singing

'All hail the power of Jesus' name,' shall come together;' and history- and the Rev. Dr. Hill pronounced the benediction, after which the band played ' God save the Queen,' the audience standing and singing.

The Rev. T. H. Pease, for fifteen years chaplain of the Seamen's Bethel in New ministry, and brethren in the laity, Orleans, sends us a note, the substance or which, without any breach of confidence, we give our readers. To furnish the 30,000 seamen who annually visit that 'Franco-Spanish Catholic' city with better employment than visiting dance-houses and playing cards, Mr. Pease has established one of the best-supplied Free Reading Rooms for sailors along the American coast. The room is thronged from morning till night with both seamen and landsmen of many nations, among whom are many officers and seamen from British America. These, he tells us, are 'em\_ phatically a reading people, and especially delighted to find something from home on their arrival from foreign lands.' A friend having placed a copy or two of THE WESLEYAN in his hands, he wrote to us to ask if we cannot send it to him each week free of charge, since the Seamen's Friend Society, of New York, by which he is employed, appropriates nothing for library purposes, and recent heavy losses have 'almost pauperized' himselt. This is but one of a number of cases where the gift of a year's subscription to our paper would be an act of the highest Christian charity. A gentleman, whom we are not at liberty to name, already circulates a large number of copies. Will not many others of our readers, who have been asking, 'What can I do for the Master?' answer their yet unanswered question by either sending us, with a remittance, the names of some to whom they wish the paper sent, or by placing at our disposal some certain amount to be used in this way as we may judge best. Our present subscription list allows us no margin for the exercise of such kindness. We can only at present promise try to make our paper worthy to be everywhere read. Any communication on this matter will be gladly received by our publisher, the Rev. S. F.

> A single fear has sometimes disturbed us when teaching from the International Series of Sunday School Lessons-a suspicion that our Catechisms were being crowded out. Theology must have a system; the grand scheme of redemption has nothing haphazard about it. The system of Gospel doctrine about which to group all real information is presented in brief in these Catechisms. Our fears are happily dispelled as we learn that an edition printed at our Book Room a few months since, and supposed to be sufficient for some time to come, is almost exhausted. Another will soon be required. We are innocent of any 'eye to business' when we urge our friends to see that their children are provided with these. The profiting may not be seen just now, but when the light of the Holy Spirit shall shine into their souls, their intelligent, well-rounded Christian lives will be a joy to themselves and a blessing to others.

# EDITOR'S NOTES.

Many thanks for those messages. do not print them, but none the less prize

Rev. Joseph Gaetz will be happy to show . A Dweller in the Valley,' whenever he may be at liberty to call at the Aylesford parsonage, a copy of Liddell and Greek-English Lexicon, which gives 'dip repeatedly' as a meaning of baptizo.

The report of the Hamilton Building Committee, will be found on our sixth

'Chorister's' article did not come into our hands until too late for its intended purpose. We therefore withheld it.

# PERSONAL.

Rev. J. A. Rogers, Secretary of the Nova Scotia Conference, was in this city several days last week, making preparation for the publication of the Minutes.

The Rev. D. D. Currie, who has left the editorial chair to take charge of the Centenary Church, St. John, N. B., lett for that city on Thursday. His address will be No. 4, Orange Terrace, Pitt St., St. John, N. B.

Joseph W. Howe, M. D., a native of Chatham, N. B., has attained a high rank in the medical profession in the United He is now Clinical Professor of Surgery in Bellevue Hospital Medical bath morning, after some of his con- After a time, with occasional music, and College. An important paper on the

Times ' of the 19th ult.

Dr. Allison, the Superintendent of Education, has been visiting Cape Breton. On the evening of the 25th ult., he addressed a largely-attended meeting at Baddeck. After having completed his tour of inspection in Inverness Co., he took part in the proceedings of the Teachers' Association. on the 30th, and in the evening delivered a most masterly lecture on Education to a large audience.

The Rev. Thos. Rogers passed through the city last week on his way from his boyhood's home in P. E. Island, to his itinerant's home in Horton.

Rev. S. F. Huestis preached his closing sermon at Brunswick Street church, on Sunday evening last. Seven persons who had joined the classes during the winter ly manifested in the public services of dewere publicly received into membership. Father Hennigar assisted the pastor at the communion service, at which a large number were present.

The Rev. Ralph Brecken, A. M., will commence his second ministerial term in Halifax by preaching on Sabbath morning next at Grafton St., and in the evening at Brunswick St., Churches The Brunswick St congregation may be congratulated on having obtained him as their preacher. He, on the other hand, will and in that church able and ready helpers. May his ministry prove an eternal blessing to them and their children.

We tender our sympathy to the Hon. Judge Young, of Charlottetown. An account of the accident which betell him wil! be found in another column.

John T. Mellish, Esq., A. M., of the High School, who was obliged to ask leave of absence a short time since, through ill health, has returned somewhat better. We sincerely hope that at the end of the summer vacation he may find himself fully prepared to resume his important

Rev. F. A. Buckley left in the 'Alpha on Monday for his station at Somerset,

Rev. A. S. Tuttle and wife sailed in the Nova Scotian' on Tuesday, for England -Mrs. Tuttle's native land. We wish them a pleasant visit and safe return.

Rev. Ingham Sutcliffe made us a brief call on Tuesday morning, just before going on board the 'Nova Scotian' for Liverpool, G. B. Mr. Sutcliffe left England as a young missionary for Canada in April 1832, since which he has not seen his native country. His triends may expect to hear from him through our columns.

With some difficulty we managed to spend an hour or two on Tuesday mornng at the examination of Morris Street School, of which D. H. Burbidge, Esq., A. M., is Principal. Not long since we heard a gentleman of high authority in educa- some now on trial are put back, there will ional matters remark, that Mr. Burbidge always brings his pupils along.' From the hearing of the ear and the seeing of the eye, we are prepared to affirm the for the last year or two. It has been wiptruth of that statement. We congratulate ed out, by the Relief fund. \$70,000 was him and his scholars on the success of the not a very large debt, for 120,100 church

city on his way to his circuit at River

# OUR BOOK TABLE.

The Rev. J. Lathern sends us a copy of his Biographical Sketch of Judge Wilmot, a neat book of one hundred and thirtythree pages, published at our own Book Its value is much increased by a very striking likeness of the Judge, and by a prefatory notice from the pen of Rev. D. D. Currie. Methodism is placed under obligation to Mr. Lathern for his effort to embalm the memory of one of the most prominent laymen of the Methodist Church of Canada, the lessons of whose life as here presented should teach our young men that no position, however advanced, need prevent him who renders unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's from rendering unto God the things that are God's with unswerving fidelity. We had marked several incidents for reproduction in our pages this week, but the pressure of Conference reports forbids their use. Our readers, when told that Judge Wilmot left scarcely a page behind him, even in the way of outline of his most brilliant efforts, will appreciate the perseverance of Mr. Lathern. To him it was doubtless a labor of love. To his readers the perusal of this book written in Mr. Lathern's usual graceful style, ought to be a pleasure. The book may be obtained at our Book Room as per advertisement elsewhere.

From F. Leypoldt, 13 & 15 Park Row. New York, we have 'Percy's Pocket Dictionary of Coney Island," the work of Townsend Percy, editor of 'Appleton's Dictionary of New York.' It gives at a glance all needed information respecting Coney Island—how to go there—what to see-what to do. The Appendix to the Dictionary gives many valuable hints in relation to bathing and swimming, and, together with the novel and popular guide to the Summer Stars, can be used at any summer resort on the Atlantic coast. This little book will be of value anywhere. Price 10 cts.

D. McAlpine, Esq., has just handed us a copy of the eleventh edition of the Halifax City Directory. This issue for 1880-81 is given to the public earlier than usual. It is scarcely possible to take more pains to make the work reliable than has been taken this year. Of the value of this caretully compiled and well-published book we need say nothing. Business men cannot do without it, and how, in its absence, the residents of the city can keep in the track of their acquaintances, we do not

The National Repository for July contains, among other interesting articles, An Elegy in a Country Churchyard, -The Centennial State, -Last Days of Madame de Stael,-About Sydney Smith,-In and Around Newstead Abbey. Several of the papers are finely illustrated. In Decemer the publication of the Repository is o cease. The character of this number-

transfusion of blood, of which he is the first of the last volume-is quite in acauthor, appeared in the New York cordance with Dr. Curry's determination to 'bring it down to the closing number with its eye undimmed, and its natural force undiminished."

> We have also to acknowledge the re. ceipt of Landry's Musical Journal for July, and The American Agriculturist, for the same month. The former will be prized by lovers of music, the latter seems indipensable to the farmer and gardener.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

THE CONFERENCE OF 1880 One of the best since our separation from the Conference of E. B. America. It was characterized by much mental clearness and vigor, high-toned moral feeling, and genuine brotherly love. The presence of the Master of assemblies was graciousvotion, and the preaching of the word at. tended with a large measure of Divine unction. The routine of business was conducted with less friction of thought, than has sometimes been the case. The religious dignity, courteous manner, and and genuine smiles of the President contributed largely to this pleasing feature of this ecclesiastical convocation.

Two or three pecuilarities of this meeting may be noticed . 1. The place : Truro, beautiful Truro. In spite of flatness o location, and the absence of a sea view, a lovely place, especially in the month of June. This was the first time the Conference was held here. Other religious bodies have often met in this central place, but never before was it favored with such a multitude of Methodist preachers. And never were those ministers entertained with more cordiality and hospitality, Thanks to the other denominations as well as the Methodists. The best parts of Oalvinism and Arminismism were so mingled together, that the one could be scarcely distinguished from the other

2. The President was the oldest man in the effective ranks, though scarcely furty years in the work. His birth place was only 15 miles from the place of meeting. When he entered the ministry there was no Methodist Church in Truro, nor till several years after. The first was built in 1849.

3. There was not a death among the ministers during the year. This is rarely the case. During the three years previous to this seven were gathered to their fath-

One venerable supernumerary and his lady were present, who had just cele-brated their Golden wedding. (See resolutions of Conference in reference to the occasion). We remember not a similar case in the Maritime Provinces. When Mr. Hennigar entered the work in 1828. the writer was a boy of five years. And nine-ninths of the preachers now in the active work were not born.

5. There were none received on trial: so that in the Conference of 1844-unless be no ordination service that year.

6. At the missionary meeting nothing was said about the debt, so much talked of members. Sixty cents a head, would have Rev. A. D. Morton passed through the paid the debt, but it is more than probable that one half have not paid the 60 cts.

We are sorry to note a ordinary missionary income. If this is not kept up there will soon be another debt. Notwithstanding the insufficient salaries of most of the ministers, there was but little complaining. Self-denial is not an obsolete virtue among the Methodist preachers of to-day. If a louder call to go elsewhere, which would not involve the sacrifice of Methodist doctrine, should be heard, I think some would regard it as being effectual. Voices of this kind tickle only the ears of the talented. But our men of this class, as yet, stand firm to Methodism. The outlook for a prosperous year is encouraging.

### CONFERENCE OF N. B. AND P. E. ISLAND.

THIRD DAY, JUNE 25. (Continued) Rev. R. Wilson presented the Report of

the Sabbath School Committee from which I give the following extracts: "The annual meeting of the S. S. Committee of this Conference was held in the Queen Square Methodist Church, St. John, N.B., June 23, 1880. In the absence of the President the Rev. L. S. Johnson was called to the chair, and on motion Rev. R. Wilson was re-elected Secretary, and Rev. I. Howie, Treasurer for the current year. During the past year the work has not

been allowed to lag, and from the District returns we learn there has been an increase of nine schools, 272 conversions, 98 meeting in class, and 415 learning the catecuism. More money has been raised for school purposes than formerly, and there is a slight increase in the col lections for the General Sabbath School Fund." The Report was adopted by the Conference. Among other statistics the list of membership was submitted, the total for the Conference being 8,218, including 415. Adjourned with benediction.

FOURTH DAY, JUNE 26.

After singing and reading of Scripture. the Rev. S. T. Teed engaged in prayer. On motion it was resolved that the Rev. Geo. Steel receive permission to visit England-The Book Room Report was then read by the retiring Book Steward, Dr. Pickard. The concern had been run at a loss of \$1,300, during the year, the Book department claiming about \$200, but the WESLEYAN losing \$900, and the printing department \$600. The Report was received and referred to the Committee on the Book Concern. The retiring Editor, Rev. D. D. Currie, spoke of his year's work in connection with the the WESLEY-AN, thanked the brethren for their support, and exhorted them to stand by our connexional organ, and help it in every way possible. The appeal of the Rev Jas. Burns for admission into the Conference was then considered. It was moved that he be received and have no claim upon the Conference funds, and an amendment was offered that the state and demands of our work render it inexpedient to receive Bro. Burns. The amendment was carried. The

Secretary of the Missionary Rev. R. Duncan, read the rep committee, which on motion Adjourned with benediction.

FIFTH DAY, SUNDAY, J Rev. E. Evans, President occupied the pulpit of Q church, at 11 a. m. 'He pres Cor. 1st chap, and 20th to 24 clusive. The sermon was earnest presentation of Chris per subject and matter of pre showed that the intellectuali osophy of men and modern power to change the heart. church at 7 p m, Rev. How preached from the words He portrayed in eloquent love of God in the incarna and death of Jesus the Chris the Presbyterian and Bapt Methodist pulpits in the land were occupied by min ing the Conference. In th heard Dr. Cairns, Principal Presbyterian College in E preached an earnest and po in the Carleton Pres. Churc ed are the people which l sound. SIXTH DAY, JUN After singing, Rev Jas

prayer. Rev H McKeown Conference to ask Dr. Ste the Pastoral Address, who to do so consented. Rev I mitted a special report on Fund for the four years et He referred to the adminis Fund during the time that tary, some seventeen year mates for that period am aggregate to \$151,000, moved, and it was resolved dial thanks of the Conferen to Rev D D Currie for his faithfulness in the mana Fund. Votes of thanks v to Revs. Thos Marshall and the auditing committee, a Deinstadt, for their share it Report of the committee was then read. The men on were—1. That of Ge Fredericton, in regard to t late John L Marsh, of Fe was referred back to the That of John Fisher, in re singing of anthems in ou the omission of the praye the service. 3. One in re-quest of the late Wm Hill which was to have been it. which was to have been u port of the minister on th cuit. 4. Memorial from trict in reference to provi laymen attending the Con recommended that the nat gates be sent to the mini in the matter, and that published in the WESLE committee on the Millto appointed consisting of E D.D. Carrie, Dr. Pope, J Sprague, A M. The car dination then underwen amination by Rev. Dr afternoon the candidate iams, Thos Stebbings, a were passed for ordination given by Rev JR Na tion to receive Rev Jas Conference with the stat ried man. Adjourned w SEVENTH DAY.

of thanks was tendered for the excellent charge to the young men on consent was asked to the but he declined. The tingent Fund Commit Rev. Howard Sprague, the Conference. The a Jas Burns, fer admissio ried man's status being by Rev J R Narraway, erable discussion was r jority of 26. Adjourned A temperance meeting evening, in the Queen which Mayor Dawson presided. The speaker Campbell, W W Colpit D D Currie. EIGHTH DAY

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Rev H. McKeown, th

After the usual openin

gaged in prayer. T Fund Report was read motion to give the Sta permission to meet ag Educational Committe Stewart had been ele Rev Thos J Deinstag receipts for the year increase of \$27 over the ation to visit the seve follows: St John, P ference and Dr Ste Rev D D Currie, Dr ton, LL.B; Miramic ville, Rev W W Perc St Stephen, Prof B Sprague, A M; P E Dr Kennedy, and waite, A M. It was that the Conference point a committee Record Book for the missions throughout nomination by Dr the President, and Lemont, Esq. were ap The District Chairme and chose their Fina the following resul Currie, Ch, Rev R Fredericton, Rev E Rev W W Colpitta R Duncan, Ch, Rev Miramichi, Rev S Parker, Sec; St Ste Ch, Rev C W Dutch Rev H P Comperth J Deinstadt, Sec. AFTE

The first thing in Fin Rehef Commi lections in Englan the Provinces, amowas expended as fo Courch, \$9,620; to