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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Church Missionary Society has dismissed the Rev. Mr. Dening, a missionary to Japan, because he demied the inherent immortality of the soul and the doctrine of future retri-

Your pastor is rallying his spiritual energies for a special effort to save the souls of dying sinners. You may help him by making a little special effort just now to relieve him from anxiety about his temporal wants. - Nashville

It should be said of us as the celebrated Dr. Priestley once said of Tho mas Mitchell, one of Mr. Wesley's early preachers, under whose ministry the Dr. had unintentionally sat as a hearer. "This man," said he, "must do good, for he aims at nothing else.' -Christian Witness.

Henry C. Robinson, in a speech at Hartford, said that many of the mill owners of New England were educating their employes in virtue, domestic comfort, intelligence, and all good things; but he also knew a man who was laying up \$72,000 a year while paying little children fifteen cents for ten hours' work.

The man upon the sidewalk brushing away the newly fallen snow does not need a surveyor to tell him when he sweeps to the line dividing his and his neighbor's property! Neither does the Christian need a treatise on theology to tell him where the line is dividing the good and bad in conduct. good old Baptist father gave him some -Western Adv.

When the practical question comes up, "Who is on the Lord's side ?" in any community—and this question is always up and will not down-what sponse to an underwriter's inquiry, value do we put on affirmative answers that come from the card table, the Prof. Wiggins: "The prophecy to play house, the wine party and the which you allude emanates from some eason of the year hallroom, in every except the season of Lent, -Southern the Canadian Government. It is ut-

The Interior holds that a man is as much the master of his brain as of his premises. He is just as guilty—nay much more guilty-if he permits an evil thought to fester and corrupt in his soul, as he is if he permits open sewers and dead animals and rotten vegetables to lie in his cellar and poison his family to death. It is his duty to clean them out.

The Rev. R. Heber Newton surprises many readers by writing that the "Thirty-nine Articles" are not taught by the Episcopal Church as articles of faith, and he does not know any clergyman who believes the whole of them. On the contrary, his thought," whatever that may mean.-N. Y. Observer.

Church, says: "No ingenuity can entails severer penalties than theft or make dancing consistent with the murder. A Russian subject who covenant of baptism." Bishop Meade abandons the orthodox faith for any (Episcopal) says: "We ought con- other whatsoever is deprived of his scientiously to enquire whether its children; his estate is handed over to great liability to abuses should not Guardians appointed by the State, make us frown upon it in all its forms. and he himself is liable to prosecu-To my mind it is itself wrong, im- tion by the Holy Synod until he abproper, and of a bad effect."

A correspondent of the New York Evening Post expresses the opinion that compulsory education is the surest means of exterminating juvenile He says that the Grand Duchy of Baden, by a rigorous enforcement of such a law for seven years, according to carefully prepared statistics, reduced crime in that Duchy | the old Methodist Magazines. 51 per cent. and pauperism 26 per repeated escapes, deliverances, of Mr.

Jimmy McAulay, of the City Mission, New York, says: "Three times I was drunk, and do you know what did it ? Tobacco. That's why I am so down on tobacco now. Chew and smoke, and there'll be a steady craving for something, and it mostly ends in whiskey. A man that hon-estly wants the Spirit of God in him has got to be clean, I tell you, inside and out. He's got to shut down on all his old dirty tricks, or he's gone.'

" Many a gentleman of the period," says Mr. Spurgeon in a recent magazine article, "may be described as bound in cloth-limp." Bigotry was bad, but it had some "grit" in it. He thinks that "the storm which wrecked the pirate 'Bigotry' beat furiously upon the good ship Principle." What the Church needs, above all things just now, in Mr. Spurgeon's opinion, is a regiment

quality of literature they read, fails Russia without a single journal that thing so determines the character of a upon public affairs. The law of exthe Church her members must be reviews, newspapers are defaced with rell-informed as to what the Church stamps, and books confiscated on the doing, and what needs to be done. s'ightest pretexts.

The information is derived from her periodical literature. We lay these facts upon the consciences of pastors, and leave them to work out results. -Central Methodist

There is one way, and but one, to keep young people in a Church that is fit for young people to be in, and that is to get them converted. People who love Christ do not weary of the Church. Converted people will stay in the Church and unconverted people ought to stay out of it. Don't trouble yourself ab out the Church. Give all diligence to lead the young to Christ, and he will lead them into the Church. -S. W. Advocate.

Dr. Gracey says: "The Salvation Army makes an advance on William Taylor. They have gone to India specially to labor among the heathen, and they propose to make the heathen bear their expenses. They get large audiences morning and evening, in doors and in tent, and they pass the collection gourd and take pice from the poorest native heathen. They sing Hindustane hymns to native tunes, and in all parts of Bombay multitudes are heard repeating fragments of them.

President Arthur would not permi his son Allan to be one of the ushers at the wedding of Attorney-General Brewster's niece the other day-not that he loved the bride less, but because he loved the boy more. Allan is but nineteen years old, and the President wants him to attend to his college duties and keep out of society until he graduates. The President's good notions, and this is one of them. -American Paper.

This is the way in which the Meteorological Office at London, in reman in the Finance Department i ter nonsense. No man living can predict the weather two days beforehand, much less six months. The idea that the Admiralty have ordered ships to be in port is also absurd and ntterly false."—N. Y. Tribune.

There is a sentence in a recent speech on the temperance question by one of the Madagascar ambassa dors now in Europe which is worth the attention of legislators in lands that were Christian when Madagascar was in heathen darkness. "We would rather have a small exchequer than a degraded people," said the ambassador. To which it might be added that the surest way of making the exchequer small is first to degrade the was an "ordination to free people—by rum or in any other way.

According to the existing Russian Bishop Hopkins, of the Episcopal law, apostasy from the State religion jures. The Golos, an influential organ just silenced by the Government, ad vises that this legislation should be abolished in favor of full religious tolerance and liberty of conscience, after the example of the States of

"The Providence of God displayed" is a heading familiar to readers of Ferster when Chief Secretary of Ireland were such as one rarely hears of except in some extremely sensational romance. Time after time he was marked and dogged as for death. Yet he escaped without harm. His fidelity to a high sense of duty in the matter of the so-called Kilmainham treaty saved his life eventually. He left Ireland and returned no more. Events have proved that he was fully justified in taking the stand which he did in the parley with men of blood .-Meth. Recorder.

The Central Baptist, on the division among Christians, makes a long defense of its Church, and concludes with this sentence: "Baptists may be chargeable with a great many bad things; but that they are guilty of dividing the Church of Christ is an unjust accusation. Who then are to blame Ah! who? That is the question.

dear Contral. - Richmond Adv. The strangling of the St. Petersburg He who takes people into the Golos, preceded by the suppression of Church, and does not look after the other journals without number, leaves of his duty at an essential point. No can express an independent opinion people as the quality of their litera- purgation against all foreign journals ture. This is also eminently true in is enforced to the last extremity. religious sense. To be of service to Pages are torn out of magazines and

WOMAN'S WORK IN INDIA.

Dr. J. M. Raid writes to the N. Y. Christian Advocar'e:

The first day of January, 1883, will long be remembered by many of us as the great day of the Decennial Missionary Convention at Calcutta. The topic was "Woman's Work in the India Mission Fields." 1'he essayists were Miss Hewlett, of the Church Missionary Society, and Min's Thoburn, of our own Woman's Ploreign Missionary Society, and the opening speeches were by Mrs. Etheringtain, of the Baptist Missionary Society, and Mrs. Leslie, of the Independent Mission College. The subsequent discussion was carried on by Miss Greenfield, of the American Presbyterian Mission; Mrs. Furguson, of the Church of Scotland; Honorable Miss Sugden, of the Church Missionary Society; Miss Joseph and Mrs. G. Kerry, of the Baptist Mission: Mrs. Dr. M'Grew, of the Methodist Episcopal Church : Mrs. Meyer Tucker, of the Salvation Army, and Mrs. Du-

Nothing during the entire Convention was better sustained. Throughout it was well nigh perfect, and left an impression that will not readily be effaced. It was, in fact, the great day of the feast. As a Methodist, I felt proud of our own representatives, and scarcely less so of the other noble women who contributed to the interest of this hour, among whom I would especially distinguish Mrs. Etherington and Miss Greenfield

An impression of the deepest kind was made by the presentation of that incomparably worst of all the evils that women, namely, child-marriage. None other of the customs of India ness, and general well-being of the ing workers. There were three inpeople. Mrs. Etherington observed : quiry rooms, and these were some-I say deliberately that I am aware times filled. Altogether 266 adults of nothing in the condition of women have sought, and we trust, found the in any age or nation that is worse than Lord. Amongst the seekers have it." It appeared that there are 21,- been large numbers of children be-000,000 of widows in India, and half tween the ages of 10 and 14. And of them were never wives. The story counting these, considerably more has often been told to weeping assem- than 400 persons have given in their blies in America of the cruel, tyran- names as having been brought to the nical, most abject slavery to which Saviour.—Recorder. these child-widows are subjected by those whom the custom of India dooms them to serve. One lady speaker begged this great Convention to resolve to do something for the removal of this greatest wrong that woman has ever suffered at the hands of in the work of the Church looked at man. She claimed that the same au- broadly. They are taken up, as upthority that had prohibited the burnren to crocodiles could and should for- their relation to the Home and Forbid this greater evil.

ject. One was that the Government it would soon change the missionary should be asked to fix a suitable age aspect of the Church, and give a fresh under which marriage would be un- impulse to the World's evangelizalawful. To this some were opposed, tion. on the ground that it would incite the hostility of the natives to the measures as being the invention of the missionaries to legislate against their religious customs. Those thus opposed to invoking general legislation on the subject desired to petition the tion of women in India.

done for women in India, for the mis- Missions:

efficient leaders in the work of these excuse. If it be conceded that the women's societies. In our own Wo- funds are abundant for current exthey almost every-where have charge believe, there still remains an opporof the work.

AN EXTENSIVE REVIVAL. The Rev. Thomas Cook, the Conference evangelist, concluded his mission at Southwark, England, on Friday the 2nd inst. A tea was provided Christ for his inherit ance and the utfor the new converts and members of termost part of the earth for a possessociety, and the invitation was responded to by over 500. Many who came to the meeting which followed. ber of Superintendents of Sundayand which was held in the chapel, and which was large and enthusiastic. profitable and stimulating missionary Papers had been issued to the new service are quite within their reach, converts giving the lists of classes and but as certainly overlooked, and that leaders, with the instruction to place it is by no means optional with them a mark opposite the name of the who hold such trusts in their hands leader with whom the new convert whether they do their work faithfully would meet in class; a space was also and fully or not. left to be filled in if the convert preferred to join another Church. These papers were returned in large numbers, pose of Christ get their grip upon the and of course show that the vast ma- multitude of youth who constitute the jority will be gathered into our own society. To complete the work of gathering in, all the names of those into glorious fruition, if, all along the who had been inquirers were called over, and in most cases there was a teachers and parents, were fully awake response; these who were absent will to the privilege and the obligation so The flower pays its tribute in fragrant be visited in due course. Counsels to to do! Let us awake to righteous- lincense as its censer swings in the the newly saved were subsequently ness and to love and to good works. breeze. The tree shakes down fruits delivered by Mr. Cook and the circuit ministers. The mission in every respect has been a success; the Church | CONDITIONS OF BELIEVING. save souls. During the last week now hinders the elevation of India's from 800 to 1,000 people found their way to the chapel each night, and the number of penitents was sometimes so so interferes with the health, happi- great as to occasion difficulty in find-

> CHILDREN AND MISSIONS. One of the most cheering signs in many churches in the comprehensive

training of the children of the Church on a mount of observation, and sweep ing of widows and the casting of child- the world in vision, and are taught eign fields, and led to enter into it. Two opinions existed upon the sub. If this sort of training were universal, Were the story of giving, in the mission schools and churches of this city, told abroad, it would do one of two things-it would stimulate to an approach, on the part of the stronger

and well-to-do, to their magnificent self-denial: or it would, like all grand Government for the relief and protec- examples, leave them in more hopetion of Christian widows, not alto- less indifference. The straining of gether without hope, indeed, that some of these mission schools in the this might lead to a general law in re- hardest parts of New York is simply spect to marriageable age. All Chris- superb. Some of them know more about tendom should help in this benevo- the work of Christ in foreign lands lent attempt to meliorate the condition does the average church in city or country. And this leads us to The statistics of India show that say that while many of our churches the foreign and Eurasian female mis- are doing admirably, it cannot be sion agents have increased 118 dur- said of the major part. There is no ing the decade. Native Christian fe- such comprehensive training of the male agents have increased during the whole body of children and youth to Christian friend proposed to sing for same period from 947 to 1,944, or look all around the world, and to take him; and the hymn he named was, more than doubled; the female pu- up mission work as their work. Not "Come, ye sinners, poor and needy." pils have increased from 1,997 to 9, even is there so much as a select band ionaire, "sing that for me, I feel poor 228, and the total number of female of youth, in half the churches, who and needly." Yet at that moment the pupils from 31,580 to 65,761. Fe- take up the mission work of the Church stock markets of the globe were ness cares, social relations, joys and male societies now actually carry on as represented by either the Domestic watching and waiting for the demise sorrows, conflicts and triumphs, perabout one fifth of all the mission work or Foreign Boards: The result is a of the man who could shake them plexities and trials; to be able to about one fifth of all the mission work or Foreign Boards. The result is a with a nod of his head. "Poor and done in India. The above showing great loss of moral power, a great loss of moral power when the moral pow is far below the actual amount of work of possible gains to the Treasury of from under a man's soul in such an comfort. Such is the privil ge of the

sionaries wives are every-where most Now for this lack there can be no man's Foreign Missionary Society penses, which we do not for a moment tunity for doing the Church and its nursery (?) an invaluable benefit in the way of information as to how the work of the Lord goes on in the world; how prophecy is being fulfilled : how much yet remains to be done before the heathen will be given to

It is yet to be impressed upon many were not able to be present for tea a pastor, and upon a yet greater numschools, that the possibilities for a

Little by little, but far too slowly do the cause of Christ and the pur-Church of the future. How we might hasten this great desideratum line, pastors and superintendents. -Gospel in All Lands.

besides knowledge. We cannot trust one serves by incessant toil in the Him while we are acting contrary to home, caring for a large family; an-His will. Many, because they believe other by silent example as a sufferer, intellectual belief in the perfection of another by the living voice, whose the divine character, for a personal, eloquence moves men, and starts imeffectual trust which keeps His com- pulses to better, grander living; anacceptance and care. A genuine trust Jesus' feet, drinking in His spirit, in God is more than a blind, vague and then shining as a gentle and silent hope in His mercy. It requires earn- light, or pouring out the fragrance of est, cheerful, constant obedience. If love like a lowly, unconscious flower. we would trust God really and avail- Yet each and all of these may be servingly, we must submit our wills to ing Christ acceptably, hearing at the His will and consecrate our lives to close of each day the whispered word His service.

Wherefore, along with our confi-

dence in God's trustworthiness, we need to have confidence in the rectitude of our purpose and efforts-a consciousness that we are in harmony with the divine will. It is the want of this more than the lack of intel-His countenance and the comfort of said she, "that was for the Church. His love. The frown of our own consciences makes us feel shut out of his care. We feel that we have forfeited His love and we lose confidence; not, indeed, in His goodness, but in His exercising that goodness towards us. It is only when "our hearts contowards God." That which is absolutein God is the consciousness of our own integrity. The trust that has this basis is availing. It will bring peace and strength to the soul in the severest vicissitudes of life, so that whatever may be the nature of our trial we shall still be able to flee to the everlasting arms of Him who careth for us .- Pittsburg Christian Adv.

When the richest American of his day was in his last fatal sickness a hour as that !-Dr. T. L. Conyler.

DIVERSITY OF SERVICE.

No one follower of Christ should condemn another because the other's spiritual life is not of the same stamp as his own. Let not Martha, busied with her much serving running every. where to missionary meetings, or to risit the sick and the poor, find fault with Mary in her quiet devotion. peaceful, thoughtful, gentle, loving, because she does not abound in the me activities. Nor let Mary in her turn juon Martha, and call her piety riperficial, Les each of these follow the Master closely, see as much as possible of the infinite leveliness of His character, and copy all she can see into her own life; but let her not imagine that she has seen or copied all of Christ, and let her look at every believer's life with reverence, as bearing another little fragment of the same divine likeness. Let every man do earnestly and well the particular work which he is fitted and called to do, but let him not imagine that he is doing the only kind of work which Christ wants to have done in this world : rather let him look upon every other faithful servant who does a different work as doing a part equally important and equally acceptable to the Master.

The bird praises God by singing. from its bending boughs. The star pours out its silver beams to gladden the earth. The clouds give their There are other conditions precedequal faithfulness fulfil their mission.

So among Christ's redeemed servants, in the goodness of God, talk of trust patient and uncomplaining; another ing Him, though they are not trying with the pen, sending forth words to obey Him. They substitute mere that inspire, help, cheer, and bless; mandments, appropriates Hispromises other by the ministry of sweet song; and gives the assurance of his pardon, another by sitting in quiet peace at " Well done. '- Primitive Christian.

A boy astonished his Christian mother by asking for a dollar to buy a share in a raffle for a silver watch that was to be raffled off in a beer-saloon. His mother was horrified, and lectual conviction of God's goodness rebuked him. "But," said he, "mothat keeps us from trusting Him. It ther, did you not bake a cake with a is our own sins that come between us ring in it, to be raffled off in the Sunand God and hide from us the light of day-school fair?" "O, my son," "But if was wrong," said the boy. "would doing it for the Church make it right? Would it be right for me to steal money to put in the collection ! And if it is right for the Church, is it not right for me to get this watch if I can?" The good wodemn us not that we have confidence man was speechless, and no person can answer the boy's argument. The ly indispensable to a comforting trust practices are both wrong or they are

> Somebody who understands it says 'The one great trial and discipline of a missionary's life is its tremendous oppressiveness. A new world of circumstances and a demand for its conquest, and that by the spiritual life. implies a war-heat which those who have not borne can hardly know."

It is glorious to be "filled with the Spirit," "walk in the Spirit," and enjoy his constant companionship, in all religious services, busiconsult him, enjoy his aid, receive his

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I KNOW.

BY EDWIN H. NEVIN, D. D.

I know! yes, I know! that I once was so That everywhere round me was nothing But now there is shining all over my mind

I know! yes, I know! that the Lord can forgive,

And drive from the spirit the cloud of des-And make it a pleasure to think and to live.

A life where the heart is unburdened with I know! yes, I know! that I fondled with and listless, attracted her notice. And oftentimes felt the strong grasp And now it seems weakened and dying with-

I know! yes, I know! that my heart was To God and to duty; to truth and to love:

But now all its coldness has vanished and And all its affections are centered above. I know! yes, I know! that true gladness and peace, In all their abundance, can dwell in the

And faith can make sorrows and troubles to cease, While bidding the shadows within to de-

I know! yes, I know! that the Lord can be | man was rocking a baby clutch-By hearts that are earnest, and pure, and sincere;
The signs of his presence are seen all around,
And sweetly assure us our Helper is near.

I know! yes, I know! that the farther we The brighter the light that illumines our way; The King in his glory will over us throw

The lustre and beauty of unending day. I know! yes, 1 know! that we'll meet at the last

With loved oves before us that wait on the shore; And then, with our doubts and our troubles all past, How sweet is the thought that we'll never

part more. -The Presbyterian.

NER VES.

I was calling with a friend upon her friends one evening. A finelooking old lady, in the loveliest cap, whose delicate white frill lay daintily on her snowy hair, gave to weep over, sympathize with, us a cordial welcome. The folds | and relieve, while she had all the of her soft silk covered a frame while been dwelling upon herself still erect and elastic, and her and the small crosses of their hapsmile, her eye, and the tones of py lot? her voice showed a lively interest in all the spicy chit-chat of the day. The room abounded in comfort and elegancies. She had children who loved, and friends who revered her, and peacefully the evening shadows were stealing over her lengthened day.

Yes," she said, "I have every thing to be thankful for; but," she added, slowly, "I am dread-fully worried. I am going away to-morrow to try the effect of a change."

"Nerves," whispered her daughter; "mother suffers terribly from nerves. She cannot help it."

O, nerves! upreasonable, pitiless, exacting nerves! were here, then, spoiling the comfort of this placid home. Nervousness is one of the most serious, subtle, dangerous, defying of all complaints; a real disease, requiring the most skillful ministering, both of doctor, nurse, and friends. And because it is so, because nerves are so sensitive and capricious, they have to bear a great deal which does not properly belong to them. Ill-humor, self-will, and selfishness, when they give way to fits and freaks, and render themselves particularly troublesome and disagreeable, like to be called "nerves." Excusing themselves as "nervous," they plead to be pitied, indulged, and nursed; and because it is often hard to distinguish between the true and the false, they enjoy a generous forbearance which does not properly belong to them.

Mary Jones was " so nervous." She was a young wife, with a hustand to love and a house to manage. And nothing could have been lovelier than their married life, had it not been for nerves, which was the apple of discord in their happy Eden. If any thing went amiss-and those who know the perversity of matter, know how amiss things will sometimes go, in spite of the best calculations-if any thing went amiss, I say, Mary went off into a "good cry"-not a cry which clears the moral atmosphere of its long-gathering mists, and brings sunshine out, but a selfpitying cry, which blinks and drizzles, as if the sky were fall-

"Mary has such terrible nerves-every thing upsets her," said her long-suffering husband. They were certainly trying to late hours, and gaslight. We

put on her hat and went out.

"It will not do," she said to herself; "I must master myself. l am not the most ill-used woman in the world.'

She walked rapidly out toward The full glowing sunshine of heavenly the outskirts of the town. The air was bracing, the sun cheerful, and every thing seemed nodding and dancing in the sprightly breeze from the northwest. Mary opened herself to the inspiration of the weather. As she went along a child, sitting on the grass, alone

" A penny for your thoughts, my little one," she said. The "I am afraid you are not well, And victory grows surer with each passing said Mary. "I am not sick," hour. said the child, "but mother is." "Show me your mother. Where does she live ?" asked Mary.

The child started in the direction of a small house not far off. Mary followed. On the threshold the child said, "Mother, mother, I have brought you some-

"Both went in. The room was filled with unpacked furniture. A bed was made up on the floor in one corner; near it a woed tightly in her arms.

"I am afraid I intrude." said

Mary, gently.
"Come in," said the woman, Dido, hand the lady a chair. We have just come here. He died the day we came. It 'most killed me.' " Your husband is dead, then,

said Mary.

"Dead and gone-dead and repeated the woman, gone," every thing is gone but me and Dido, and the baby. "And God has sent me to com-

fort you," said Mary, with a real choking in her throat. " Has he?" asked the poor wi-

This was Mary's first introduction to real trouble-grief, loss, want. And was life tull of this

The incidents of that walk, the work it led the way to, gave a new bent to Mary's life.

led me out of myself, and I grew strong."

Self, like nerves, is spoiled by too much care, and in their hard exactions we cannot always quite tell which is which—which is real and which imaginary.-Parish Visitor.

WORK FOR GIRLS.

In a recent lecture given at New York, Miss Emily Faithfull, referring to an imperfect social system, said that "while no father can look without anxiety on the future of a boy who is brought up with no fixed position or employment, yet hundreds of girls are brought up in that condition, with its consequent temptations. and the girls of the period have become a byword and a reproach. The excitement of a flirtation is lives which they are made to pur-

that diverges from the standard | campaigns. of true womanhood has its corresponding line in the divergence from true manhood. I do not here care to discuss the theory so often impressed upon us that man is the noun substantive and the woman the abjective to agree with him. We have so long heard that man is for the world and woman for the home; that man's function is to govern and woman's to obey; that man's strength is in the head and woman's in the heart, that we at last believe in it. To return to the condition of our girls. A youth's studies are accepted as a valid excuse for a refusal to answer the demands of society, but with women, these must be answered before all serious pursuits. Then the world turns round and wonders that women have produced so little that is great in art, literature, or science.

The only wonder to me is that under these conditions the world has produced such women as Mary Somerville, as Elizabeth Browning, as Harriet Martineau, Harriet Hosmer, or Rosa Bonbeur. We are beginning to see that mental studies are far less likely to injure women than pinched waists,

One day, I never knew exactly schools for science than in schools how it happened, but one day, instead of crying, she vigorously upon marriage as her only chance promptly. And yet a large class of obtaining a comfortable settle-ment in life, acts most injuriouster. Proper preparation for doof no such low standard as that of our present society.

A PAINTER'S STORY.

Some landscape but half finished-what's the meaning, You ask me, of dim wood and waterfall, And why that canvas has been so long lean

In desolation against my studio wall?

Is there an older story than vows broken. child arose, but made no answer. Than one heart sore when two friends had to part— Than words of tenderness so slightly spoken, Yet burnt forever on one tortured heart ?

> Painting that wood, a fair face bent above And came between me and the summer sky Before that landscape sweet lips vowed to love The vows were broken ere the paint was dry.

Such, good my patron, is a painter's story, And here's her portrait taken from the life. With eyes diviner than a saint's in glory— Your wife ! Dear me ! Is Isabel your wife ? And you would buy this? In that she was

From my side to win you and your gold, 'Tis yours by right-a marriage present given; I will not sell her face as she was sold.

CHARACTER AND SUCCESS.

When George Canning, eminent English statesman and one, and beginning to win distinction, he wrote:

"My road must be through character to power. I will try no other course, and I am sanguine enough to believe that this course, though perhaps not the quickest, is the surest."

Likewise indicating the value of character as an element of sucdow, with a gleam of hope in her cess, is a wise remark of Lord without rebuke; but keep them John Russell:

"It is the nature of party in England to ask the assistance of men of genius, but to follow the guidance of men of character.' No better illustration of the

work of character in winning sucsent premier of England, Wil- life, and its neglect will palsy our the life of any English settlers. liam E. Gladstone. Though pos- piety.—Dr. Washburn. sessed of great natural ability, of "There began the cure of my wide learning, and of many nervousness," she says. "God friends, his noble character so commands the trust of the English nation, that he is intrusted with the most important interests

of England and Europe.

With eminent intellectual qualthe winning of success.

In even war Napoleon said that the moral is ten times more fields. important than the physical considerations. If this is true in a perfect godsend to the colorless | the case of war, it is far more plainly true in the case of ordinary life, where the physical is less "Every line," she continued, important than in battles and

PUNCTUALITY.

When eight Quaker ladies had an appointment, and seven were punctual and the eighth, being a quarter of an hour too late, began apologizing for keeping the others waiting, the reply of from one them was, "I am sorry, friend, that thee should have wasted thine own quarter of an hour, but thee had no right to waste two hours and seven-eighths of our time, which was not thine own." And of Washington it is said, that when his secretary, on some important occasion was late, and excused himself by saying that his watch was too slow, the reply was, " you will have to get another watch, or 1 another secretary." Napoleon used to say to his marshals, "You may ask any thing of me but time." And of John Quincy Adams it is said that in his long service in Congress he was never known to be late, and one day when the clock struck, and a member said to the speaker, "It is time to call the House to order," the reply was, "No, Mr. Adams is not in his seat yet.' And while they were speaking Mr. Adams came in, he being him, poor man; but what could must at least admit that it is bet- he do? punctual, while the clock was three have the Lord's message, deliver minutes fast.

of change, or as her only means of persons are almost always more of obtaining a comfortable settlework is always in advance of ly on the formation of her charace them, and so it is with their appointments and engagements. mestic and other spheres admits They are late, very likely, in rising in the morning, and so in going to bed at night; late at their meals; late at church, or at the prayer-meeting; late at their appointments with others. Their letters are sent to the post-office just as the mail is closed. They arrive at the wharf just as the

Half the value of anything to

steamboat is leaving it. They come into the depot just as the cars are going out. They do not entirely forget or omit the engagement or the duty, but they are always behind the time, and so are generally in haste, or rather in a hurry, as if they had been born a little too late, and forever were trying too catch up with the lost time!-Ill. Chris. Weekly-

IRRE VERENCE.

Unbelief comes oftener from irreverent association than intellectual doubt. The sneer of a Voltaire has killed more than all his arguments. A jesting tone of talk on religious truths, a habit of reckless criticism on religious things, is to take the name of God in vain, as truly as the vulgar oath; and when I hear him who calls himself a Christian or a gentleman, indulging in a burlesque of this sort, I at once recognize orator, was of the age of thirty- some moral defect in him. Intellect, without reverence, is the head of a man joined to a beast. There are many who think it a proof of wit; but it is the cheapest sort of wit, and shows as much lack of brains as of moral feeling. I would say it with emphasis to each Christian who hears me, never indulge in that habit, never allow sacred things to be jested at as you would the miniature of your mother, for no vulgar hands to touch. There is an anecdote of Boyle that he never pronounced the name of God without an audible pause; and whatever you think, I recognize in it the dictate | they married Indian wives with cess can be found than that fur- of a wise heart. We need this | full church ceremonies. No such nished by the career of the pre- reverence in the air of our social freedom of intercourse marked

THE KEY TO CHARACTER.

The places where men meet and mingle are the keys to their character. That man who, in response to a question, said that he found In our own country no one can his bighest delight in a public hope to achieve a permanent po- house, "with a big fire roarin' up sition in any worthy calling, of the chimney, and a fiddle goin', whatever nature, unless his mor- was not, whatever else he may al character deserves the loyalty have been, a lover of the sweet of his associates. No statesman and sacred life of home. He was can wield great and enduring in- decfiient in those refined tastes fluence if he is known to be de- found in the family circle, and ceptive and unscrupulous. No had a low ideal of happiness. The lawyer can long hold a high place cow in the meadow, reveling in at the bar if he is regarded as sweet grass and sunshine, drinkbase in conduct or in princi- ing with dilated nostrils the clover scented air, has as high a conception of content. The delight ifications must ever be united of creative thought and the deep strong moral principles to insure joy of a pure soul are missed alike by the man in the tavern and by the brute in the broad, sunny

> How much nobler the type of life realized in such desires as the psalmist's!-' How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts. "My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord." "Blessed are they that dwell in thy house." "A day in the courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.'

But David was not always pure : and his life did not always breathe the sacred spirit of God's house; but down below the guilt of his outer life were the seeds of reverence for God and his sanctuary, that bore fruitage in lofty aspirations and holy desires. His life was filled with startling contrasts of light and shade, of mensuality and sanctity; but of him, as cynical a critic of character as he was, Carlyle said, " He is the true man struggling with sensual desires; beatendown, sometimes, before his foes: but not kept down; rising with his eye on God."

Such men perplex us by their contradictions of character; but their best self is their true self. and we must estimate them at their best, and not at their worst, So, when one yearns for the temple of God, and envies the priest who is never absent from the holy places, he gives us the key to his best self.—N. Y. Adv.

Make no apologies. If you

THE BRIGHT SIDE.

Many persons get discouraged because they don't know how active the forces of good are, or what victories the army of right cousness is gaining. When it is dark about them, they think it is dark everywhere. They read the long criminal records in the daily paper, and say men are growing "O goody!" worse every day. But if they took one hour Saturday night, and another Sunday morning, to read some good family or church paper, that would tell them of the enevolent institutions of the country and what they were doing; of the temperance gatherings in which hundreds were being reclaimed from drunkenness: of the number who had been gathered into the fold of the saved; of the lost sheep who had been found, the prodigals who had returned home, would they not go thankfully to the Lord's house with cheerful faces and hopeful hearts? I have known men who were familiar with the fraud and rascality and sin that were going on in the city of New York, and yet did not dream that it had nearly 300 asylums and homes for the aged and homeless; knew nothing of the millions that were raised for Christian and benevolent purposes in that city. They knew what evil men were doing, but nothing about the heroic and unseltish lives of God's children. -Chicago Standard.

FRENCH COLONISTS.

The first French colonists were

rarely such in the English or even

the Spanish sense. They were priests, or soldiers, or tradersthe latter at first preponderating. They did not offer to buy the lands of the Indians, as the English colcultural colony was not their aim. They wished to wander through the woods with the Indians, to join in their hunting and their wars, and, above all, to buy their furs. For this they were ready to live as the Indians lived, in all their discomforts; they addressed them as "brothers" or as the "children; to have the Indians with them; the savages were always coming and going, in full glory, about the French settlements; they feasted and slept beside the French; they were greeted with military salutes. The stately and brilliant Comte de Frontenac, the favorite officer of Turenne, and the intimate friend of La Grande Mademoiselle, did not disdain, when Governorgeneral of Canada, to lead in person the war dance of the Indians. singing and waving the hatchet, while a wigwam-full of braves. stripped and painted for war, went dancing and howling after him, shouting like men possessed, as the French narratives say. He himself admits that he did it deliberately, in order to adopt their ways. Perhaps no single act ever done by a Frenchman in America indicates so completely the temperament which won for them the nearts of the Indians.

The pageantry of the Roman Catholic Church had, moreover, its charm for native converts; the French officers taught them how to fight; the French priests taught them how to die. These heroic missionaries could bear torture like Indians, and could forgive their tormentors as Indians could not. This combination of gentleness with courage was something wholly new to the Indian philosophy of life. Pere Brebeuf wrote to Rome from Canada, "that which above all things is demanded of laborers in this vineyard is an untailing sweetness and a patience thoroughly tested." And when he died by torture in 1649 he so conducted himself that the Indians drank his blood, and the chief devoured his heart, in the hope that they might become as heroic as he was.—T. W. Higginson, in Harper's Magazine for March.

OUR YOUNG POLKS.

Now what shall we do for the baby, To make her a birthday sweet ? She came in the wintry weather,
In blustering wind and sleet.
There is not a flower in the garden.
There is not a bird to sing,
And all in a row on the leafless vine
The where white is leafless ding. The sharp white icicles cling

Oh, what does it matter to baby Her world is warm as a nest; The song that her mother sings her Is the music she loves best. She langhs to hear in the twilight The bleak winds whistle and blow, And the small white icicles swing and ring Like crystal bells in a row.

A PROFOUND SECRET.

"Can you keep a secret, Daisy?" asked Nell Clay of her younger sister.

"Yes indeed !" replied Daisy,

trying to look dignified. Nell bent down and whispered something in Daisy's ear, to which Daisy clapped hands, and cried,

Remember, it's a profound seeret," said sister Nell.

Daisy ran off to school, feeling very important, and overtook Conny Travers on the way.

"O Conny," she said, "I know something awful nice!"

"What is it?" asked Conny, opening ber eyes very wide. "Oh, I musn't tell," said Daisy

told me this morning. It's a profound secret.' "Oh, my!" said Conny. Can't

screwing up her lips. Sister Nell

you just tell me?"

"Nell wouldn't like it." "She wouldn't mind me," pleaded Conny.

"Won't you never, never, never tell?" whispered Daisy.

"Never, 's long as I live!"

"Honest and true?" "Truer'n steel!" declared Con-

"Well, Sarah Bell's father is going to give her a piano for her birthday to-morrow, but they wouldn't have her know it for anything until she comes home and

finds it in the parlor." "How splendid!" exclaimed Conny.

"It's a profound secret," said Daisy.

A few days later, Mrs. Bell called upon Mrs. Clay.

"I suppose Sarah was surprised and delighted about the piano," said the latter.

was the reply. "But she wasn't onists aferward did, for an agri- a bit surprised. She heard it at school." "That Conny Travers must

"She was delighted enough,"

have told," said Daisy indignantly," after Mrs. Bell had gone

"But who told Conny?" asked Nell.

"I did, but I didn't s'pose she'd be mean enough to tell.' "And I didn't think you would,

replied Nell, "Well, children," said Mrs. The Frenchmen appearently liked | Clay, "it's an old saying that 'if you can't keep your own secret, nobody else will keep it for you." If you will remember this it will

save you a good deal of trouble." "There's an older sentence that I like much better," said sweet Aunt Peace from her window. 'Set a watch. O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips. -The Myrtle.

JOHNNY'S TEARS.

Johnny had a great trial. He was sitting on the floor, looking over his pictures, and baby toddled up and tore one right across, one of the very prettiest. Johnny called out, "O mamma, see: " and

began to cry. "Johnny," said mamma, as she took baby away, "did you know tears are salt water?

Johnny checked a sob and look-"No," he said, with great in-

terest; "are they? How did you find out, mamma? "Oh, somebody told me so when was a little girl, and I tried a

tear and found it was true." "Real salt water," asked John-

"Yes, try and see."

Johnny would very gladly have tried if he could only have found a tear. But by that time there was not one left, and his eyes were so clear and bright it was no use hoping for any more that time. He looked at the torn picture, but it did not make him feel bad any more. All he could think of was whether tears tasted like salt

"Next time I cry I will find. out!" he determined.

That very afternoon while climbing over the top of the rocking chair he fell and got a great bump. It was too much for any little boy, and too much for Johnny, and he was just beginning to cry loudly when he happened to think what a good chance this was going to be to catch some tears. He put his finger too quick in fact, for there had not a tear come yet worth mentioning, and now that his thoughtshad wandered from the bump, he could not seem to cry about it any more. So that chance was lost.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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THE FIRST CHRISTIAN MAR

ACTS VII. 54-60; VIII. 1-4.

1-Stephen had only entered upon the principal part of his discoursehis testimony to Jesus as the Messiah. It is therefore in a measure imperfect. He shows that so far from being a blasphemer of Moses, he honored him as the prophet of God and the redeemer of Israel; and so far from attacking the temple, he regarded both it and the tabernacle as time he shows that God requires obedience and spiritual worship, and not mere reliance on outward privilthe legalism and the unbelief of the room or workshop. Pharisees. In citing the rejections of Joseph and Moses by their fathers, he indirectly points to the rejection of Jesus; in recounting the apostasies of their forefathers he describes in a figure the unbelief and rebellion of his hearers; and in that portion of his speech where his enemies interrupt him, as the intrepid messenger of God, he fearlessly attacks their obstinacy and resistance of the Holy Ghost, and like Peter charges them with being the betrayers and murderers of their Messiah.

2.—When he reached this point in his speech they would thear him no further, and enraged, gnashed on him with their teeth. Notice the contrast between the rage of the judges and the heavenly calm of the prisoner. Before he commenced to speak his face looked transfigured, as the face of an angel (chap vi. 15), and in this supreme moment, when he plainly saw that his fate was sealed, he was lifted in spirit far above the uproar and confusion in the midst of which he stood, and "saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God," and could not refrain from uttering what he saw. He uses the term Son of Man, which is not elsewhere used by any but Jesus himself. Also he saw him standing, while He is generally represented as sitting at the right hand of God. The inference is drawn by some that Stephen was permitted to Master had risen from his throne to give him his help. The corresponand was then permitted to see into heaven. What he saw was real, though he was only permitted to see it; and he would not have seen if he had not looked up. It was a look of confiding appeal to his glorified Master, and was answered by that Master visibly revealing Himself in his

3.-Stephen was not formally condemned, but his words descriptive of his vision caused the pent-up fury of his adversaries to burst all restraints, and he was seized by a maddened crowd and precipitately dragged away and stoned to death without any regard to the methods prescribed in the law for inflicting that punishment. There was in this respect a marked distinction between his treatment and that accorded to Jesus Christ. From some unexplained cause the Jews dared to do now what they had not dared to do then. But like his Master he brought his final condemnation on himself by the words which he spoke; and like Him too, with his dying breath he prayed for his murderers.

The death of Stephen has many instructive aspects. I. He died calling upon God. He needed prayer to the end, because to the end he needed Divine support. No former grace was then sufficient; no visions could supersede the necessity of direct communications of divine help and comfort. O let us now learn the habit, the power of prayer. 2. Christ was recognized by the dying martyr, and into his hands he commended his spirit. The soul of Stephen had been thus committed to the Saviour's passion for justification; it had been committed to his care through life; his mind there was no gloom as to the future; for the death of the Christian is the surrender of his spirit into the hands of his glorified Saviour. It is your privilege to die like Stephen. The vision makes no difference in the case. St. Paul saw no vision, and yet he employs the same language of blessed assurance. Thousands of holy Christians have died in the same manner. A soul ripe for heaven can have no resentments; and he cries with a loud voice—expressive not only of a forgiving spirit, but of the utmost ardor of benevolence- Lord lay not this sin to their charge!" 5. "He fell asleep." He possessed the most perfect calmness in the midst of violence; and an expression of that calmness was perhaps left upon the countenance of his breathless remains. Let us never forget what it was that led to all this; " be was full of fa.th and of the Holy Goost."-Abridged from W. M. S. S. Mag.

He leads me sometimes joyfully, sometimes sorrowfully, but always

ECONOMY IN A FAMILY.

There is nothing which goes so far toward placing young people beyond the reach of poverty as economy in the management of household affairs. It matters not whether a man furnishes little or much for his family, if there is a continual leakage in his kitchen or parlor, it runs away he knows not how, and that demon Waste, cries " more !" like the horseleech's daughter, until he that provides has no more to give. It is the husband's duty to bring into the honse, and it is the duty of the wife to see that nothing goes wrongfully out of it. The husband's interest should be the wife's care, and her greatest ambition, to further his weldivine institutions. At the same fare or happiness, together with that of her children! This should be her chief aim and the theatre of her exploits, the bosom of her family, where eges. But with this there enters a she may do as much toward making strong polemic element; he attacks a fortune as he can in the counting-

Le is not the money earned that makes a man wealthy—it is what be saves from his earnings. Self-gratification in dress, or indufgence in appetite or more company than his purse can well entertain, are equally pernicious. The first adds vanity to extravagance, the second fastens a doctor's bill to a long butcher's account, and the latter brings intemperance—the worst of all evils, in its

TABLE HINTS.

A clean, tastefully laid table is to the appetite what clean polished windows are to the soul; it lets in something to cheer and strengthen. How much better water tastes from a clean, polished glass; the tin tea and coffee pots bright: the edges of the dishes free from daubs of the food they contain, and all required articles on the table, spoons, salt-cellars and castor full of salt, vinegas, and pepper, so it is not necessary for somebody to jump up from the table every few minutes to supply some need. This is not only annoying to a company, but particularly bad manners, besides exhibiting one's lack of forethought, planning, and execu-

A writer in one of our exchanges says: "It gives a visitor the impression that they are causing a see Jesus standing in order to en-courage him by the thought that his it puts them under a feeling of obligreat difference in affairs; in short, gation, and I know from experience. seems as if we've disturbed the whole dence of Stephen's words with the household element, and in some way promise Jesus made to Nathaniel are responsible for it. Otherwise. should not be overlooked (John i. 15). | when the table is set, there seems Let it be observed too that, though | nothing to do but to eat, chat, and what Stephen saw may be called a laugh. Order is heaven's first law, vision without impropriety, it was and it reaches the highest and lowprovement are deductions.'

USEFUL HINTS.

Trees intended for planting should not have their roots exposed to the sun or wind so that they can dry out. They must be kept moist if the trees are expected to live.

Every care and attention shown o horses, no matter what their condition is, will bring its reward. The kind of influence thrown around a young horse will have its effect on its character in after years.

If you have plain, boiled rice for dinner, and have a little left, it is by no means necessary that this should be thrown away; it will help to make delicious fritters; add milk and flour and one egg for the batter; if you have fruit to put in, so much the better; drop by spoonsful in hot lard and fry till a delicate brown; a little sugar in the batter helps to give it a brown tinge.

Seeds of all kinds should be procured now that they may be on hand as soon as spring opens. Dealers are overrun with orders just at sowing time, and they do not then give the quickest and most careful attention. It is of the greatest importance that only the best seed of the choicest sort be used.

Horses will eat the product of the silo with good relish, though not as good results follow the feeding of it to them as to cattle. Some have lost horses that were fed on it, attributing the cause of their death to and Christ was acknowledged as the the ensilage; but this was not clear-only Saviour of souls in death. In ly shown. Many have fed it without disastrous results.

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THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Reports from the Quarterly Boards of the Maritime Provinces are coming rapidly in. A glance at these will show that the laity at the East are readily falling into line with their brethren at the West. In this fact we see promise of advantages which have not been mentioned-a greater unity of action between the laymen of the Church, East and West, and deeper interest in the work of church on the future of which their present decision must have a most important influence. A General Conference, which has freely given to its lavmen the first decisive vote upon a burning question—a course of action which we are told by some was not constitutionally necessary-may well challenge the confidence of the adherents of the Church, and rebuke all fears of that prelatical tyranny of which none can have a too hearty dread. We most sincerely believe that the present course is much more likely to eradicate than to foster any disposi tion towards high-churchism in the Methodist Church of Canada.

A correspondent last week called in question the action of the Committee in submitting the proposed Basis of Union for the approval of Quarterly Boards and Annual Conferences. glance at the Journal of the General Conference will show that in this action the Committee were only carying out the instructions of the General Conference, instructions which the above-mentioned bodies could therefore only decline at the risk of being charged with disloyalty.

The secular journals are correct in their statement that already the requisite two-thirds vote of the Quarterly Meetings has been secured. This fact, however, should prove no incentive to silence on the part of those who have not yet spoken.

The very difficulties which some brethren profess to see in the future. ahould lead every circuit official board of the Church to give a clear affirmative or negative to the proposed conditions of union. Important steps re- equally rare aptness for putting them main to be taken; delicate points may still have to be met; and the pastors have yet a verdict to give which will be to a large extent guided by the decisions of their people.

The following are the closing paragraphs of the Report of the Committee on Union as adopted by the General Conference and published in the Journal .

It still further recommends, that should the present Committee agree as to the details of a basis of Union, the plan of Union agreed upon shall be submitted to the Quarterly Boards for approval or otherwise, at the next February Quarterly Meetings, and also to the next ensuing Annual

It is further recommended that the Superintendents of Circuits be required to report immediately to the Secretary of the General Conference the vote of the Quarterly Meetings, and should it be found that two-thirds of the Quarterly Meetings and also a majority of the Annual Conferences voting thereon, have declared in favor of the Plan of Union proposed by the Joint Committee, the President of the General Conference shall convene the General Conference, in order to give effect to the proposed Union, said meeting of the General Conference to be held subsequently to the meeting of the Annual Conferences.

It is further recommended that when this General Conference adjourn, it adjourn to meet at the call of the chair.

EDUCATIONAL.

The annual Report of the Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia. -Dr. Allison-always merits careful perusal. That for 1882 has recently been issued. The year has been marked by "exceptional educational activity." For the first time a course of study has been adopted and authorized. An increase is noted in the number of teachers and schools for both the summer and winter terms. There are 1814 school sections in the Province, showing an increase of fifteen over the previous year. Still the number of sections without schools is something to be deplored. There were 361 sections without schools in in winter and 252 without schools in summer, and 128 sections the whole year. The Superintendent remarks :-

Had the proffered Government assistance called forth proper local effort at least two-thirds of the Sections reported as without schools during the entire year would have had respectable educational facilities during either the cases during both, while an equal pro- Book Room.

portion of the Sections and schools one term and closed another, open one term and closed another, would have enjoyed the benefit of continuous school

The total Government expenditure for education for the year was \$184,-327-a sum much larger than is expended on any other branch of the public service. We regret to find that the statistics of the yeear show no substantial improvement in the sarlaries either male or female teachers. Compared with last year, the male eachers have decreased to the numbcr of 49; the female increased to the number of 100. The constantly increasing numerical proportion of fenale teachers unmistakably indicates that other professions offer relatively superior attractions to male teachers. There is a slight improvement in reguarity of attendance, but so large an expenditure of money should be accompanied, we think, by the early passage of a law rendering attendance compulsory as in England, where the parents of all children who do not attend public schools must be prepared to prove that these children are receiving proper education.

Of the Normal School Dr. Allison entertains a high opinion, and goes so far as to urge the propriety of limiting examinations for license to those who produce satisfactory certificates 2 opposed. of professional knowledge and skill, obtained either at our own or other rejected. approved Normal Schools," a sugges. tion which is likely to meet with approval from the public and from those teachers who look upon teaching as a profession and not merely as a "means to an end."

AN IRREPRESSIBLE TOPIC.

A recent mail brought us a copy of Letters on Denominational Rights n Bermuda,"by "Nonconformist." On the title-page is a single brief but equal rights with ministers. pertinent statement. "Preserve this Pamphlet-it gives information of value on the early history of Bermuda. It explains the religious questions now agitating the public mind." True, every word of it!

These letters were first published in the Bormuda Colonist, and were written by one who has a rare faculty for reaching bottom facts and an in telling shape. The action of political leader, in throwing out a challenge through the Gazette which "Nonconformist" at once accepted, must be felt by all his sympathizers to have been sadly unwise. From the spirited contest Bermudians will have learned that the claim of the Episcopal Church to be a "State" Church is without foundation, and that the justice of the claim of the Episcopal rectors to the control of the parish cemeteries only depends upon the ruling of a public functionary, given at a period when the British Government was throwing open Eng. lish parish gravevards to ministers of all churches. Sad it is that in those beautiful islands a ruling so utterly at variance with all that is English, not to say human, should yet continue in force! The spirit which gives it force is that which prompted the effort some years ago to prevent Methodists from opening a cemetery for themselves, and which to-day leads certain ministers to station themselves offensively before the bier which bears to his grave the remains of some citizen who cared little for themselves or the church they represent, and whose presence, the friends of the deceased, in spite of their grief, often feel to be an act of spiritual tyranny.

We are not surprised that "Nonconformist," with other authorities at his command, takes with a discount the recent work on Bermuda by Sir J. H. Lefroy, a former Governor. He might have called attention to a fact which would have made his readers partakers of his doubts to a painful extent- the fact that on a map prepared under the direction of indicate the locality of all the expected to state clearly the historical points at issue between the Episcopal and other sections of the Church the island. Bermudians patient, but they will yet demand that their rulers shall follow the righteous example which Britain-almost too late in the world's history for her

The Journals of the last General Summer or Winter term, and in many | Conference are now on sale at the

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

N. B AND P. E. L. CONFERENCE.

The following Boards have unani nously voted to accept the Proposed Basis of Union: Fredericton; Sumnerside, P.E.I.; Little York, P.E.L.; Margate, P.E.I.; Pownal, P.E.I. Carmarthen Street-St. John; Can-

Woodstock,-Basis approved, with ne dissentient.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., -For Basis 29, 2 against.

Petitcodiac,-In favor of Basis, Fairville.—In favor of Basis.

The following have given a unanimous vote in favor of Union: Oxford; Walton; Liverpool; Charles Street—Halifax : Port Hood :

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

Avondale, -For Basis 5; against 2; Burlington, -For Basis 7; against

Athol. -- Basis accepted. River Philip.-Nine in favor of

Basis: one did not vote.

Halifax,-Brunswick Street,-For Basis 14: against it 1: silent 1. Halifax.-Grafton Street.-For Basis 12; against it 2; silent 2. Port La Tour, -In favor of Basis 9:

Acadia Mines, - Basis unanimously

Yarmouth, North, -Seven for Basis : two against.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Little York circuit passed the following Resolutions unanimously:

That in the opinion of this meeting the term of office for General Superintendents ought to be for four years instead of eight. That we recommend that laymen be admitted to all the business of an Annual Conference and all its Committees, having

An advertisement of "unfermented wine" appears in another column. Among testimonials in its favor is one from Rev. J. Burwash, a former Professor at Mount Allison. Good men differ as to whether alcoholic wines should be placed upon the Lord's Table or not. We cannot understand why any Christian can contend for use, in a service so soler article which has robbed the Church of so many thousands and even dragred the minister from the pulpit to the ditch; and that, too, when the "frust of the vine" can be obtained in its purity. Years ago, as the writer's hand trembled as he offered communion cup to men and women whose besetting sin in the past had been drunkenness, his responsibility became clear and his duty evident. To obtain "unfermented wine" was then a difficult matter. We are glad that that difficulty is now removed.

In reference to some recent gifts which have caused much discussion, the Presbyterian Witness assures the public that "the Presbyterian Church will take care of her own honor.' We believe that she will. Evil cannot inhere in silver and gold; they are God's, as well as "the cattle upon a thousand hills," and their use for the high purposes of the Head of the Church is not prevented by previous bad use. It has been noted that Providence seldom allows gold gotten by evil to remain long in a family. The weak point is in the way in which the Church takes upon herself the discharge of such trusts. She should not be bribed into silence upon the evil, and should scrupulously avoid praise of the man who makes his money by vile drink or what is as bad—evil literature. are thankful for the assurance of our

A small, compact volume, entitled Church Membership, or the Conditions Governor Lefroy, and professing to of New Testament and Methodist Church Membership Examined and churches on the island, one only of Compared, has just been issued from the nine Methodist churches found a our Toronto Book Roon. Its author place! A ruler who could thus at. is the Rev. S. Bond, of the Montreal tempt to ignore the existance of eight Conference, with whom our readers Methodist churches, can scarcely be have become acquainted through his letters on Methodist Union. Mr. Bond's short, invaluable treatise on an important subject will be appreciated by his brother ministers. Few pastors have not had to argue in favor of Church membership; few who have thus done their duty cannot remember thanks received from those they credit—has now set before her ancient | sought to direct. We rejoice that so many are being led to Christ; let them be led into his Church. Brother Bond's treatise will prove an aid in this godly work. It can be obtained at our Book Room.

We have heard with pleasure the favorable opinions passed upon Professor Goodwin's lecture last week on "Organized Nature." His statements and definitions were lucid and his scientific experiments successful. The subject of the lecture has been a matter of research from the early ages of the world, and people yet ask, What is life." It was the object of the lecturer to show that others than living objects grow, and with great rapidity. Many listeners heard with satisfaction that behind all evolution and revolution the lecturer recognized an Almighty power, whom none by searching can fully find out. Too often the student of science deals entirely with matter and material phenomena, and constantly looks for physical results, or laws which will produce them, until by the very force of habit their repetition has absorbed his entire intellectual strength, dwarfed his perception of the immaterial, and rendered him unfit for the investigation of immaterial things. And then which all Provincial Methodists should the fact that the spiritual world does at once order from our Book Room. not respond to physical tests is assum- The price is 25 cents. ed by him to be proof of its non-ex-

A note reaches us from the Y. M. C. A. Temperance Committee. They "respectfully request all citizens who heart, to refuse to sign petitions for licenses to sell intoxicating liquors in though we believe few readers of the WESLEYAN could so far forget their duty to God and His Church as to commit themselves to any complicity with the destructive traffic by signing any petition in its favor. Nor can we see how, in any possible way, the interests of temperance men, which are those only of God and humanity at large, can be secured by an attempt in the Legislature to do away with the necessity for annual petitions. Society may not yet have a sufficiently strong grip upon the traffic to suppress it by this means, but temperance men

instances of late. Steerage passengers who arrived in safety at New they had thrown over-board sealed specting the steamer was picked up on the English coast a few weeks ago. How much anxiety it may have caused who can tell! The other case was that of a Michigan murderer who was informed that the noise of a dancing party at an hotel near the jail was lynch him and "finish him before morning." Fright caused his death. that night. Practical joking can seldom be harmless.

pliant. To those who would leave the place of communion with God refreshed and blessed we commend these counsels of a lady evangelist:

When kneeling down to pray, inly, for a few minutes be quite still, and not attempt either to pray or think, but yield up your mind to God. striving only to keep out worldly thoughts. It prepares the soul for the Holy Spirit to move on the waters, and I find that words are poured into my mind without effort of my own. and real prayer is more the result, though at best it is most feeble and wandering. And when prayer is ended it is well to rest unmoved for a short time that the influence may not pass away, but become abiding. Whether there is a feeling of joy and rest in our hearts matters not if we feel resolute in doing the will of God.

The lesson taught by the recent terrible scene in the New York school building ought to be learned everywhere. In Portland they have commenced to drill scholars by way of preparation for trouble. This is wise. but the teachers in that school had tried to do it. The building was not what it ought to have been. The number of exits was too small. The stairways were narrow and dark and turned at sharp angles, in one of which some children fell to be trampled down by others who in turn followed a broken railing to the next floor. Already the story is being crowded out of memory.

We are sorry to have to hold over over several communications for next week. The delay is unavoidable.

The pretty little churches which every where adorn our country districts show that our Provincial architects are well worthy of the patronage of our people. In any case, however, where the plans of such are not readily available, some excellent suggestions might be got from the plans prepared and copyrighted by W. H. Brierly, Detroit, Michigan. Several designs are now ready, ranging from \$1,500 to \$16,000, and with seating capacity of 225 to 1,100. A plan for use can be had for \$5, for examina-

At the time of their delivery last summer at Mount Allison, we gave notes of the lecture by Rev. Howard Sprague, D., D., and the sermon by Rev. A. D. Morton, A. M. have reference to the atonement of Christ, a doctrine very dear to all who look for salvation. Both these excellent contributions to our literature are now issued in one pamphlet

The Publisher of this paper asks attention to the notice which has appeared for three weeks. The accounts must be closed by the end of March, have the welfare of young men at and the subscription lists previously be revised. A number of pastors should be heard from. Please, do this city." We join in this request.al. not oblige him to drop the names of persons who cannot do without the

> A correspondent says: The following dialogue took place a few days ago between two children aged respectively seven and eight years. Methodist Boy-Our church is a nicer church than yours. Romanist Boy-We have a god on the altar in our church and you haven't. Methodist Boy—We don't pray to them kind of gods, we pray to God in Heaven.

The call for the Transfer Committee for the Eastern Conferences appears should resist any scheme which may in another column. In forwarding possibly give back such power to deal- the notice from Toronto the President ersinliquor, unless it be to get greater of the General Conference states: "I shall receive any communications at the Mission Rooms in this city, and Practical joking is too often only cau be found here till the Committee

Dr. Pickard calls attention to sev York admitted that on the voyage eral typographical errors in his communication in our last issue. One onbottles stating that the steamer was ly demands notice. After the word in distress, and all for amusement. A "ensuing," in the sixth line of the bottle containing such a message re- second column, read "eight years" instead of "vear."

DR. DOULAS ON THE BASIS.

(Continued from 6th page.) From Dr. Douglas, utterances on the superintendency clause, we can draw but two inferences: 1. That in caused by a mob of men about to Church polity he prefers Presbyterianism-mongrel at that-to Methodism. 2. That he does not desire union with the Episcopal Methodists on any terms. Then why not say so? Everybody would respect his convictions-even his prejudices-although they might regret his decision, but to Wandering thoughts during prayer talk of union while refusing the only often perplex and sadden the sup- terms on which union is possible is not creditable to either his head or his heart. Before leaving this point permit me to say that for Presbyteriansm, pure and simple, I have the most profound respect. I believe it to be the best system in the world stead of beginning to speak immediate- for Presbyterians; but I do not think it is the best, even in its entirety, for Methodists.

The Doctor next dissents from the

scheme of lay delegation, and en-

deavors to excite the prejudices of laymen against it by utterly misrepresenting its purport. Referring to the provision that some matters in the annual conferences shall be dealt with by ministers only, he says, addressing the laymen, "It" (the basis) "virtually says, gentlemen, you are permitted to take part in whatever business is miscellaneous, fragmentary, unimportant, but from whatever is fundamental and essential you are peremptorily excluded." statement I make two remarks:-1. If the words just quoted have an honest meaning, they mean that Dr. Douglas is in favor of admitting laymen to a full share in all the business of the annual conferences. I trust the laymen will remember this when the question comes up in the first General Conference of the united Church. 2. In the annual district meeting laymen are excluded from participating in the very same questions as in the annual conference, namely, questions pertaining to ministerial character, qualifications and work. Has Dr. Douglas ever lifted up his voice against the "insult" thus flung in the face of every layman who enters a district meeting? Never, again. An epoch hour has struck that I heard of. I am not now dis- and it devolves upon the Methodist cussing whether laymen should be Church of Canada to say whether it excluded or not from any part of an- shall mark the beginning of a period nual conference business-that is a of healing, of growing brotherhood, of question to be discussed on its own consecrated united effort, or of wider merits; but I wish to point out that separation and more hopeless estrangethere is nothing more "essential" or | ments with their concomitants of dis-"fundamental" in the business from aster and defeat. which laymen are now excluded than Toronto, Feb. 9.

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gation appears to be this :- "It must

involve the division and subdivision of conferences to a degree that will render it difficult if not impossible to make satisfactory appointments to the various pulpits of the Church." I am glad the Doctor so interprets the clause, as it will commend it to the acceptance of all intelligent laymen. hen the latter were asked in 1873. to sanction the division of the annual conference they were assured that transfers would be made so easy that there would be no more difficulty in obtaining pulpit supplies than under the old system : but the result has been a woeful disappointment. No sooner had division taken place than the richer and stronger conferences began to build Chinese walls around their borders, and no one knows better than Dr. Douglas that the men who with him contend for large and absolutely independent annual conferences are the very men who have fought most bitterly against all transfers. I sincerely hope that the laymen will ponder the "practical working of the lay delegation clause,' and they will probably see in it the only weapon which, by rendering free transfers absolutely necessary, can smite down the selfishness that has already isolated the annual conferences, and that threatens at no distant day to rend them utterly apart.

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As the Doctor's utterances on superntendency show that he wants no union with the Episcopal Methodists. so his utterances on delegation show that he wants no union with the Primitive Methodists or Bible Christians.

The financial part of the basis now comes under review, and the Doctor informs us that " no dexterous handling of arithmetic can gainsay the logic of facts collated during the years that are gone, or ignore the inevita-ble." Precisely so; and therefore Dr. Douglas carefully abstains from giving a single fact or figure, knowing if he has studied the matter, which doubt-that the facts and figures are against his inference. He affirms that "hundreds of our ministers on divided circuits and domestic missions will be consigned to poverty by reason of the surplus of men and the inadequacy of missionary resources." To this I reply, I. That many ministers are now in comparative poverty, just because their fields are divided among several Methodist bodies. 2. That after union there will be just the same number of ministers as before, the amount of missionary money will be just as great, probably greater; the field will be just as large, only the men will be more equally distributed. 3. The readjustment of the work will give many

This occurred after the last union, and will occur again. I have just received a letter from a layman in the London Conference in which he says: -" There are four circuits joining here, where the ministers receive from \$150 to \$200 more than before the last union in consequence of readjustment.

The Doctor makes special mention of the superannuation fund, and "its growing embarrassments since the last union;" but it has been clearly shown, by figures that cannot be controverted, that our superannuated men have received more since the last union than before, except in one year, when but seven dollars for each year of service was paid in order to get rid of a debt on the fund, and present a clean balance sheet to the last Conference.

He is confident that the" ruin" of this fund "will be inevitable, from causes which we have neither time nor space to enumerate." This want of "time" and "space" is a most fortunate circumstance for the Doctor; still, it is a pity his readers should be left in ignorance of these weighty causes, and I beg to supply his lack of service by saying that the "cause" which more than anything else will tend to ruin the fund is the effort now being made to defeat the union movement. To protest " in the name of age and widowhood" is pathetic no doubt, but loses much of its force when we remember that not a few of our noble superannuated men protest against any supposed injury to their claims being used as a weapon to defeat a union for which, during many years, they have prayed, and which they hope to see consummated before they

Dr. Douglas thinks "if the desire for union be genuine it can tarry till a more satisfactory basis be formulat. But when is that like!y to be? With wonderful unanimity the quarterly boards are affirming that they are satisfied with the basis as a whole. and are quite willing to leave it to the good sense of the first General Conference to effect any changes in mat-

ters of detail that may seem desirable. It is very significant that neither Dr. Douglas nor anyone else who has written in opposition to the basis has proposed anything in its place. It is easy to find fault, but when we ask the fault-finders, What do you propose instead of the present basis? they are dumb. And if they cannot propose anything better, who else will be likely to do it ?

Let us not be deceived. An oppor tunity is before us that will not occur

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GENERAL CONFERENCE. TRANSFER COMMITTEE.

Toronto, 2nd March, 1883. The Transfer Committee of the Eastern Conferences will meet in Sackville, N. B., on the 2nd Wednesday in May, 1883, at 7 p. m.

Ministers who have been provisionally transferred, and any minister whose transfer may be desired, will please see that the provisions of the Discipline are complied with, and notice forwarded to me before the last day of this month.

S. D. RICE. President.

ANENT UNION.

MR. EDITOR, -I notice in your is sue of last week, you, in a very mild way, intimate to correspondents that they are rushing the business beyond your means of accommodation. Permit me to suggest, that if you desire. and I think you do, the basis of union to pass the Quarterly Boards. you should give precedence to the valiant knights of the quill who have entered the lists against the findings of the Union Committee on the points of Superintendency and Lay Delegation. for they do but show the absence of legical reasons for retusal to accept these points in the basis.

The most noticeable example of thisis in the letter of the esteemed ex-President of General Conference, because we expected statesmanlike views, and logical argument from one so gifted, whereas, his production is a setond edition of the Rev. Mr. Philp's. abbreviated and embellished, with this difference, that the full blown Bishop is contracted to the "germinal elements of a prelatical authority."

We must presume that these Reverends and Reverend Doctors are sincere in what they write, and have as solemn convictions of the importance of the great question which agitates our Church as they profess to have; and yet it is difficult to repress the

rising doubt. On reading the following in the ex-President's letter, "Union is an authorized sutrender of almost every attribute that distinguishes the polity of Methodism," the thought involuntarily starts up, in the shape of question, what are the "distinguishing attributes of Methodism?" Are not Itinerancy, class-meeting, and the engagement of the Church to find a circuit for all its ministers the chief, it not the only distinguishing features of Methodism as we have it in the Methodist Church of Canada to-day (I except the exclusion of lay members from the annual gatherings of the Church for the transaction of its business) and certainly these "attributes" are not touched, much less surrender-

Again we read, respecting the "Scheme of Supervision," "There is nothing like it in the heavens above or in the earth beneath, or in the waters under the earth." If this was intended for serious consideration I may with propriety ask how was the information obtained as to what is not in the heavens above; and as such knowledge does not belong to finite mainds, it is in accord with a principle generally recognized, to conclude the Doctor has been led astray by too heavy a strain on his imagination, in other statements in his letter, as he

certainly has been in this. Further on in the description of this "Scheme" we are told, "holds within it the germinal ele-"ments of a prelatical authority. . . "because the inevitable conflict of "authority, to which it must lead "if the scheme be accepted, will in "the immediate future result in a "full blown hierarchical and absolute "Episcopacy." Now, I ask, where is the authority for saying that "conflict "must certainly take place be-tween the General Superintendent and the Presidents of the Annual Conference :-- what are the necessitating elements in this distinctly avowed doctrine of necessity? But, assume, if you please, that, in order to escape the ridicule of having reared ecclesiastical Vennors and Wigginses in Methodism, these two dignitaries cultivate just a little of the "Bantam cock" spirit, and get into conflict, is the result predicted sure to follow? I answer emphatically, no. I go further, and say, it is sure not to follow, it cannot follow as the result of conflict, and for the following reasons. Any change in the powers and prerogatives of the General Superintendent would be a constitutional change, requiring legislation. The General Superintendents and Presidents of Annual Conferences, as such, whether in conflict or in harmony, seperately or unitedly, have no power to legislate, or to influence legislation. Legislation belongs, and is confined to General Conference, and the basis of union, as also our present constitution, makes a three-fourths' vote of the mixed Conference, and if demanded, a two-third vote of the orders, as separated bodies, necessary to effect a change such as the one in question. If then, there is danger that our Church, in the event of union, will become absolutely Episcopal, there is the same danger staring us in the face in our present condition. From these premises I cannot but conclude that the phantom of prelatical authority springs from an abnormal state of mind, growing, possibly, out of a too close study of the history of the French Empire, which has produced a conviction that an ecclesiastical coup d' etat is possible, and sure to be successful, and that men with

RECORDING STEWARD. Feb. 22nd, 1883.

Methodist Church.

enough unholy ambition to attempt

and perfect it can be found in the

A CODICIL

As you have divided my last long article, allow me a codicil, to say a few words in reference to Dr. Pickard's financial statement in last WES-LEYAN. His article is very temperate and fair-too fair to prove his position. He admits that the Missionary Committee has received on account of the East, since union, some \$25,000 or \$30,000 more than it has expended in the same field. How the East has gained by this operation, even throwing out the grant from England, does not very clearly appear. But there is a view of the case which Dr. P. does not present. Let me add a few fig-

Raised for Missionary purposes in

stern Conferences :-					
18789	about	\$ 11,340.			
9-80	66	13,283.			
801	46	17,269.			
12	6.6	18,862.			
23	66	20,687.			
34	66	22,210.			
45	66	23,847.			
56	66	23,070.			
67	- 66	24,442.			
78	6.6	22,971.			
89	66	19,930.			
9-80	44	17,820.			
801	66	18,437.			
12	66	19,804.			
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Here we have the last fourteen years, commencing with the year be-fore organization of Home Missionary Fund. Taking first year of union as the centre, we find that our receipts increased during first seven years \$12,-500-more than 100 per cent. During last seven years they have decreased more than \$4,000. Where is the trouble? We should be paying at least \$30,000 a year, and, without doubt, would be doing so, if we were under the same, or as good management as previous to Union.

This says nothing of investments. Who will explain?

J. R. B.

FINANCIAL GROWTH.

G. J. Stephenson, M.A., an authority on English Methodist history, in letter to the Nashville Advocate gives the financial position of Methodism at Wesley's death, and compares it with the immense sums now raised for the several departments of our Church

in Britain. Mr. Stevenson says :-

Methodism in the old country is

but to pay the amount Dr. Coke had

have the use of the money, for which

at a future time if desired. Finan-

cially, Methodism was not worth \$10,

000 in 1792, just ninety years ago,

and two legacies of \$200 each which John Wesley left in his will were

never paid, because neither the Book

Concern, nor any other funds in the

Connexion could raise the money.

These facts were not made known to

any historians of Methodism : they

would have hindered its progress and

imperiled its existence at the most

critical period of its existence. The

original correspondence of Dr. Coke, the President of the Conference, and

Mrs. Wesley, relating to these matters,

is in my possession, and these facts may be used now to contrast the con-

dition of Methodism at the time of

the death of its founder with its con-

Dr. Sprague asks attention to an

Readers of "The Fourth Annual

Lecture and Sermon" before the The-

ological Union, will correct an error

of the press on page 35, line 9, by striking out "for" the comma before

it, and the colon after, and substitut-

PERSONAL.

The Rev. Joseph Gaetz, of Am-

herst, has been waited upon by friends

there who presented him with a gift

The Rev. Jabez Parkyn, Chaplain

department inscribed on its

Rev. J. S. Allen informs us that it

was not he who preached the sermon

at the opening of the Stanhope church

Calvinistic doctrine." He supposes

that a minister of similar name, be-

that "bordered perilously near to

to the Wesleyans in the army in Egy-

pt, has received from the War Office

the Egyptian Medal with his name

dition at the present time.

ing a period for the whole.

erratum :

and

for 1883, mailed to any one sending not merely retaining its hold upon the people, but it is extending its power and influence and deepening its his name and address to D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor, Ont., and Detroit, Mich. is well illustrated and tastefully roots all around. It is making itself known and its influence felt in new covered, and contains valuable inforchannels and in new forms. Its sons A late issue of Funk & Wagnalls' Parliament, in the legal and medical new Standard Library, is American Humorists, by Rev. H. R. Haweis. profession, and in commercial and agricultural pursuits. When Mr The subjects are Washington Irving, Wesley died the main financial sup-Oliver W. Holmes, James R. Lowell, port the Connexion had to depend up-Artemus Ward, and others. Mr. on was the sum of \$10,000, the dowry Haweis has a capital eye for humor, of Mrs. Charles Wesley, which was and his criticisms are discriminating, lent to John Wesley when she was instructive and enjoyable. The book married, and for which he paid interis printed in large, leaded type, on est. This money she withdrew in the laid paper, at the very low price of year following John Wesley's death. 15 cents!

The February and March numbers to borrow \$5,000 and to impover sh of Wide Awake contain a brace of all the available funds of the Connexarticles which as the critic of the ion to find the balance. Had she per-Boston Budget well remarks, "may sisted in retaining her money, Methobe said to mark an era in the hisdism would have been bankrupt; but tory of magazines for youth." to avert such a calamity Dr. Coke prereference is to the papers, "Our Busivailed upon her to let the Conference ness Boys," by Rev. F. E. Clark, which contain the gist of letters writhe gave her his own personal bond ten him on the subject by eightyand the bond of the Conference, for three business men of Portland, Me. the payment of interest to herself and D. Lothrop and Co., Boston. her children after her, and a guarantee for the repayment of the principal

The North American Review for March opens with an article on "Money in Elections," by Henry George, who brings to the discussion of that subject a contribution full of originality, freshness and keen insight. Moncure D. Conway contributes a very striking study of Gladstone as a man and a statesman. Hon. George W. Julian writes of "Railway Influence in the Land Office;" and Richard A. Proctor writes of the "Pyramid of Cheops. "Other papers are scarcely of less interest than these.

Harper's Magazine for March, with peautiful frontispiece, has :- Across Arizona, illustrated; The French Voyageurs, illustrated ; Artists' Strolls in Holland, illustrated; Parsifal at Baireuth. illustrated: with poems and novels and stories; the Editor's Easy-Chair, Literary Record, Historical Record, Editor's Drawer, etc. On our second page we give an extract from Col. Higginson's paper on the French Voyageurs. This magazine has for so many years stood at the head of our periodical literature that it is almost useless work to commend it to

The Living Age for Feb. 17th and Autobiography, Quarterly; Charity in the Early Church, London Quarterly; be appreciated, and must be produc-Panislamism and the Caliphate, and England, France and Madagascar, Contemporary; Thomas Carlyle, Macmillan; Sketches in the Malay Peninsula, Leisure Hour; Anthony Trol-Spring, St. James's; The Sponge Trade of the Bahamas, Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter; Escapes and Imprisonments of Latude; with instalments of "A Singular Case," and "For Himself Alone," and Selections of Poetry.

cess, even to the conversion of some

THE SOUDAN.

gelist, asked for and received a certifiy called to this little known region in cate of location at the last session of entral Africa : It is in one sense isohis Conference (the South India). He does this that he may more thoroughated from the rest of the continent ly devote himself to special mission as it is surrounded on three sides by He is now in South Amerideserts, which France is now trying o pierce with railroads from one di rection, so that she may gain access The notice of the death of Mrs. to its wealth. It extends over an Joseph Hart, of Guysboro', is being widely copied. Few mothers have area of territory 1,640 miles in length, with an average breadth of not less the honor of sending forth three than 600 miles, and it is estimated exsons into the itinerancy, a fourth into ceeds any of the four great kingdoms the local ministry, and a daughter to be the esteemed helpmeet of another of Europe taken together except Russia. Seven-eighths of its population are slaves, and it is this system of On Tuesday the sad news reached slavery that has materially retarded this city of the death at Trincomalee, the progress of the country. It possesses great mineral wealth, vast areas of rich pasturage, a very fertile soil, and gold and ivory are among M. Dockyard, and son-in-law of M. H. Richey, Esq., M. P. Deep sympathy is everywhere expressed for Mrs. its most valuable products. Explor-Jack, who is thus left a widow, with ers, among them De Brazza and Stanone child, in that distant part of the ley, have traversed some parts of it, and have furuished glowing accounts of its wealth. The English Govern-On Wednesday, Mr. Enoch Neary, ment has long had an eye upon it, but of Greenwich, while teaming wood on the French have been the most alert the South Mountain, near Benjamin's Mills, met with a desparate acin trying to reach it by railroads across the Great Desert. It cannot cident by the sled sweeping round be long before this great country will on the ice at a very dangerous point, be opened up to trade and commerce. throwing Mr. Neary, three horses and a load of wood over a perpendicular

METHODIST NOTES.

The Methodists of the Petitcodiac and we hope Bro. Neary will live circuit have commeuced the erection of a new parsonage and expect to On Christmas Day, 1821, the Rev. have it finished early in the spring -Moncton Times.

Rev. T. J. Deinstadt, of Moncton, reports: "As the result of the services held here we have received the names of about 40 persons, all of whom The late Mrs. McKenny, whose death we hope, in due time, will become members of the Church. Mann. Her pastor, Rev. J. C. Ogden, remarks that, "resting on the atonement, she met death calmly and

The Summersside Journal of last week says; "The revival meetings in the Methodist church are doing a good work. We are glad to say that on Sunday night last six converts were taken on trial, four admitted to membership, and three baptized.'

At Hebron, Yarmouth Co., special At Hebron, I armount of the past ervices have been held for the past five weeks, with good results. The pastor, Rev. I. M. Mellish, received seven into the Church during the past two weeks and expects a number of others soon.

The Rev. J. C. Ogden reports from messages are very precious. Price 50 N. E. Harbor: "A fortnight ago the ladies of the Methodist Church at Roseway realized three hundred dollars at a tea meeting. Proceeds go towards removing the debt on the new church. The previous week the friends contributed nearly one hundred dollars for lighting and heating apparatus. Much credit is due to uted liberally."

Among the petitions laid on th table of the Houseof Commons, Otta wa, on the 28th ult., was one "of the Missionary Society of the Weslevan Methodist Church in Canada; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to change the name of said So ciety to that of the Missionary Socie ty of the Methodist Church of Canada to extend their corporate powers, and for further amendments to their Ac of Incorporation.

Rev. W. Wass writes from Arthur ette, N. B.: "The Lord is giving us favor among the people on this rather difficult station. From our coming here we have been encouraged by kindness, and some hearts are warming to a new interest in religion. —A sewing circle is progressing in two places, one of which is for a church building at Arthurette to be finished in Summer. -On the evening of the 28th ult., our rooms were taken possession of by a large number of friends, who spent quite a pleasant evening, and left us \$32 to cheer our

The special services held at Grafton street and Charles street churches, in this city, show no abatement of interest. At the former church three persons were baptized and received into the Church on Sunday morning and the Lord's Supper was afterwards administered to an unusually large number. The pastor, Rev. J. J. Teasdale, is very happy in his work. Next week Rev. F. H. W. Pickles, at Charles street church, expects the aid of Mr. Reuben Smith, a native of Yarmouth, who has recently given up a good position in the United States in order to engage in work as an evangelist. Mr. Smith comes -with good recommendations

These items from Rev. C. W. Hamilton, Boiestown, came too late for our last issue : "In the woods of my circuit and Lumbermens' mission I have travelled since New Year's 500 miles and preached 50 times. I have seen and spoken to over 400 men in the woods. Over 500 copies of magazines, tracts 24th contains Sir Archibald Alison's and papers have been distributed. be appreciated, and must be productive of much good. This is an extensive and laborious field taken as a whole; but it is composed of elements which forbid its rapid development into a first class circuit. Our friends lope, Good Words; Dawn of the are very kind, and our cause is slowly improving.

Since the opening of the new church at Baie Verte a new organ has arrived. The instrument is of exquisite workmanship, rich and full in tone, and combines sweetness with strength. The debt has been provided for in the The steady perseverance of the sale of pews to within some \$300 of Salvation Army" in Geneva has the whole amount, with nine pews been rewarded by considerable suc- yet to be disposed of. The parsonage took fire the other day through a deof the opponents. Several of the fective flue, while none but the ladies most respected and popular magis. of the house were at home, but by longing to another church, is the per- trates in the city have been present coolness and energy the flames were extinguished.

Attention has of late been frequent-

From Tryon, P. E. I., Rev. S. T. Teed wrote on the 27th ult. : "This is the fifth week we have been holding service every evening and occasionally in the afternoon in our spacious church at Victoria, and the power of God has been and is being constantly displayed in the conversion of sinners. The work is reaching all classes and ages, from the children in the Sabbath-school to the man of grey hairs. Men of influence in the community, who have never previously yielded have bowed in lowly penitence at the communion railing and earnestly solicited an interest in prayer. We are surrounded by a noble band of

The revival continues in Lunenburg. Rev. W. Brown says: "God is still blessing us in a marvellous manner. Already many have found peace, while scores are earnestly seeking Christ. A most remarkable feature of the work is its universality. Childhood and age alike prostrate beneath the mighty power of God crying for mercy.

ABROAD.

A new Wesleyan paper, published in Queensland, is entitled the Christian Messenger

The Wesleyan Methodists of England are now making an earnest effort to lessen the debt of \$190,000 against the Leys School, Cambridge.

Efforts are being made to establish in Brooklyn, N. Y., a Methodist home for the aged. There is every prospect of success.

The committee on the Thomas Guard Monument has made arrangements for the erection at Baltimore. within the coming month, of a beautiful granite memorial at the head of Mr. Guard's grave.

The pastor of the Swedish Methodist Church in Boston is Rev. H. Olsen. His congregations number from seventy to one hundred and twenty five, with a steady increase in numbers and a growing interest. The church, which numbered about forty when he went there, is now eighty.

These are statistics of the Brazil mission of the M. E. Church, South, for 1882: Members at beginning of the year, 62; members and probationers received during the year, 51. There have been 5 adult and 13 infant baptisms in 1882. There are three Sunday-schools with over 120 pupils and 20 officers and teachers.

The following arrangements have been made for holding the Educational Meetings in the Sackville District. CIRCUIT. | TIME | DEPUTATION

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GLEANINGS, Etc.

THE DOMINION. The Shelburne Sheep Raising Company is reported to be making very substantial progress.

Lead and silver ore of marvellous richness and nearly pure has been found in the Kootenay district, British Columbia.

The Portland, (N.B.) School Trus-

tees have instructed the teachers to drill the children so that they may leave the buildings in case of fire quickly and without disorder. There is a movement on foot among the people of Crapaud to build a steam

er to ply between that port and Pugwash. A large sum has already been subscribed for the purpose. The revenue of Montreal for 1882 was \$3,748,042, an increase of a quart-

er of a million over 1881. The expenditure was \$1,677,878; the balance on hand is \$70,009, double that of the previous year. The owners and underwriters of the British steamer Quebec, recently arriv-

ed at Liverpool, after passage of fifty

sum of £10,000. A young girl of Pontneuf, Quebec, eloped last November with an Indian aged nearly forty years. The girl was only sixteen, and is described as a pretty blonde. Several unsuccessful

her whereabouts The New Brunswick House of Assembly is divided thus in point of professions:-11 lawyers, 9 farmers, 6 general merchants, 4 lumber merchants, 8 dectors, 2 editors, 1 mill own- Ann Gerry, daughter of Elbridge er. 1 shipbuilder, 1 manufacturer, 1 tanner and 1 hotel proprietor.

attempts have been made to ascertain

The Yarmouth Times says that the people of that town have formed a oint stock company with a capital of \$30,000, to build a large hotel after the most improved United States pattern. A large section will be for purely summer travel, to be closed

Traffic on the Western Counties Railway is steadily increasing. The 31st, 1882, shows that 27,789 passen. funds and revolvers.

gers went over the road, against 23,-773 in 1881, and that 19,554 tons of freight were carried, against 17,814 in

A lad 14 years old, of Wilmot Valley, P.E.I., had both bones of his leg broken the other day by a team going over it. The little fellow in this condition managed to unharness one of the horses, get on his back and ride one mile home holding the injured

The winter exhibition of the Fruit Growers' Association opened on Tuesday in Masonic Hall. The display of fruit was an excellent one. The Judges consider the whole show a very creditable one for the time of year and are loud in their praises of the condition of the exhibits.

J. U. Gregory, Esq., the agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department will be the commissioner in charge of the Quebec fishery exhibit at the great London Fisheries Exhibition. Dr. Honeyman goes for Nova Scotia, and will accompany the exhibits in the Newfield. The United States exhibit at Washington is now complete, and is said to be very fine.

The House of Assembly have passed the Bill for purchasing the Bastern Extension Railway-from New Glasgow to the Strait of Canso, which will place the Government of Nova Scotia in a position to receive from the Dominion Government the line of railway from Truro to Pictou. As it was necessary that this should be done before the 10th inst., it was carried through the several stages without opposition.

The new Governmennt of New Brunswick was summoned on Saturday last. The members are : A. G. Blair (York) Premier and Attorney General; Wm. Elder, (St. John) Provincial Secretary : R. J. Ritchie, (St. John) Solicitor General : James Mitchell (Charlotte) Surveyor General P. G. Ryan, (Gloucestor) Minister of Public Works; T. F. Gillespie (Northumberland) President of the Council; Dr. Vail, (Kings). G. S. Turner, (Albert,) and Archibald Harrison, M. L. C., (Sunbury), members of Executive without office. The departmental elections will be brought on at once in St. John and York on the 16th inst., in Charlotte on the 22nd inst. and in Gloucester soon after.

GENERAL

Thirty divorced women work in one shoe shop in Massachusetts.

Toads, brought in casks filled with damp moss, are sold weekly in Paris -they are used in gardens.

The steamship Spain, having the New York, on Saturday.

Alex. H. Stephens, Governor of Georgia, and a leader on the side of the South in the Civil War, died on. Sunday.

Ensign Hunt and party, including Bartlett and other survivors of the Jeannette, have arrived at St. Petersburg in good health. The telegraph and telephone com-

panies in New York are making

arrangements to put their wires underground in the spring. The Duke of Edinburg will be present at the coronation of the Czar of Russia. The Prince of Wales will

not attend. Flynn, a Bailiff of Lord Ardilaun. who was very badly beaten near Clonlur, County Mayo, last week, has

The United States Congress, before its final adjournment, on Sunday, passed a tariff bill which will probably decrease the revenue forty millions. Dr. Schliemann has not been digg-

ing up old relics and letting daylight into ancient caverns for the fun of the thing. He has made over \$100,000 in the last year by sales of 'finds." Of the persons arrested in connection with the murder of Prof. Palmer

sentenced to death, and others to from 3 to 15 years' imprisonment. Dr. Hugh J. Glenn, the largest wheat raiser in California and a prominent politicirn was shot by a drunken bookkeeper last week. He had at the

and party, in Egypt, five have been

time of his death 45,000 acres of land under cultivation. Arrangements have been made with the Newfoundland Railway Company, under the terms of the contract, for days from Portland, having been dis-abled, have awarded the captain the way from Harbor Grace to Carbonear, several miles of which have been al-

ready graded. The Roman carnival is on the decline, and this year none but the rudest part of the population and a few foreigners took much interest in it. The Roman people, since attaining to self-government, have developed into a larger manhood, and are no longer amused by puppet shows.

A rare link with the past has parted in the death at the age of 91 years. of Gerry, who who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and vice-president of Madison. The event occurred recently at New Haven, Con-

Walsh, of Rochdale, is believed to be the "No 1." of the Irish Invincibles. He has been arrested. Letters seized at his lodgings reveal the fact that six thousand men are enrolled in the secret society which he is been organizing in the North of La report for the year ending December | land, and are amply provided wit

NOTES ON UNION.

ARTICLE II. - (Continued.) Take, next, the Primitive Metho- there is Episcopacy only when there dist Church. How is this church to is a recognition of the separateorder, enter a Union Conference next Sep- with the concomitants of this-sepat mber? We do not know what rate ordination and the life tenure power its Quarterly Boards may have | what then? Simply this. The malin reference to constitutional chang- contents would be legally recognized es, but it seems to be forgotten that as constituting the real M.E. Church this body is at present in alegally con- and there would be a division of the summated union with the Primitive spoils. They would take possession Methodist Church of England. (See of ail the churches, the parsonages, Bro. Ross's excellent articles in Aug. | the educational establishments with and Sept. numbers of Meth. Mag.) An act for dissolution of this union can only be applied for by the petition | the people; we would have the minisof two-thirds of both Conferences. ters and supernumeraries, an elephant, The Canadian Conference has asked the English Conference to give their If there are those who laugh at this acquiescence to a union, if a basis danger, and probably there are. let practicable and honorable can be them remember the case of the Presfound." This, so far as we can un- byterian Church Temporalities Fund, derstand, is all that has been done. The petition has not yet been acted of their neighbors. If we rush on, will not be acted on, of course, thoughtlessly and carelessly on, as unless provisionally, until it is known | we have been doing, those who now what this basis is, and whether it is think they see, so clearly the hand adopted by the different churches. of Providence in the matter, may find, The fact is that our basis, whatever too late, perhaps, that Providence is it may be, must pass under the view of the Home Church, and be approved, rejected, amended, new conditions or provisions demanded, as it may his partner has no title to the propersee fit. Perhaps not much danger ty he is putting into the business. is to be apprehended from this source, but let any one calculate the time neither of which we wish to number necessary to secure these ends, then ourselves, or our church. Of course. a ld the time required for legal enact-ments and probable delays, and judge arise whether the M. E. Church ever how ready this church will be to had a real Episcopacy; but where enter a union next September. More there are so many elements of doubt. than one Christmas goose will have the only course for wise men is to to smoke upon the board before all take the safe side. What then, we these things can come to pass. But the end is not yet.

The case of the M. E. Church demands much more careful attention than either of these, a case involving not only the existence of union, but consequences more far-reaching. We do not pretend to understand the case in every part, we are not a dawyer civil or ecclesiastical; but every man is under obligation to use his common sense. We simply give our own views; let wise men judge what we say. We hope however our readers will follow us very carefully through this part of our subject.

The point upon which everything

seems to turn here, is the question of the existence or non-existence of Episcopacy in the basis. It is the general opinion, we think, in our church, that this scheme, whilst it thes introduce a Superintendency, does not introduce an Episcopacy. making the distinction, which should always be made, between an order and the duties usually discharged by it. It is, at least, only on this sup position that the scheme would have the least chance of success. Believing this, we must of course act accordingly, in the adjustment of all matters pertaining to union. Now, Bishop Carman and his Gen. Conference have decided that this scheme does introduce Episcopacy as well as the Itinerant Superintendency, and they have acted accordingly. Notice | reign of an expensive officialism, and now this affects matters. "In their that centralization of power which. Discipline," we quote from Brother Ross's article, "there are five consti- few, is protested against by what tutional limitations and restrictions, one of which reads: The Gen. Conthe Control of the Church." ference shall not change or alter any part or rule of our government so as the quotation may go for just what to do away with Episcopacy or de- it is worth; the assertion that any atroy the plan of our ltinerant Gen- in the Church either admire or deeral Superintendency. Provided, siderate "centralization of power," nevertheless, that upon the joint re- beyond what is absolutely necessary commendation of three-fourths of to maintain the connexional printhe Quarterly Meeting Conferences ciple, I flatly deny. At all events, throughout our church (Mission sta- if there are such people I have never tions excepted.) the question being met with them. In protesting carried in each of these by a major- against this bugbear, Dr. Douglas ity of three-fourths of the members and his friends are but fighting a present, then the General Conference shadow. What is proposed in the shall have power, by a majority of basis is a constitutional authority three-fourths, to alter any matter or that shall extend throughout the enpoint embraced in the foregoing restrictions, according as the same may | tection against the tyranny of party. have been recommended as afore-

If we as a Church are right in our interpretation of the scheme, then it is absolutely necessary for the M. E. Church, in order to accomplish union, first to submit the basis to the Q'y Boards, and to secure a threetourths of these Boards; then, to summon a Gen. Conference to give effect to these recommendations: after which the Annual Conference might elect to the Gen. Union Conference. B shop Carman, however, and his Gen. Conference, acting upon their interpretation of the basis, have refused to do this. They have refused to submit it for the three-fourths vote or to summon the subsequent Gen. Conference. They have passed it like any ordinary measure, by a large majority it is true, and as a matter of courtesy, as we understand, on the ground that the Church by submitted it for a simple majority vote to the Q'y Boards. As a consc- the essentials of its polity, and quence, their action, viewed from our | thereby lost its identity. standpoint, is wholly unconstitu- When the case was decided tional and illegal and the union not favor by the highest tribunal in first touch, into nothingness, leaving, judges, that in our annual presimake trouble. Any title is good ference, swayed largely by Dr. Dougenough if it is not disputed. But las' eloquence, and that special pleadwe do not forget that this year is the ling of which he is an acknowledged will be malcontents, and some who, the earth, being without a parallel in rayed in white robes," etc., etc. cising tempted by so great a prize, if such the annals of Church history." If May the children follow her as she Steele.

validity of this union in the courts. and they feel that in contending for Suppose, in such a case, that the the principle of superintendency Privy Council of England to which throughout the connexion, they are it would probably be carried should simply contending for the logical decide, as we believe it would, that and natural outcome of historical Concluded on page 4. Methodism.

their endowments, the Book Room,

&c , and consequently a large part of

truly a big one, and as white as milk.

and learn wisdom from the mistakes

usually on the side of prudence and

careful management. The man who

goes into partnership, believing that

belongs to one of two classes, in

may ask, in view of all these facts.

becomes of the Union Conference

next September, even if the course of

the Bible Christian Church, of whose

constitution we'know nothing, should

be all right? It seems, certainly,

that we have made a great deal more

haste than good speed. We have

been attempting to lift up axes upon

the thick trees before we had even

begun to clear away the underbrush.

As a consequence, we have, like

Abraham's ram, been caught by our

free us. Let us see to it, that we are

not freed in the same manner. We

are called to decide upon the wisdom

of propositions which cannot be car-

ried out, and to sanction a union

can never be consummated. Are these

DR. DOUGLAS ON THE BASIS.

(Continued.)

Again:-" Then we will have the

while admired and desiderated by the

The prophesy in the first part of

tire connexion and afford some pro-

Whether "a majority of the Church"

are disposed to "protest" against

such authority may be inferred from

the fact that while at the present

writing (Feb. 20) over four hundred

boards have voted in favor of the

basis, less than ten have objected to

At this point let me say that Dr.

Douglas and some others who have

written on the subject find it con-

venient to ignore important facts in our Church history. Let me remind

them of a few: -I. We began our

history in this land as Episcopal

Methodists. 2. When we united

with the British Conference in 1832

we changed the term "Episcopacy"

for "Annual Presidency"-that is,

changed the name without changing

the thing. 3. A suit was entered t

deprive us of our Church property

changing its name had changed

the superintendency.

J. R. BORDEN.

himself.

MEMORIAL NOTICES.

MR. JOHN DAILY.

Well known for many years in the counties of Gloucester, Northumberland and Restigouche, as a travelling evangelist, passed away to the rest of the saved on January 17th. He considered himself called of God to devote his time entirely to reading and praying with the people and visiting them in their homes, in so many of which he was ever warmly welcomed. His labors in this loved employ only ceased a few weeks before his death. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

MARGARET BIGNEY,

Another of Israel's choicest mothers gathered to her long-sought reward. The subject of this notice, Margaret Bigney, was a model in all the elements of truest Christian womanhood. As citizen, friend, wife, mother, a loyal, active, useful, and hence happy Christian. She was born on Prince Edward's Island, Canada, Jan. 9th, 1797, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wingate, in Shelbyville, Ind., Jan. 8, 1883. She had been a member of the Methodist church 66 years, and, until the infirmities of extreme age prevented, was ever gladly active in the discharge of her full share of all Church work. Her whole life was one of symmetrical beauty, usefulness, and happiness. For many years she walked the path of life in widowhood, but was most lovingly and amply cared for by affectionate and appreciating children. She was buried by the side of her sainted husband in the cemetery at Moore's Hill, Ind., Jan. 9th, 1883. She leaves 5 children to mourn the loss of one of the best of Christian mothers. horns in the thicket, from which, it J. COTTON (in Western Christian will take many a twist and turn to Advocate.)

MRS. PERRIN.

Having waited in vain, for some months, hoping that a more capable which, upon the terms of the basis, pen would claim the honor of furnishing through your paper an obituary things so? Let every man judge for of one so deserving as the subject of this notice, I am constrained to at-This will be enough for the present, tempt the task.

Mr. Editor. We will return, per- Our resting sister was for more as we would like much to discuss the Perrin-of worthy memory-one of supernumerary and missionary ques-Jesus and soon after joined the ing the archangel's trump. "For Methodist Church, of which she continued a faithful member till death. dead shall be raised incorruptible By sacrificing devotion to Christ and | and we shall be changed.....so when his people during these years the this corruptible shall have put on genuineness of her faith was demon- incorruption, and this mortal shall strated. Most laboriously, and have put on immortality, then shall cheerfully, did she minister to the be brought to pass the saying that comfort of the itinerant, as he fre- (is written, Death is swallowed up in quently halted in the community, to victory. O death, where is thy preach a "free and full salvation." sting? O grave, where is thy The sainted Webb, Snowball, Mc-Nutt. Wilson, and others yet among the living, often enjoyed the hospitality of her home. God gave her a large family, some of whom passed in hope the vala of death before her. Slowly the infirmities of age weighed her down in body and mind, yet it was evident by her words and actions that Christ, and rest in heaven, were appermost in her heart to the last. On the 6th of November last, in the 86th year of her age, she calmly passed to her rest from her daughter's nome in Truro. River John, Feb. 15th, 1883.

MRS. ABBIE BISHOP.

Thirteen months ago Mrs. Bishop placed herself under the care of the medical faculty of St. Margaret's Home, Boston, Mass, hoping thereby to regain her health and be able to return to her family in due time. During the greater part of this time good hopes of restored health were cherished, but the final testing came. severe operations had to be undergone, and the already somewhat broken constitution could not bear the strain. On the 26th of Jan., in her 48th year, she calmly and blessedly passed from earth to the rest, and joy and home of God.

During a gracious work of God under the labors of the Rev's James Taylor and J. Lathern, on the Canning circuit, she, with many others, was happily converted. She united with the Methodist Church and remained in connection with it till the close of life. She was a good and true Christian woman who lived a consistent and useful life. She suffered much, but bore it as those only worth the paper upon which it 18 the country, one main ground of the can who are divinely upheld and written. It must crumble at the decision was the fact, as held by the comforted. Her children, one of whom was with her in her last illness, as it will doubtless when it disap- dency we had retained all the essen- rise up and call her blessed. They pears, al "aching void" behind. The tials of Methodist Episcopacy. 5. know the grace of God and are defect, of course, would not matter This presidency continued down to greatly comforted by the clear and s) much, if there were no one to the Conference of 1873, but that Con. satisfactory evidence their mother left behind that she is forever with the Lord.

Her remains were brought home and to be able to relish your being, jubilee of another union with the master, resolved to abandon an essen- and interred in the Prosbyterian without the transport of some pas-M. E. Church, and from a few distitial feature of our traditional polity, cemetery; Lakeville, on the 2nd ult. sion, or gratification of some appeaffected local preachers and one sup- and to experiment with a mongrel A large number of the friends of the tite. For want of this capacity, the ernomerary minister who refused Presbyterianism, which, to use the family were present. A discourse world is filled with whetters, tipplers, to come into the union, sprang the Doctor's own description, is like no- was delivered by the writer on the cutters, sippers, and all the numerpresent vigorous flourishing church of that name. Without doubt there earth beneath, or the water under "What are these which are ar-

Kentville, Feb. 20th. BESSIE DeW. DAVISON,

Daughter of E. D. Davison, Esq.,

Bridgewater, N. S., fell peacefully

asleep in Jesus on Monday morning, Feb. 12th, in the 29th year of her age. The first symptoms of the insidious disease, which finally terminated herearthly career, exhibited themselves while she was attending the Ladies Academy in Sackville some years ago. Everything that affection could suggest or wealth procure was tried by her now sorrowing parents to save her life, but in vain. When under treatment in a medical institution in the United States, being brought more immediately within the hallowed influences of our holy religion, she was led to give herself to the Saviour. She returned to

her home if not with much physical benefit, yet rejoicing in the soulhealing power of the Great Physician. During the last few months of her life it was rarely her privilege to be present at the services of the sanctuary; but when there, she appeared to feed on the precious promises of the Word, often expressing regret afterwards for being debarred from more frequent attendance. Naturally reserved and retiring, she made no ostentatious display of the hope that strengthened her spirit under physical weariness, but all could see that she was calmiy waiting and watching. So gradually and imperceptibly did she ripen for eternity that we all trusted that she would live through the winter; but the Master willed it otherwise. Hastily summoned to her bed-side on the evening previous to her departure, I found her resting with child-like simplicity of faith in the merits of the Redeemer. Calling again after divine service, she greeted me pleasantly, saying in response to the remark that she would soon be with

Jesus: "Yes-to-night!" No more peaceful a death could be witnessed. She talked cheerfully of her going forth as if on some well-known journey. Her physician coming in, she inquired with wonderful composure if she would live through the night, immediately adding: "I will soon be in the land where there is no pain." Her hope was realized a few hours subsequently, when she quietly breathed her gentle spirit back to God. We carried all that was mortal of her to Mill Village, the home of her childhood, where a large audience being assembled in the church, the writer was ably assisted in the solemn service that followed, by the resident pastor, Bro. Fisher, and Bro. haps, to the subject at a future day, than twelve years the relict of George Brown, of Lunenburg. And there, 'neath the trees on the breezy hillthe first Methodists in this place. side, with the murmuring stream Upwards of fifty years ago she obtained forgiveness of sins by faith in we laid the worn body to rest, await-

DAVID HICKEY.

Bridgewater, N. S., Feb. 28:b, '83.

BREVITIES.

Victer Hngo says: "To reform

You may depend upon it that he

The man who has the weaker side

of an argument makes the most

noise. If you want to hear a pig-

squeal, get him penned into a corner.

A Cleveland dentist finds that

women will bear pain better than

men, and that the bigger and strong-

er the man, the louder he howls at

the loss of a tooth that has served

him all his life with tolerable fidelity.

An ingenious French writer ob-

serves that those who depend on

their ancestors may be said to search

in the roots of the tree for those

fruits which the branches ought to

A visitor, on calling at a friend's

house during the session of the Leg-

islature, was questioned thus by a little boy: "Where is your ax?"

'What do you mean, little boyf"

asked the visitor. "I heard pa say

the reason you came to town was

Victor de Lesseps, son of his fath-

er, tells of this performance of his

father: "But my august father

was not wanting to the occasion.

He had round his neck a false collar

of English make. He did not besi-

tate for a moment. He tore it off.

and danced on it. This was his re-

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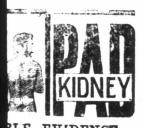
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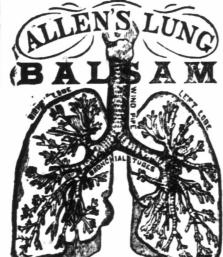
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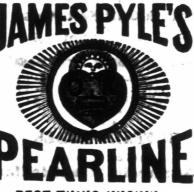
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