FRIDAY, JULY 2, 1880.

TO OUR READERS-GREETING.

THE retiring editor, in last week' issue, kindly relieved us from the unpleasant necessity of introducing ourselves. We have, therefore, simply to seek to place ourselves in pleasant relations with our readers in as few words as possible.

That the calls for 'copy' which have been perplexing us since our return from the Conference are less pleasant than the summons to duty in a former sphere, we readily admit, yet a firm belief that ability prescribes the limit to duty, and that in our present position we move within the lines of Christian service, gives to our editorial work a certain attractiveness. Doubts and fears certainly entered our office door with us, but these have been in some degree removed by the cheering utterances of brethren, both in the ministry and among the laity of our Church.

Men will read, and will find a large proportion of their reading in the columns of the ever-increasing list of daily and weekly journals. The newspaper has become, in the words of Bayard Taylor, the logbook of the age. It tells at what rate the world moves. It is read everywhere. 'I read the papers,' said a Christian man once, when catechized by an enthusiast, ' to know what God is doing, what man is doing and what Satan is doing.' In posting the public on these topics, the religious press has its peculiar place. Its events of the day, but the treatment of and Heaven's eternal laws. In its pages suits of the week, the employment of the preacher and the labor of the artisan, are all to be recognized as so many depart-Christ. Such a purpose will be thoroughly ual and true power to the Church.

The numerous topics which must emweek may publish some triumph of good, it:may, next week, tell of some temporary gain of evil; the same letters that carry tidings of joy at one time, may at another convey a message of sadness. With them, too, we may send forth greetings of peace and, in apparent contradiction, may spell out sentences that may seem too hard in their denunciation of error.

We confess ourselves to be sick at heart with those petty strites which occupy so much of the space of religious newspapers, to the surprise of the thoughtful and the joy of the infidel. At a day, however, when periodical literature gives symptoms of unsettlement, when so many seek rest in forms rather than in faith, when creeds are too lightly held by some and too firmly grasped by others, there will be a necessity of defence which may seem to assume the form of attack. If such necessity arise, let none hold up his hands as in holy horror. The defence of the Gospal and its confirmation go hand in hand. To surrender at discretion the hallowed bulwarks of religious conflict would be to betray a most important trust.

Already we feel, perhaps but slightly, the responsibilities of the position in which brethren have placed us. Do we err when we say that while the home, the college, the nation, have furnished themes | Churches we have sometimes been urged for united prayer, the press has had no to 'use.' On one point the Judge, withpart in such supplication? Such omission should be remedied. Meanwhile, let us and our work and our weekly message to a larger congregation than the most eloquent of our brethren may address, be followed with pointed petitions. The pen pulpit, atoming for lack of preparation as well as the tongue may be touched with by the use of superlatives which gratity hallowed fire.

to our correspondents.

SERVICES connected with the Sunday School Centenary celebration are now being held in Great Britain. In some parts of the kingdom the week commencing June 27th and ending July 4th, is to be wholly devoted to the purpose. A number of our Provincial schools are falling into line with this arrangement. Twelve hundred scholars from the Episcopal churches of this city met in St. Luke's on Sabbath last to listen to an address from Bishop Binney. The Charles St. Methodist Church gathered its children,-nearly four hundred in number,—on the afternoon and evening of the same day for Archdeacon Gilpin, D.D., has charge, was praise, prayer, and responsive reading of examined. The work done during the the Scriptures. In the evening the teach- year embraces the tollowing: Latin and ers of the school, a number of whom are Greek Grammars. Latin and Greek prose worshippers in other Methodist churches composition, and translations from classiin this city attended the annual Sabbath | cal authors including, in Latin, Caesar,

will be furnished by the united schools, and by the band of the 101st Regt. Beside the addresses, a paper entitled "Refrom the pen of the Hon. S. L. Shannon, for many years superintendent of our Grafton St. school, may be looked for with peculiar interest.

To such grand proportions has that work grown, which a quiet Christian tory character. worker a hundred years since organized in the city of Gloucester. Let us rather say incomprehensible proportions, for the results of which eloquent tongues are this week speaking are only gleanings from the glorious harvest field. Heaven preserves the only full record. Concerning this, as of the results of all departments of Christian effort, it is the little we know, the great remains unknown. Most of those who a hundred years age were earnestly seeking a high place in the annals of tame are out of date—in many instances even the monumental stone has proved faithless to its trust—but the name of the Christian worker who aimed only at the glory of his God, and the good of his degraded fellows, lingers to-day upon the lips of thousands of the noblest and best

Few Methodists, even of that very province we assume to be, not neglect of rare sort who may think it necessary to public interests, nor forgetfulness of the atone for a smile by a sigh, can fail to be amused by a decision given by a New these in relation to man's highest interests | York judge in the case of Captain Young, of the Narragansett. The Captain having the worship of the Sabbath and the pur. heard that the Rev. R. Harcourt, of Trinity M. E. Church, New York, was to preach a sermon on 'The Lessons of the Narragansett Slaughter,' placed himself ments in which we serve the Lord Jesus at the teet of the teacher. When, however, the listener heard himself and crew consistent with our aim to spread 'Scrip- termed 'arrant cowards' he gave a public tural holiness, throughout our borders, - expression of dissent by calling the that holiness, the happy result of the death 'preacher 'a liar.' For this, and for anof Jesus, and of the work of the Spirit -- other epithet, called forth by a prayer for which gives perfect peace to the individ. the man who had interrupted the service, the Captain was arrested at the instance of some of the officials of the church and ploy the pen and scissors of the journalist put upon his trial. The New York 'Times' cannot be here named. Our weekly mes- furnishes us with Judge Peloubet's decissage will be varied. The types which this ion, and the ground on which he reached

The acquittal of Capt. Young was not based solely on the fact that he disapproved of the teachings of the Rev. Mr. Harcourt. That indiscreet minister, while preaching the gospel of steamboat accidents, remarked that the officers of the Narragansett were cowards. Of course Captain Young did not like this assertion. and he thereupon exclaimed, to the minister's great astonishment, "You're a liar." We wish a league 'offensive and defen- Judge Peloubet, however, did not dissive with every follower of Jesus Christ.' charge the Captain on the ground that a man who is called a coward is always justified in calling his accuser a liar. Judge based his decision on the tact that Mr. Harcourt is a Methodist, and as such is accustomed to have his sermons reviewed by his congregation with such approving remarks as "Amen" and "Glory." If, argued the Judge, it is not disorderly conduct to interrupt a Methodist sermon with exclamations of approval, it is not disorderly conduct to interrupt it with exclamations of disapproval. Had Capt. Young, when the minister called him a coward, exclaimed "Amen," or even remarked, "That's right, Brother!" no one would have dreamed of calling him disorderly. With what justice, then, can he be charged with disorderly conduct because he made an exclamation of disapproval?

Such a decision, from our slight ac. quaintance with New York Methodism, seems like a sad travesty upon justice, but furnishes an amusing commentary upon the possible danger of that 'freedom' which in other than Methodist out any loss of judicial authority, might have given wholesome counsel. We refer to the almost indecent haste with which some ministers seize upon any startling topic and rush with it into the the lover of sensation, but are extremely Next week we hope to say a few words distasteful to him who remembers that the pulpit-with its peculiar privileges-is given the preacher that he may preach the Gospel, and not rudely attack men who in his presence are defenceless, with uncalled for and offensive epithets. On this ground, rather than on that stated, it seems to us the Judge might have based a similar but less questionable de-

## HALIFAX HIGH SCHOOL.

The Annual public examination of this Institution was held this week and was attended by a goodly number of visitors. On Monday forenoon the Classical Department of which the Principal, the Ven.

3rd inst., a mass meeting of the Sabbath 'Xenophon, Homer and Euripides. The left the navy and mercantile pursuits in schools of Halifax and Dartmouth takes boys passed the examination most crediplace in the Royal Exhibition Hall. The tably to themselves and their instructor. schools will occupy the seats on the main In the afternoon, classes were examined floor, while parents and other visitors will in the mathematical and science depart- his appropriate place. After a twentyfind accommodation in the gallery. Music ment which is under the direction of John T. Mellish, M. A. The past year's course removed to Halifax. Unfettered by those included Arithmetic with theory and proof of rules, Algebra through quadratics, miniscences of Sabbath school work," Geometry, through the sixth book; and a course of lessons in chemistry, illustrated by experiments. Thoroughness of work by both teacher and taught was apparent as the classes passed under review, and the examination was of a highly satisfac-

> The English Department which is under charge of Mr. W. H. Waddell was visited on Tuesday foregoon. The scholars exhibited a ready acquaintance with British and Canadian History, English Grammar, Reading, Geography, &c., answering with promptness and correctness. Here also the teacher shows very good results indeed for his work. Mr. J. Leichti's classes in French and German were examined on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. L. has successfully initiated his pupils in the principles of accidence, and a number exhibited a creditable degree of skill in translation. Prizes and testimonials were distributed at the close of the examination, and addresses complimentary to teachers and pupils were delivered.

> We have no hesitation in stating that the citizens of Halifax are to be congratulated on the efficiency of the teaching staff of the High School and the excellent appearance made by the pupils in their classes. The building and its appointments are really superb. We trust, however, that the Board of School Commissioners will lose no time in making the changes in reference to the terms of admission &c., recommended by the Chairman, and by the Supervisor, and that the young ladies of the city may also be allowed to enjoy the advantages of the school.

> Three young gentlemen from the school successfully passed the matriculation examinations of King's College, Windsor, last week, and a number matriculated at Dalhousie, and some at Mount Allison last autumn.

The Rev. E. B. Moore, whose letter appears in another column, needs no introduction, nor to those who read his letter will the cause he pleads require any. The beantiful church at Hamilton, seen by readers of Moister's Wesleyan Missions," never stood but on paper. Our Hamilton friends still worship in the building over which Joshua Marsden reoiced in 1819, enlarged by successive additions until, with its low roof and numerous front doors, it looks not unlike a sucession of tenaments. A stranger might pass it and declare most emphatically he had not seen a church. Visiting Methodists,-and Bermuda is becoming each winter a more favorite resort for visitorsare likely to be repelled by its appearance. unless they are Methodists through and through. The Hamilton congregation did not anticipate the call to "arise and build," they too long delayed obedience to the summons; in part, perhaps, through the scruples of some, who like hundreds of others, "were born to glory there." Those from whom the appeal comes have to struggle with peculiar difficulties, and they are not wealthy, though second to none of our circuits in their contributions. We shall be glad to receive any gifts and to forward them to their destination.

In spite of financial discouragements the members of the Berwick Camp Meeting Association have made arrangements to hold their annual Feast of Tabernacles. The first service will commence at 3 p. m., on July 6th. All who seek real spiritual benefit should if possible be at Berwick at that time, prepared to serve the Master as may seem necessary. Good Andrew Fuller remarks that the master who stands waiting for the fire to burn shivers, while the servant who stoops to kindle it grews warm. Visitors should make all requisite preparation for their stay, and so relieve the members of the association and their families from that Martha-like service which often robs them of the blessing enjoyed by those coming from a distance. We bespeak, too, for our friends at Berwick such financial assistance as will enable them to put their beautiful grounds in proper order, as well as meet certain obligations imposed upon them by their laudable efforts in the past.

From July 6th to July 13th, special return tickets will he issued on the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, from all stations, at ONE FABE AND A THIRD; on the Steamer from St. John and Digby, at one FARE AND A THIRD; on the Western Counties Railway, at one fare, on boat days. See advertisement on last page.

Not many have been so closely associated with philanthropic efforts in Nova Scotia as the late Canon Cochran. King's College, Windsor, of which his father was ference, seem to have strangely 'mixed' school communion service. On Saturday | Horace, Virgil, Cicero and Livy; in Greek, | President, was his birthplace. Having matters in relation to Book Room affairs. Johnson.

succession, he entered the ministry of the Episcopal Church. None who knew him can doubt that in the ministry he found eight vears residence at Lunenburg, he ecclesiastical restraints which tie the hands of some warm-hearted men, he became an associate and frequently a leader in every good work. Of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance he was a a charter member: of the Halitax Deaf and Dumb Institution he was one of the founders, and for twenty-five years its secretary. On the morning of his funeral the boys of that school marched in procession from his residence to the Railway Depot. From the organization of the Halifax Dispensary he has been its President. For years his voice was heard at the annual meeting of the Bible Society. On Wednesday, the 23d inst., his remains were placed in the old family buryingground at Windsor. He lived in deeds as well as in years, therefore his works do follow him.

The Principal of the Halifax Blind Asylum, Mr. Charles F. Fraser, has left home on a lecturing tour through the Upper Provinces. He intends devoting the proceeds of his lecture on 'The Great Pyramid' to the purchase of raised print books for the blind. All who have listened to Mr. Fraser regard him as a lecturer of great ability, and express surprise that he should have been able to master so thoroughly the facts and figures grouped in his lecture. His purpose appeals to the sympathy of all. Will our exchanges in the Upper Provinces call attention to his mission.

England is about to afford shelter to an undesirable lot of exiles—the Jesuits who, obliged to leave France, are purchasing property in Jersey, for a future base of operations. In their selection of that beautiful Island, they perhaps aim to throw their baneful shadow at once over England and France. Thus while the latter country in which they have for centuries held fatal sway, easts them out; and Spain, long cursed by their presence, only allows them to enter her borders on conditions which amount to a virtual denial; and Catholic Belgium refuses them admission, England, hated for her Protestantism, gives them an asylum. Thirty Jesuit Colleges, and one hundred and twenty Jesuit nunneries, in France are to be closed in a few days. Such exiles are too likely to prove like the fabled adder which turned upon him whose hearthstone gave it warmth and life.

## AN INSIDE VIEW.

At the close of a discussion on the affairs of the Book Room and Weslevan Office in the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference our late Editor, the Rev. D. D. Currie, made the following remarks. We quote with slight change from the St. John Sun:

Rev. D. D. Currie the retiring editor of the WESLEYAN, explained how he came to accept the post. He was asked to take an important circuit, for which he was not fit, and refused. Soon afterward he was burned out, and had been told that it was a judgment on him. Then he made up his mind not to refuse any more, and accordingly accepted the editorship when it was offered to him. He would go to British Columbia or elsewhere if the Conference said so. He had been editor, proof reader, and reporter on the paper, and preached nearly every Sunday, and had labored to make it better. The circulation, however, was not what it should be, although it compared favorably with that of other denomination al organs. Other editors had money to procure assistance with. They wanted a posy Heaven, and they gave some brother \$20 for writing it. They wanted a stirring article on the bottomless pit, and paid another to furnish it. Now he had to furnish all these things himself. (Applause and laughter.) More money was wanted to make the paper a success, and to get this money the subscription list should be doubled. He had done the best he could with his limited knowledge of the business, but was now rid of it. (Laughter.) Let the brethren work for the paper, build it up and stand by it. One of the best things ministers could do for their people would be to send the WESLEYAN among them. In ome circuits the only subscriber was the minister. He had contemplated reducing the price to \$1.50—(hear, hear)—but thought it would be better to increase the size—(hear)—and keep the price at \$2. He hoped the brethren wend work for the paper and enable the new editor to make

Own readers will find the concluding reports of the N. S. Conference on the 6th

WE print on our first page the speech delivered by the Rev. C. H. Paisley at the Conference Educational Meeting, at Truro and published at the request of the Ministers of the Nova Scotia Conference. Our readers will find in it some interestmg incidents connected with the revival in the Institutions during the past year.

REV. J. GAETZ of Aylestord writes under date of June 29th. "We had a blessed season last evening at Melvern Square. Brother Gee preached a powerful sermon, at the close of which I administered the ordinance of baptism to four persons.'

THE following was omitted in the report of the proceedings of the Nova Scotia Conference:

The resolutions on Hymn and Tune Book before reported, were moved by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Lathern, They called forth some inquiry, and were adopted unanimously by the Confer-

The reporters for the daily press in attendance at the N. B. and P. E. I. ConOUR BOOK TABLE

The J. B. Burr Publishing Co., Hart. ford, Conn., have placed on our table 'A DICTIONARY OF CHRISTIAN ANTIQUITIES' edited by Dr. Wm. Smith and Saml. Cheetham, M.A. Dr. Smith, the editor-in-chief. is too well known to be introduced to our readers; his principal associate in the work-for more than seventy of the most distinguished scholars and antiquarians of Britain have been engaged in its preparation—is Professor of Pastoral Theology in King's College, London. The work now before us is intended to be a continuation of Dr. Smith's 'Bible Dictionary.' As such it embraces the history of the first eight centuries of the Christian era, a knowledge of which is of deep interest as well as of great value to every christian student. We have examined it with care, and while doing so have felt but one regret -a selfish one perhaps-that such a book had not been on our library shelves years ago. In these two octavo volumes of 2000 closely but clearly printed pages we have in compact form an amount of informa. tion only to be gathered by years of toil from the most costly libraries, and which. to the great majority of ministers, students and teachers, may be regarded as inaccessible. Many of the more important topics have been discussed with such completeness as to be worthy of publication in separate form. Here and there we have seen slight evidences of the peculiar views of a few among the many writers employed; but the copious references given throughout the entire work afford ample evidence that every effort has been made to present an impartial view of each subject. In view of its scholarly merit, and its stores of information on a most interesting period of history, gathered from a wide field, this work must take its place, as a necessity, in our libraries. The publishers have done their work well, and have conferred a benefit upon the public in placing these two large Royal Octavo volumes in the market at the low rate of \$3.50 per vol.

We are also indebted to Messrs, I. K. Funk & Co., 10 and 12 Dey Street, New York, for the eighth and last volume of their popular edition of KNIGHT'S HISTORY OF ENGLAND Price, 35 cents.

Also, for Memories of My Exine, by Louis Kossuth. No.'s 30 and 31 Standar

Series. Price, 40 cents. Of the enterprise of Messrs. Funk & Co.. in placing these works in cheap form before the reading public, too much can scarcely be said in the way of commendation. It has been the custom to cry out to the readers of a cheap class of trashy fiction. 'Don't, don't'; but we are per suaded that nothing will go so far to induce a love for a better class of books as their publication in this cheap form. The price of Knight's History is now so low that every family can possess it. None should be without it. Kossuth's Memories is said to be the literary sensation of the month. The prominent part taken by Kossuth in the events described. his patriotic singleness of purpose, and, above all, the hold be has upon the hearts of all lovers of freedom, must make the

## PERSONAL.

Mr. W. C. Anslow, of the Newcastle Advocate,' has so far recovered from his serious illness as to be able to visit Hali-

We are indebted to Capt. Shaw of the Alpha,' for late Bermuda and Jamaica

The Kev. B. C. Borden and bride, and also Mrs. Ryan and children, arrived on Saturday last by the 'Alpha' from Ber-

The Rev. Jos. Dare, D. D., the Apollos of the Methodist Church in Australia, passed away, after much suffering, at Melbourne, on the 28th of March. He entered the ministry in 1851.

Rev. Wm. Taylor, the renewned evangelist and missionary, has sailed for Brazil with a force of missionaries to man the places he may select. The region he has selected is near the mouth of the Amazon

The new Book Steward, the Rev. S. F. Huestis, returned on Monday evening from St. John, N.B. He received a warm welcome from the brethren of the N. B. Conference, and reports an harmonious and pleasant session.

In a list of sixteen young men who matriculated last week at King's College, Windsor, we find the name of Frank Nicolson, of Annapolis,—the studious son, we presume, of Rev. A. W. Nicolson, the Methodist pastor of that town.

THE REV. ROBERT WILSON of Hopewell. N.B., has been lecturing in several parts of his circuits with great success. Several donations have been made to him and his colleague Mr. Wells. The Rev. C. W Hamilton has also lectured at Hopewell

The name of the Rev. Robert Tweedy. through some error, was omitted from the list of stations in our last issue. He is still to be found at Moncton. His friends at Amherst heard him with much pleasure a Sabbath or two ago.

The departure of the Rev. W. C. Brown from Liverpool, says the 'Transcript, will be much regretted by all classes in the community. His pulpit utterances are marked by ability and Biblical research, and his ministrations have been in every respect highly successful.

During the last winter, the Rev. Levi Johnson visited fifty lumber camps and preached to over one thousand lumbermen. He found them generally disposed to listen to the word of truth attentivelyeven eagerly. He would 'rather be a Methodist preacher in the bush than Governor-General of Canada.' We know nothing of the latter berth, but a good deal of the former, and fully agree with Bro.

CONFERENCE OF N. P. E. ISLAND.

The seventh session of the

ence opened in the Queen Sq edist Church, St. John, N. B nesday, the 23rd inst., at ? retiring President, Rev. H. in the chair. The 478th sung, a passage of Scripture by Rev. H. P. Cowperthwi and Revs. C. Stewart, D. D. at ard, p.p., led the Conference The roll being called by the we proceeded to ballot for or sident. The result was the Rev. E. Evans, of Frederict H. P. Cowperthwaite, A. M. Secretary, and Rev. R. W. B., Journal Secretary. Th sident and Secretaries, in few chosen words, thanked the and expressed their resolve best to fulfil their new resp Revs. Wm. Harrison, and shall, were appointed Assist taries, and Rev. G. W. Fishe Journal Secretary. The th Conference were tendered to officials, eliciting a suitable the ex-President, Rev. II. Rev. M. R. Knight, A.B., wa Conference Reporter to THE Revs. D. Chapman, and B. B., were appointed Letter the Conference; and Revs. and Thomas Allan to disbu ence Collections. The re the morning, and part of the were occupied with the consi questions relating to minist acter. From 12 o'clock till meeting was held, which was of deep feeling and spiritual the afternoon a telegram from Scotia Conference (just c read, conveying fraternal gre expression of affection. Th was instructed to send an reply. A note from the Secre St. John Y. M. C. Association read, inviting the Conferen use of their Reading Room. the Secretary was commi acknowledge. Adjourned with benediction

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY

The meeting was held in Square Church, beginning at President of Conference, Rev in the chair. When a hymn sung, Dr. Pickard offered p chairman, after speaking a few troduced Rev. R. Duncan, wh report. He stated that the Society's debt of \$70,000 was out. The amount raised for our Conference during the pa \$5,041, and the amount of gra Central Board, \$7,479, show cess of grant over contributi year of \$2,238. But in explanit may be added that this Con also contributed about \$8,000 lief and Extension Fund.

by the choir, " Praise ye the Rev.G. M. Fisher moved the tion expressive of gratitude fo ence and blessing during the He spoke of Methodism as a a good ground. Her missionar was the secret of her success. ed on, her great heart beatin to all men. Methodism in soon be no longer youthful. pect is bright and her past for thankfulness and renew He referred to the rapid prog work in Victoria. The san ment is seen on every side. success under God to noble and their no less noble and de But man's heroism and

alone are not sufficient. " Except the Lord conduct plan The best concerted schemes mus We are often prone to ascrib ourselves; but if the desert

as the rose, if the stone cut mountain without hands earth, then a baptism, and u the Holy One must come dow We have a glorious past, a g awaits us, Let us thank Go courage.

Rev. L. S. Johnson second lution. He said we all have for gratitude to God. This tion worshipping in thi building (Queen Square Chu be very thankful. He was pro an ambassador for Christ. H fer being a Methodist preache ernor General of the Dominio ing means hard work both ph mental. He was to make s ence to the mission to the lum had been placed under the cha self and Bro. King during the Lumbering is one of the princ tries of the Province, and give no inconsiderable part of our The lumbermen spend a great the winter in the woods, far f straints of society, the purifyi of woman, and the privilege of ship. He had visited through a large number of camps, and about a thousand men. He ga ing description of the camp an The men are good listeners, profit by what is said. He freedom in speaking to them. of the good accomplished by cessor, the Rev. W. W. Colpit man had caught cold and co incurable disease, and testifi had been convinced of sin Christ under a sermon by I in one of the camps. Conve grandest work and most glor Without conversion our great is a failure. May the instru

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