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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

"There is far less reason," says the Morarian, "for complaining of poor sermons in our pulpits than of poor hearers in our pews.

If all who attend the weekly prayermeeting would sit close together on the front seats the good effect would be seen and felt by all.

Being less annoyed at the defects of others is one of the best proofs that we are approaching freedom from defects ourselves .- Indian Witness.

It has been stated that as many as twenty of the newly elected English mayors are total abstainers. This is put among the signs of the progress of the Temperance movement among the middle classes of the country -

In an editorial on "The State of Europe," the London Times says "On the Continent people feel themselves to be walking over a mine controlled by men at whose motives and modes of thought they can only

The new heir to the Swedish Crown. the son of the Crown Prince, will be -called Prince Oscar Frederick William Olaf Gustavus Adolphus, Duke of Shoonen. Had he been born a week earlier, his birthday would have fallen on his great namesake's 250th anniwersary. This reminds us of Carlyle's phrase about "Nicodemusing a man into nothing. - Nashville Adv.

The Chinese have a peculiar and abominable practice with which they mark the beginning of the new year.
"The devout follower of Confucius pays his debts, if possible, at that season There have been some attempts made to introduce the custom here, but being a pagan practice it is, of course, dom observed .- N. Y. Herald.

The Paris Evangeliste, referring to the Embassy from Madagascar, says : " We agree with M. Pelatte, it is much to be desired that M. Duclerc should see, while there is time, that his too good friends the Jesuits are pushing him, in the sole interest of their own propagandism in Madagascar, toward an act of downright robbery (brigandage) against a people peaceable and friendly."

We admit that it is possible that some who have once professed the time its own peculiarities. In our blessing of entire sanctification, who have fallen away from their stead- apparently of an old text, and now it fastness, have attended the theaters runs, 'Parents, obey your children and dancing parties, and other places not proper for Christians to attend. But sanctified people have no taste for such places and associations: nor is it true that they indulge therein, or desire to. - Christian Standard.

In his lecture, "Christianity and Hindooism Contrasted," published recently, Sir Charles Trevelyan expresses the conviction that the conversion of India to Christianity will take place in a different way from that generally anticipated. When the absorption of Christian truth has gone far enough, he says, native opinion will declare itself, and "a nation will be born in a day.

The New York Tribune accounts for the absence of men from Church in this way: "He will go to hear the preacher who can tell him the bare truth about himself and his daily life; and he will respect him, too. He does not go to hear the ordinary preacher because his sermons do not touch himself, his temptations or craving, or the phases of life known to him in office, political club or shop.'

This is an age of fraud. The grosser forms of swindling are encouraged by the loose maxims of respectable trade. The line must be more clearly drawn in the store and the produce exchange, before public indignation can be focused against the professional sharper. The tide of dishonesty will be checked when the cheat and the forger are placed on the same moral level in popular estimation. -Nushrille Adrocate.

There is a difference between republics; free institutions do not mean the same in all parts of the world. For instance, in the Republic of Ecuador a journalist wrote an article attacking the Dictator and the latter by way of proper punishment, directed that two hundred lashes should be inflicted apon the back of the offending newspaper man. This would strike most journalists as being a trifle sum- this is the better way in the end. mary .- Christian Union.

An English correspondent of the Nation says: "The crusade against ance of the deputations. Sometimes intemperance has united Christians of all denominations in a way never seen before. The Church of England clergy have gone almost beyond the listry twenty years, it does not neceslimits of sound judgment in their sarily fit him to address an audience anxiety to sympathize with and adopt suitably on Missionary work.

whatever can be thought practically useful in the methods of the Salvation Army. Much more, therefore, do the wiser among them feel the necessity of cultivating greater triendliness with the old non-conforming bodies.

The life of the Christian is to be spectacle like that witnessed in the temple when, as morning rose and eve declined, the lamb was laid upon the altar whose fires were never extinguished, and Israel aw it ascend in its smoke a whole beaut offering to God. Our sacrifice is to cover the entire personality, the frail and perishing elements and meaner uses of the body, as well the nobler service of the soul .- United Pres. "

A Springfield, Ohie, correspondent of the Western writes: "A new feature of interest has just been intro-duced in this Church, which promises to be profitable to both the young and older members of the congregation in the form of a Church library. Books are distributed twice a week to those who furnish a certificate of surety from some responsible person. In no case are the books allowed to interfere with the Sunday-school hour."

There is something akin to satire in 3,000 people in the Town Hall of Calcutta-Christians. Moslems and Hindoos, " all sects and all races"-listening to eloquent speeches from Hindoo orators in protest against the arrest by the British Government in India of a member of the Salvation Army while in procession in Bombay. No event for a dozen years, an Indian exchange says, has done so much to bring missionaries and non-Christians in to close friendly relations.

A witness before the Senate Committee on "Corners" in Grain and would have seen that Joseph was not. He bought when it was plenty to save the people in famine. He did not put the price up, and sold both to Egyptians and foreigners. Joseph was as far removed from the corner" makers of our time as George Washington from Benedict Arnold. -N. Y. Adv.

Dr. Hall, of New York, said a smart thing recently, which I commend to both parents and children :- Every land has its own ways, and every time there is a "various reading, in all things, for this is right. " the old way is better, and I hope it will be continued in good part. It is best for boys and girls in the end that they should not be burdened with the task of training up their fathers and mothers in the way in which they should go. - Methodist.

We learn that Miss M. C. Thomas, daughter of Dr. J. C. Thomas, of Baltimore, Md., has recently passed the examination of Doctor of Philosophy in the University of Zurich and received the degree of Ph. D. "summa cum laude"—the highest honor ever given. The fact that the University of Zurich has bestowed upon a rarely given to men, shows at once its generosity and fairness. We are inlined to ask the universities in our own country why they should close their doors to our women !- Indepen-

Editors are continually bothered by the applications of people who wish to have inserted in your valuable paper" notices of the comings out and goings-in, the downsittings and uprisings of persons of whom they never heard, and in whom there is reason to believe the general public takes but a languid interest. If he declines to publish the item of personal intelligence that is offered him he is thereafter abused by the individual who tenders it, while if he prints it he knows very well that he is throwing away valuable space. How to avoid such consequences is a problem over which many editors have grown grey without solving it. - Ex.

The Church Guardian says in relation to missionary meetings; "In many of our Rural Deaneries no provision has yet been made for these important gatherings. In one or two it has been decided to leave the arrangements to be made by each Incumbent in his own parish. Perhaps Much disappointment usually exists also the most unsuitable men are chosen as speakers. Because a man is a rural dean or has been in the min-

THE SALVATION ARMY.

The Salvation Army is making progress. Last week a whole-day convention was held in Exeter Hall, at which 101 officers were set apart for work in various parts of the world, many of them to open new stations. The morning meeting was addressed by General and Mrs. Booth in defense of their work. The afternoon was devoted to experience and to the promotion of holiness. The evening was enthusiastic, and the hall crowded, although a shilling was charged for admission, to help to pay the \$3,000 which was the cost of equipping and sending out the new officers. It is not open to doubt but that the work is spreading, but it is a source of regret that both the General and his wife should be so often complaining of the opposition shown to them in some quarters. They foolishly suppose that this army is raised up to convert the world, and they talk as though it was the supreme power in the work of regenerating the people. In this way they are alienating their helpers and contributors. Boasting is vain ; and this spirit if indulged in will be followed by humiliation. The War Cry, their official newspaper, issued twice weekly, has attained a circulation of about 330,000, but there is much complaining that many of those are sold on Sunday at all their places of worship. They are also sold in the Sunday marching processions in the streets. The work so lately Stocks said that "Joseph made a cor- begun in India is taking deep hold of ner in corn." If the speculator really the natives, many of whom are already with all the enthusiasm possible. Their newspaper in India, not four months old, has a circulation of nearly 20,000. The work is also taking a deep hold on the poor people in Paris. Religion is now unfettered in that city. - Cyrus in Central Christian

PROPORTION IN GIVING.

What is the law of Christ's kingdom as to contributions for pious and charitable objects? There is such a law, though unhappily many seem away." "Then do you think that ignorant of it. Certainly he does not comply with it who, having the abili. | may come from God, whose very exty, contributes nothing: neither does he who contributes from no sense of duty, from no principle, but merely as caprice, or chance, or a regard to appearances may dictate. "What! know ye not ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price." "Ye Christ, that though He was rich, yet exclaimed one day; "Is there any professed to find peace with God. for your sakes He became poor, that peace to conscience, any pardon of sin rich." These affecting words reveal been trying and trying according to young American woman an honor very both our obligation and the motive to Buddhism, but there is no pardon rightly withhold it from Him when Christian." the wants of His Church, the extension of His kingdom, the care of His poor, ask it at our hands? "Concerning the coffection for the saints. . . . upon the first day of the week let

as God hath prospered him." The law of Christ requires of all who would be Christians, weekly systematic almsgiving. Each individual is required to give in proportion to his ability-"as God hath prospered him"-and this giving must be for rich, for our sakes became poor.

at meetings owing to the non-appear- with the unfaithful and the sinful. sippi river. Then by walking for Missionary Society and other similar each one of Christ's disciples, and the

selfish professor of Christ's religion those ornaments had been sold at a a step has been taken in the right diis permitted still to enjoy "the means church fair, in behalf of the mission- rection. A fair widow, aged scarcely of grace," and, if he can, "the hope ary cause, for sending the gospel to twenty five, who has attained quite a of glory." He who makes His sun those who wouldn't come and look it reputation as a learned Sanskrit schoblessings of His providence and grace Coming over the Alleghany mountain women, has been delivering a course on those who ungratefully make Him range the Indian lad's worn-out moc- of lectures in a hall crowded to excess

the refusal to give to His Church and to one of the least of these my brethren. ye did it not to Me."-E.H.D. in Standard of the Cross.

CONSCIENCE IN A HEATHEN. A Buddhist priest in Cevlon came into contact with a missionary, and in their interviews they frequently spoke of Christianity. The Buddhist listened, as might be expected, chiefly that he might find arguments to refute the religion thus obtruded on his notice. He made no objections, nowever, to reading the Epistle to the Romans in Singhalese. The first chapter astonished him, as holding up to his view sins common among his countrymen, and even, alas! among

the Buddhist priests. But the words in the second chapter, about that law which is written in the heart, came home to the Buddhist diffriend, ffeel anything make you unhappy when you have done what you know to be wrong?" "Yes, I do; it makes me very miserable.' 'Do you find that you have any power over this which troubles you -that you can drive it away." "No: I have tried, but I can't drive it away." 'Do you think that this witness of the heart is a bad thing, or a good one?" "Bad it can't be : it tells me when I do wrong,"

"Do you think it comes from yourself?" "No: else, I would put it what St Paul says may be true, and it istence you deny?" "It may be so." he answered, and quitted the room in

At different times he renewed the subject of the law written in the heart. The missionary, very wisely, did not press him on the subject, but left his know the grace of our Lord Jesus own convictions to work. At last he vou through His poverty might be in the Christian religion? I have our people; many are members of the enforce it. Surely men who are ran- and no peace." Then God's messensomed beings should regard them- ger delivered God's message. "Imselves as stewards. "The silver is manuel—God with us," was the submine, and the gold is mine, saith the stance of that message. The glad Lord of Hosts." He has seen fit to tidings reached the listener's soul; entrust His property to us : can we "From this day," said he, "I am a

THE INDIANS.

every one of you lay by him in store, to receive the gospel, and that time Sunday evening the mission was ap-Christian endeavor. Good Captain for the first time. It was a service of children. All the children of God the love of Him who, though He was Pratt, who is in charge of the train- unusual joy. ing school for Indian youths at Car-If one who calls himself a Christian, lisle, Pa., tells of an Indian lad, 18 unmoved by the love of Christ, dis- years old, who appeared at that school regards the law of Christ, and gives only a few weeks ago, having found nothing, or nothing proportionate to his way across half the continent, in There is hope for India. The in the birth of Christ filled the his ability, does the penalty immedi- search of an education. He had \$2.75 | work which has hitherto been so vig- heavens and yet shone out only above ately follow? It does not. Here on on starting from his Western home, orously undertaken in that land by a single province, now fills the whole earth the Saviour mercifully bears That brought him across the Missis- the Ladies' Auxiliary of our Foreign earth; and the tongue of fire sits on The unworthy member is not at days together, and getting an occa- agencies, has promise of finding sup- voice of God's guiding, counseling, once cut off from the fellowship and sional ride on a freight train, he made porters from an unexpected quarter. inspiring truth is heard in tongues privileges of the Church. The bar the rest of the long journey. He We have not yet heard that a Wo which every mood and temperament ren fig-tree is suffered to remain and sold his Indian ornaments for \$2.25, man's Rights Committee has been and experience can understand. - La-

to rise on the evil and on the good, in up, they would probably have brought lar and who has devoted her life to mercy bestows, year after year, the a good deal higher price than that, the labor of educating her countrycasins were no protection to his feet with the Hindu and Parsi ladies of But the penalty! Let it not be against the snow, and he bartered his Bombay. This lady, called the Panforgotten that the Saviour regards blanket for a pair of shoes. At last dita Romabai (Pandita being the femhe reached the Carlisle school, and inine of Pandit or Pundit, a learned His poor as the refusal to give to asked to be a sharer there in the gos- man) spoke with perfect fluency and Himself. He has solemnly assured pel privileges that some persons have self-possession, and argued the imus in His holy gospel that the day is thought his race unworthy of. What portance of education for women. coming when, from "the throne of race could be named that would show that they might be real companions to His glory." He will say to the delin- a nobler spirit than this, or a fuller their husbands and receive their share quents. "Inasmuch as ve did it not fitness for the reception of the best of the benefits of the age. It has influences of Christianity?

AN ENGLISH REVIVAL.

The following report of revival services under the management of the recently appointed English Conference evangelist, is taken from the Watchman:

The Rev. Thomas Cook has just onducted a revival mission at the Centenary Chapel, Boston—a mission of such rich and extensive blessing as will never be forgotten by those who have shared it. The society was well prepared by the Great Spirit, and by organization to work and "compel them to come in." An address to the members and seat-holders was issued by the ministers, calling for sympathy and co-operation; the services were well advertised by bills and large posters: the town was well canvassed by 150 visitors, who carried hand-bills from house to house,and gave personal invitations: in this way 15,000 handbills were distributed. The preparatory prayer-meetings were largely attended, and were meetings of great grace, giving true forecasts of the blessing to come. On Saturday evening. Dec. 2. Mr. Cook commenced by an address to Christian workers and after this service the congregation formed into procession and walked through the town singing and announcing the mission. A singing band did this service every night. All the services. Sunday and week-days, noon and night, were in the chapel. From the beginning the attendance was good, and went on increasing till the end. On Sunday evening, the 10th, the spacious sanctuary was crammed in all parts. God was with his servant of a truth. During the fortnight 517 persons went into the inquiry-room, and nearly all of them good number of these are children of congregation who have long sat under the Word, long prayed and hoped for, nowsaved; some are of other churches. The mission was concluded on Friday last with a society tea and recognition meeting. Over 750 sat down to tea. admitted only by society ticket or new convert's invitation. After tea more than 300 adult new converts were present and received notes on trial. At eight o'clock the public were admitted, and Mr. Cook gave an There are those who say that our address to the new converts which was American Indians are in no readiness full of wise and forceful counsels. On and money would be wasted in efforts propriately followed with the Sacrato give them the benefits of a Christian ment of the Lord's Supper, adminiseducation. But those who know most tered by the Rev. G. Outhwaite. about the Indians, know that they are The whole area of the chapel was filled a peculiarly susceptible and a pecu- with communicants, more than half of liarly hopeful race, as subjects of wise whom went to the table of the Lord

WOMAN IN INDIA.

cumber the ground. The barren, to give him bread on the way. If formed in Bombay, but it appears that more Abbott in Christian Union.

been like an electric shock to those who heard her, stirring them up to an ambition to gain such culture as they saw that the Pandita had. After she had finished, the ladies present were asked to volunteer to express their own views : and it is said that a number did so, with a force and propriety that were surprising to themselves and to the audience. A native newspaper says that "even the most hopeful of woman's advocates among us were hardly prepared for this singular but most delightful spectacle." This is not a Christian movement : but it is like the whole system of Hindu education and the Brahmo Somai movement in religion, only what Christianity and missionary labors in India have made possible there.

THE DESCRNDING SPIRIT.

This is the truth which abounds in New Testament prophecy and promise: and which yet orthodox skepticism-of all skepticism I sometimes think the worst-doubts or denies; "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world: Where two or three are met together in my name. there am I in the midst of them. I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you: That ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." But the Church does not half believe in Pentecost. It does not half believe in a living God; in a promise unto you and to your children; in a Spirit poured out upon all flesh. Men want to go back. They complain because to-day there is no Moses to go up into the mountain of God, when they may go themselves; no High Priest with Urim and Thummim, when every soul is a high priest, and every nook and corner a Holy of Holies. They live in the sound of the voice of God and cry for the lost echo. They live in the flood of sunlight which makes bright day for every one who will walk in the light, and wish that they lived in the night and fog and that there were still living some of those Old Testament link boys to lead them about and show them a way.

Father ! burdened with the cares of the administration of your little business; what are they compared to the cares that beset Moses in his administration of a wandering Empire? The Spirit that was given to him is offered to you. Mother! anxious lest you should fail to teach aright the souls intrusted to your keeping: what are they compared with the souls in all the churches whose care came upon Paul daily, every one of whom was asa son in Jesus Christ? The Spirit which sustained him is offered to you. The Spirit is poured out upon all flesh The promise is unto you and your may become prophets if they will. This is the message of Pentecost. The light which before Moses shone only in single households, under Moses shone only in a single temple.

LIGHTS ON THE LINE.

Lights on the line! I watched them brightly glowing; Their cheery radiance on the iron track In varying colours ever gladly throwing, Relieving darkness as the midnight black.

Each had its message, comforting and cheer-

ing,
For those who kept that swiftly rushing In safety toiling and no danger fearing While as of old those lamps gleam forth

And when the train sped onward, seeming

A transient line of light, a passing roar; I stood amid the darkness, weary, lonely,
And then my thoughts flew back to days

of yore.

Another well-worn track, beset with dangers, I saw, on which my wavering feet were set: But I, alone and in the midst of strangers, With obstacles and barriers often met.

Then were there lights that on my weary sorrow
And on my darkness shed their radiance bright: And dark to day became a glorious morrow, And blackest midnight fled before the

light. Their words, and tones, and lives so pure That but could spring from intercourse with

*Deeds that were brave and loyal, true and Showed me in outline clear the path I trod.

And still they live, though fleeting time and Cistance
Part 46 from things that we have known And in our battles, strong and firm resistance

Is strengthened by the thoughts of what has been. Dear distant loved ones! Know that we To keep the path o'er which your lives Fond memory joins us, and while time is

Thanks rise to heaven for you-Lights o Annie M. Watson.

MOONSTRUCK.

"The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.' This beautiful verse expresses the belief, common in ancient days, that the moon exercises a baleful influence upon those exposed to her direct rays. In modern times, the pernicious influence of the moon has been doubted, and even denied. But whatever the influence of the moon in the temperate zones, within the tropics it is very injurious to sleep exposed to its rays, especially when at the full. On a voyage to the Antipodes, when near the line, a Maltese sailor, who was a most comical fellow, slept for some hours on the boom with his face towards soon passed away and I felt as the full moon. On awaking in much at home handling the bell the morning, the muscles on the right side of the face were contracted, so that every attempt to speak was attended with the most Iudicrous contortions. Feeling sure that something was seriously wrong, he spoke to another sailor who, supposing that as usual he was at his old tricks, burst out into laughter. Off he went to another, with exactly the same result. The poor fellow now got into a rage, thereby adding not a little to the ludicrousness of the scene. After awhile the truth dawned upon the captain and officers of the vessel. The doctor gave him some medicine, the muscles gradually relaxed, and in the course of a week our Maltese friend was well again. Some five or six years ago, when sailing from Tahiti to Mangaia, a little boy of mine, in perfect health, was thoughtlessly the weddings-what a contrast. placed by his nurse in his berth, the slanting beams of the moon falling on his face. Next morning he was feverish and ill and it was two or three days before he was himself again. On the Island of Aitutaki, a native woman was watching night after night for the same bell for all. Still, it's the return of her husband from the Island of Atiu. Whilst doing hearts listen to the merry peals, so one night she fell asleep, the moon's rays pouring upon her and her eyes were drawn on one side. Considerable interest was felt by the Islanders in her case. Eventually, however, her eyes were restored. These facts illustrate the injury done to human beings by the moon in the tropics. Yet I never heard of insanity or death resulting from this cause. It is well-known, however, in tropical countries that the moon's rays occasion the rapid decomposition of flesh and fish. A numone evening near the line by a up in the rigging of the ship, and was thus exposed to the moon through the night. Next morning it was cooked for breakfast. Symptoms of poisoning were soon exhibited by all who partook of it-their heads swelling to a great size, etc. Emetics were promptone died. The natives of the South Pacific are careful never to

uncovered. The aboriginals of don—a set of twelve bells, Australia do the same as well as tuned in perfect harmony. Be May not the injurious influence visitor made his way down the of the moon (in addition to her narrow, circular staircase, day beauty and utility) account for was dawning. - Phil. Press. the almost universal worship of that orb throughout the heathen

THE BELL RINGER.

Brown, as he deftly manipulated Stephen's last night, "and during that time I've seen many a sad service in the United States if not in the world."

Brown is a full-faced, healthy looking Englishman of perhaps fifty-five. He has been ringing the chimes in St. Stephen's for twenty years or more. Previous to the war he was engaged in a similar capacity in Christ Church. He has never been anything else but a bell-ringer, and began to learn the mysteries of sharps and flats at the age of nine years in his native town of Stony Stanton, in Leicestershire, England. Singularly enough he is deaf, but this affliction does not appear to interfere with him at all. In conversing with him one must speak in a loud tone of voice, but let there be a false note struck upon the chimes and he detects it immediately. He can detect a flaw in a new bell much better than men with acute hearing, and his services are in demand throughout the country whenever a new set of chimes are to be tested.

Last night was the forty-third time that he had ushered in the anniversary of our Saviour's birth with the grand old Te Deum, and as he caused the bells to peal out their rhythmic pean of praise he talked. "It's a bit lonesome at times," said he, " to be all alone here in the bell-tower, but one soon gets used to it. When a lad I was a trifle timid about groping through the church in the dark and climbing into the loft, but that ropes as I would in front of my own fire. There used to be the usual tales about ghosts and hobgoblins, but, Lord bless you, they never bothered me. I remember very well a droll trick that some young scamps played upon a Leicester sexton, who used to boast of his courage. They turned a calf loose into the church where he was engaged as bell-ringer, and as he came down from the belfry he heard the pattering of feet over the store floor of the church. Back he darted into the bell-tower badly frightened, and when he heard a terrific ba-ah! he locked himself in and remained there until morning.

"I couldn't tell you how many funerals I've tolled the bell for —a great many times in forty-five years you can depend. And then Young people just beginning life would stand in the very same spot where, a few days before, some poor soul had reached the end of it. Tears one day and bright smiles the next. The black pall and bridal orange blossoms, and the way we must go. Happy hear the death knell, tolled perhow many of that happy throng in the street listening to St. Stephen's chimes now will be here next year, or whether the same hand will cause the bell to sound that touches them now?

"It is something of an art, this handling of the bells. You would bardly believe that in what we men twenty-eight hours to comed. We play portions of it, sometimes as long as three hours. a bell cast where only one is needed, which shall be in complete accord with the rest. Sometimes

world? Wm. Wyatt Gill, B. A. THE DEPARTING COMET. On a recent evening Prof. John K. Rees read a paper on the comet of 1882 before the New York Aca-"I've been a bell-ringer for demy of Sciences, in which it is forty-five years," said William said it should be termed Gould's comet, since Prof. B. A. Gould, of the bellropes in the beltry of St. Cordova, was the first to see it. He read extracts from Professor Young, of Princeton; from the sight and many a merry one. Director of the National Observa-Thirteen years I spent in the bell tory, and from Messrs. Chandler fry in England, and thirty-two and Wendell, of Cambridge, Mass., years in American churches. Pro- and he concurred with Mr. Chanbably I'm the oldest bell-ringer in | dler in combatting Prof. Proctor's theory, that the comets of 1843, 1880, and 1882 are identical, and that the comet now vanishing from view will return within six months. According to Mr. Chandler's computations, which are based on all the observations thus far made at several points, the comet of 1882 will not return in less than 4,000 years. The comet, as seen from the Cape of Good Hope, transited on Sept. 17 last, and at the instant of its entering the atmosphere of our sun it was 1,600,000 miles from the surface of the sun. The comet's tail, which was only 100,000 miles .ong when first seen, has lengthened to millions of miles, and asthis vast body crossed the sun's disk in two hours, the enormous velocity with which it travels may be conjectured. As its light was visible until it touched the edge of the sun's disk, the inference is, that the light is not borrowed from the sun, but that it is the comet's own incandescence. Touching upon other celestial visitors, the lecturer said that the comet of 1843 approached within 500,000 miles of the center of the sun, or within 70,000 miles of the sun's circumference, and that it must yet plunge into the sun and be absorbed. The lecturer threw upon the screen representations of a number of comets, and then a star shower, such as is seen once in thirty-three years, and the next | fips as he went to school. I turnof which will be seen when the ed to the sitting-room, drew up earth passes the track of a star the shades in the bay-window, so shower in 1890. These shooting my few geraniums might have all with by a Friend, and with his blood; stars are meteors from disintegrated comets, and serolites that fall to the earth come to us from instellar space. In conclusion, the lecturer said that all the suns of the universe have comets circulating about them, and that the

SPEAK TO STRANGERS.

universe is as full of comets as the

sea is of fishes.

Some years ago, on leaving home for the first long separation from the familiar scenes of youth, I found myself an entire stranger in a city quite remote from the scenes of my earlier life. I soon found my way to a church, and, presenting my letter, became one of them. In the course of two years not one member of that church came forward to greet me and become acquainted in the name of the Master. From this I went to a larger city, and there too I looked for a church home. I was a working woman and my time was much occupied. The church was at that time without a pastor, and, excepting two or three persons where I boarded, and perhaps two with whom professional duties led me to associand a few years later the same ate, I made no acquaintance there. I went into the place of worship face. On awaking she felt ill, haps by the same hand. I wonder on the Sunday, and when the service ended I walked out, receiviug not a glance, nod, or word of recognition from any one. When I went into the evening prayermeeting in the middle of the week, weary, discouraged, lonely, wishing for the restful sympathy of these people, hungering for the human aid our mutual relations call change ringing it takes eight | might have brought me, I found | God, who counts for so much in only the Helper to whom my plete the peal, would you? None of heart called. Was it a wonder them must miss a note, or they that faith grew dim after awhile? ly trusted, 'or the suspicion that ber of bonitas having been caught | throw the whole 'change' out of It is a wonder that the cold tide we may have really as much to harmony. The complete change of indifference was followed by dread as to hope for from his sufriend of mine, the spoil was hung ringing is not often attempt the great waves of black unbelief which came surging in after it? I know another little church It is a very difficult thing to have where, as a stranger, many a hand was extended me in his name. Now, though far away, though Because we are "of little faith," scarcely well acquainted with therefore are we not content to the founder gets the sound a half | many of its members, in the dark- | plan and work, and having plannote too high or too low. No one est hour I find some little messen- ned and wrought, to sit and wait: ly administered, and happily no but a ringer, however, would be ger often floating to me, seeming but must fidget ourselves about apt to observe the fault, unless it to bring the spirit of that entire that which may be, until impatimight be a musician. Christ church with it; and were I to ence gnaws us like a worm, and expose fish (a constant article of Church has a good set of chimes, write an epistle to that church it our imagination, picturing disasdiet in many islands) to the and so has St. Mark's, both better would only be this: "Little ters in the dark, burns us like moon's rays by any chance. They I think than St. Stephen's. The children, love one another." But fire. Why is it that popular prooften sleep by the seashore after best in the world, however, are the spirit of the Master's words verbs attest how much worse are did the other ladies also who fishing; but never with the face the chimes of St. Paul's in Lon. they have heard. The Lord love fancied ills than real ones, and I heard the story.

all them! I have written this to how the evils which we most urge everywhere that we see to it dread never overtake us; but just more customers came in, and from Austrana do the same as well as tuned in perfect narmony. Be urge every where that the grant because this distrastful heart of that day his store was success. that there are no strangers left in because this distrastful heart of that day his store was success. A fire answers the same purpose. careful getting down the stairs; that there are no strangers our church, to feel that not one ours is so prone to prophesy, and ful. Afterward he became very they're a trifle steep;" and as the of God's people cares a thought so lively to exaggerate, misfor-rich, and used to say. "Lowe it for his welfare or spiritual growth. In all our large cities there is a mass of moving humanity, men and women who have left their self-tormenting spirits of men friends and success; fer who homes at the very verge of child-this word of one who was the wouldn't rather buy of a kind. gle along upon the world's tossing billows, and it may be that, entering the house of worship, many of them may meet the first | Dykes. true, earnest greeting from a kindly heart that has been given for years. Shall we let them go away uncheered ?-Advance.

AN OLD, OLD QUESTION.

A spirit that from earth had just departed Lingered a moment on its upward way, And, looking back, saw, as though broken

hearted. Its friends and kindred weeping o'er it "It seems they loved me dearly. Had

known it My life had been much happier," it said. Vhy only at our parting have they shown Their fondest kisses keeping for the dead?"
Margaret Eytinge,in Harper's Magazine.

" THE WORK OF OUR HANDS."

"The work of our hands establish thou it." I read the words over again, going back a little. "Let the beauty of the Lord our less waste of ice-it was that God be upon us, and the work of

our hands, establish thou it." "The work of my hands day by day," I said almost scornfully, as I thought of the homely work my hands had to do, the cooking, the house-work, the patching, the mending, the rough, hard work I sometimes had to put them to. And I smiled as I thought of such work being established forever. I smiled again almost bitterly as I thought, "It is established that my hands must work, if not for-

ever, for all my earthly time." " Please comb my hair now, mamma; the first bell is ringing," and Neddie tapped my hand

with his comb. I patted and smoothed my boy's tangled locks. "The work of my hauds," I said, and perhaps more gentle than usual turned up my boy's face to kiss his the sun's rays they could, shook down the coal in the stove, dusted the chairs, straightened out the table-cover and books, and brushed the shreds from the carpot, sighing a little over the thin places that the best arrangement of mats could not quite cover. The rooms looked neat and tidy. "The work of my hauds," I repeated, mechanically. Just then the sun shone out bright. It lit

"The beauty of the Lord our God," I repeated softly. I went to my homely work in the kitchen. Patiently I tried to Make bracelets to adorn the wife go through my every day routine of duty. For I said to myself, " It this is always to be the work of my hands, surely I must let the beauty of my Lord rest upon

up my room like a kind smile.

"You look very bright to-night, wife," said Will, when he came in after his day's work. "Has it been an easy day?"

I thought of the cooking and ironing, of my tired hands and feet, and smiled as I said, "I had a good text this morning.'

AGAINST ANXIETY. It is distrust of God, therefore: which lies at the root of unlawful anxiety. A feeble apprehension of God, as the Agent who overrules everything, and determines those causes which lie outside of our reach, and those events which escape our foresight; this it is which shakes the soul with vague uncertainty, and fills with causeless alarms the darkness of to-morrow. The doubt whether the contingencies of life, be one whose attitude to us may be wholperintendence; this it is which cannot but unsettle a man's steadfast outlook into the coming days, and toss his spirit to and tro in the restlessness of distraction.

tune? Like a soothing, cooling all to that spool of cotton. breath from a serener world, there comes down upon the feverish, hood, thrown out to drift or strug- messenger of Him whom we dis- pleasant person than of one who trust: your life: be not anxious about lers. to-morrow."—The Rev. J. Oswald

FATAL MONOTONY.

There are exceptional natures that seem to love sameness and hate variety, but that must always be a stunted nature that clings to a dead level of life; and it is probable that an actual and literal motime, even if the scenery were not entirely cheerless, would exhaust the dullest soul. A friend of Lieut. Danenhauer, of the ill-fated Jeannette, put the question to him-

your Arctic sojourn which seemed time came, and the surgeon had to be felt the most?"

and depressed by the sameness asked her if she was ready for the and dreariness of the scene—the utter solitude—than anything else. To go upon deck every day and look out upon the same vast, endwhich we appeared to feel the most. The utter monotony and dreariness, after a while, affected and pray to Jesus first," she anthe spirits of some, and they would go aside, so as not to infect the others with the momentary depression. When the Indian came one day and announced, 'Me found a two man house,' the excitement caused by the novelty of the anticipation was something tremendous.

"And how did this depressing life affect the appearance of the men-did it blanch their hair, reduce their flesh, or were its effects otherwise perceptible?"

"Collins' hair turned very gray before the retreat, but DeLong, strange to say, grew very stout; Collins also became stouter for a time, I think."

SUNDAY.

O day most calm, most bright! The fruit of this, the next world's bud, The week were dark but for thy light : Thy torch doth show the way.

The other days and thou Make up one man; whose face thou art, Knocking at heaven with thy brow ; The work-days are the back-part; The burden of the week lies there. Making the whole to steep and bow, I'ill thy release appear.

Sundays the pillars are, On which heaven's palace arched lies: The other days fill up the spare And hollow room with vanities. They are the fruitful beds and borders In God's rich garden: that is bare Which parts their ranks and orders.

The Sundays of man's life, Threaded together on time's string, Of the eternal glorious King, On Sunday heaven's gate stands ope ; Blessings are plentiful and rife, More plentiful than hope.

Thou art a day of mirth ; And, where the week days trail on ground, Thy flight is higher, as thy birth. Oh, let me take thee at the bound. Leaping with thee from seven to seven, Till that we both, being toss'd from earth, Fly hand in hand to heaven!

George Herbert. OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

THE SPOOL OF COTTON.

Once a young man with a very ittle money opened a small store is a New England city. So few people came in to buy his goods that he grew discouraged, and said to himself as he shut up his store on Friday night, "If I don't have more customers to-morrow I'll give it up and go away."

Just then a little girl came along, looked up at him and said:

" Are you the man that keeps this store?"

"Yes." he answered, "this is my store; but it is shut and locked up now."

"Well," said the little girl, won't you please open it again and sell me a spool of number seventy cotton? All the stores are shut up, and my mamma wants to finish my dress to-night, so that I can go and visit my auntie to-morrow.'

The young merchant could not refuse the child's pleading voice; so he unlocked the store, went in, lit his lamp, found for her the spool of thread and took her six cents. She went happy on her way home; and the next day her mother came in with two other ladies, thanked him for his kindness and bought some goods, as

They told it to others, and

But it was the kindness, as well as the cotton, which won him "Be not anxious about seemed selfish and careless of oth-

LET ME PRAY FIRST.

A sweet and intelligent little girl was passing quietly through the streets of a certain town a short time since, when she came to a spot where several idle boys were amusing themselves by the dangerous practice of throwing stones. Not observing her, one notony of scene for any length of of the boys, by accident, threw a stone toward her, and struck her a cruel blow in the eye.

She was carried home in great agony. The doctor was sent for, and a very painful operation was "Among all the privations of declared necessary. When the taken out his instruments, she "I think we were more worried lay in her father's arms, and he doctor to do what he could to cure her eye.

" No, father, not yet," she re-

" What do you wish us to wait. for, my child?" "I want to kneel in your lap,

And then kneeling, she prayed

a few minutes, and afterward submitted to the operation with all the patience of a strong woman. How beautiful this little girl

appears under these trying circumstances! Surely Jesus heard the prayer made in that hour; and he will hear every child that calls upon his name. Even pain can be endured when we ask Jesus. to help us bear it.—London Chris-

FOLLOWING IN THE DARK.

"Mamma," said little Bessie, 'I should be afraid to die, 'cause I should lose my way in the dark."

Her mother did not say a word, but went out and turned off the gas in the hall. Then she opened the door a little way and said; " Come dear, it is your bed-time. Take hold of my hand and I will lead you up stairs."

So Bessie put her hand in her mother's and trotted bravely up. stairs in the dark. After she had said "Our Father," and "Now I lay me," and had laid her curly head upon the pillow, her mothersaid: "You were not afraid coming up, were you, Bessie?"

"Oh, no, mamma," she answered," "I couldn't be, 'cause I had hold of your hand.'

"Well," said her mother, "then you need not be afraid of death, for Jesus is holding His hand toyou, and you have only to put your own in His and He will lead you safely through the dark." "But how can I take hold of

His hand, mamma?" "By trying to be good every day, and praying to Him to help you; He loves little children so well that they need not be afraid.

WHAT TOM DID.

to follow Him anywhere.'

It was the first clear, cold day after Christmas. The boys and girls were on the hill coasting. They were shouting and laughing as loud as they could, even those who had no sleds.

"Happy New Year to you!" shouted Tom Ross, as away he went on his pretty sled. A brannew sled it was, too; his uncle had given it to him on Christmas Eve.

When Tom had been up and down the hill ever so many times he suddenly thought,

"What a great, big, selfish bey I am! Why don't I ask some other boy to get on my sled and have fun too?'

There was little Joe King, who had no sled.

"Come, Joe! Jump on!" cried Tom. "Hurrah! here we go!" After that Tom did not stop with just wishing people a "Happy New Year;" he tried to think of kind ways to make it a happy time to every one. And he was happier too.—Sunbeam.

"Who misses or who wins the prize? Go, lose or conquer as you can; But if you fail, or if you rise, Be each, my boys, a gentleman.'

Little Georgie, two and a half years of age, on seeing the first snow fall, called out, "Mamina, mamma, bring a big pan: it's waining pop-corn."

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THE BELIEVING PEOPLE.

ACTS 11 1-21.

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This strikingly illustrates the change wrought in Peter by the baptism of "power from on high." What was the cause of that transformation? He had had, of course, much further instruction from His it was.' risen Master, and the prophecies he so aptly quoted and applied were no doubt amongst the Scriptures which Jesus had expounded to them concerning Himself (Luke xxiv. 27, 44). From that day they must have understood the Scriptures better than before, but the power to make a right use of knowledge was evidently still wanting. This they were to tarry for: it had only now been imparted to them; it was the direct gift of the be heard, and fairly and kindly an- six bottles for \$500. jan 5, 1m. Holy Ghost. In these days of learn- swered, when they ask after any ing and culture, we need especially thing they would know, and desire to remember this. The power to un- to be informed about. Curiosity derstand, expound, and apply the should be as carefully cherished in Scriptures, so that sinners shall be children as other appetites are supconvinced and believers edified, is not pressed." a gift of human acquirement; and in order to prove this, it is very often conferred upon the most illiterate

same Jesus, whom ye have crucified,

both Lord and Christ."

The change in moral courage is as wonderful as the other. The very man who had been afraid to acknowledge his Master, and had three times denied Him, now boldly declares, in the presence of the men who had imbrued their hands in His blood, that the Jesus they had wickedly crucified was made both Lord and Christ. The courage to take such a position was greater than we can fully understand; and that Peter found himself equal to the task was due, not to his naturally bold spirit, but to the sustaining power of the Holy Ghost. Those who would do and dare great things for Christ must be filled with the Holy Ghost.

2.—The effect on Peter's hearers, as surprising as any other of the incidents of this eventful day, is to be ascribed as directly to the power of the Holy Grost. It was not the arguments, not the eloquence, but a direct Divine influence that caused them in anxiety and alarm to ask what they must do. Jesus Himself had preached as earnestly, as faithfully, and as powerfully to numbers of these very men without a corresponding result. It is a mysterious, but a noteworthy fact, that the servant was permitted to succeed where the Master had failed. The Spirit had been given without measure to Jesus but not to his hearers as well; that could not be until after He was glorified. But now the words of Jesus are already fulfilled, that when: He should come He should convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment (John xvi. 8-11). Never forget that only His power can truly convince men of sin.

Peter's answer was as ready as though he had been accustomed to dition of salvation is not mentioned, but implies both in the repentance and baptism. Peter a suled them that if obegient they would receive the same gift as had been imparted to themselves; for the promise of the Spirit was unto them, and to their children, and to all that are afar off. While much on that day was special and miraculous, the ordinary gifts of

down to the end of time.

sand converts, and the Church of Christ was formed. The remainder of the chapter (verses 42-47) is a brief description of the state of of caustic applications and the evils things existing in the Infant Church attending their use; but the new for some time afterwards. The new story of success, of freedom from converts submitted steadfastlyto the pain and consequently absence of teaching of the Apostles; and in spots left in the flesh. PUTNAM'S breaking of bread (i.e., observing PAINLESS CORN EXTRACTOR gives the Lord's Supper in the most simple 1.-It was no ordinary task for form), and prayer, they continued in sufferers from corns need not hesitate Peter to explain to an excited crowd rellowship with each other (ver. 42). The spirit of self-sacrifice and of vince them of the truth respecting brotherly love prevailed to such an POLSTON & CO., Kingston, Propri-Jesus of Nazareth. But, inspired by extent, that they lived together as tors. the new influence which had taken one family, each giving up his pospossession of his mind and heart, he session to the common stock, out of which all were supplied. Meantime. ingly convincing as to bear down all the number was increased from day opposition. The outline shows how to day (ver. 47). The changes made admirably adapted it was for his pur- in these latter verses in the Revised

FARM GATES. Have as few farm gates as possible. Each one is an expense in its con- tested its wonderful curative powers ment of one of the most remarkable struction and subsequent care. It in thousands of cases, has felt it his prophecies in the Oli Testam nt, never pays to make a pior gate. The duty to make it known to his sufficiframe should be constructed of hard ling tellows. Actuated by this moand lasting wood, with the slats of tive and a desire to relieve human Jesus had light but durable material. This suffering, I will send free of charge, IT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE! gate needs thorough bracing to all who desire it, this recipe, in with strips of wood, or better, rods German, French or English, with of non, which run from the bottom full directions for preparing and usof the latch and to the top of the ing. Sent by mail by addressing in settle counsel and fore-knowledge hingerend. A gate thus braced can- with stamp, naming this paper, W. not sag, as it is impossible for it to A. N. yes, 149 Power's Block, R chesget out of rectangular form. When tee, N. Y. finished, a gate should be wide enough to permit the free passage of TESTIMONIAL FROM CAPTAIN JOSHloads of hay and grain, field rollers,

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USEFUL HINTS.

Scorched spots, if not too deep, may be removed by laying them in the sun.

The London Truth remarks that weight is not heat, though many women dress as though they thought

Wine without grapes, fruit jam ed with lung diseases. without fruit, and now chocolate cakes out of pea-nuts.

A strip of thick paper laid over the edge of each stair under the 'carpet wearing through one-third longer than otherwise.

"Children," says Locke, "should

When you want a dust-pan have it made to order, with the handle turning down instead of up, so as to rest dust. It is a great convenience, as ton's name on bottle and wrapper. you do not have to stoop and hold it while you are sweeping.

Referring to a recent gas explosion in Boston, the papers of that city len's Lung Balsam. See adv. in anpoint a lesson to all who use gas. It is that when a leak of gas is discovered in a building the first thing to be done is to open all the doors and windows. On no account should a match belighted or a light be brought in. Where there is a smell of gas in by a sprain or stress, and was so. Englishman's Cough Mixture

a room or building, never strike a light. father, as well as a most pleasing compliment to his wife, when, on being asked what he intended to do with his girls, he replied, "I intend to apprentice them to their mother, that they may learn the art of improving time, and be fitted to become, like her, wives, mothers, and heads of families. and useful members of society."

The best way to prepare a new iron kettle for use, is to fill it with clean potatoes, boil them for an hour or more, then wash the kettle with hot water, wipe it dry, and rub with a little lard; repeat the rubbing for half a dozen times after using. In this way you will prevent rust and all the annoyances liable to occur in the use of a new kettle.

The Princess of Wales dresses ber daughters in the plainest possible way, calicoes, ginghams, muslins and flannel being de riqueur. No corsets, no tightness of any kind, and as for ornaments, such as rings, earrings, or bracelets, Her Royal Highness would be astounded if such an idea were so much as mooted. She is very preach and instruct penitents all his particular about having the girls inlife; "Repent and be baptized," etc. structed in sewing, embroidery, and The faith which is the essential con- all manner of woman's domestic work.

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I saw an advertisement of your Phosphorized Cod Liver Oil Emulsion in a paper. I immediately sent and got half a dozen bottles, after taking which I feel myself a well man again. My weight, which was reduced to 120 pounds, is now up to my usual standard of 152 pounds. Seeing what it has done for me, I confidently recommend it to others affict-

Yours very truly, (Signed) JOSHUA HARPER, Of the barque "Mary Lowerson." Robinson's Phospherized Enulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Lacto-phosph ate of Lime is prepared only by Hanington Bros., St. John. N.B., and is for sale by Druggists and General Dealers. Price \$1.00 per bottle;

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THE RENEWAL OF THE COV-ENANT.

The Covenant Service is one of the most solemn and precious of our distinctive means of grace. Last Sabbath many thousands of our Israel. once more avowed themselves to be the Lord's and ratified their vows at the Master's table. Some of His children may not have been there in bodily presence, but no prisoner of the Lord can fail to feel that at such periods there are wafted towards him a portion at least of those heavenly influences which the gathered tribes enjoy. Such, indeed, are the provisions of grace that absence from the temple by no means necessarily involves absence from the Master. "Lo I am with you" is an all pervading promise.

An important feature in the Covenant service is the fact that each individual Christian seems brought into the presence of his God, to assent, with trembling lips it may be, to professions of penitence or to assurances of effort, in Divine strength, to offer a holier service. That "we forget so soon." is a weakness not unremembered by the most devoted. That each word and deed has passed to its reward on high is an impressive thought for every human actor. That "Omnipotence itself cannot undo a deed " is a lesson most solemnly taught. On the other hand is the future, opening up step by step a path we have not trodden. In that pathway we may move with slow and steady pace with heaven's rays continually beaming forth, or the darkness may gather about us; darkness in which "all the beasts of the furest do creep forth;' in which all of trial and sorrow may seem to gather in one vast cloud to overwhelmour wearied souls and leave

Have these reflections and fears followed us into the week? Are they yet clinging to our consciousness Then let us take each sin, all past sin, to the blood of atonement which saves to the uttermost. Are we striving to peer into the misty depths of the future? Let us forbear. Step by step, with our hand in God's, we shall move safely on. The manna was gathered day by day. David looked forward and wrote: "The God of my mercy shall prevent me"---- " prevent" in the good old acceptation of "going before." With his guidance how shall we fail?

Already a blank journal with its three-hundred and sixty-five pages is put into our hands as a record of thoughts, words, acts and omissions. I am not atraid to die "but I am afraid to live." said a good man once. Yet to him to whom "to live is Christ" life is a precious boon. Thus Henry Martyn received it when his physicians told him he might live seven years. "How much I may do for Christ in seven years"! said the devoted missionary. Morning by morning let us live, truly live.

UNION NOTES.

The Basis of Union is now before the Methodist public in full. With this before them the Quarterly Boards of the various circuits will now be able to determine whether Methodism in the Canadian Dominion should go forth a united body, or whether in its future history it shall perpetuate the almost unavoidable rivalries and jealousies of the past. Much that has been written appears to have been prompted by prepossession, prejudice and even personal interest: we therefore advise our readers to form their opinion from a careful reading of the official document copied into our columns.

An aged subscriber remarks "Tell us all there is about the Union. Another, writing from New Brunswick, "I have taken the WESLEYAN from the first and lose no interest in it. Well pleased with the Union, and trust it will be for the glory of God."

One esteemed layman, it will be observed, administers a somewhat pointted rebuke to the editor in reference to a certain letter. When, however, our readers remember that a supposed error in judgment has had the effect of calling into use the pen of our Charlottetown correspondent they will have little disposition to chide us. It may be added that we are under the impression, (1), that the editor of a bring each correspondent to the bar shall be glad.

of his personal opinion in an open question like the present: (2), that any satisfactory and final adjustment of the question can only be reached by the most full and free discussion; and (3), that the expression of opinions contrary to a certain policy can only savor of disaffection when that policy has been pronounced upon and definitely accepted.

We confess to a little jealousy respecting the prominent use of the financial argument in the discussion of this question. The financial aspect the matter is highly important few, perhaps, save those immediately concerned know how important-yet Union. it need not be said to Christian ministers or laymen that there is even a higher point whence to regard the subject of Methodist Union. A friend tapped us on the shoulder the other day and pleasantly remarked, "Capital is the great thing everywhere!' and then, in view of our inquisitive look, said "I read your paper. If them-we suppress his mirthful appellation of our Methodist neighborsonly have capital enough they can come along." To be sure, money is one of God's most effective instruments in carrying on his work, but let us not so use the financial argument as to put words into the mouths of advocates of Plymouthism.

Canadian Methodism is passing

through an important period of her history. Her leaders, with encouraging words from without and opposing voices from within her borders, may well feel perplexed. Shall they advise advance or retreat? There can be, we think, no choice in the matter. It is too late to retreat with honor or safety from the position already taken. The French have a proverb: "It's the first step which costs." That first step, through the influence of the Ecumenical Conference in London, has been taken. Possibly the union idea may not have had time for development, but, however that may be, Canadian Methodism has been the first to arrest the attention of others and to call forth their plaudits by an effort at such concentration of forces and finances as would permit more extended evangelization. Can she now step back into the position she preiously occupied? We think not Can the several bodies, after having nearly approached each other in the person of their representative men, go their separate ways, to cherish less jealousy than before? In some quarters there will have been approach, on the part of others rebuff. and the effects of this on human nature are not readily removed. Can a more convenient season ever be hoped for? Certainly one will never come when there will be less to be given up by some or to be accepted by others. No great movement in church or state, however delayed, was ever carried through without inconvenience in some quarters. Illustrations of this fact are most abundant. A rightabout-face movement must cost us the respect of many of our neighbors. Each rival Methodist Church in Canadian towns and villages, each spire that shall ornament (?) opposite corners in the new North West, will remind the passer-by of a work which Methodism began and was not able to finish, though unprejudiced judges believed that work to be in accordance with Heaven's will. It may be questioned, too, whether we could carry back with us the full sympathies of some of our earnest men whose time and money and deep interest, even partially withdrawn from our work, would be a more serious loss than any to be really suffered in the event of union. Even, the listener in the pew might be disposed to add an application to the preacher's sermon on trust in God, which the preacher himself might hardly suspect. There may be difficulty in advance, but we think we see much greater danger in attempt-

Correspondents must bear with us under the present pressure upon our columns. We always insert accepted communications as early as possible. Occasionally some one grows restive and puts emphatic questions, forgetting that a half-dozen letters may have reached us earlier than his own. We cannot undertake to copy correspondence from other papers.

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II-THE MISSIONARY PUND.

Fund for the whole Church.

2. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada having no debt, and the income and expenditure being equal, no recommendation

3. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has a debt of \$10,000, incurred in the purchase of property and the erection of Churches in Manitoba, the property being held by the Society as security for the debt. This debt is to be liquidated out of the assets of the Society, before the consummation of the

4. The Missionary Society of the Bible Christian Church has a debt of \$21,080, less about \$3,000 on which annuities are paid at 6 per cent. per annum, which annuities will probably cease in a few years. As this debt was incurred in the purchase and erection of Mission Churches and Parson ages, it is considered a legitimate claim against such property. It is therefore agreed that the next Annual Conference of the Bible Christian Church shall make arrangements to distribute the Missionary debt among the several properties to erect or purchase which said debt has been incurred. And in case any property belonging to the Bible Christian Church be sold, the proceeds, after paying other debts of the Trust, shall be applied to the reduction of the said Missionary debt.

5. The above-mentioned debts being provided for as aforesaid, the Churches included in the Union are to unite on equal terms.

III-THE CONTINGENT FUND.

As the Invested Capital of the Coningent Fund of the Methodist Church Canada belongs to the three Western Conferences of that Church, it is agreed that it be left to the said Conferences to propose a plan for dealing with said Investments, and report the same to the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada at the Special Session to be held before the Union is consummated. As the other Conferences and Churches have no such Invested Capital, all further action on the subject is referred to the first General Conference of the United Church.

IV-THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

As there are no Investments in connection with this fund in any of the Uniting Churches, it is agreed that the whole question be relegated to the first General Conference of the United Church to determine on what basis, if any, a Children's Fund shall be main-

V-BOOK AND PUBLISHING INTERESTS. 1. The Halifax Book Room and weekly paper shall be continued as at present, on account of their geographical position.

2. The Toronto Book Room, with its various publications, will also be maintained; and no serious difficulty is apprehended in the way of consoli dating the other publishing interests in the West at an early date after the Union is effected.

3. As the assets of the Book and Publishing House of the Methodist Church of Canada for the three Western Conferences, are larger in proportion to the number of Ministers in those Conferences than the similar assets of any one of the other contracting parties, it is agreed that each Minister of the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist, and Bible Christian Churches, entering into the Union, shall pay into the general Publishing Fund such a sum as will make his interest equal to the per capita interest of the Ministers of the three Western Conferences aforesaid.

4. In equalizing the per capita interest as above, payments may be made in cash, or by notes, payable in one or two years from the date of Union; such notes to bear interest at six per cent per annum.

VI-EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS.

1. The Methodist Church of Canada and the Methodist Episcopal Church have a number of Educational Institutions in successful operation. The Primitive Methodist and Bible Christian Churches have no such institutions in this country.

2. The Educational Institutions in difficulty in the way of Union, and no change is recommended in their present relations.

3. In regard to the Western Conferences, it is believed that those Institutions which possess University powers can be consolidated, to the nonor of their graduates, and the advantage of their Educational work.

4. It is recommended that the united Church adhere to the traditional policy of Methodism in regard to education, believing that the best interests of the Church and of education imperatively demand that our Colleges and Universities should be under the fostering care of the

VII-MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDA-TIONS.

(I) COMPOSITION OF THE FIRST GENERAL

The General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada having authorized the calling of a Special Session in 1883 to give effect to the Union, provided a satisfactory basis is secured, it is recommended.

(a) That in case the Besis of Un-

PROPOSED BASIS OF UNION, ion is approved by the requisite majorities in the Quarterly Meetings and Annual Conferences of the Churches proposing to unite, it shall be competent for the Annual Conferences of 1. On the consummation of the the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive nion there shall be one Missionary Methodist, and Bible Christian Churches to elect Delegates to the First General Conference of the United Church, in the proportion of one out of ten Ministers in full connexion, with an equal number of Laymen, elected in Annual Conference or District Meeting as the case may be; and these, together with the Delegates composing the present General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, meeting in joint session after the latter body shall have closed the special session above alluded to, shall compose the First General Conference of the said United Church, with power to perform such Acts as may be necessary to the final ratification of the Union, and all other Acts which

> Conference. (b) The Annual Conferences and District Meetings of the Methodist Church of Canada shall have authority to fill vacancies that may have occurred in their delegations, either lay or clerical, by the usual mode of election. (II) EXPENSES OF GENERAL CONFERENCE

come within the province of a General

If the Basis of Union be approved, it is recommended that the various Annual Conferences make provision for taking up a collection in every congregation for the expenses of the First General Conference.

(III) TRANSFER OF MINISTERS The Joint Committee recommends to the First General Conference the matter of making provision for the transfer of Ministers from one Conference to another, so as to give all reasonable facilities for meeting the wants of the work.

(IV) TIME OF FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE In the event of the Basis of Union being approved, it is recommended that the first General Conference of the United Church be held in the Methodist; Episcopal Tabernacle, in the City of Belleville, on the first Wednesday in September, 1883, commencing at nine o'clock in the fore-

The adoption of a name for the United Church is referred to the first General Conference; but the Committee recommend that it be called "The Methodist Church."

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Ministers and People of the Methodist Church of Canada, the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, the Primitive Methodist Church of Canada. and the Bible Christian Church of

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN AND

As your fellow-labourers in the ministry of the glorious Gospel and Pastors of the flock of Christ, we greet you affectionately, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the ever-blessed Holy Spirit, praying earnestly that ye be enriched with all spiritual blessings in Christ, built up in Him, and established in the faith of the Gospel which has been declared unto you. And we are the more anxious concerning your welfare amid the agitations of our cherished Methodisms in these times, lest ye be led aside from singleness of purpose, humility of mind, and obedience to the truth, after the spirit of the world and the plans of men, and not after the mind and will of God. You all know that there has been an earnest desire, in many true hearts in our respective Churches. that the divided Methodisms of this country should be united into one Methodist Church, in order that the occasions for strife should be removed. that love might the more abound, that there might be less waste and better direction of the resources of the Church, and that the men God gives us to minister in word and doctrine might be the better employed to spread the common Saviour's name. have all mourned over the conflicting interests on oppressed fields of labour, the scanty support of the Ministry by small and divided Societies, the erection of many houses of worship that a united people would never have required, the rivalry of denominations carrying precisely the same doctrines, and for the most part the same usages, into new mission fields, and the envy and ill-will too often engendered by the perpetuation of these divisions. For the removal of these occasions of the Maritime Conferences present no the reproach of the adversaries, for the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, for a wise and efficient direction of the resources of the Church in her men, her institutions, and her money, and for the consequent revival of the work of God, many sincere prayers have gone up from the members ef all our Churches unto the liv-

ing God, our Father in Heaven. You also know that there are great difficulties in the way of the accomplishment of such a Union of the diverse branches of Methodism into one Methodist Church: difficulties, indeed. which no merely human thought, spirit, or plan could overcome. All the Churches have their cherished polity and principles of government and administration, second only in importance, in the view of good men maintaining them, to the doctrines of Holy Scripture themselves. Prejudices have arisen and strong feelings have been stirred: wherefore, it is often difficult for the most honest purpose to obtain a calm, impartial view. Worldly motives intervene, and seltish aims. Sometimes doubt, suspicion, and party spirit bias the judgment. The remembrance of injury, real or fancied, discolours the ray and

ces, and to be enabled to see the truth own comfort and glow! In view of these formidable obstacles, we are confident that you will rejoice with us and give glory to God that, in our consultations just closing, the greatest harmony and brotherly love have abounded; and, whatever the issue, we have been able to see more clearly eye to eye, and our hearts have been drawn together in the fellowship of the Spirit and the fraternity of the Gospel of

The General Conferences, and constituted authorities of our several Churches, having affirmed the desirability of Union, appointed committees of brethren, faithful and beloved, to confer as to a Basis of Union, and ascertain whether there be a common ground on which all the Churches interested could join in organic unity. The identity of our doctrines and rules of Society, and the similarity of our usages in many respects, gave us a favourable starting point. We could easily agree on the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures as understood by the people called Methodists, on the rules of our Societies as given by Mr. Wesley, the venerable founder of our common Methodism, on our usuages of worship and means of grace, and on the excellency of the spirit of love. But the diversities of polity and principles of government, and the cherished peculiarities of the several Churches, gave to your committee the occasion of much study and prayer. One of the Churches has made prominent in its administration the maintenance of the rights of the Annual Conferences, and of the peculiar functions and privileges of the pastorate. Another has held unswervingly by the connexional idea, the supremacy of the General Conference, and the office and prerogatives of an Itinerant General Superintendency. The other two Churches have especially maintained tion in the Conferences and Courts of the Church. These central and fundamental positions of the Churches are reconcilable, are incorporated in the basis of Union, and, in our opinion, will all be found to be elements of safety, solidity, liberty, and power. This basis, in its regard for cherished principles and inalienable rights, proposes that these central and fundamental positions be preserved and constitute the common ground of unity. while peculiarities of less importance, in a spirit of mutual concession, are in most cases handed on to be arranged by the General Conference and constituted authorities of the United Church, should such Union, by your vote, allowance, and action, ever take place. The Missionary, Educational, and financial interests of the Churches, their Church property, Book Rooms, much concern, but we are persuaded that in them is no insuperable barrier to Union. The welfare of Ministers and Societies was in our thought to afford them all possible safeguards. The Superannuated Ministers are protected in their rights, and ordained men have secured to them the privileges and functions possessed within their respective Churches. It has been the careful and prayerful effort of your United Committees to discharge the sacred trust confided to them by their several Conferences and Churches and guarding rights, principles, and important interests, to find if practic able according to their instructions. a basis on which the Methodist people of this Dominion might, under God unite in one Methodist Church for the spread of Scriptural holiness over these lands. With some degree of confidence that so desirable an end has been reached, with many prayers for divine guidance of all the Church es, with reliance upon the intelligence and loyalty of our respective memberships, with an expectation that undue prejudices will be laid aside, and the great issues of the hour calmly and

Union will be presented for action to the General and Annual Conferences, the Quarterly Meeting Conferences, and Official Meetings and Boards, and to the Societies and Members themselves, under the constitutional provisions in the respective Churches, and according to the direction of their separate constituted authorities, so that there may be the utmost fairness and freedom of discussion, that no improper advantage be taken, or unlawful bias given, and that the entire constituency affected in each case shall have the opportunity, under its own constitution, usage, and law, to employ voice and influence for or against its adoption according to the solemn and conscientious conviction of duty, before God and His Church, in this important crisis of the history of our Methodisms. What greater dignity, what more weighty and awful charge and trust than this? Here is a vote passing far the importance of ordinary civil and political affairs among men. It involves much of the power, success, and destiny of the Church of God. What an immense responsibility is

candidly considered; with an admon-

ition that our respective peoples under

their own constitutions keep united

and in the spirit of charity among

themselves, and with the assurance

that for ourselves we are, in the fear

of God, heart and soul with our people

within constitutional action and de-

cision, we commend the basis of Un-

ion and all the interests that cluster

about it to the honest scrutiny and

thoughtful, godly determinations of

the Churches, content to receive their

solemn acceptance of it, or equally

solemn rejection of it, as unto us the

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In the several Churches the basis of

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beclouds the vision. How we need to | placed hereby upon every member and pray to be delivered from ourselves friend of our Zion. Shall we not be and the mere influence of circumstan- much in prayer before God, touching

our present duties! Shall we not in its own clear light, and feel it in its | seek counsel of the Most High ! Dare we allow personal or worldly feelings or issues, or impulses of pride, jealousy, or ill-will to intervene in a business of this character! Are we not in duty bound to walk in the light as God himself is in the light, and seek to possess all the mind of meekness, obedience, and love that was in Christ. our Saviour and Lord? How else shall we discharge the solemn obligations of these eventful times! The past is looking upon us with its many breaches to be repaired, mistakes corrected, and ills remedied, notwithstanding its many successes, for which we joyfully give glory to God. The present is looking upon us in the cordial desire and interest of all Evangelical Christendom in this movement. and especially in the prayerful and brotherly sympathy and regard of all the Methodisms of both hemispheres. The future is looking to us with its enlarging demands, opening doors, and increasing tacilities in the work of God; with its call for the maintenance and spread of the peculiar doctrines of our Methodism, a free, full, present, instant, perfect, and eternal salvation to faith and obedience; and with its grand promise and prospects of the multiplying victories of the cross, for the economy of our resources at home. and the proper direction of our energies to the salvation of men here in this fast-peopling Dominion, and tothe remotest parts of the earth. The missionaries and martyrs of all ages, the Holy Angels, Christ, the Head of the Church, and the Adorable Father and Holy Spirit are looking upon us. that what we do we do it not as unto. ourselves, but as unto the Lord: that we do our best to unite ourselves, our cherished principles and powers, our resources and enterprises in the love of God, and in the faith and hope of the glorious gospel. Seeing we are encompassed about by so great a crowd. the rights of the laity to representa- of witnesses, be it ours to lay aside every weight, and the sins that so easily beset us; and, whether accepting or rejecting the basis of Union. let us decide every question regarding it as in the presence of the Lord, and in view of that day when every one of us shall give account of himself to-God. Constrained of the love of Christ and zeal for the souls of men. we must cease unseemly strife, and on a basis of brotherly and mutual regard. and Christian honour and right-which we think the basis herewith submitted to be-we must be drawn together and established not only in the unity of the Spirit and bonds of peace, but in an organic and visible unity to the confounding of the adversaries of Christ, the demonstration of the work of the Spirit and the glory of God the Father. And as your pastors and servants, for Christ's sake, we shall earnestly and continually pray that the Holy Ghost descend upon us all, and fill us with the love of God, enlighten every mind, and purify every heart; and that He guide our Churches to the wisest and safest results, to the praise of His glory. And to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be praise forever.

Signed by order of, and in behalf of the Joint Committee on the Union of the Methodist Churches of this country.

S. D. RICE, President of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada.

J. GOODMAN. President of the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada.

President of the Bible Christian Church of Canada. A. CARMAN.

Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada - Chairman of Committee.

ALEX. SUTHERLAND, Secretary of Committee. Toronto, December 6th., 1882.

W. PASCOE.

There is much force in these remarks of our neighbor, the Presbyteri m Witness :

It seems that there is to be opposition to the Basis of Union adopted by the Methodist Committees at Toronto. However much this is to be regretted it is not at all surprising. There was a great deal of "give and take;" and the conservative and timorous members of the respective bodies would easily find enough to excite their anxiety. We do not believe that any principle worth a moment's comparison with union has been "sacrificed." Still, it is hard to give up old ways. If Presbyterians had differed as widely as the three Methodist bodies there would have been strong opposition and costly lawsuits. - It is a sad truth that it is much easier to create strife and division than to make peace and union. Some-not a few-will turn to Wesley's noble Hymn which begins thus:

Weary of all this wordy strife, These notions, forms, and moods and

names, To Thee, the Way, the Truth, the Life, Whose love my simple heart inflames, Divincly taught at last I fy, With Thee and Thine to live and die."

The annual meeting of the Halifax and Dartmouth Sunday School Association will be held in the schoolroom of St. Matthew's Church, on Thursday, 18th inst., at 7.30 p. m. S. S. workers throughout the county are invited to be present to take into consideration the formation of a County COR

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THE HAMILTON MEETING.

DEAR SIR: In your last issue we are favored with a communication from a gathering of some ministers and laymen of the Hamilton District. met to consider the basis of union, as agreed to by the united committees of the different Methodist bodies at To-

No one will dispute the right of any man, or any body of men; to meet and discuss the terms of union. But it appears those brethren must regard their opinions of such vast importance, that nothing less than the publication thereof throughout the Dominion-at the earliest possible moment-can save Methodism and themselves. To warrant such action, they must surely believe in their superior wisdom, and the right to speak ex-

How many ministers and lavmen in favor of their action, while four voted against it. The resolution they they are not prepared to subscribe to the basis of union, as laid down by the Union Committee of Toronto. when they will be prepared, is not hinted, but the fact is considered of such magnitude as to necessitate its immediate publication to the world. needed to present this episode in and not to Wesleyans; and I am bold its true colors, was simply to add to say, cannot be established. "Tooley Street" to the advertis-

What the motive could be for seeking such publicity, is not stated. No one can doubt that the object was to forestal and influence the decision of the Church on the question of union. One is forcibly reminded of the reason assigned by the craftsmen of Ephesus for their commotion and uproar. But we are not left in darkness on this point. The zeal of the secretary has poiled over, and we are favored with a letter over the signature of W. Kettlewell, giving us some light on the motives influencing the Hamilton brethren in this matter. He thus-opens the subject, "We Western brethren are some of us afraid that in the East you may be led to think, from the information that has reached you, that with us there is only one side to the union question."-or, in plain words-knowing the destitute condition and ignorance of the brethren in the East, we have condescended to inform you that we are in possession of affect the salaries of ministers of fall of

noble pioneers of Methodism? Are we to understand that the loaves and fishes take precedence over a question so vital to the spread of the kingdom of heaven, as Christian union Are we to understand that the first and most important point in the settlement of this important question is to be, Seek first good salaries? Not a solitary word can be found to soothe the sore spot, resulting from previous disunion, nor to conciliate our returning brethren, and bid them a hearty welcome! Nothing to show confidence in the Church to stand by and sustain this union! No trust in Him whose dying prayer was "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they al-

our Church."

so may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me!" which these Hamilton brethren have pursued. I must also refer to the unwise publication of their acts without note or comment. I hope you will, as soon as possible, counteract the effect which must have been produced, in spreading the poison of disuni-

WM. HEARD. Charlottetown, Jan. 1st, '83.

METHODIST UNION.

ittees at Toron-MR. EDITOR.—It seems that our his is to be rebrethren of the Hamilton District are all surprising. arranging to offer all the opposition to al of "give and the union movement that they possionservative and bly can. They have assembled in an f the respective informal District meeting," prond enough to exnounced against the basis of union We do not beadopted by the united committee, le worth a mobefore they have seen it, and the secrewith union has tary of this extra judicial District Still, it is hard to meeting, writes a letter arguing their f Presbyterians views. And not content to influence as the three those around them, they try to perere would have suade our brethren of the Eastern n and costly law-Conferences to oppose union also. ruth that it is But the substance of his letter both strife and divi-

amazes and pains me. What does it all amount to, when the whole is said ! Why, we of the London Conference will get smaller salaries than now! We who get salaries now very much larger than those of any other Conference nearly as low as in the other Conferences of our Church!!

Now assuming that the premises on which he rests his conclusions are

In all this letter of Bro. Kettlewell there is no mention made of the infinitely higher interests of religion and the glory of God. Perhaps he and those whom he represents would feel somewhat sore, as most of the opposing Western writers do, if the claim of these similar interests are pressed against their secular and sordid reasons. But is not the position that he and they take one that does oppose the dearest interests of religion, and the Church of God? I can respect the man who argues sincerely, however incorrectly, that it will enlarge the Redeemer's kingdom better to remain separate; but the purely monetary consideration used as the main reason, or used as a reason at all, as in Bro. K.'s letter, is to my mind entirely unworthy of the ministers of the Methodist Church.

The professed facts stated by Bro. K. do not point to the duty of rejecting the Basis prepared. They know that the London Conference is a territory well prepared to accept union, composed this remarkable gathering, and yet no one suffer. The dismal is not stated. All we can deduce picture, as it appears to his eyes, from their minutes is, that six were would not make them worse off financially than their brethren of the other Conferences. But most of the facts publish amounts simply to this—That are assumed, not proven. How does he know that there will be large numbers refusing to enter the union if consummated? How does he know that these who enter will give less? Where is his data for the statement that 2000 out of 4000 withdrew their membership in 1874? This, I It really does seem as if all that was suppose, refers to the New Connexion

Unless we look at other higher interests than those Bro. K. mentions, we will not act worthy of ourselves or our history. The outlook after union is much brighter than after union rejected. Now, scattered through Onta-rio, these four Methodist Churches are working. Sometimes two, sometimes three and even four of them in the same community. Seldom indeed is the Methodist Church alone. And this, let it be borne in mind, in a province where we had the best chance: but in regard to that greater country of the West, all four start on a leve in point of time. And it is only in strength that we have the advantage. The prospect therefore is that, in every township and village, as well as every town and city of the future, these divisions will appear, and that in form and spirit much more objectionable than here. Does any man desire that? Are we prepared to assume such a grave responsibility? Methodism should be one here and there alike. And I for one am not prepared another side to the union question. Mr. to inflict on that country in its great-K—— then presents his case thus. ness and hopefulness such an incubus. "The question I suggest is, The extent to which union will, if consummated allowing some dread misfortune to neglect and selfishness.

Mr. Editor: Can it be possible If some ministers in Hamilton Dis-trict, having judged the case long ago, are prepared to reject so grand an op-portunity to show the world that the spirit of John Wesley and of our glorious Redeemer is in us still, let our brethren of all the Conferences allow the right motives to guide them in their decisions, and I am sure that all the concessions of the Basis will be S. Bond.

Gananoque, Jan. 3, 1833.

THOUGHTS ON UNION.

MR. EDITOR: Will you kindly allow me space in your paper for a few thoughts on "Union?"

The discussions in General Conference, on what was regarded as the more important points upon which the contracting parties differed, and While deeply regretting the course | the fuller discussions of all the points by the joint Committee, with the terms of union agreed upon have, by the agency of the WESLEYAN, been placed in the hands of the Methodists of the Lower Provinces; and in a short time we shall be called upon in our Quarterly Boards, as representaon and disaffection throughout our tives of the lay order, to record our approval or disapproval, as it may be; of the matured scheme; and in view of the influence we shall thus exercise over the final disposal of this highly important question, and our consequent responsibility, may we not fairly ask ourselves the question, have we so mastered the subject that we can weigh in adjusted balances the advantages and disadvantages of the union on the terms it is proposed we shall enter into it, so se to be guided thereby to a decision which will approve itself to the judgment of those for whom we shall speak, or are we neglecting a careful consideration of it, to accept the decision of the Committee or the opinion of the Chair- ference. man of our Board to determine our

Much has been written, without exaggeration, to show the advantages to be gained by union, but we must soberly ask ourselves, in a businesslike way, are these advantages-important and desirable as they arewithin our reach; that is to say, can we pay the price necessary to procure them. I have no reference to General Superintendency or Lay Represenwill have them reduced on an average tation, but to a vastly more important item, the money cost.

When the question was asked in the West, What shall be done with the surplus ministers? our brethren true, -a point I do not admit, -is it in that region seemed satisfied with not a pitiable spectacle to see a Christian the assurance there would be abuntian minister allowing such considerations to deter him from helping to unite North-west; we in the East ask again, divided sections of God's people? 1s How are they to be paid? Certainly there no love that reaches beyond our we will not be told that the settlers of own sect? What would John Wesley that new country among whom these tay to such representatives of him in the hely ministery? Is there no spirit pay them; and the extent to which self-sacrifice left? Is the glory all the missionary fund will be drawn updenated? on for their support will be the money

price required to obtain union, and our Eastern church will have to pay the largest proportion of it, inasmuch as our Home Mission and dependent circuits are much more in number in proportion than those of the Western

The ministers on our circuits of the class to which I have referred cannot be asked to submit to a further reduction (they have been reduced largely since the union in 1874), of the allowance from the missionary fund. With the present scale of allowance, they are required to support themselves on about \$400 a year and keep a horse, and to reduce that amount would be to ask them to make brick without straw, with about a similar result to that which followed the ancient literal adoption of this plan for obtaining cheap labor. union involving the abandonment of any number of our Home Missions would be of very short duration, and abandonment of a large number of

them would follow any reduction of the allowance from the Missionary fund to Nova Scotia, and a reduction cannot be avoided if a batch of new claimants are admitted, unless there be an augmentation of the general fund to an extent to correspond with the new claims, and this, I believe, is not anticipated by any one.

It is cause for surprise that some of he leading ministers of our Eastern Conferences, having all the data at hand for correct conclusions, have not been heard on this important point so deeply affecting a large number of their order. It may be that, holding control of the position, if united as Conferences, they prefer waiting until the time comes for them to speak unitedly and officially, but would it not better subserve the general good f they were to break silence before Conference, that we may have the advantage of their views. It would certainly cause much regret and disappointment if, after the successful negotiations up to a point where all dif-ficulties seemed to have been removed out of the way, the consummation of the project should fail of accomplishment; but can we be expected to ratify a compact without any guarantee against loss such as I have indicated. and which loss would be very disastrous to us as a Church in this Eastern part of the Dominion and in Newfoundland as well. I think there can be no disagreement as to what the answer should be.

A RECORDING STEWARD on a Dependent Circuit. Dec. 30th, '82.

ON UNION.

Rev. J. S. Ross, Secretary of the Meeting, sends us the following. The meeting, we presume, was an informal one, like that previously report-

A largely attended meeting of the ministers and official laymen of the London District of the Methodist Church of Canada, was held in the Committee Room of the Queen's Avenue Church, London, Ont. on Tuesday, January 2nd. After full discussion of the subjects involved, the following resolution was carried.

"That whilst we, the clerical and lay members of the London District meeting, express our conviction of the desirability of union among all who love the Lord Jesus Christ, and especially among the several branches of Methodism holding the same doctrines, and also expressing our conviction that the Union Committee which recently met in Toronto, very earnestly desired if possible the unification of Methodism in this Dominion, and carefully endeavored to prepare a basis upon which such a unification might be accomplished, we cannot refrain from expressing our further conviction that the Union Committee has failed in reaching a satisfactory basis. To us it is insufficient in its provisions for the composition of the annual conferences; in the relations of the vived. A pure donation of \$24 was Annual and General Presidents: and in the financial arrangements which seem to us to be imperfectly laid down, involving loss to our superannuated brethren, and the widows of deceased ministers, as well as great embarassment to our missionaries and laborers on dependent circuits, and we, therefore, cannot approve the basis of union as proposed by the Com-

We have not space this week for the insertion of a report of a similar meeting of ministers and laymen of the Wellington District, London Con-

PERSONAL.

Mr.W. Nightingale arrived last'week to Builington, N.S., where he is to all-

A notice of the death of Mrs. Todd. the wie of George Todd, Esqr., of Fredericton, appears in the last Reporter. Her record, as one of the oldest members of our church in that city, is one on which surviving rela-

From many parts of the Maritime Provinces tidings of the ravages of diphtheria reach us. In some cases all the children of a household have been swept away. We are pained to learn that the only child of Rev. J. Craig, of Athol, Cumberland Co., has been carried off by this fall disease. To say that we sympathize with the bereaved ones is hardly necessary. A GOOD OLD AGE.

As announced last week, Mr. Thos. Johnson, of Onslow, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his marriage day on the 25th ult. The old gentleman is now in his 79th year, quite hale and hearty, while his good wife is in her 73rd year, and like her husband enjoys a rare measure of health and strength at such an age. Nine of their children, five sons and four daugh ters, were present on this interesting occasion. They are all honorable men and women, and well to do in the world. Their eldest son is the Rev. R. O. Johnson, Methodist minister. at present stationed at Digby, N. S. Samuel W., another son, returned from Boston a few days ago, to be with the "old folks at home" during these seasons of rejoicing. The two absent children have passed to " that bourne whence no traveller returns." - Colchester Sun.

LITERARY, &c.

The "Double Egypt" part of the Christian Herald, sent by MacGregor and Knight, Agents, contains nine numbers, in which are numerous portraits of prominent personages. Price 29 cents.

Those busy publishers, Messrs Funk and Wagnalls, New York, have issued a Compend of Baptism, by William Hamilton, D. D., 12mo, cloth, price 75cts—containing in brief the cream of literature on the Baptism controversy. Its aim is to sustain by brief but exhaustive exegesis, the validity of baptism by affusion, and the right of infants to that baptism. Numerous testimonials from prominent ministers and leading journals prove the writer's success

Mesars Funk and Wagnalls have also issued three new numbers of the "Standard Series." In No. 73, New Testament Helps, for any Version or Edition, the public have at a cost of 20 cents what could only be obtained elsewhere at a heavy expense, of time and money. No. 74, price, 10 cents, entitled Opium, or England's Co-ercive Policy and its Disastrous Results in China and India, with the Spread of Opium smoking in America, is an exceedingly valuable handbook on a sad subject which is being earnestly discussed in Britain and pressed upon the attention of the Government. In No. 76, the Rev. Dr. Deems, under the title of The Lesson in the Closet, treats devotionally the Sunday-School Lessons for the first six months of 1883. By the use of this teachers may unite spiritual life with their biblical learning. Price, 20 cts.

Two other small publications from according to the authorized Version, in Phonetic spelling, and the Child's Guide to Heaven, by Rev. E. P. Hammond. The first of these, price 15cts, illustrates the proposed reform in spelling, and gives a good idea of a style which many advocate. The latter pamphlet, of short stories, in paper 10 cts, in cloth 40 cts, has its mission well indicated in its title.

Wm. Briggs, Toronto, is General Agent for Messrs Funk and Wagnalls' publications in the Dominion. In the Maritime Provinces they are furnished through our Halifax Book-

METHODIST NOTES.

A tea meeting was held by the ladies of the Methodist church of Port Mouton on the 27th ult. The sum of \$127.50 was realized. - Liverpool Times.

From Hillsboro', Rev. L. S. Johnson sends: "We held special services for three or four weeks at Point Wolf with good results. Several professed to have found the pearl of great price, while the church has been greatly realso one of the pleasant incidents of the holiday season.

The Covenant services in our city churches were well attended although Sunday afternoon was so unpleasant. A very excellent influence prevailed. At Kaye St. in the morning Rev. W. G. Lane received eleven persons into full membership. Rev. F. W. H. Pickles was unable to fill his appointments through illness, but the lack of service was supplied by Revs. S. F. October next. Huestis and J. L. Sponagle.

The Rev. Dr. Carroll, in an article in the Christian Gnardian describing a visit to the Methodist publishing head-quarters, Toronto, says: "The Book Steward's memoranda of the hands to ocean currents. employed are as follows: 50 printers, 24 bindery girls, 10 binders, 7 clerks in the general office, 2 in the stock room, 4 in the store, 6 in the pressfrom England and at once went on room, 1 engineer, 4 shippers-108 in

Through a private note we learn that the recently appointed young minister, Mr. Hooper, is meeting with a most cheering reception at Sheet Harbor. Two or three members had removed just before his arrival, but those remaining are prepared to do tives may think with much satisfac- their duty, leaving results to the Master. The pastor is preaching the Gospel earnestly, and financial prospects

assembled in the public Hall, Decr. 28th, and placed in the hands of the chairman of the meeting voluntary offerings amounting to fifty dollars,

Steward was present to note the amount and duly record it on the circuit account. The evening was made agreeable with speeches and superior music by the church choir -- Representatives of the Kempt congregation held a similar meeting in the Kempt

church on New Year's evening, result-

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Rev. T. D. Hart. The Recording

Rev. H. P. Doarfe writes: "On Sunday evening last we received three persons into full membership. Our ove feast, Watch night and Covenant services have been seasons of great spiritual refreshment. We are awaitng the baptism of power from on high and a revival of God's work. And while we wait, there seems to be a disposition to consecration and earnest work for God. - The kindness of the people toward their pastor is still unabated. Just before Christmas a number of the friends came to the house laden with substantial gifts of poultry and other eatables which they left when they went away. A fine new overcoat was also presented to the pas-

tor. I will only add that we shall re-

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Rev. R. A. Daniel reports from Canning: "Our Sabbath School concert on Christmas Eve was a great success. The church was packed to the doors with an audience apprrently much interested. The recitations were all so appropriate and delivered so well and the musical part of the entertainment so excellent that it would be unjust to single out any for special praise. Much praise is due to the Superintendent, Stephen Sheffield, Esq., for his painstaking in the preparation of the children for their parts. Miss Eaton is also to be congratulated on the success of her work in training the little ones in singing. Miss Patterson presided with ability at the organ. There is no part of church work that needs more attention than this of the Sabbath school. To save to Methodism the families of her people the children must be taught her doctrines and usages."

GLEANINGS, Etc.

······ DOMINION.

The thermometer stood twenty-two degrees below zero at Moncton on

Judge King reserved his decision on the Albert Co. election case until

The steamer "Newfoundland" will commence her fortnightly trips to St. John's. Nfid., the last of this

Among the teaching kindly remembered by their pupils at the holiday season was D. H. Burbridge, A. B., Principal of Morris St. School.

The Westmorland election came off on Tuesday. Messrs Black, Humphery, Hanington and Landry are reported elected. Mr. Hackett, M. P., one of the

Prince Edward Island members, has resigned his seat, having accepted a situation in connection with the C. P.

The Military School opened in St. John last week with about thirty cadets representing the Maritime Pro-

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has issued a Proclamation appointing Thursday, the eighth of February next, for the meeting of the Nova Scotia Local House.

Capt. Burton, a son of the late Rev. Mr. Burton, of Hantsport, has been travelling through Hants and Kings Counties preaching and teaching the doctrines of Mormonism. -Windsor Mail.

Three hundred and sixty inmates were registered at the Carleton Lunatic Asylum at the close of the year fined \$50, and obliged to do the work 1882, which is 20 more than were in properly. the institution at the close of the previous vear.

Advices from Ontario and Quebec state that the mechanics and manufacturers of the Upper Provinces will asked by the New Zealand Governrepresent themselves very fully in St. John at the Centennial exhibition in

Capt. Scott, R. N., has reported to the Government the result of his inquiries into the loss of the Cedar Grove. He exonerates the master and crew from all blame, and ascribes the loss

According to the Moncton Times the population of that town has grown from 1,300 in 1871, to 7,500 at the present date. The building operations of the year would cost a quarter of a million dollars.

A number of wealthy American capitalists have secured rights over a quantity of territory in Pictou County in which there are strong indications of the existence of petroleuni, and are now about to test the territory thoroughly.

A large company has been formed in Canada for the manufacture of wood pulp and paper under the Allan patents. Its water power is immense,

who with appropriate speech presented be employed on the northern lakes, mutton, which will at once greatly it to the Superintendent of the circuit, between Owen Sound and the upper improve his condition.

ports of Lake Superior. Two will probably be ready for the approaching season.

GENERAL.

There are nearly 3 500 students at Leipsic University.

On the 31st ult., there were eight inches of snow on the streets of Rich-

William A. Seaver, editor of the Drawer" in Harper's Magazine, died on the 7th inst., of acute pneumonia, aged 69.

In the United States during the past year there has been an average f two murders a day, while the executions have averaged two a week. Of the twelve students who died

during the last session of the University at Leipsic, one was killed in a duel, and six committed suicide. The Inman steamer City of Brussels.

from New York, Dec. 28th., for Liverpool, was run down in the channel by a Glasgow steamer during fog, and ten persons drowned.

A shopkeeper at Nice went to Monto Carlo gaming tables with 15,000f. not belonging to himself, lost it all, and committed suicide, leaving a letter to his wife explaining what had led him to commit the act

It is announced that the first batch of the Khedive's "stars" will be issued to her Majesty's forces at the end of Februaro next, and that about 30,000 in all will be awarded.

The total immigration to the United States for 1882, at all ports, was about 735.000. The total ımmigration at all ports for 1881 was a little over 719,000, showing an increase of about 16,000 in the past year.

The ceremony of Mahmal, or proession of pilgrims returned from Mecca, occurred on the 4th inst., in the presence of the Khedive and Lord Dufferin. British and Egyptian troops escorted the procession.

The Swiss Canton of St. Gall has passed, by a large majority, a law reintroducing capital punishment. The Council of the Canton of Lucerne passed the same law by seventy-three votes against eight.

The Queensland, Australia, Government asks the Legislature for \$1,250,-000 for emigration. In future the assisted emigrants will be bound, under severe penalties, to remain some years in the colony.

The Italian Chamber of Deputies have concluded the debate on the Oaths Bill. The proposal of the Exjected by 254 votes to 26, and the Government bill was passed by 292 votes to 45.

Japan is keeping fully abreast of Western nations in the introduction of new inventions. One of the latest signs of this is the extensive use of the electric light in several of the Government establishments at Yoko-

The Times Nice correspondent telegraphs, "It is fully decided that the funeral of Gambetta will take place here. The Mayor has undertaken the whole arangement. The Municipal Conncil have decided the town shall pay all expenses."

The new Cunard liner, Aurania, of 7500 tons, built of steel, is as large as the Servia, and broader than usual in proportion to her length. The usual proportions of ocean steamers are ten breadths in the length. The Aurania is in proportion eight beams. to her length.

In New York, recently, a plumber who was dishonest and mean enough deliberately to endanger the lives of the occupants of a row of houses by performing a job of plumbing in wil-ful disregard of the specifications approved by the Board of Health was

So great is the destruction caused to crops by the enormous multiplication of rabbits in New Zealand, that the Government of India has been ment to send out for acclimatisation a number of mangooses, which animals are well known to be effectual destroyers of rabbits.

The hop crop of the world will fall far short this season. The supply from the harvest of 1882 and that remaining over from the other seasons, is only 155,350,000 pounds, while the annual consumption is 175,195,000 pounds. The result will probably be the substitution of drugs or other compounds for hops in malt liquors.

A priest in Donegal telegraphs to the Daily News that he accompanied Mr. Trevelyan, Secretary for Ireland. on a tour of inspection in the parish of Glencolumb. They visited twenty families and found that there was not a morsel of food in any house. The Daily News Dublin despatch says a husband and wife have starved to death at Ballinaslue.

The importation of frozen meat from New Zealand to England has become successful beyond the expecta-A number of persons represent-ing the congregation of Burlington Falls, on St. Maurice River, Que-tions of its projectors. It is estimated that when proper arrangements and for storing the frozen have been made for storing the frozen meat until it can be sold, the New Four commodious steel steamships Zealand farmer can safely reckon on . are being built in Great Britain, to receiving 12 cents a pound for his METHODIST UNION.

At the request of the writer. made known a fortnight since, we Committee. This would solve transfer the following letter from the Christian Guardian, omitting for want of space its opening sentences:

While we yield to none in the high estimate of the wisdom and ability of the Committee, we can yet imagine that there may be "more things in heaven and earth than they ever dreamed of in their philosophy." We are quite conscious of

THE EXCEEDING DELICACY

involved in the discussion of such a subject. This delicacy arises in part from the danger of being misunderstood, and being set down as selfish and unchristian, if one even ventures to suggest a little less precipitancy in such a momentous matter. We are not responsible, however, for the judgments which others may form, and will not be deterred from a frank expression of opinion by the fear of being off the crest of the popular wave. We are strongly opposed to Methodist union on the busis suggested by the Committee (if the current reports may be trusted) to the General Secretary, Mr. Henry nor the good of Methodism. But we | tion. go further and aver that the utility of organic Methodist Union on any basis may be fairly questioned. Project and complete whatever Union we may, it will still remain true that on questions of Church polity, methods of work, &c., there will always be great diversity of opinion. The very genius of Methodism is at eternal war with the Procrustean bed-stead idea. While men are constituted as they are, and retain enough vitality to be of any use in the world, they will cherish certain preferences; (call them prejudices if you will) and will insist on independent lines of action. It is altogether better to allow their individual preferences, than to force into a mock union, heterogeneous views and feelings that will be an endless source of irritation and that loov up at present. 29.1 out all "DIVERSITY OF OPINION"

is a divine law of progress in things secular and moral. Union is maniing from the middle ages is from an tial agencies put an end to it.

We are fully persuaded that if the minor Methodist bodies were willing to unite with the Methodist Church of Canada without a solitary concession, or the Methodist Church of Canada were willing to join the minor bodies, waiving the few and unimportagt concessions they have secured : the minor would even then be a matter of very doubtful expediency, having little more to justify it than a proposal to unite all the Protestant bodies which practically preach the same doctrines-at least preach doctrines supposed to be essential to human salvation, which is the most important consideration. We are disposed to think that organic union has been vastly overestimated as an evangelistic agency. Methodist Union on any basis would not meet the wants of the community, so fully, nor reach the masses of the people, nor be instrumental in bringing ss many souls to Christ as the Methodism we have at present. It might minister to our ecclesiastical ambition, but it is open to grave doubt whether such a Union would conserve the higher objects of diffusing truth more widely, and winning more souls from sin to holiness. There may be such a thing as friendly rivalry even along Christian lines of action, and we are disposed to think that much more good than evil has come of "provoking one another to love and good works." We are quite well aware that men who are disposed to make beavy drafts on millennial capital, will find here an excellent opportanity to scorn such low motives, but being somewhat practical, we prefer dealing with the genus homo as we find him at present, and, therefore, conclude that a little healthy stimulus to exertion in matters spir.tual and financial will not be found an unmixed evil.

be found where the rivalry is of a character that ought not to exist, and constitutes a reproach that should be wiped out. What we should do (and what we should have done long since) is to appoint a Judictous committee to act conjointly with men similarly appointed by the the WESLEYAN, we learn what our other Methodist bodies, to lessen the neighbors are doing and the progress friction by removing men from fields they are making financially and where one minister could have met spiritually. all the spiritual wants of a commuonly that was struggling to support two or three. We do not say, that should be well up to the front in the such an economising of men and means would have been easily attained, but we do say that if there is not enough good will between the different bodies to effect such economy by anticable adjustment, then there s an exceedingly dark outlook for amicable union. In this matter the very small. We have been burdened mised blessing attending them. May badgered him unmercifully, and fin-Methodist Church of Canada, as the with a heavy debt on our church for other circuits, similarly constituted, ally said, with a mixture of solemnity largest body should be especially some years and have made many be stimulated to do likewise, and the and fierceness, "Can you look me is generous, giving all reasonable ad efforts to liquidate it, but have not Lord will bless and crown their la the eye and repeat that?" The wit-

There are doubtless instances to

the recommendations of a Union detail one of the most serious problems that confronts us in the matter of organic union, and would pave the way tor its easy accomplishment in the future if it should be deemed desirable without incurring what in the proposed plan seems inevitable, either an enormous missionary society debt, or already poorly paid men on domestic missions, or perhaps both of these

LEO. GAETZ.

THE CHARLOTTETOWN Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION.

At the annual general meeting on the 21st, utt. a very fair attendance | Decr. 30th, 1882.

of members was present. The Examiner states that the report of the President, and also the reports of the committees for the past year gave a very satisfactory exhibit of the present condition of the institution. Much credit was given believing that such a union will | Smith, for the zeal and energy shown petther conduce to the glory of God by him in the work of the Associa-

follows :-

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The Committee reports: In spiritual work there has been "an advance them to assort themselves according to along the whole line." We have had regular gospel meetings every Sabbath afternoon; Young Men's Bible Class, Saturday evening : Tract schism in the body, leading in all distribution among seamen Sabbath probability to a division after all the mornings; visitation of the jail and sacrifices have been made to Union. poorhouse, and some cottage prayer If any are disposed to think such a meetings in Southport, beside special thing cannot be, all I have to say is sefforts. We desire earnestly to call it has been, and under circumstances | the attention of the members, and far less likely to succeed than those other young men to the "Young Men's Prayer Meeting" on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, and that of the general Christian public to the Saturday evening Bible Class (same hour) open to all, where the Internafestly of God; but uniformity, judg- tional Lessons are studied. This class is acknowledged by all who at. entirely different source, and person- tend it, to be a most valuable aid in less awed by the solemn voice of ally we are devoutly thankful that the preparation of Sabbath School God. the Reformation and other providen- lessons and in the study of God's

> more than doubled. Our Reading Room continues to be liberally supplied with all the leading Domestic and Foreign newspapers and Magazines. In this connection the committee feel that this branch does not receive the support which it should from the general public, and they have no hesitation in stating that in no city of these upon us. However, we thank God provinces can the same advantages and take courage as we set our faces be secured, at the low price of two towards the uncertainties of another dollars a year for gentlemen, and one year.

for ladies. Our financial statement shows a small excess of receipts over expenditures for the past year, but we have still a very considerable amount of debts unpaid, the accumulation of former years, and our usefulness is cramped in many directions by want of means. The Committee have therefore decided to form a sustaining membership, similar to that in other Associations, and to appeal to the general public of Charlottetown to aid them in so doing. In Halifax, and St. John and other cities, the Associations receive annually large donations from business firms and individuals who recognize the benefit the community receives, from baving a first-class literary institution placed within reach of young men, at a very low rate, enabling them to spend their evenings in a pleasant and profitable manner, and thus keeping them out of the way of associations of an injurious character.

Our large hall has been painted and generally improved during the last year, our reading room papered and several additions made to the comfort and general appearance of the basement.

The Committee urge upon the membership an organized effort to increase the sale of tickets during the coming season and to use every exertion to increase the usefulness of our Association.

RIVER JOHN.

In looking over the columns from week to week of our welcome visitor.

River John you seldom hear from. It is an old circuit and at this time the Methodist people generally, for ranks of Methodism, but, as in other places, the old people pass away and surprise that it could have been done leave their places to be filled by others, and our young people, not one cent the poorer for it. It is the satisfied with their native country, result of the people dedicating themgo to seek their fortune in other selves and their substance to God lands, thus leaving our membership and his cause, and the Lord's provantage to the misor bodies. Beside yet been able, although we are very bors with success. it would be an easy matter to take much encouraged by the fact that and of a few men set loose in this the ladies have taken hold of the Dec. 26th, 1852.

way, compared with providing for a matter with a spirit of earnest enhundred surplus men cut adrift by thusiasm. One of them about four weeks ago at her own expense got up a social and gave us a very pleasant evening's enjoyment besides collecting the sum of \$24.50. One or two others caught the inspiration and said "let us have a Christmas tree." The suggestion was at once acted although the time was so short, on the evening of the day appointed there stood in the Town Hall a beaugreatly reduced stipends to the tiful tree laden with a variety of Methodist Church. The unwearied useful and ornamental articles, and cakes, etc., and at the other end of community. Again and again the ment passed off very quietly, the pro- will be missed !" At a recent class hope by extra efforts this Winter to mother, though ordinarily reticent, remove the debt.

SHELBURNE.

Permit a word in your columns from this remote mission. Another year has glided by, laden with onnumbered blessings. Early in the autumm, with the assistance of Bro. Dawson of Lockeport, we held a fortnight's special services at Ohio. which were attended by most gracious results. Our Centennial meetings both in this and neighboring circuits were deeply interesting and profit able occasions. Bro. Richard Smith's stirring addresses and fervent prayers moved the people mightily.

A week before Christmis, our

"elect women" held a most successful sale of useful and fancy articles, refreshments, etc., realizing over \$140, to be appropriated towards the internal improvement of the parsonage. On Christmas night our Shelburne Sabbath school had a review and concert, in which the members of our large and flourishing school acquitted themselves well, and were abundantly rewarded by presents from the nichly laden Christmas tree. A similar entertainment took place at prayer meetings on Friday evening; Jordan on the following evening, in connection with our growing school there. Both services were patronized to the utmost limit of the churches

in which they were held. Our "watch night" service in town was attended by an unusual number. The commodious basement was filled; and the solemnity of the service was deepened by the very perceptible shock of an earthquake which occured a few moments previous to the opening of the meeting. Many persons were alarmed by the supernatural sound, and the ominous vibration, whilst every mind was more or

The death-rate of this town and Word, and we trust that, large as the vicinity has been unusually high attendance now is, it will soon be during the past year. It closed with the peaceful departure of an azed sister at Jordan and the suicide of an insane pauper in the jail on the day before Christmas.

Rev. Mr. Creelman, the Presbyterian minister, died recently, Dr. White and his curate are both dangerously ill. In consequence of this an unusual amount on labor devolves R. BARRY MACK.

Shelburne, New Year's day.

MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT. On Christmas evening friends from all parts of the community and circuit came with baskets, etc., to favor us with what was termed a " House warming." The new parsonage was filled to its utmost capacity. Bro's. Shepherdson, Day, J. Gaetz and Rev. Dr. Sedgewick, (Pres,) were present, and gave us timely addresses. The 'Glee Club' and Prof. H. Taylor and Mr. Leedham were present and favored us with excellent music. The gathering partook largely of a social nature, yet valuable assistance was rendered to the cause financially. The parsonage is now finished. is beautifully situated, and is a credit to the cause and the community. It is comfortable, convenient and commodious, in size 28x32 ft. The contractor, John Higgins, Esq., deserves much credit for faithfully and neatly executing the work. About \$175 have been expended in obtaining additional furniture. A wood-house has been ed property is valued at \$1300. It will be free from debt by the close of another year. A suitable barn was built when my zealous predecessor, Bro. Lane, had charge of this circuit, so that we are in possession of a very excellent parsonage property-one of the best in the Conference. Too much praise cannot be given to Mrs. Dr. Harrison, an aged sister beloved, who not only generously headed, but nobly sustained the enterprise. May she be long spared to the Church! A number of other sisters deserve honorable mention, but we forbear. Great credit is also due to the committee, as well as to

unanimously and unitedly aiding

the undertaking. The people express

so easily, and add that no one feels

MEMORIAL NOTICES.

JULIA E. SMITH.

Died at Windsor, on the afternoon of Sunday, December 24th, 1882, Julla E., the only daughter of the late John Smith, Esq., sister to the Editor of the WESLEYAN, and to Smith Bros., of Halitax. In the early deupon and through their united efforts, parture of an esteemed member of our Church, and a devoted teacher of the Sunday-school, we have sustained a great loss in the Windsor and unostentations work of our bebeside it a refreshment table covered loved sister had come to be very genwith a variety of fruit, confectionery, erally known and recognized in the the hall a hot supper was served up expression was, when the fact of in good style. The whole arrange | death was made known, "How Julia ceeds amounting to \$156, not: we service, met for many years by her ber testimony was unusually full and emphatic. We little thought that a tortnight later, in the same room and at the same hour, we should be met for the purpose of funeral service. All the Methodist ministers resident at Windsor took part on that occasion. The pall was borne by Sunday.school teachers. Her last audible words had reference to her Sudday-school charge. " Bressed are the dead which die in the Lord."

BREVITIES.

The interest of an old debt is often paid in bad language.

Woman is not made to be the admiration of everybody, but the bappiness of one. - Burke.

He is not only idle who does nothing, but he is idle who might be better employed. A joke and a boil are much alike

in one respect. We all think they are very funny things when they are on somebody else. The reason that æsthetes so admire the stork is that he can stand for

he didn't know anything, and didn't want to. Castelar, the grandest man that Spain has produced for centuries, puts a volume in a word when he

hours on one leg, and look as though

says that "experience has taught him to prefer evolution to revolution. A contemporary assigns, among the most prominent reasons for revering the memory of Daniel Webster, the fact that he wrote but one short

piece of poetry throughout his entire

From Evangelical Messenger: "Our pastor is not as good a preacher as I want." Indeed! Perhaps you are not as good a hearer as he would like to have, but he must make the best of you. If he can stand it, you can.'

No way has been found for mak ing heroism easy, even for the scholar. Labor, iron labor, is for mim. The world was created as an audience for him; the atoms of which it is preparation of the learning and experience made are his opportunities.- Emerson.

If there is a man in the world who thinks a woman has an easy time of it, why, just let him put on a pound ot false hair, and get inside a new pair of corsets, and put on a pullback overskirt, and be a woman himself and see how he likes it.

Of what benefit to this or any other country are all the planets discovered during the past quarter of a century? A method of raising boneless shad would be a greater boon to mankind than a cart-load of planets.—Norristown Herald.

Temperance lesson: Last week a Whitehall gentleman, viewing the St. Patrick procession in New York, overheard a footman say: "Bedad! the whisky sellers roides the horses, the STOMACH, BOWELS or but the whisky drinkers go afut."-Whitehall Times.

Professor Phelps, of Andover, does not like weeping clergymen. "In a public speaker," he says, "tears are an infirmity to be got rid of, never SCIATICA a gift to be vain of. My advice to weeping clergymen is to use tonics; study mathematics; take fresh air; take to the saddle.'

A novel funeral procession was recently witnessed at Montgomery, Ala. The child of a poor negro family died, and the father, too poor to hire a hearse or wagon, carried on his head to the cemetery the coffin conenlarged and repaired. The increas- taining his dead picaninny, the mother walking in single file behind.

> Thomas Schofield, aged ninety-one years, walked nine miles to renew his subscription to a New London paper. It is the general impression among publishers that there are a number of subscribers who are waiting until they are ninety-one years old to come and pay for their paper. - Danbury

> A little boy walked with his mother A little boy walked with his mother down the village street. Their faces PRICE, 25 CENTS PER BOTTLE. were towards the west, and the sky was lovely with every tender shade of rose, and purple, and gold. " Mother." he said, clasping her hand tight, "I long to be grown up and to have a box of colors." "Why, my child?" "That I may help God to paint the sky."

A story is told of a cool Bostonian when undergoing a savage cross examination. General Butler had ness looked at him a moment, and J. H. Davis. - usked quietly. Which eye?" Mem. phis Avalanche.

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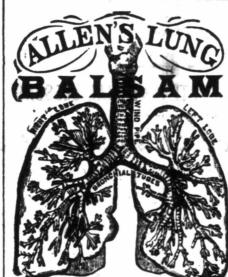
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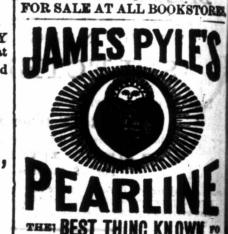
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