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A correspondent now residing at Oxford Mills, Ontario, who was, recently for a number of years, a resident of Moncton, N.B., has given us some information, in a private letter, dated Feb. 5th which at this juncture, may be of interest to our readers. He says:

I notice an attack on you in the Halifax Church Guardian of the 29th January on the fourth page headed "Wesleyan and those Accessions."

The Western Churchman says that of 3,300 Protestant Episcopal Ministers in the United States but 2000 are Rectors of Churches, while 515 are without occupation, nearly one sixth of the whole number.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. HAYES.

The administration of President Hayes is, in several respects one of the most successful known in the history of the United States.

We clip the following from a recent number of the Christian Union:

The Ladies would generally vote for Mrs. Hayes for a second term. It is safe to say that no lady in the present generation has produced a more favorable impression by the grace and simplicity of her manners in presiding at the White House than she.

more complete now than ever before. As you go to Capitol Hill along Pennsylvania Avenue you come to a liquor shop with a sign extending over the sidewalk.

Burial scandals which have not been unknown in some parts of these Provinces in recent times, are still of occasional occurrence in the fatherland.

A recent number of the London Methodist says: A new phase was given to the much discussed Burial Question by a good local brother in the North of England.

IMMERSION IN A WELL. The "Religious Herald" writes, with high glee, Dean Stanley on immersion.

As to the "well," they must have unhitched the traces from the chariot, and tied them around the enuch, and let him down. But if it was a "deep" well, (which it is likely) what then? We give it up.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BERMUDA.

MR. EDITOR.—We see by your issue of the 2nd ult., that there are still men living in such blissful ignorance of what is going on around them, and in such a strong hope of a coming water millennium that they do not hesitate to assert that, "Where one person is baptized by sprinkling in the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, ten persons were baptized by immersion."

LOWER NEWPORT, FEBRUARY 6, 1880.

MR. EDITOR.—Having, by the providence of God, been laid aside for more than twelve months; from my much-loved work of preaching the Gospel, and other duties of the pastorate, and confined, for the most part, to the house; I have often felt a strong desire to be useful, in some humble way, and having kept a commonplace book for many years, I thought, perhaps, I might contribute a scrap occasionally to the WESLEYAN, that might interest and profit some of its numerous readers, either with thoughts of my own, or choice gems I have met with in the course of my reading.

in that church." We have before us the statistics of the M. E. Church for the decade ending with 1877. During that decade there were baptized in the M. E. Church 1,208,564 persons. Newly half of these, viz., 535,229 were infants.

THE FOLLY, UNREASONABLENESS, AND CONSEQUENCES OF COMING SHORT OF SALVATION.

You are invited to a social house, to spend the evening at a social gathering. You go at the time appointed; your host gives you a right hearty welcome. Friend after friend arrives, all are welcomed; and by their looks, and manners, and greeting, seem to anticipate a most enjoyable time.

held its sixtieth anniversary on the 29th ult. The annual examination was very satisfactory, and gave evidence of thoughtful study. We were especially pleased to see that our excellent catechism, had not been neglected.

MR. EDITOR.—Your columns being open for correspondence from your "ministerial brethren," I presume they are available to laymen as well, providing they offer nothing that would tend to lower the high moral tone of our valuable church organ.

I imagine I see some of our venerable ministers putting on a look of distrust, as they read this sentence; but, sir, I learned, many years ago, when sitting under your ministry, that the best way to secure attention, is to say something pointed at the beginning of a discourse.

There are social benefits, connected with and resulting from these gatherings, that have quite removed the objections we once entertained against donations of this kind. During the last five weeks five meetings of this character have been held on this circuit, among the Methodists. Other denominations also hold them, except the Presbyterians, they take the better method of paying their minister every Sabbath.

The proceeds of the donations thus far have added to the receipts of the circuit about two hundred dollars, chiefly money. Besides these public donations, many smaller ones find their way to the Parsonage from time to time indicating, in a very unobtrusive manner the sympathy and warm interest of the people for their minister.

it at your disposal, either to use it, or cast it aside, as in your judgment you may deem best.

I remain, dear brother, Yours truly, ELIAS BRETTELE.

You are invited to a social house, to spend the evening at a social gathering. You go at the time appointed; your host gives you a right hearty welcome.

Many would be glad to take Christ as their Saviour partially; to serve a turn, to get deliverance from the present un-easiness of sin, and from the fear and liability of the wrath to come, if he would but serve them in their sins, and let them retain such an idol, such and such bosom sins. Likely the young ruler would have ranked himself among the disciples of Christ, if Christ had not touched his rank, or if he had given him credit for all the virtue he credited himself with, or left his fortune alone.

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his ministerial labours in the church. That is if he spends as much time as is required to make him a successful canvasser and collector for the paper.

I would further express my opinion as to the utility of charging \$200 for said paper. I fully understand the argument used in this matter, viz.: That it will not pay to print it for less money. But, sir, it is my opinion that it does at the present price. That is if this more were followed up by good energetic canvassers, who would be willing, also, to spend a good portion of their time in collecting.

We live in a day when newspapers are cheap, and it is my belief that if the church would keep pace with the world, it would be good policy to send its literature broadcast throughout the land, at the cheapest possible rate; and in order to do this, increase the circulation by lowering the price.

I have said increase the circulation by the reduction of price. I could point to many finger-posts all along the line of human affairs, to prove this statement as being a correct one. Look, for instance, at the cables that now span the ocean. The charges for messages have been reduced, but the increase in business makes its profits still ample.

W.C. would not be well to abandon the system of making our ministers the sole agents for the WESLEYAN? Does any one ask me, after raising the question as to the ability of this time-honoured Methodist usge, to point out some better way, therein I may fail.

Thanking you, Sir, for space, I remain, yours truly, J. C. H. Liverpool, N.S., Feb. 3, '80.

BURLINGTON CIRCUIT—DONATIONS.

MR. EDITOR, DEAR BROTHER:

This circuit has of late had some peculiar experiences of a very pleasing kind much to the comfort and satisfaction of the pastor and his family. Nearly every preaching place has annually what is called a donation, or more correctly a social gathering whose object is to help to raise the salary of the preacher.

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Yours, &c., ALPHA.