SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1878.

MOUNT HOPE ASYLUM.

A very remarkable letter appeared in some of the Halifax papers during last week. Intimations had been given that Dr. DeWolfe, Medical Superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane, Dartmouth, was called upon, with three of his associates in office, to resign. Rumours followed this notice to the effect that a prominent Roman Catholic of Dartmouth-a Visiting Commissioner of the Institution-had been diligently thrusting charges on the attention of those who were associated with him in the oversight of the Asylum; that these charges had taken an aggrevated shape before a Committee of the Legislature appointed to enquire into the circumstances; that the Committee had reported in favour of the dismissal of Dr. DeWolfe and others; and that, in due time, the son of the said prominent Roman Catholic, being a member of the Government, insisted upon the appointment of a Roman Catholic to the office of Superintendent, basing his claims upon the rights of Roman Catholics to a full share in the offices of the coun-

When the Report of the Legislative

Committee appeared, we read it with much avidity, and resting under a very natural impression that something very dreadful was to be revealed. We have followed the history of this institution for years, with painful yet pleasurable interest, having again and again seen very valued friends committed to its keeping, and in every instance rejoiced in the joy wherewith they were restored to society. The bare hint that some sad change had occurred in the management of the Asylum-a change so flagrant that it demanded the dismissal of four principal officers-was sufficient to startle the public. We confess that in this astonishment we shared to a considerable extent. What do we find? The report has two grave charges -serious neglect as to measures necessary to secure cleanliness, and dishonesty in the administration of rations. Dr. DeWolf's letter positively contradicts the former charge; it also throws no little discredit upon the Commissioners who, if the charges be true, allowed the circumstances as to the latter charge to creep into the management. The worst feature of the whole case is, that Dr. DeWolf has been denied the right of appearing before the tribunal which condemned him! He -may be guilty—as to that men may read the evidence in whatever light they please; but British justice demands that a prominent official shall not be sent out into the world, blighted as to his moral standing, without a hearing. The government will not, we are sure, perpetrate this injustice. If it does it must take the consequences of being considered cowardly and arbitrary. We have no political interests to serve. We are not even on terms of intimacy with Dr. DeWolfe. But we have a high regard for the honor and righteousness of this country, and so cannot allow a condemned man to stand helplessly before the public demanding fair play, without lifting an arm and a voice in his favour. There are various courts of Enquiry in Nova Scotia, and we submit that Dr. DeWolfe's case, by the present coloring placed upon his conduct, has passed beyond the province of any secret tritial jury, and if the Commissioners (not Dr. DeWolfe), deserve the blame, as maintained in the Superintendent's letter, the Province will not quietly stand by and allow an innocent public servant | Ontario at half the amount. to be thrust out with disgrace.

A service of very considerable revcommodity, only let the machinery be tions and observations upon the extent alluded. regulated with prudence. We find in to which people really overload them-

Concerns, as conducted at New York and Cincinnati, has been profitable during the past year; the most of the Depositor. are only imaginary.

ies, however, have been unprofitable, and at some, losses have been sustained. The ceneral policy of the church in regard to

depositories was carefully considered. The editors represented their respectve papers, which were reported as gaining subscribers, without almost any exception. May the editors realize their hopes for still larger increases of subscribers! All the interests of the two Concerns received the most considerate attention.'

If we mistake not, our own General Conference will have similar cause for congratulation. It may be a good hint to our brethren, that perhaps the source of greatest profit to the American publishing houses, is the publication of their own Hymn Books. Another suggestion is conveyed by the remarks we have quoted-Depositories, or branch Book-rooms-are not money-making concerns, and their number is likely to be reduced rather than multiplied. There are reasons-business reasonsfor this, which need not be mentioned.

It is always easy to launch arrows against a public institution. Sometimes the arrows may fall within the ramparts, wounding the loyal defenders, when they little deserve it. But when a minister or member of any church turns his weapons against any of his own brethren, he ought, indeed, to have some strong justification. writer in the New York Advocate cently made assertions which, appearing in a paper of the widest circulation, and written evidently by a Methodist, were calculated to do much mischief against the character of Canadian Methodist authorities. He was met, however, by another Canadian writer, whose points serve, while they refute the charges alluded to, to shew fairly the best published. two or three important features of our

Here is an extract on salaries :-

"On the question of appointments and salaries your correspondent remarks that men in cities and towns, in many cases inferior in ability but superior in schem ing to their country brethren, are getting more than double their salaries.' course there is considerable difference beween the salaries paid in the country and in the towns. It always has been so, and always will be, 'world without end.' As to the 'inferior ability' of city brethren, that may be an open question. Of course, we often hear the remark that there are many brethren on country circuits of superior ability (in their own estimation) to those in cities; but when some city where these talented brethren are to be found, echo answers-' Where?' But joking apart, I venture to say (and I claim to have some knowledge of the facts) that we have at the present about as equal a distribution of talent as fallible stationing committees could possibly arrive at. The insinuation about 'scheming.' I pronounce an unmitigated slander; and I do this without any personal feeling, as I am not in charge of a city congregation. It must be admitted that once in a while a good brother forgets himself so far as to scheme a little; but such are conspicuous only for their failures. There is too much honesty and godliness among Methodist preachers in Canada to permit scheming to succeed when once it is known."

This is a forcible paragraph on missionary appointments:-

Your correspondent goes on: "In the missionary work this inequality is painfully apparent. There are men in British Columbia and Manitoba getting from one thousand to eighteen hundred dollars a year, while the maximum salary on rough and toilsome missions in Quebec and Ontario is five hundred and fifty dollars." Evidently "O. G." is one who relies upon his imagination for his facts. If the missionary reports are to be relied upon, the highest amount paid at present to any missionary is \$1,140, and this is only in the case of a few isolated Indian missions in B. C. and the North-west, where the cost of getting supplies is simply enormous Moveover, there is a significant fact about the supply of these distant missions. I am told by the missionary authorities of our church that when brethren who grumble about their small allowances are asked to go to these outposts, they almost invariably have a venture to say that if "O. G." is a man fit to be put in charge of an Indian mission in the North-west, he can be accomwill be glad to relinguish their thousand dollar incomes to get back to a circuit in

and patriotism if both be not contained Knight is surely our ministerial Laureate. It is somewhat singular that a telegraphic message comes at once responsive to the song. The poet writes:

Let the great cable call for aid, And ere the next appeal is made Ten thousand warriors will reply, And speed to victory or die. Call, Mother, when thy cause demands, Call twice ten thousand hearts and hands, And we will prove our sympathy, With cavalry and infantry.'

The ink was not dry on the page containing these sentiments in print, when the following telegram came flashing over the wires:

OTTAWA, March 2. A cablegram received to-day, from England, stating that ten thousand Canadian troops are to be raised for European service, creates great excitement among the volunteers. There would be no difficulty in enrolling that number.

The poet did not mistake the temper ither of England or Canada.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARIES .- Cir. culars are being sent out to the ministers of all our Circuits, which we earnestly desire may be placed in the hands of the Superintendents of Sabbath Schools, where these have not received them direct. Attention is thus called to the splendid facilities now possessed by the Book Room for supplying firstclass books at cheapest rates, and with the option of returning any that, may not be required within a limited time. The stock this year is full and attractive, containing the latest books, and

The increase in our sales to Sabbath Schools, within two or three years, is something very remarkable, showing two or three facts. 1. Our people are beginning to see how valuable a means of attraction and instruction is afforded by good books and papers for children. 2. Our Sabbath Schools now regard a free outlay of money for such purposes as a first-class investment. 3. Our Sabbath Schools are finding the best security for quality and prices in their own Book Establishment. We can now confidently challenge the Dominion as to the prices of our books—thanks to congregation in want of a supply asks | those who have patronized us to an extent which enables us to buy from pub-

By the way, it is a fitting comment upon recent discussion in the Wesley-AN. that Annapolis Royal expends on two Sunday Schools of the Circuit not less than a hundred dollars a year, each! We assume the day is not far distant when the church in those localities will begin to draw the interest upon this investment. Economy in all things is desirable; but the pitiable starvation of our Sabbath Schools is not economy.

INSTEAD of the essay on Teaching we give this week one on the Medical Profession. The writer may be accepted as an oracle on the subject, so far as he has gone in its treatment. He is himself a fair illustration of that peculiar something in the successful physician, which he finds it so difficult to define, the possessor of a keen insight as regards constitution and disease-a sort of physiological intuition-which marks | effected a pleasing transformation, that | the School House. the true doctor, whatever other qualifications he may possess. Some men reach conclusions by the exercise of a divine faculty -- we scarcely know what else to designate it—which others can only reach by reasoning or experiment. bunal. Let him be tried by an impar- loud providential call to stay at home! I ling. This is, we think, preeminently true of doctors; and without the in- ber convened together representing varituition we would consider the man's ous ages and denominations. After whil modated. Some of the brethren there energy and education thrown away in a ling away the evening in social converse. great measure.

British subjects who may have Blessings on John Boyd of St. married in the Colonies sisters of their John! He has been before the public deceased wives, now find their children Concerns, when safely managed. There as an instructive, comforting, and amu- to inherit and own property. This was is no investment in which money can be | sing platform man. His lecture last provided for recently by a law passed sunk so readily as in printers' ink; and week on superfluous things-" bag- for that purpose. It is a step in the

the reports of the Methodist Episcopal selves in days of prosperity. Doubtless Baptisma.—Rev. J. Lathern's trea-Book Concerns this cheering express- the great fire taught people that they tise, with this title, is going into a could live and be happy with less of second edition. The first edition went them. We all have comforts which will be improvements in the second edition, the author giving, in more extend- it before next June.

WE mistake the true spirit of poetry | ed form, his vie ws-which have the merit of being original and forciblein the stanzas given in our columns upon the topics selected for discussion. this week-" Canada to England." Mr. We are glad to find a sound, scholarly literature coming into existence in these Provences.

> THE International Sunday School Convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, April 17-19. The subject for discussion is "Our Work" in its various phases. It is of great importance feeling very much cramped for room in that the Maritime Provinces be well represented by Delegates. Any persons who purpose being present should communicate with W. B. McNutt, Esq., Halifax, at as early a date as possible.

> Mt. Allison College.-The Board of Trustees and Governors for this institution was called together for Wednesday last at 10 a m., to consider the question of appointing a successor to Dr. Allison. Since Mr. Sprague declined, members of the Board were disposed to hesitate before taking another step. At the present writing it is impossible to foreshadow the action of the Board, but we shall endeavor to have the decision conveyed by telegraph in nor spending our strength for naught. time for the present issue.

The following telegram reached the office on Wednesday evening:

SACEVILLE, N. B., March 6. Principal Inch elected unanimously at an early stage of the meeting to Presidency of College. Rev. David Kennedy to Principalship of Male Academy, Rev. George Milligan and lady requested to take the places vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Inch. Questions of relation of the Institutions to each other financially are under considera-

WE learn from a Woodstock, N. B., corresponent, that a letter most generally signed by the congregation of the Weslevan Church, in that place, has been sent to Lewis P. Fisher, Esq. formerly in charge of the Sabbath School and choir, requesting him to take his old place among them, which we understand he has consented to do, as soon as his health has sufficiently

NEWS FROM THE CIRCUITS.

JOTTINGS FROM MANCHESTER When the revolutions of the itinerant wheel were brought to a termination last June, we found our name opposite the above circuit. This being our first move in the new relation of pater familias, we naturally felt some solicitude in reference to this field of labor, an expedition of enquiry was at once started among the brethren, but unfortunately for us and ours. we could not discover any returning from the goodly land laden. with a "cluster of grapes." On the contrary there appeared to be a prevailing inclination to assume the role of Micaiah and prophesy evil rather than good. 'Under these circumstances it was with feelings of fear and trembling we started for the scene of future toil not knowing what was before us, but confidently believing "what looks dark in the distance may brighten as we

A few days after our pastoral inauguration, a number of the elect ladies took possession of the comfortable little parsonage and after spending a few hours in inhabit the Celestial Empire. The lecloving labor and pleasant intercourse re- ture was thoroughly appreciated by the tired, having during their short stay attentive audience which completely filled both improved the appearance of our home and greatly added to our domestic enjoyment. Since then we have been encouraged with many evidences of interest in and regard for the comfort of pastor) the adjoining settlement. and family. Notably amongst which must be mentioned the donation of last Wednesday evening. Quite a large numsinging, addresses, &c., they departed, Methodist .- Perwick Star. leaving us the recipients of a tangible expression of their good-will in the form of thirty one dollars cash and about twenty dollars in useful articles.

Although not in a position to report enue to the Churches are the Publishing many years as a lecturer, and always recognized by English law as entitled any special spiritual work, yet we are not without cheering proof that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. A new church is now in course of erection at the Interthere is no way in which money may be gage" he designated them -was evi- direction of abrogating the restriction vale, which is expected to be ready for so profitably expended as in this same dently the substance of his own reflect altogether as regards the relationships occupancy next summer. At Port Mul- viz., the 20th, and again the parsonage grave, where the cause has suffered so se- | was crowded. On both occasions the verely and sustained so many drawbacks | tables, at which the ladies waited for in connection with the loss of two church- hours, were heavily laden with good es, we are pleased to state that there is at | things. Short good speeches were delivpresent a fair prospect of having a com- | ered, select readings were given, and very "The general business of the Book the cumbering wares of life about off by a quiet, steady demand. There building has been secured, and the build- of the firm of Millar Brothers, Charlottefortable place for Divine worship. A choice music was discoursed. Mr. Millar, er is at work with the view of completing | town, kindly put one of their handsome,

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I., Feb. 25th, 1878. -The good work in this town, of which you gave some notice in your issue of the 16th inst., has continued since that time, resulting in the conversion of quite a number, and the awakening of more. Last evening it was my privilege to receive into the church and upon trial, fifty new members, four of whom were baptized on the same occasion; and several others have expressed their desire to connect themselves with us at an early date. We are our church which has grown too small for us. Times are hard, money and employ. ment both very scarce, yet it will be nec. cessary for us to "arise and build." May we still experience the favor and blessing of the Great Head of the church.

Acadia .- A gracious work is in progress in our new church at Tusket. Among the "first fruits" we received into church fellowship eleven persons yesterday. The whole service was unusually interesting. To God be all the glory. We also baptized and received into connexion with us here, a sea captain. We are feeling the strains of continued hard work. but thankful we are not laboring in vain Several cases of diphtheria.

R. TWEEDIE. Feb. 25, 1878.

STANLEY, N. B .- We have just concluded a series of special services at Stanley with cheering results. We ex. pect it will result in an encouraging addition to our church. Go I has abundantly blessed us. To Him be all the praise.

FOR BOSTON.-Rev. W. W. Brewer. left by train on Saturday last, for Boston. and was to have lectured in the interests of the Inebriate Home, at Needham, Mass. last night. On his return next week it is expected that he will give the Reform Club an account of his visit to D. Banks McKenzie and his favored institution.

LECTURE COURSE GIBSON UNION HALL .- The seventh lecture of this course was delivered by the Rev. W. W. Lodge. of Salisbury, on "Mental Development." The subject was treated from a practical standpoint. The lecturer proceeded to show that man's superiority was to be seen in his "God stamped nature." and though having lost his primeval innocence and fallen low, yet he was possessed of those faculties which if developed would prove his lordship over creation, and be a refutation of the ape theory of Darwin. The well-timed and earnest advice given that we were not like the rustic, to wait for the river to run by, to wait for the good time coming, nor even to be bilious. ly complaining, but buckle to the work of to-day, and with indomitable perseverance overcome obstacles, and attain the gaol within our reach, was well received and applauded by the audience. The lecture was full of good, practical axioms, enlivening by apt and pleasing illustrations, and delivered with earnestness and fluency.

LOWER CAVEBHILL LECTURE COURSE. -An evenings entertainment was given in the School House on Monday evening. February 18th. Singing by the choir and a reading formed the opening part which was followed by a lecture by the Rev. R. Duncan, of Marysville, subject: "An evening with the Celestials, or China and the Chinese." In a very pleasant manner much useful and interesting information was given concerning the past history and position of the extraordinary people who

These entertainments are supplying a want felt in this community, and will be no doubta pleasant intellectual stimulus to the people who gather there from this and

Religious.-Quite a revival is going on at Billtown, Woodville and Grafton. Sixty persons have been baptised by Rev. Sydney Welton, Baptist; and several by Revs. I. E. Thurlow and C. Lockart.

POWNAL, P. E. I .- Our friends on this circuit intimated to us their intention of making a donation visit to the parsonage on the 13th of Feby. The night was stormy, but there was a large gathering nevertheless. The friends living farthest away from Pownal village, and who were hindered by the storm, not willing to submit to a defeat, appointed another night, E. E. E. fine toned organs into the parsonage for

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