AN EXCITING QUESTION TO NORTHERN AMERICAN METHODISM.

session approaching will be the question, God." now much argued in Methodist circles | But allowing all this, we must remember across the boundary line, as to the necessity and expediency of adding a black member to the Episcopal Bench. Opinions are much divided on this subject, and are likely pinese and of misery in time, and are long to continue so, among the more influ- conscious either of the one or of the ential classes in the Methodist Episcopal other in all the course and the changes of ential classes in the Methodist Episcopal our earthly pilgrimage. The same capa-church. The strongest advocates of the bilities and the same consciousness will measure urge that there exists a twofold doubtless remain with us in the future.

the acceptance of that portion of the Church not prepared to receive him would result disastrously.

and earnest. To us it seems to be a ques-the least intimation of anything of the kind. Even those who profess a belief in the retion in respect to which the Church should storation of all the wicked, after their endumake up its mind with great deliberation rance of purifying tortures, do not profess and fullness of knowledge. It is pre-emi- to find this theory laid down in the Bible. nently a case in which rash and ultra theorists should not be allowed to dictate the views, or at least such a construction of conclusions to be arrived at. It is a case formidable passages as will not contradict to be dealt with by men or practical saga- their opinions. But if the teachings of the city whose aim is to accomplish the best inspired volume are not positive, then they objects by the best possible methods.

THE ENQUIRY AFTER SCIENTIFIC

The present age is pre-eminently distinguished by the prevalence of a spirit of ention inquisitive men are exploring the now is the day of salvation." "If ye be realms of nature in search of that precious lieve not that I am He," said the Saviour jewel. They are ceaselessly and fearlessly of the world, "ye shall die in your sins," and again, "Ye shall seek me, and shall prying into the secrets of the heavens above die in your sins; whither I go ye cannot and the earth below. They are lifting the come." veil from nature's current processes; ex- to die, but after this the judgment." huming the products of her past perform. spake the Apostle, and he evidently teaches of her ancient methods.

Some of these enquirers are animated by unworthy motives. Some of them leap in tion morn centuries may elapse, but during their haste to ill-founded conclusions. Some of them would gladly represent the lessons of nature as at war with the dicta of Revelation. Some of them have not God be without Him in the world.

Nevertheless the search for truth-truth of all kinds is in itself a glorious and enno- of the Lord," but His day emphatically bling pursuit. The lovers of God have could not be if a greater were behind, and nothing to fear from the solid and abiding if the purposes of divine mercy were not results of that search. They may have to then fully carried out. "We must all keep upon their guard against the hasty
Why? Not certainly to be dismissed to generalizations of reckless scientists. They undergo another trial, but "that every one may have to turn a deaf ear to the babble may receive the things done in his body, on theories falsely called science. They according to that he hath done whether it may have to wait patiently for the discov. be good or bad." One of the "principles ery of some third truth which shall bridge of the doctrine of Christ" is "eternal judgment," must we utterly deny it? In that over some apparently wide yawning chasm most affecting and truly divine account separating two other truths. But they may which the Saviour has given us of the prorest perfectly assured that true religion has ceedings of that great and notable day, nothing to fear from scientific truth.

The doctrine of the curve can as little will not bring augmented glory to our Father in Heaven.

DOCTRINAL SKETCHES .- No. 28.

THE UNCHANGEABLENESS OF MAN'S FUTURE CONDITION.

The subject of man's final condition not lightly to be passed over, as one of mere speculation. It is true that the future is in great part hid from us. In what particular ocality of the universe either the blessed or The readers of the Provincial Wesleyan the unhappy shall live hereafter, or what know that our sister communion in the shall be the circumstances of their exist-United States, the Methodist Episcopal ence, are questions which we cannot answer Church, has a plurality of Church Presid-Church, has a plurality of Church Presiding officers, chosen for life and called Bishbly we are wanting in the capacities for the ons. These are elected as the necessities reception of this knowledge. One thing is of the Church may seem to require by the certain that He who alone can inform us as General Conference of the Body. The to the position which shall be occupied by General Conference of the Body. The the righteous or the wicked in the future General Conference assembles in the spring world, of their means of information, of of every fourth year. The next meeting their communications with each other, of of that Conference will be held a few weeks the quality of their sensations, and of the hence in Brooklyn, New York. That meet- precise nature of their restful employments ing will be a memorable one on several accounts. But perhaps the most exciting question which will come up for discussion question which will come up for discussion us, by patient continuance in well doing, to before the General Conterence during the "wait for the manifestation of the sons of

necessity for its adoption at the earliest Another thing is unquestionable; man practicable moment. They argue that the makes or mars his own character, and in a election and ordination of one or more self. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so black men to the Episcopate is necessary is he." The principles which we espouse, to break down the unchristian prejudices as the motive powers of our action, attain upon mankind the practice of virtue, and The convocation of the faculties of Law on the question of color still prevailing the mastery over us. They not only leave particularly of "truth in the inward and Medicine of McGill University, was throughout large sections of the Church, and their record in the memory of the acts by also necessary to enable the Church to do re-act upon our moral nature and make us its duty efficiently toward the African either the better or the worse—the more or for all, "The words that I speak unto you, The noble hall was crowded, and the propopulation of the country. With the name less able, the more or less inclined, to do of a black man on the roll of its Bishops, rightly or wrongly-as the principles themthey assert the Methodist Episcopal Church selves are either good or bad. This is inevitable. The conviction of it is wrought would be able to accomplish a union with into our inmost soul. We believe it of the African Methodist Episcopal denomina- others. We know it of ourselves. The tion, and be in a position to push its work more a man does right, the more will he be with needful vigor among the black people trusted. We lose confidence in a person, that is, in his desire and ability to do well, on the other hand, it is contended that he has acted otherwise. This fact of our it is neither necessary nor expedient to take being then shall doubtless remain when we such a step at the present time at all. It have done with time. Death or the resuris not necessary to elect a coloured Bishop to remove the prejudice relative to colour moral constitution than it can change the nature of good and evil. It follows, thereamong the white members and adherents fore, that unless there be some resterative of the Church for that that prejudice is power for the morally corrupt hereafter, gradually subsiding. It is not necessary to they must not only continue corrupt, but as take this step to push the work among that coloured people, for the work among that dation and be increasingly incapable of a last. Since that time rain has fallen only once, and then it was not much. Hence dation and be increasingly incapable of a class is prospering remarkably now. The return to virtue. And so with the rightopponents of the measure also urge in proof eous. Unless in the next world there be of its inexpediency that the Church at the some malevolent agency which may operate present moment has not a single black minister fitted by his learning, talent, experience and general weight of character to rience and general weight of character to fall, their ability to sin will continually be occupy a place in its Episcopate, and that diminished. Such are the dictates of sound if such a man could be found in its minis- reason, enlightened by revealed truth, on terial ranks it would be most unwise to this very solemn subject. But this is not all. In perfect harmony with these views make a Bishop of him. The colored membership does not ask for the election of a volume, "Be not deceived," said the in-Black Bishop, and toward the white min-spired Apostle, "God is not mocked, for istry and the white membership, such a whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also Bishop could not profitably discharge the reap; for he that soweth to his flesh shall functions of his office. Such a Bishop they soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap affirm could not exercise in the Church at life everlasting." On the very highest aularge rights and privileges equal to those thority we are informed that "except a which would be conceded to his white col- man be born again he cannot see," not he leagues, and the attempt to force him on but for essential unsuitability of nature, he cannot see "the kingdom of God."

But is there any evidence of a remedial state, or of a condition of trial for humanity The discussions in the General Cenfer- in a future life? We may unhesitatingly ence on this subject will probably be hot affirm, that the word of truth contains not are not teachings at all; and the end which it professes to accomplish-" that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works"-can never be effected. The Scriptures are not silent on this theme. Setting forth as they do scheme of salvation which is adapted to all men, everywhere, they yet limit its overtures and agencies to the present life quiry after scientific truth. In every direc- "Behold now is the accepted time, behold "It is appointed unto men once ances, and striving to unfold the mysteries of her ancient methods related in regard to our final condition Between our dying hour and the resurred all this period it is intimated there will be no means of grace for the impenitent, no temptations for the spirits of the just made

The unchanging condition of the human in any of their thoughts and would like to race, in the next world, is further affirmed by the descriptions which are given us of the judgment itself, and of its certain issues. The time is designated as "the day everything points to a finality. The King sits upon the throne of His glory. All nations are gathered before Him. The ter pipes, and great attention has been paid absence from home of a large number, of the conflict with the dectrine of the straight great separation takes place. Of the to its adequate ventilation. This building line as can the truth of God in Revelation one class the good deeds are recited, of the will accommodate six hundred scholars, and conflict with the truth of God in Nature. other, the evil sentence is pronounced, and it is believed that it will be fully occupied in months, make it difficult to sustain our classes God for the many tokens of His favour vouchone. Let the enquirers after truth clarify The "come," the "depart;" the blessedtheir motives and aims, and take a "Ged ness to be inherited, and the punishment to speed you" with them in their search from be endured, are so definite as to forbid anyall who love the Bible. They can tell us, thing but the perversion of language from they will tell as, nothing that is true, that that of absolute immutability. But this is not all. The same unerring authority the young is highly cultivated, in some intells us that "these shall go away into stances perhaps to excess. More lessons

into life eternal." It has often been remarked will fairly endure. Instances of this sort miles above where the Keswick stream debouch this form, distinctly and thankfully to recog- which we have just called attention. Numbers expressions to indicate the unchanging ishing Institutions at Sackville, "unsectacharacter of the sufferings of the finally im- rian education on Christian principles." misrepresentation, that He might enforce such fruit. parts?" which we made choice of them, but they Did He mean to excite fears which were M.D was conferred on twenty-eight stuthey are spirit and they are life." C. S.

MONTREAL LETTER. \

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—At length the time of Spring has again arrived, and with it has come warm sunshine, so that the deep snow in the streets has melted rapidly. This is to our citizens most welcome, for the late winter was one of exceptional severity The mercury may have sunk as low in other seasons, but the intense cold began unusually early, and continued with scarcely a break for four months. Hence the ice s unusually thick, which increases the peril of several vessels in the river, that could not be carried to a safe harbour owing to the early and sudden freezing in November last. Since that time rain has fallen only monly low, and, though it may seem incred ible, water in many parts of the city has been inconveniently scarce. The weather has been much clearer than during the previous winter. Withal the health of the city has been alarmingly bad. The death rate has been double that of the unhealthy weeks of summer. Small pox has been very prevalent. The Protestants have not wholly escaped this dreadful disease, but its ravages have chiefly been among the French Canadians. It is believed they very generally neglect vaccination, hence the scourge of small pox has had unobstructed, and fatal course among their families. The fuel market too has been inadequately supplied. Notwithstanding hundreds of cords of wood have been brought into the city by the Corporation, and by other generous men, the price which in the autumn is from six to seven dollars per cord, is now from fourteen to sixteen dollars per cord. Coal is equally scarce and dear. Should there be a cold time before the river becomes navigable, the famine of fuel must produce much suffering among the poorer and less provident of the people.

In such a season as this tragical events often occur. The list of them is now too long. The instance of one household shall suffice. Intermation was brought to a poice station, that in a house near by two children were lying frozen to death, one was the abject poverty of this family was owing in July next the working day is to consist to drunkenness. It is lamentable that all of nine hours only. The language used at the agencies of a Christian city cannot pre- the meeting was eminently temperate. Let tims, how fair they were! Their miserable will, under God, conduct this great movefather once the hope of his own sire, their ment to a right issue. ow-fallen mother once the pride and joy of Miss McPherson, whose benevolent toils her mother! O drunkenness how cruel art for poor English children are so widely

and seventeen thousand, of these the Roman withdrew. Catholics are more than seventy-two thousand. Outside the city, and yet adjoining t, are several thousands of people. There s a very good feeling existing between Catholics and Protestants, it is however evident to the most casual observer that the residents of Montreal are made up of two peoples. This is apparent in the educaional institutions of the city, as well as in

ts convents, churches and languages. There are two Boards of Commissioners of Education, one for the Protestants, the clear and on the Keswick united in holding a other for the Roman Catholics, both are Tea Meeting, at which they realized the sum carrying out their respective schemes zeal- of one hundred and eighty dollars. The obously and liberally. The new school houses ject of this effort was to supply the Mission of the former are among the best in the land. House a hired one—with sundry articles which one was opened during the residence here of H. R. H. Prince Arthur. He honoured the conduce to our comiort. occasion by his presence, and allowed the school to be called by his name. Another new school house was opened in St. Ann street last week, it is ninety-six feet long, forty-six feet wide, and three stories high, the walls are of brick on a stone foundation. The boys and girls have separate entrances. The whole is heated by hot air, and hot wa- ance in the Class-Meeting as inquirers. The twenty thousand dollars. The architectural pretensions of the edifice are modest, but it is unsurpassed in the comfort and accommodation which it affords to scholars

and teachers. The education of the masses is becoming more general every year. The intellect of

that in the original, it is the same word which is used in both cases to describe the perpetuportant is it that the moral culture of the interesting congregation, a good class, a small ity of the state described; that if therefore young should be persued with assiduity and Sabbath School, and a weekly prayer meeting. a never-ending infliction of Divine wrath. by a power to do evil. Many parents have subject to the inconvenience usually connected Here, at least, where the subject is specified not the time, some have not the ability nor with such partnership concerns, has the disadcally treated, the term everlasting cannot the heart for the inculcation of moral prin-Nor is this the only instance in which the lips of Immanuel gave expression to the are sent to the Sabbath-school. There insame idea. Doubtless the thought of such deed the lessons are almost wholly taken use of his Hall, tor our prayer Meetings and endless suffering was as abhorrent to Him - from the Bible. Many Sabbath school tea- Sabbath School, but it is too small for our was infinitely more so-than it can be to chers are alive to the great responsibility of public services. any of His creatures, and to those especial- their employment. Precious is the opporly who profess to vindicate the Divine glory, by affirming that the God of love "the fear of the Lord." To the rightly cannot consign human beings to eternal judging it will appear that the more secular a Providential intimation we opened a list, and perdition, for the few sins of a short life- knowledge is imparted to the young, the have now promised the sum of over six huntime. And yet even on this subject our more they are trained to observe and to dred dollars. We expect to have the building blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is a danger of conscientious regard to the will of God, and Lord spoke most strongly: "He that shall reason, the more concerned should Chriseternal damnation." Thrice over, at one to the claims of Christ. The eventful extime, he warned His disciples against so perience of the past, the momentuous indi- spiritually homeless, to increase our circuit offending by self-indulgence as to be "cast cations of the present time concur to press in some finances, and above all to afford increase facilities for leading perishing sinners to the Lamb into hell, into the fire that never shall be this duty on the constant, serious, prayer- ities for leading perishing sinners to the Lamb quenched; where their worm dieth not, and | ful attention of all the churches. There is | of God." their fire is not quenched." Now it may no wiser aphorism on this subject, than that be asked. Whether our Lord meant by these which expresses the rule of our own flour-

penitent? If we assume that such was the Education in Montreal has many libera doctrine which He meant to teach, we can patrons. A few facts in connection with not conceive it possible for Him to select the progress of McGill University will language in which such a thought could be show this. Classes have lately been formed more clearly or forcibly stated. On the in practical science, under two professors other hand, if he did not mean to convey of first-rate abilities and attainments. A this idea, we must inquire how came He to Geological chair has been set up, to which use these words? This is their obvious Principal Dawson has been appointed. The signification, and He must have known that countrymen of Sir Walter Scott celebrated in this way would they be all but universally his birthday by founding a Bursary fund, the Chairman J. N. S. Marshall, Esq., Rev. understood. Did He then mean to deceive? to be called by his name. All honour to J. J. Colter, Rev. C. Duff, (Congregational-He cannot lie. Did He resort to fraud, to the intelligence and patriotism which bear ist), H. Houston and J. N. Freeman Esq.

How can Satan cast out Satan ' held on Thursday last, when the degree of utterly groundless? Let him answer once dents, and that of B. C. L. on six students. ceedings, which began and ended by calling upon God, were entertaining and impres-

> speak only of those of the Methodists. ren. Bro. Gaetz of Lunenburg though abuneffects. These services, besides being announced from the pulpit, were advertised a crowded house on Temperance. Persons in the newspaper. All persons were invited to attend, and the meetings have been often large. The Ministers are in downright earnest. In labours they abound. They have had but little rest for the last six weeks. Success, through God's blessing, is their sweet reward. This they have already had in part—in part it may be vet to come. The accessions to the classes will greater zeal to resume the work of the Circuit. not be correctly known until the returns are compiled for the district meeting. It was a grief and loss that the paster of Dorchester Street Church became ill whilst the "special services" were being held in

it. Though convalescent, he has not yet become strong enough to leave his dwell- have intertered with or rather interrupted some ing. Thus the God of all grace keeps his of our services but generally our congre servants in dependence on himself. They gations have been large and attentive. Bro. spiration that the kingdom of God is extended, not by human might, nor by the for special awakenings and conversions fulfilled power of even good men, but by "the Spirit of the Lord of Hosts."

On the afternoon of Good Friday the Methodists held a union lovefeast in the spacious lecture-room of St. James Street Church. It was filled to its utmost ca- working on the inside. It will be finished by pacity. Rev. J. Potts ably presided. The the close of this occlesiastical year, ready for nging of so large a pu r of Christian people was delightful, impressive, elevating. Many testimonies for Christ were berne A few of the old disciples gratefully referred to the preaching of the writer thirty-five My throat complaint continues to trouble me sing together-

"What troubles have we seen, What conflicts have we past since those days of early manhood. They may, however, joyfully add-

> " But out of all the Lord Hath brought us by His love. And hides our life above

Let me advert but to two topics more an infant of three months the other was two The agitation of working men to reduce the years old. Both parents lay in a helpless hours of daily labor, without lowering andition on the floor. One foot of the mo- wages, has been introduced here. A mas ther, and both legs of the wretched father meeting of operatives was held. Several were badly frozen. The father died, if the resolutions in furtherance of the object mother survive she will be maimed for her were passed. Notice has been given to life. It is scarcely necessary to add that "employers"-no longer "masters"-that vent a horror like this. These infant vic- us hope that justice, reason, and charity

thou! Fatal to parents and children is the known, and so much approved by the poison of thy luscious cup! May the God of kind-hearted, has lately repeated her welourity and love make the temperance reform come visit to this city. She held a meetaccessful every where. It brings health, ing of ladies, the exercises of which were ome-happiness and elevation of character. partly devotional, and partly explanatory of Much interest was excited here by the her plans, and of the encouragement she producing, I believe, a salutary influence on ecent census and its results. Disappoint and her fellow-workers received. After the minds of a large circle of relatives and aced with the report of the Dominion enume- she had been speaking for some time, she quaintances. rators, the city council had the number of discovered a gentleman taking notes. nhabitants taken by its own officers, the ef- "What," said she "is there a reporter ect was an apparent increase of the people here? It is quite contrary to my wish.' by some thousands. The population of the As soon as the agent of the press was thus ity proper is rather more than one hundred explicitly informed, he quietly and presently

Yours very truly, April, 1872.

Circuit Intelligence.

KINGSCLEAR CIRCUIT.—Brother R. H. Taylor reports from this Home Mission

" During the Autumn our friends in Kingswere very much needed, and which greatly

"The spiritual aspects of our work are cheering. At the different preaching places the congregations have been good, in some cases large and very attentive.

Some who have been awakened under the Ministry of the Word have made their appearmale members of the society, who are engaged in as efficient operation as we could wish in safed to the Windsor Wesleyan Congregation

some places. "One great and felt want on this Circuit is a good Church in the Keswick valley. This beautiful and picturesque section of Country regret, the near approach of the period when contains a continuous settlement extending over eleven miles, through which Methodist valued labours of their present much esteemed families are scattered. In this valley we have at Pastor, the Rev. A. W. Nicolson, whose great

ity of the state described; that if therefore the godly are assured of a never ending repeal. Otherwise the power which education imparts will by many be perverted a Union Meeting House, which besides being and been in accordance with Conference Law. cally treated, the term everiasting cannot the heart for the inculcation of moral printer arrowed down to a limited duration. ciples, and the training of their off-spring in Nor is this the only instance in which the Christian habits. For these purposes they

"Now God put into the heart of a friend,

LIVERPOOL CIRCUIT .- Mr. Editor .- It has

not been many weeks since you were favoured with intelligence from this Circuit. Your correspondent in alluding to the Foreign Missionary Meeting neglected informing you and pastoral care, we additionally owe it to niversary sermon to a large and appreciative audience. His visit was timely and beneficial. No allusion having been made to our Home Mission Meeting we now inform you that i was well attended. Addresses delivered by Receipts in advance of last year.

We neglected noticing that the Ladies of the Aid Society and Congregation held a sale of Fancy and useful Articles, in January. The weather was very unfavourable? nett proceeds however, were \$185,00. Though not permitted to labour for over two months the Cir cuit has not suffered. The appointments have been regularly filled by Bro. Houston our Lo-The churches are very active. Let me cal Preacher, or some of our Ministerial breth Revival services have been held by all of dant in his labours on his own Circuit preached them, with variable degrees of spiritual to the pleasure and profit of our people last Sabbath. On Monday evening he lectured to competent of judging pronounce it the best lecture on the subject delivered here for years

We feel grateful for the kindness and sympathy of many triends on this Circuit during the past weeks. We have never received so many proofs of affection. We trust in a few weeks with renewed vigor, more wisdom and as best I may the Address you have just pre-

Yours truly. Liverpool April 4th, 1872.

PORT HAWKESBURY.-Bro. LePage writes April 1st 1872: "The terrible storms of late are taught by Providence as well as by in- Harrison labors with great acceptance among the people, yet we have not seen our desires O, that the Lord would pour out His spirit upon this church and people.

The outside of our Parsonage having bee finished last autumn, we have the carpenters

In reference to myself I may say that I have only preached twice during the last three months and taken part in prayer meetings, &c., years ago. He and his old friends might very much, and the doctor gives me no encouragement. I feel sad on this account."

> PORT LATOUR.-We are endeavoring to do the Master's blessed work to the best of our ability, and have been cheered during the winter by many gracious evidences of the Divine er by many gracious evidences of the Divine gested themselves continuously; that a variety favor. At Cape Negro, (so named from the of talent has been called into exercise to meet pecular appearance of the extremity of the Cape) we had a good work in the early part Cape) we had a good work in the early part Cape) we had a good work in the early part of the season. The Society was greatly quickof the season. The Society was greatly quickthat young people have been gathered in to the town, and a few from other denominations;
> but the greater portion of them are gathered kingdom. And now, at Green Hill, where we ment with unflagging interest; all this is surely ommenced special services a week ago, there is every prospect of an extensive revival. Already the baptism of fire is falling upon the sinners are penitently seeking the Lord. The ninds of the people have been greatly solemnized by recent visits of death among us, as he has come to claim his victims from the ranks of the old, the middle-aged, and the young, the prepared and the unprepared.

"Or worn by slowly rolling years

The last one summoned hence was a promis ing young man by the name of Robert Snow. He was taken ill on Monday and died on the following Saturday. This sudden death has cast a gloom over the entire community, and is

May the blessed Lord comfort and support the widowed mother-sanctify these afflictions to all and graciously carry on his work among R. BARRY MACK

YARMOUTH SOUTH MISSIONARY MEETING We held our Foreign Missionary Meeting here March 19th. Our Brethren Lathern, Hart. Rogers, Lodge, and Rev. G. Christie and Rev. A. McGregor, delivered excellent speeches upon the different topics assigned to each. The financial results were in advance of last year. being over \$200. Our Home Mission Fund will be largely increased. The support of the atter has not affected the former.

Special Services. We continued for weeks special services after the week of prayer. Some of our meetings were marked in a special nanner by the outpouring of the Spirit. The church has been greatly blessed, beside sinners have been converted. We have upwards of 20 meeting in class for the first time, beside some restored that had not been meeting for years. 'This is the Lord's doings;" to whom be all the glory.

WINDSOR-MARCH QUARTERLY MEETING 1872.—The following resolutions were moved by Brother John Sterling seconded by Brother John Smith, and supported by Brother J. W Webb. and unanimously adopted: —

I. That this meeting desires humbly incerely to express its gratitude to Almighty during the past year, and for the high departments of the work connected therewith at the present time.

II. That this meeting anticipates with deep according to the ussges of the Church, they must be deprived of the great

gladly have sought the Rev. Mr. Nicolson's Yet it assures him that wherever he may remove, the love and prayers of the Brethren pernicious and seductive tendency, and if these present, and his numerous friends in Windsor, are not counteracted by instrumentalities such will follow him in all good wishes for his future as that we now propose to employ, results

JOHN SMITH Circuit Steward

ADDRESS

Of the Windsor Young People's Wesleyan In-REV. AND DEAR SIR, -We, the members o the Young People's Weslevan Institute, avail ourselves of cur last meeting for this the second vear of our associated existence, to tender to you the expression of our very cordial and respectful regard.

It has afforded us no small degree of pleasure to learn that already you have received the utterance of the Church and congregation, officially conveyed, giving to you the assurance been favoured with your ministry during the observed persons anxious about their souls in three years nearly closed. With the sentiments thus expressed we most heartily and unani-

our present meeting, it indeed it were possible for us to forget it, that much as we have in ance through the Saviour's name. The praying common with others enjoyed your ministrations men have tound uncommon liberty; and great that Bro. Coffin of Shelburne preached the an- you that as an organization we have an exis- power has rested on the meetings. The revision tence, and we desire in this communication es- val is of the old Methodist type. Persons are pecially to assure you that as the Founder and lilot of our Institute, you will never cease to ive in our grateful rem

> us. as Pastor and Friend, nor how gladly would we have those relations much prolonged. we have those relations much prolonged.
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> We are happy in being permitted to unite with the Church, which is here officially reprented from the Quarterly Meeting, in asking rush into the arms of relatives, and shake hands your acceptance of this purse, as a faint, but with your friends, and utter loud praises to the evertheless sincere, expression of our friendship for you and also for Mrs. Nicolson, who has greatly endeared herself to us all

> we shall always continue to be your faithful By direction and on behalf of the W. Y. P. penteth." The first subjects of this work

JOHN STERLING, President JOSEPH F. S. ROBINSON,

Windsor, N. S., April 1, 1872.

REPLY.

Wesleyan Institute: DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS .- I have already xpressed to the members of our Quarterly Meeting my deep sense of gratitude for the fervent words and resolutions in recognition of my humble services. It remains for me to meet sented. There are times when words however and the efficacy of faith in Him. We cannot select, can convey no adequate meaning of what passes in the mind. They are too feeble now

for my purpose, and I shall trust more to your knowledge of my disposition and its natural ing in class previously, and we have not yet feelings under these affecting circumstances, finished our quarterly visitation. Some of the than to any construction of artistic language. My pastoral connection with Windsor has in the outpouring of the Spirit. The Primibeen one of unceasing happiness up to this moment when I am so forcibly reminded that it tives have had a work for the last three months. must too soon come to an end. We have to- and it is said number about 200 converts; but gether been permitted to garner some precious what is more unusual, at Penponds Church fruit for which my honoured predecessors have just outside the town, there is a similar work, faithfully toiled. These are my "crown of rejoicing." My sympathies have been exercised oicing. mong you to a greater extent than at any pe- several in distress, called a prayer meeting riod of my life by the frequent scenes of suffering and death which have afflicted our congre-Methodist Leaders engaged in page, and ing and death which nave all the Christian reli-tion; but my confidence in the Christian reli-gion has been increased, and I trust my zeal the work went on. The clergyman's own son ntensified, by the spiritual triumphs of which was among the penitents, and found salvation we have been grateful and admiring witnesses.

Death has robbed us of companions; Christ has robbed death of its anguish and sting. The ment and is coming over to visit Camborns in associations of your religious existence are such

school,—the warmth of hospitality and abounding generosity of your community, with the inligent and active co-operation of your membership, have charms which cannot be resisted. all the praise, - Correspondent. The Institute has been throughout a creation of Providence. No one could foresee that consequences such as we mutually rejoice over at present should follow the plans with which we held special religious services at St. Peter's ened and some precious souls brought into the sal, and their attention retained to the last mo-

Christian enthusiasm in a good cause. Accept my sincerest thanks for your kind Church, wanderers are being restored, and allusion to Mrs. Nicolson. Our mutual gratitude is hereby expressed for your handsome donation. We shall bear with us through life the tenderest memories of happy hours and happy faces connected with the Windsor Young

proof that our help was from God. For the

We commend you to the God and Father o our Lord Jesus Christ, through whose great mercy we hope to perpetuate in heaven an acquaintance so pleasurably enjoyed during the

ast few years. A. W. NICOLSON.

Windsor, April, 1872.

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ASSOCIATION.

ociation. After the usual devotional exercises cepted the invitation. The congregations the President Rev. H. McMillan, made a few were remarkably good through the whole opening remarks, and then called upon the Rev. fortnight. Best of all, God was eminently J. F. Campbell, Corresponding Secretary, to with us. Backsliders were reclaimed. Sabgive an account of the circumstances which led bath-school teachers and scholars found peace to the formation of the Association, and to with God, the sons and daughters of our read the Constitution. Short but highly inter- people were blessed with the forgiving mercy esting addresses were then delivered by Messrs of the Lord, and outcasts were finally found . F. Parsons, J. B. Morrow, J. S. MacLean, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in J. A. Anderson, and D. N. Blackwood. The their right mind." We feel thankful to the speakers all expressed themselves as sympa- Lord and Head of the Church, who has raised hizing warmly in the objects proposed by this up and qualified by gifts and grace the young enterprise, and wished it abundant and endur- men in the College at Headingley. An occang success.

rom most of those already existing in this population. "If the Methodist Connexion," Province, and which it may be well to mention. adds our correspondent, "could have seen the One of its special objects is the suppression of way the students went about the work in the the vice of intemperance, and the Constitution above special services, the Theological Institucontains a clause which pledges its members tion would win and keep all hearts.' against the practice of using intoxicating liquors This is a feature which we are sure must OPENING OF NEW METROPOLITAN commend itself to all who wish to see our youth preserved from one of the most subtle and destructive forms of sin.

respect. It provides for the admission to its was opened this morning with imposing serranks of ladies, in the Capacity of Associate D.D., of Newark, N. J., preach the introduc-Members. It has been thought that the moth-tory sermon from Isaiah 45th chap., 21st verse, ers and wives and daughters of our community ought to be allowed to wield their confessedly ference, conducted the services, At the close owerful influence, in saving young men and of the sermon a subscription list was opened vinning them to virtue and godliness.

Let us hope that the enterprise thus successully initiated may have the sympathies and prayers of all God's people, and may be blessed with a long and brilliant career of usefulpresent no Methodist place of worship. At ability, kindness, and devotion in the discharge ness. There is special and pressing need in which several prominent Ministers and others everlasting punishment, but the righteous are imposed on children than their health Smith's corner—a young village situated eight of all his ministerial duties they desire, and in this vicinity for an Institution such as that to will deliver addresses.

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It may be proper to notice that the staff of Office Bearers as published in the last Wesleyan has been subjected to a slight alteration; J A. Anderson, Esq., having been appointed one of the Vice Presidents in place of Rev. A Brown, who declined taking office.

A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION April 4th, 1872.

REVIVAL INTELLIGENCE

From he London Watchman

connection with the covenant service on the first Sabbath in January. We then commenced mously sympathise.

We would at the same time be reminded by a series of special services, chiefly prayer needs. ings and many have sought and found acceptvariously affected; some silently wait for the approach of the Saviour; some sob and weep we in our grateful remembrance.

We need not intimate to you how much we till their tears forms pools on the seats before shall regret the hour of your separation from which they kneel; some wail with a bitter cry; some roar for the disquietude of their heart; some literally writhe in agony. The joy of de-God of their salvation. The sympathetic gladness is caught by the people of God, and reflec-Wishing for both yourself and her, together ted from every countenance, and we are already with your interesting family, all good things, reminded that "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that rewere young men and women; then it came down to the children, and for several evenings we had a number of young girls seeking and finding mercy, then a number of boys and now again grown up women are seized with deep convictions and come forward voluntarily to be prayed for. The work seems to assume To the Officers and Members of the Windsor larger dimensions, and our Sabbath evening prayer-meetings are 'attended by five or six hundred people. Our sacramental services are seasons of peculiar blessing. The truth Jesus the propitiatory work of the Saviour, form even an approximate estimate of the number of persons converted, as several were meetother denominations in the town have shared

ment, and is coming over to visit Can associations of your religious existence are such as to awaken special interest in the mind of a minister. Your elegant church edifice, large and devout congregations, flourishing Sabbath James, on Sunday, the 17th inst. He will certainly hear the shout of new-born souls. The old Cornish fire has not gone vet. To God be

A correspondent writes: Recently we have

began. That modes of instruction have sug- Chapel, Leeds, which have been attended with the rich blessing of Almighty God. Some eighty or ninety persons professed to find salvation. A number of these came from distant parts ofinto Society. We were greatly helped by the students from Headingley College; indeed, rest, you owe your success mainly to your own they almost did the entire work. These services extended over a fortnight, and the first week the preachers were Massra Lawis Redshaw. Cobban. Whydale, and Griffin; the second week Mossrs. Haworth, Whitamore, gave addresses on the Friday night. A special band-meeting was held each Saturday evening, and a concluding service for the new converts a week ago last Monday. The first week of these services the students came almost in a body, went in small bands through the streets in the neighbourhood of the chapel from three to five o'clock in the afternoon, distributing handbills, and inviting the people to the house of God. After tea in the vestry, and a short prayer-meeting, they went all to-RICHMOND YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN and friends, through the various streets, gether, accompanied by some of the leaders, singing as they proceded, and stopping every A public Meeting was held in Kaye St. Wes- two hundred yards or so to give short exleyan Church on Monday evening, 1st inst., for the purpose of inaugurating the above Assional mission of this sort must be of im-There are one or two features wherein the mense benefit to some of the most degraded newly formed Association differs somewhat specimens of humanity in our great centres of

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE. TORONTO, April 4. - The new Metropolitan Our Association is peculiar also in another Wesleyan Methodist Church on McGill Square and in a short time \$20,000 was subscribed to ward the liquidation of the debt many leading citizens giving liberally. At the conclusion of the services a bazaar was opened in the Tabernacle by ladies connected

with the church. This evening a public meeting will be held at ACCIDENT

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