

THE WESLEYAN.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1880.

ONWARD AND UPWARD.

Having been elected by the General Conference, at its session in Montreal, in 1878, to the office of Editor of THE WESLEYAN, for four years, from 1879 to 1883, we, accordingly, entered, at the proper time, upon the discharge of the duties of the office. We did not do so without recognizing that we were in "a strait betwixt two." Many voices came to us, expressing regret at our leaving the pastoral work, even for so important a position as editor of our connexional organ. We never sought the editorship. We came to it in obedience to the command of the highest authority in the church.

Within a brief period of our assumption of the duties of our new position, a call came from one of the most important circuits of the connexion, asking us to accept the superintendency of the circuit. Soon thereafter, another similar call came from another Province. And, again, soon afterward, a third request, of a like nature, came to us from still another Conference, and another Province. Each of those three circuits is deservedly regarded as among the most important in the whole connexion.

Those voices demanded a comprehensive consideration of our work, and of our duty. Deliberate reflection led to the conviction that, under existing circumstances, we, probably, could be of greater service to the church in the regular work of the ministry, than in the editorial office. Those voices seemed to us like the voice of God calling us to the regular pastoral work again. We, therefore, tendered our resignation, as Editor of THE WESLEYAN to the Book Committee, at its annual meeting in May last, and were allowed by the Committee to be released from the responsibilities with which we had been invested by the General Conference. We, accordingly, return to the much-loved work of the regular ministry; not because we love journalistic work less, but because we love pulpit work and the pastoral office more.

Only one short year ago we entered into this profession, as an apprentice to a trade which we had yet to learn. For a merchant, for a physician, for a barrister, for a politician, for a statesman, for a student, for a Christian minister, or for one in any other department of earnest endeavor, one swiftly passing year is too brief a period in which to make a permanent impression. So it must ever be in the important profession of journalism.

We change our sphere of ministerial work, with the conviction that we are swiftly moving onward and upward in the path of duty. In deciding to leave the editorial chair, we were largely influenced by the consideration that the services of one of our most excellent ministers was available for the position. The Rev. T. Watson Smith, who succeeds us in this office, possesses qualifications which render him peculiarly adapted to his new relation to our church work. He has had large experience as a writer, and wields a ready, versatile, and graceful pen. Though unable, on account of the state of his health, to do the work of the pastorate, he will be none the less adapted, on that account, to do the work of the editorial chair. While we are confident that the entrance of the incoming editor into his new position, will be for him a step onward and upward, we also cherish the hope that onward and upward, in strength and in usefulness, will be the career of THE WESLEYAN.

THE LONDON CONFERENCE.

The London Conference of 1880 closed on the 9th inst. The Report of the Relief and Extension Fund for the whole church as laid before this Conference shows the amount subscribed by 587 circuits \$83,503 and by 949 ministers \$28,300, making a total \$111,803. The average contributions of the ministers was \$29.81. Cash received for the whole work \$70,380. The ordinary Missionary income for the London Conference shows a deficiency of about \$900.

One minister of the Conference received a year's notice of location by a vote of the Conference.

A resolution expressive of the kindly regard of the Conference toward Dr. Rice, who is about to leave for Winnipeg, Manitoba, was passed unanimously. Dr. Rice, in reply, said he had been preaching for forty-three years. Dr. Sanderson, Dr. Jeffers, and Dr. Pickard of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference entered the work in the same year, and there are in the effective work but two older men than himself.

The next session of the London Conference will be held, by invitation, in the Wellington Street Church, Brantford. Rev. Leonard Gaetz is appointed another year to Wesley Church, Hamilton.

THE TORONTO CONFERENCE.

The seventh session of the Toronto Conference was held in the Bridge Street Church, Belleville, commencing June 9th. Rev. John Shaw President of the last Conference opened the Session. On the first ballot for President, Dr. Dewar received 5 votes, Dr. Jeffers 6, Dr. Potts 31, J. G. Laird 46, and N. R. Willoughby 83. Total ballots cast 179; necessary to a choice 90. On the second ballot the vote stood, Dr. Potts 14, Mr. Laird 61, and Mr. Willoughby, elected, 91. President Willoughby then addressed the Conference.

On the second ballot for Secretary Rev. S. J. Hunter was elected.

The following resolution was moved by the Rev. E. R. Young, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Hunter:

"That whereas the Canada Temperance Act of 1878 declares, section 57, as follows: 'In case more than one-half of all the votes polled are for the petition, the same shall be held to have been adopted, and the Returning Officer shall make his return to the Governor-General in Council accordingly.'"

And whereas the following amendment to the above section received a majority of the votes in the recent session of the House of Commons, viz: That section 57 of said Canada Temperance Act is hereby repealed and the following clause substituted therefor: 'If a majority of the voters whose names are entered on the voters list used at said polling vote for the adopting of the Bill, the same shall be held to have been adopted, but not otherwise, and the Returning Officer shall so make a return to the Governor-General: And whereas we believe the effect of such an amendment would be practically to frustrate the benevolent designs of the said Act as originally passed:

Therefore resolved, that we, the Toronto Conference, in session in the city of Belleville, do hereby strongly disapprove of the aforesaid amendment. (2) That we hereby convey our hearty thanks to those members of the House of Commons who spoke and voted against such amendment. (3) That we cordially approve of the action of the Senate in restoring the original section. (Carried unanimously, with applause.)

The Rev. Dr. Hunter gave notice of motion anent the action of the Board of Victoria College in disregarding the decision of the General Conference that Dr. Burwash should be appointed to that Board in case any vacancy occurred, and appointing another person to that position instead of the late Dr. Greene.

The following resolutions were read from the Senate of Victoria University:

1. The Senate desires to convey to the several Conferences and to the Districts within their bounds their sincere thanks for the establishment of the District scholarships.

2. The Senate would respectfully suggest that each scholarship hereafter be of \$25 and that this be the uniform value throughout all the Districts.

3. That any District desiring to contribute more do so by establishing a second, or third, or fourth scholarship of the same value, and that the names of the Districts be announced in connection with the scholarship when awarded by the Senate.

The subjoined recommendations from the Stationing Committee were adopted after very careful consideration:

That the Prairie Grove Mission, in the Winnipeg District, be divided in a two missions, to be called the Plympton and Caledonia Mission.

Also, the formation of a new mission in the Portage la Prairie District, to be called the Big Plain Mission.

Also, the formation of a new mission, to be taken in part from the Lakeland Circuit, on the Peterboro' District, to be called the Holt's Bridge and Chandos Mission.

Also the formation of a new mission on the Collingwood District, to be called the Kirkville Mission.

Also to divide the Gore Bay and Shegawanda Mission in the Algoma District.

Also, to constitute St. Joseph Island, in the Algoma District, a new mission.

Also, to form the Thessalon Mission, in the settlement east of Bruce Mines.

A notice of motion was given concerning the General Conference Special Committee, and its recent decision concerning the Transfer Committee, and the rights and privileges of Annual Conferences.

THE MONTREAL CONFERENCE.

The seventh session of the Montreal Conference opened at Stanstead, June 16, by Rev. G. McRitchie the retiring President.

The Conference then proceeded to the election of President, the second ballot securing the election of the Rev. W. Hansford with seventy-seven votes, the Rev. Mr. Bland receiving the second highest number, namely thirty five. A ballot was then taken for the election of Secretary, which on the second cast, resulted in the re-election of the Rev. T. G. Williams. Upon the nomination of the Secretary the following appointments were made:—

Assistant Secretaries, the Rev. M. L. Pearson and the Rev. J. Kines; Journal Secretary, the Rev. W. Philp. The former practice was that the Standing Committees themselves were nominated by the chair. In the Western Conferences the Nominating Committee is appointed by ballot. In this Conference it is deemed satisfactory that the Nominating Committee be named by the President. Accordingly, upon the nomination of the chair, the following were appointed: Rev. Messrs. McRitchie, Dr. Elliott, Bland, Stafford and Gilbrath. Some discussion arose as to the responsibility to the Conference of clerical reporters for the secular press. It was felt that this was a matter of private arrangement, and it was allowed to drop.

At the hour of noon the Conference prayer meeting was held for one hour under the direction of the President.

At three p.m. the afternoon session was conducted with closed doors during the annual examination relating to the moral and doctrinal integrity of the ministers. This examination is peculiar to Methodism, and requires satisfactory answers to specific questions presented relating to the ministers who are called name by name. The enquiries were satisfactorily answered in the case of the entire number of the one hundred and eighty-five ministers and forty-five probationers. On the resumption of the usual business the Rev. G. Cornish and the Rev. J. Gray, of the London Conference, were introduced.

CORRESPONDENTS.

Our correspondent "A Regular Hearer," will please excuse us for not publishing his communication, concerning the references of the correspondent of the Presbyterian Witness to the laity of our church. The Conference at Truro has accepted an apology from the writer of the Witness letters, and therefore it is advisable that all public reference thereto should now cease. There is no doubt but that the Conference has intelligently protected the fair fame of our laity. Although the offence involved the three Maritime Conferences, and the laity of each of them, yet, we assume that the apology of the Witness correspondent was as comprehensive as his offence had been. In declining to publish the letter of our lay brother, we only deal with him, as we have done with our ministerial brethren, who have written to our office on this subject, except in the one instance of the letter of the Rev. A. W. Nicolson, which we published some weeks ago, and which was one of the mildest of the series.

At a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Mount Allison Wesleyan College and Academies, held at the College building, Sackville, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., was moved by the Rev. Dr. Pope, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Stewart, and

Resolved,—"That the members of the Board of Governors of the Mount Allison Wesleyan College and Academies, at their annual meeting, are solemnly affected by the consideration of the sad loss which they have been called by the order of Divine Providence to sustain by the recent death of the Rev. Joseph Hart, who, for several years as their secretary, has discharged the duty of such relation with eminent fidelity and efficiency. The Board desires to place on record its sense of the many excellencies of our departed brother, and conscientiously his zeal for the promotion of the higher education on Christian principles; and while it bows submissively to this visitation of an infinitely wise Providence, it would also tender its condolence to the widow of our deceased brother, and beg to assure her of our prayer that the God of all Grace may afford her consolation and support in this time of trial and bereavement." And

Further Resolved,—"That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary to Mrs. Hart."

Among the interesting contents of THE PREACHER AND HOMILETIC MONTHLY for June are the following:—Sermons: "The Beatitudes," by Joseph Parker, D. D.; "Christians and the Opera," by J. O. Peck, D. D.; "Sorrow for sin," by William Morley Punnett, D.D.; "An Untroubled Heart," by Prof. R. C. Hichecock, D.D.; "A Winter with Moody and Sankey in St. Louis," by C. L. Goodell, D.D.; "The Faith of Abraham," by John Hall, D.D.; "Christ and Simeon," by Rev. John Thompson; "Becoming as a Little Child," by Rev. Neil R. Hamer; "Gladness of God's House," by J. G. Butler, D.D.; "The Conversion of Paul," by Rev. Frank Russell; "The Christian's Delight," by Rev. T. L. Lewis; "The Vital Question," by Rev. Thomas J. Rowan; "Communion Services," by Rev. S. B. McLeod; "The Last Supper," by Rev. T. B. McLeod. We have also papers on "L'Etat in Important Texts," N. 3, by Howard Crosby, D.D.; "Suggestive Scripture for the Vital Sermons," by J. O. Peck, D.D.; "Brotherly talks with Young Ministers," by T. L. Cuyler, D.D. Then there is much matter on Syncretism, Catechism, Prayer-meeting Services, etc., etc. This will prove a valuable number to all students of Scripture. Subscription, \$2.50 per year, 25 cents single number. I. K. Funk & Co., 10 and 12 D'g Street, New York.

The New York Tribune recently referred to a certain professional man who made the tour of Europe, being about three months, and travelling 13,000 miles, and whose entire expenses were within four hundred dollars. He went as far north as the Arctic ice, and as far south as New Zealand, and visited the islands of Iceland, Wales, Scotland, and England, five more to Holland, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy. The story of the extended tour is a most interesting one, and is published in a little book, entitled "The Tour of Europe," by I. K. Funk & Co., New York, which will give tourists exceedingly helpful hints on many practical points.

THE SALON OF MADAME NECKER—Standard Series. I. K. Funk & Co., New York. Price, 15 cents.

Taken from documents among the Archives of Coppet. Collected and edited by her great grandson, Othenin d'Haussonville. Parts I and II. Translated from the French, for the Standard Series publications, by Mary Stuart Smith. This remarkable book has created much interest in France, where it has been just issued. This translation is the first published in America. Madame Necker, one of the most famous women of her age, perhaps of any age, was the mother of the celebrated Madame de Staël. Her husband was for years the Controller General of Finance, taking a prominent part in the tumultuous events which ushered in the Reign of Terror. Madame Necker's house was the resort of the most distinguished writers of the time. This volume is rich with the conversations and correspondence of these great men, never before published. As is well known, Gibbon, the historian, was engaged to be married to Suzanne Curchod (the maiden name of Madame Necker), and this engagement was broken. Correspondence is here published, which it is thought, will reverse the verdict of history on this point. The book has the interest of a thrilling novel, yet every word is history.

London Quarterly Review for April has recently appeared from the press of the LEONARD SCOTT PUBLISHING CO., 41 Barclay Street, N. Y. Being the organ of the Conservative party its publication was delayed till the result of the recent elections in England was ascertained, that the political article which usually concludes each number might be framed in accordance with the event.

The leading article on "David Hume," gives a brief sketch of that philosopher's life and character, and enters with a minuteness into his theory of morals and philosophy of religion. "The Book of Common Prayer" has for its subject the Convocation Prayer-Book, which exhibits the alterations proposed in conformity with the recommendations of the Convocations of Canterbury and York; and the article invites attention to some of the chief characteristics of the present Book of Common Prayer, and some of the conditions under which it has come to be that which it is.

In common with all the other Reviews, there is a long article on the subject of the Memoirs of Madame de Necker, with copious extracts from her native illustrations of the inner history of the Consulate and Empire, and of the new light thrown upon all the members of the Bonaparte family.

An interesting article entitled "The Slavonic Menace to Europe," takes for its text a work recently written by a Russian lady of distinction, entitled "Russia and England, 1876 to 1880," the purpose of which work is to justify Russia and its government, and to show how the conduct of England is looked at in Russia. Much space is devoted to a consideration of the doctrine of Nationality as applied to the Slavs which menaces the destruction of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Blackwood's Magazine for June, 1880, has been republished by the "Leonard Scott Publishing Co.," 41 Barclay Street, New York. The principal contents are: Dr. Wortle's School. Part II. The Reconstruction of Sheepfolda. The University of the Prairies, Sicoida. Fishing and Fishing Literature.

The ex-Emir Yakub Khan: from the note-book of a Staff Officer.

Bash-life in Queensland. Part VII. Of the serials there is but little to be said. They keep up about an even amount of interest from month to month. Bash-life is more social than usual. Bash-

"The Reconstruction of Sheepfolda" contains some curious suggestions for the redistribution of dioceses which shall be better adapted to the wants of the time. The author disclaims "any levity of motive" in writing the article.

The next article gives an account of the State University of Manitoba, established in 1877 by the incorporation of three colleges already existing there.

Then comes a history of the rise and progress of suicide, with many statistics.

"Fishing" is the pleasantest article in this number, taking one right to the haunts of salmon and trout and referring to the writings of Christopher North, Scripps, Coleridge, and Henderson. The Staff Officer tells of the ex-Emir's connection with the outrage on the British Embassy; why he abdicated, etc.

There are also two political essays, one relating to the present ministry, the other to the future. The periodicals reprinted by "The Leonard Scott Publishing Co.," (41 Barclay Street, N. Y.) are as follows: "The London Quarterly," "Edinburgh," "Westminster," and "British Quarterly Reviews," and "Blackwood's Magazine." Price, \$4 a year for any one, or only \$15 for all, and the postage is prepaid by the Publishers.

Harper's Magazine for July, apart from its splendid pictorial attractions, is an exceedingly popular Number. One of its strongest features is the beginning of a new serial novel, by Henry James, Jr., entitled "Washington Square." This story is entirely American; and while it has all those characteristic charms by which this author has won his way to the popular heart, it shows signs of greater strength than any of his previous novels. The Number opens with a brief but excellent article on the life of William M. Hunt, by Miss Maria E. Olney, with a masterly portrait of the artist, and reproductions of three of his characteristic paintings.

It is seldom that descriptive articles have the depth and meaning which make Rebecca Harding Davis's "By-Paths in the Mountains"—the second paper in this Number—so interesting. This is the first of three papers to be given under this title, describing the mountains of Virginia and North Carolina, with reference particularly to the varied attractions which they offer to summer holiday travelers. It is beautifully illustrated with seventeen drawings by Charles Grabbin and Miss Jessie Curtis.

Mr. A. A. Hayes, Jr., contributes a graphic description of the old Santa Fe Trail—full of romantic adventures, and some very striking illustrations by Rogers. Thomas Knox's paper on "Summer Clubs on Great South Bay," is very timely and entertaining, and is ably illustrated by A. B. Frost.

The most popular article in the Number, probably, is Mrs. Oliphant's interesting biographical sketch of Queen Victoria. Five portraits of the Queen, at different periods, are given; also, portraits of the Queen's and of Prince Albert's father and mother, of the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal as little children, with other interesting illustrations.

Another paper of much historical interest is "Princes and Potentates of 1840," with eight portraits. The Number contains two illustrated poems—"Prince Yusuf and the Alcyon," by C. F. Cranon, with a drawing by Frederick; and "Blue Flag," by Miss Ellen M. Hatchinson, with a beautiful design by W. H. Gibson.

Richard T. Ely contributes a suggestive and valuable paper on "American Colleges and German Universities;" and Dr. John W. Draper's paper, entitled "Franklin's Place in the Science of the Last Century," contains a volume of curious and important information relating not only to Franklin, but also to all the most important scientists of the eighteenth century.

The conclusion of "Mary Anerley" is promised in the August Number; "White Wings" is continued, and Mrs. E. W. Latimer contributes a bright, short story, entitled, "Close Quarters."

Among the many interesting contents of the Editor's Drawer is a very humorous illustration by Abbey, entitled "Little Robert Reed."

The Chancellor of the German Empire is unquestionably the most astute politician of our time. But he differs in one important particular from the current type of the European diplomatist. The Metternichs, Gortschakoffs, Bismarcks, of *id omne genus*, with all their imitators big and little, look on diplomacy as a sort of legerdemain, or, perhaps we should better say, as a game of cards, where the player must under no circumstances "show his hand." The diplomat must use language to conceal his thoughts, and he must never commit himself to anything. But Prince Bismarck has repeatedly proclaimed his purposes in advance with the greatest candor. As for his fellow diplomatists of other governments, they have never yet grown accustomed to the great Chancellor's frankness, and still persist in reading only between the lines of his manifestations. The reader who is curious to obtain an inside view of Prince Bismarck's character as the genius of Statecraft, will find much to interest him in a paper contributed to the North American Review for July, by the great Chancellor's Boswell, Moritz Busch, entitled "Bismarck as a Friend of America and as a Statesman." Other articles in the same number of the Review are: "Canada and the United States," by Prof. Goldwin Smith; "The Exodus of Israel," by President S. O. Bardwell—a defense of the Pentateuchal account in the light of modern research; "The English House of Lords," by J. E. Thorold Rogers, M.P.; "The Ethics of Sex," by Miss M. A. Hardaver, a calm, philosophical study of the woman question; "The Panama Canal," by Count de Lesseps; and "Prodigies in Fiction," by A. K. Fiske.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE.—The numbers of The Living Age for the weeks ending June 12th and 19th respectively, contain the following articles: Animal Intelligence, and The Letters of Charles Dickens, Westminster; Memoirs of Madame de Remusat, Quarterly; "Cymbeline," a Hinhoo Playhouse, Macmillan; "The Shakespearean Leat at School, Fraser; Ascent of Roraima, Temple Bar; A Persian Garden Party, Titaley's Magazine; Music in St. Paul's Cathedral, Leisure Hour; Social and Literary Dandyism, Saturday Review; The Pinch of Wealth, and Matthew Arnold on Poetry and Religion, Spectator; Professional Fools, Globe; Anchor Ice, Nature; and in the way of Fiction, "A Young Lady's Letter," and instalments of "Adam and Eve," and "He that Will Not When He May," with the usual amount of poetry.

For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,800 pages a year), the subscription price (\$8) is low; while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$4 monthlies or weeklies with The Living Age for a year, including the extra numbers of the latter, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MIRAMICHI ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING.

This youngest District of the Conference, assembled at 9 a. m. on Wednesday, at Chatham, with Rev. S. T. Teed in the chair. After waiting while all the brethren were present, Rev. George Steel was elected Secretary, and as chose for his assistant Rev. S. E. Colwill. Satisfactory answers were given to all the questions bearing on ministerial character. Rev. Henry Penna after undergoing a thorough examination was recommended to Conference for ordination. Mr. Clement Williams, brother of the Rev. Theo. Williams, who has been labouring for some months on the Richibucto circuit, under the direction of the Rev. Isaac N. Parker, was recommended to the Conference to be received on probation.

During the discussion of general business, Mr. A. C. Atkinson from Newcastle, was the only layman present. A gratifying increase of \$200. were reported on circuit receipts. Missionary income was slightly in advance of last year. But as there is great decrease in expenses, the net increase will be considerable. Other Connexional Funds about the same as last year. Membership stationary. 195 baptisms had been administered, and 23 marriages solemnized. 7 Sabbath schools with 306 scholars and 415 volumes in libraries were reported. Church property was re-

ported to be worth \$22,500. Tabernacle into one mission, by one missionary, churches had been secured on the Richibucto circuit, the Campbellton circuit, and the mission. At Paris and Commodious parson built.

The following elections: Rev. Isaac N. Parkington Committee; Rev. the Sabbath School Co. Snowball, Esq., M. F. Committee, and James Editor of the Advocate, Fund Committee. Every passed under a careful close of the session several spoke of the harm feeling that had existed preaching services were sitting of the District. evening, the Rev. Wm. T. from "The wages of sin gift of God is eternal life morning Mr. C. Williams. We preach Christ cruci

SACKVILLE DISTRICT.

The session of this District on Tuesday three o'clock in the afternoon, the Rev. R. of the brethren answered on being called, some we to pressure of Connexion and Dr. Kennedy dis granted. The Rev. O. W. elect'd Secretary with B. B., as his assistant.

The return of members increase for the District. was compelled on the health to ask for a Suspension; the meeting with Bro. Colter, naming his request.

On Wednesday morning we had a fair representation who took an active interest in the proceedings. The District reported a decrease in the increase. The District for the Relief and Extension Minister's Subscription about \$1098, that of the \$500. It was recomme that the Bible Verse be read, to be known in the Bas Verle and Bayard. tively. Two new churches others had been repaired, furnished. Rev. J. S. A. on the second ballot as the Stationing Committee, to the Sabbath School, Messrs. Fawcett, Sackville, Hopewell, were elected by the Missionary Committee.

Religious services were held of the meeting, evening, Rev. J. S. A. on Wednesday morning, the ordination, Rev. T. Stebbins the services, and on which the Secretary of District, which the sacrament of the were well attended.

After the usual votes a meeting was held with an chairman and the benedict Chapman. Point de Date, June 19th

POSTAL CALL.

AVONDALE.

MR. EDITOR.—The Wesleyan week contains a reference to several persons on this circuit. Rev. Dr. Tupper is mentioned as present and preaching. correct. Dr. Tupper preaches Avondale in the morning, a ing and useful sermon, the place at Belmont in the which occasion Dr. Tupper sent.

Newcastle, N. B., Jun

Received four persons into bership last Sabbath eve wards administered the Lord a large number of communi

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

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sessionary report. It was found was a deficiency of about \$3 pared with last year; all showing a decrease except t and Cape Breton District ference then passed to the day, the examinations of yo ordination.

Four young men presented themselves who had travelled the and been recommended by Meetings.—G. O. Robinson, J. C. Ogden, and J. McMurray, and was omitted. It was voted to receive the full qualifications on Monday evening, Dr. deliver the ordination charge.

The afternoon session was closed doors. In the evening a meeting for the promotion We were not able to attend.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20th

The Conference session was in the Methodist church, an announcement, by the Rev. S. F. Tupper.