

Provincial Wesleyan.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1873.

THE BRITISH METHODIST MAY MEETINGS.

A late number of the London Watchman is crowded with intelligence concerning the Methodist May Meetings which have been held this spring in London.

His discourse was better than eloquent—it was good. The feeling produced under these sermons was well sustained at the succeeding Anniversary Meeting.

The China Bazaar Meeting, held in the Cannon Street Hotel, and presided over by Mr. Jenks, the Methodist Mayor of Wolverhampton, was a most stirring one.

The Annual Meeting on behalf of the Metropolitan Chapel Building Fund, held in City Road Chapel, under the presidency of Mr. Allen, a Methodist Member of Parliament, who not long since wrote and published a flaming revival pamphlet, was a notable one.

Some time ago the readers of the Wesleyan had their attention directed to the liberal dealings of the Americans with institutions of learning.

The powers that be are timid however in dealing with the great evil of intemperance. We cannot tell how far they may sympathize with the remarkable sentiment of a Halifax editor.

debtlessness of Cornell University. Hon. Ezra Cornell gave seventy-five thousand dollars, and twenty thousand dollars were given by Trustees McGraw, Sage, Sibley and President White, who, though a College President, is admirable disinterestedly wealthy man.

One hundred and fifty thousand dollars, was the price of a piece of land recently presented to the California Academy of Science. Four hundred thousand have been offered to Columbia University, Washington, by Mr. Corcoran, the rich banker, on condition that the friends of that institution will raise one hundred thousand more.

At the close of the morning service, ten persons received the rite of baptism, emblematic of the effusion of the spirit upon their hearts; immediately after, twenty seven received into full communion with the Wesleyan branch of the Church Militant.

The past winter will long be remembered by many bereaved families as one of an unusually high ratio of mortality. The whooping cough, measles and croup among children, and cerebro-spinal meningitis, among youths and middle aged, have with unexampled frequency, laid their deadly hands upon in defiance of the skill of medical science.

The session of the Legislature recently prorogued was characterized by much business and industry. The Government is very strong, and we think deservedly so. The firm grip it has taken of the great questions of popular education and immigration merits the confidence and support of the country.

Our Church though by no means as active or progressive as we desire to see it, affords in its large Sabbath congregations, and increased attendance upon and interest in our week night services, much real encouragement.

My work in Rome is not over, being here only for a few days to prepare myself for another field, as they insist upon my going as a deputy again to America, and if possible to visit again the May-meetings of the United Kingdom. I leave it to my Master, but on looking back I have to be full of thanks

to dear Jesus for his assistance and presence along my multifarious labors. The press here has been certainly occupied all my time, let me hope, not entirely uselessly, and yet my health and strength continue unimpaired, and I feel as fresh and young as twenty years ago.

Yours very cordially, L. GALTZ, Fredericton, May 20, 1873.

Circuit Intelligence.

GABARUS, C.H., May 20th, 1873.—The revival fire has extended from Gabarus to Fourchu. The power of the Holy Spirit so rested upon us that the most hardened and obstinate souls, cold, dead, like ice and snow, were melted and brought to life.

DEAR EDITOR.—Believing that nothing of your paper is so cheering to the majority of its readers as intelligence respecting the Wesleyan branch of the Church Missionary Society, which has been so blessed and prospered through the Divine Blessing upon the indefatigable labors of the Rev. S. P. Huettis.

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Yours &c., P.

Miscellaneous.

SIGNOR GAVAZZI ON THE ESCAPE OF HIMSELF AND CONGRATULATION. In a letter to a friend in Ireland, dated Pistoia, April 5th, Signor Gavazzi gives the following account of the recent attempt made on his own life and the recent escape of his hearers.

OF TWO THINGS especially, he says, I like to send you a little information, for thankfulness to our heavenly Master. The first is the miraculous escape of my hearers, and the second is the escape of myself and my hearers.

Owing to God our safety, I care very little for the protection granted to such agents by our Government, whose sympathies for the Papal cause are a mystery to none.

RESIGNATIONS.—The last Royal Gazette announces that two citizens, Fredericton, have resigned their commissions as Justices of the Peace for the county of York, and that their resignations have been accepted.

THE BEAUTIFUL.

Any thing beautiful shows grace of form or purity, clearness of coloring. There is beauty in a pebble if it be smooth and symmetrical. There are two kinds of dispositions of beauty. There is the clear, cold beauty, like that of diamonds and crystals.

There is a beauty that is warm and attractive. It is multi-form, radiant and inviting in a thousand ways at every point. Botanists, who study plants and flowers, are fond of it; they see wonders of beauty in the little and part of it that others do not observe.

At a recent meeting of free thinkers at Brussels, in Belgium, one of the most prominent speakers and leaders declared that the conquest of woman is the matter to which we must now give our utmost attention, for when once we have the woman in our hands, then the last refuge of Christianity is destroyed forever.

EDUCATING MINISTERS AS A CHARITY.—Nothing is more to be deprecated than any course of training that will tend to weaken a young man's manliness or his sense of self-dependence.

ONE DROP OF EVIL.—I do not see why you will not let me play with Will Hunt's pool. Walter Kirk. "I know he does not always obey his mother, and smokes cigars, and once in a while swears, just a little. But he will not hurt me. I should think you would trust me. I might do him some good."

FAITH.—I am sure I never can forget it. This great act of faith was done so simply, heartily, immediately, in this case, that ever since, the incident has fastened itself in my memory as one of the most beautiful illustrations possible of the way of salvation by the simple faith.

"Walter," said his mother, "take this glass of pure water and put just one drop of ink into it. O mother! who would have thought one drop would blacken a whole glass so?"

"Certainly," I do, he answered, "I haven't the slightest doubt about that."

General Intelligence.

The remains of Sir Geo. E. Cartier will be forwarded by the steamer leaving England on the 29th inst., for Canada.

The new Government of P. E. Island has made a thorough sweep of the officials serving under the late Government. From the long list of changes which appeared in the last issue of the Watchman, we conclude that every official under Government control, from the highest to the lowest, has been removed, and a new one appointed.

It is reported that there is a probability of the Dominion Government bringing in a bill next session to compel building societies, like banks, to make a monthly statement of their affairs. In the Senate the Hon. Mr. Campbell said there was no doubt that deposits were made in these building societies very much in excess of what were made in the regular savings banks, and therefore he thought the same rule of making returns should be applied to them as to the latter.

NEW GLASGOW, May 21.—At a meeting held in St. Nicholas Hall evening, the following Central Executive Committee was appointed to have charge and control of the disbursement of the Drummond Colliery Relief Fund.

THE WESTVILLE SUFFERERS.—Montreal, 21st inst. A despatch, has raised \$3,000 for the relief of the Westville sufferers. St. John has raised already \$1200, which will probably be considerably increased.

THE FRIENDS OF SIR GEORGE CARTIER will be glad to hear that he may shortly be expected on this side of the Atlantic. He had intended to embark at Liverpool on the 16th inst., but decided to delay until next Thursday or the following one at latest, by which time the weather will be warmer.

THE WORTHY BARONET, together with the Lady Cartier and the Misses Cartier, had received a most gracious invitation from Her Majesty the Queen to attend an entertainment at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday last, the 14th inst. It cannot but be gratifying to Canadians generally to see such repeated acts of kindness and consideration shown towards one of our most distinguished statesmen.

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A SUBSCRIPTION OF STAIRS ON THE INSTITUTE, LAURENCE HAYTER, has been arranged for the benefit of a double lecture course at the McMechan's Institute next winter.