

HOW TO GET THEM IN THE FOLD.

One of the most earnest and important of the discussions that took place during the session of the last British Conference, was on the question of meeting in class as a test of membership in the British Wesleyan Methodist Church.

What a pity it is that any of these should allow so useful an institution as that of the Class Meeting to be thrown out from full communion with the Church whose doctrines they believe, and whose prosperity they desire.

We have reason to think that the judgment of the Conference in this matter has met the warm approval of the vast majority of the membership throughout Great Britain.

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Others say, the Conference says, that on no account ought the position occupied by the Class Meeting in the British Wesleyan Methodist Church to be lowered or disturbed; but that the somewhat numerous class of outside worshippers found in Wesleyan congregations ought to be brought into visible connection with the Church as communicants at the Lord's Table.

anxiety that the necessity acknowledged to exist may be effectively provided for by some new arrangement specially adapted to its requirements; we should infer that ere long the British Conference will legislate judiciously on the question.

The desirability of closely attaching to the Church the many estimable persons in Methodism, who stand aloof from its communion though they are frequently warm supporters of its enterprises, and are themselves living under the influence of the Divine Spirit, cannot be denied.

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The new House erected by the united efforts of Germantown and Centenary congregations, at an expense of \$3,500, capable of seating some 350 persons, situated on a beautiful site, and furnished with seats, with reverberating backs, and in every respect comfortable for worship, was opened to-day with appropriate services.

The service in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by the Pastor of the Centenary Church, was commenced with the hymn, 'On opening a Place of Worship; and with united and fervent strain the great blessing of God was invoked.

These walls we to Thy honor raise, Long may they echo Thy praise, And those descending fill the place With choicest tokens of Thy grace.

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if some doubting, disconsolate one should even to-day believe with the heart unto righteousness. A great and gracious fact of this character would deeply interest the holy angels.

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The average unprovided for deficiency is therefore 108 and 10/4.

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Now look at the Personal accounts—The claims are put down at \$555.

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several years no Minister in the Province has been allowed to connect himself with it. No more at present, dear Doctor.

General Intelligence.

The Sabbath School and Young People's Missionary Meeting held in the Basement of the Centenary Church on Wednesday evening was not inferior in Missionary feeling or in general interest to any of the very successful meetings which have just been held in this city.

Mr. Henry Thorne was called upon, by the pastor of the church, in behalf of the school to occupy the chair; and though a young man, presenting the youthful energy of the church, presided over the meeting with all the grace and practical wisdom of an old veteran in the cause.

The first resolution pledging the Sabbath School to a continuance in this work and to a spirit of self-sacrifice, was moved by Mr. Frederick Skinner. He spoke of changes. Ever since the organization of the Society changes had taken place. They missed amongst others the presence of their first President, Mr. Jenkins who had always taken a kind and deep interest in all the young people.

Mr. Burbridge, in seconding the resolution, in a most appropriate and practical address urged personal sacrifice. He had in mind a young man who had given up his education and his position, and who had not given so far as to feel that there had been personal sacrifice. Sacrifice for Christ had been every gift, and emboldened every effort.

The second resolution pledging the Meeting to continued prayer to God for a blessing upon the labors of Missionaries employed in various parts of the Wesleyan field, was moved by Mr. Baris who reminded us in telling words that no Christian enterprise could succeed without God's blessing, and that only in answer to prayer could we hope for the blessing of God.

On motion, the Chairman then divided the meeting on "Stellarton" and "Devon." There appeared for "Stellarton" 22, for "Devon" 9. The selection for "Stellarton" was then made unanimously.

On motion, the main street was called "Albion street." A vote of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary was then moved, and the meeting adjourned.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN NEW BRUNSWICK.—On Friday morning last, Mr. Thos. Peck, Jr., of Chester, Albert Co., N. B., went to the woods for fire wood with his horse, and in falling a tree it came in contact with a wire, which appears to be not sufficient force to lodge the tree, but the stub sprang back in the direction where Mr. P. stood and fell upon him, but struck him on the back, and he was very much bruised. He leaves a wife and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Monday last at the ballasting pit at Frosty Hollow, three men were injured. One of them, Mr. H. H. H., was killed. One, a man from B. H., was severely injured. The other two, Mr. H. H. H., were seriously injured. Coroner Bell held an inquest over the deceased, and the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the above facts. The remains were taken to Amherst for burial.

HILLSBOROUGH, N. B. Bro. Humphrey, writes Jan. 29.—I have only been able to write you in the way of explanation of these business matters. I have been very ill able to attend even to the most ordinary duties of the circuit during the entire fall and indeed until within about three weeks, since that time I have been better and I am striving to get my work done.

Although I think the entire circuit field has been white to harvest I have not had the physical ability to gather in that harvest, several however, during the past two quarters, connected themselves with the classes. I shall be greatly disappointed if during the remaining months of the year we shall not have the more manifest tokens of the Divine presence and power in the conversion of souls.

KNOWLESVILLE.—Bro. Mills writes Jan. 31.—This is a new circuit, but I am thankful to say some success is attending our labors. We have opened a new church this year, and Mr. Raymond has built a fine hall for our use, especially our numbers have been increased, and we have encouragement to believe that God is with us.

REPORTED CONVICTION OF MURDER.—Reuben A. Murrell was convicted in the city yesterday that he had committed the crime of murder. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. The victim was a young man named J. H. H., who was killed in a fight on the 27th ult. The case was heard by Judge H. H. H., who presided over the trial.

THE ROYAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—The accident on the Windsor railway on Wednesday, was caused by the snow and locomotive getting off the track. The locomotive was reversed, and showing the snow pile before it, when pulled off the track. It is believed that the rails were lifted off the rails, and for the space of over half a mile tore up the rails and chairs to one side of the track. New chairs were brought up from Richmond, and the line was temporarily repaired, so the trains passed safely yesterday.

PROPOSED EXHIBITION IN COLCHESTER.—A meeting of influential gentlemen, from different parts of the county of Colchester, was held in the Court House, on the 13th ult., to consider the propriety of holding an Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition in the county during the ensuing autumn. It was resolved that such an exhibition be held if sufficient encouragement is given.

THE ALONG-KEEPER, FRANK SMITH, who shot himself in Picton on Tuesday morning, lingered until a late hour last night, when he expired. A coroner's inquest was held on the body to-day, when evidence was taken. The verdict of the jury was that he came to his death by a discharge of a pistol in his own hand, does not state whether his death was caused by accident or design.

INCENDIARIES.—On Saturday night last a barn at Smith's Cove, Digby, owned by Mr. James Poole, was destroyed by fire, evidently the work of incendiaries. Suspicion points strongly to a man named Pratt as the guilty party. He has been arrested.

STELLARTON VILLAGE, PICTOU COUNTY.—Pursuant to notice of a meeting of Ratepayers of the Village situated on the East River in the immediate vicinity of Albion and Acadia Mines, and variously designated as "Albion Mines," "Acadia Mines," and "Stellarton Station," was held on Tuesday evening the 1st February, 1870.

On motion, the Chairman then divided the meeting on "Stellarton" and "Devon." There appeared for "Stellarton" 22, for "Devon" 9. The selection for "Stellarton" was then made unanimously.

SAD LOSS OF LIFE IN A SNOW STORM.—An obliging correspondent at Dalhousie, under date of the 27th ult., sends us the following information, which reached Dalhousie on the previous evening.

There was a heavy snow storm on the 26th night. A respectable farmer, John A. Murrell, who resides about 8 miles from Dalhousie, left his place for home late in the evening. He was accompanied by his friends, but their fears were quieted on reflecting that his dog, who is about 60 years of age, had accompanied him, and thus concluded that he had determined to remain all night in Dalhousie.

On going out in the morning, however they discovered the horse standing by the gate, and the town, they found the man lying in the snow dead, but not frozen, with the faithful dog standing by his side, it is supposed the deceased, who is about 60 years of age, had got off to work, and that not being able to keep up with the sled in the heavy drift and blinding storm, the horse had gone on and left him to perish.

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