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THAT PRESBYTERIAN COM-
PLAINT.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—That our Presbyterians should find reasonable cause for complaint against either the ministry or membership of the Methodist Church of Canada within the bounds of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference, would be matter of regret to all its members. No "young men" however have been authorized during the present ecclesiastical year by myself or any other person, so far as my knowledge extends, to administer the Sacraments within the aforesaid bounds except the four ministers who received ordination at our last Conference. Moreover as the "young men," or ministers on trial in the Methodist Church, are as careful generally to observe Methodist discipline as a "Presbyterian minister" can be to regard the discipline of the body to which he belongs, I must regard our Presbyterian brother as the subject of misapprehension until names and dates are specified over his own signature.

Yours truly,

ROBERT DUNCAN,
President of the
N. B. and P. E. I. Conference,
Marysville, York Co., March 5, 1877.

OUR NEW HYMN BOOK.

A POEA FOR "PECULIAR" METRES.
The Committee appointed by the General Conference, to prepare a new Hymn Book for the use of our denomination, is, do doubt, proceeding with the work assigned to it. In this undertaking, every Methodist is deeply concerned; and many are correspondingly anxious, as to the character of the Book that shall be. The influence which our unrivalled Hymnology has exerted, to stir our hearts, and to mould our doctrinal belief, has been very great; while the passion for music, which is so absorbing and universal, shows the supreme importance of utilizing so mighty a power, in the interests of religion. There are few questions pertaining to church polity, at the present time, which are of greater moment than this:—"What shall we sing?" It is to be feared that we are giving a greater license in this direction, than is consistent, either with poetic taste, or doctrinal purity. The Christian public seems to be running almost wild over these "Melodies." "Of making many books," of this nature, "there is no end," but the contents of some of them, do not indicate that much "weariness of the flesh" attended the labors of the composers. The sentiment of many of these rhymes, is frothy in the extreme; as regards their literary merit, they are beneath notice; while the doctrine which some of them inculcate, is most pernicious. The subtle and mighty power which music and poetry have, to mould the mind and heart, is a weighty reason for the exercise of a keener supervision over this department of our religious exercises than is sometimes accorded to it.

The duty of compiling a new book, for the use of our church, has been devolved upon gentlemen of the first rank in culture, taste, and piety. We are satisfied, therefore, that the literary and doctrinal character of that which shall come from their hands, will be all that the most critical Methodist can desire. It is very evident, however, that there is a strong aversion in some quarters, to some of the hymns in our honored old book, because of the peculiar metres in which they are written. Without pausing here, to refer to any particular class of worshippers, by whom this antipathy is manifested and fostered, or the particular reasons for such repugnance, I will only say, that it will be a sad day for Metho-

dism, when the "service of song" in her religious gatherings, shall be moulded by any other than a devout desire to promote merely the spiritual profit of the people.

This is, undoubtedly, the only just criterion by which to judge any music or hymn, which it is sought to introduce into our worship. And assuming that our congregations, and especially the singing portions of them, are guided by this principle, I cannot understand why there should be so strong an aversion to these "peculiar" metres, when so many of the hymns written in them are preeminent for all that is beautiful and pure in literary merit, and in Bible truth. Amongst the most common of such hymns, are those known as "S's." They are not often declined, although on three occasions, in one of our large cities, I have been requested by choirs to substitute some other metre in their stead. But we cannot afford to be deprived of those sweet and tender hymns—in this metre—on Heaven; while I am sure that few sincere souls have failed to experience the wondrous power which lies concealed in hymns 165 and 174. As for No. 228, it is one against which I trust no hand will ever be raised. It is a battery which is ever charged; if any disbelieve this, let them take hold of it and try!

But there is no class of "P. M.'s" which are so rudely assailed, as is that known as "2-6's & 4-7's." Surely those who treat this metre so uncivilly, have never read, carefully, some of the hymns under the above mark. Let the penitent soul, mourning because of sin, study Hymn 151; or let the happy believer in Jesus, turn to 191; and then on to 194 with its two parts, and read them devoutly to the end, and then let him ask his heart if these hymns shall be driven away from our closets, our families, and our sanctuaries, simply because a few persons do not like the metre? I might specify other hymns of the same class, particularly No's 626—"The Living Way," and 657—"The Promised Comforter." Then again there is that triumphant and sublime strain—No. 669—"The God of Abraham praise, &c." Let the "Committee" deal reverently with that hymn! Let every tongue that shall rise in judgement against that hymn, be condemned!

There is no valid reason why these beautiful hymns should not be used in all our congregations. There is a sufficient number of appropriate and good tunes, for them all. These tunes can be easily learned by any one of ordinary musical ability. All our choirs ought to be prepared to sing them. All our people should learn them.

I am glad to know, that there are choirs and congregations, who are thus qualified. No doubt my brethren have found them—as have I—who could, at a few minutes notice, render tastefully any hymn in our Book. And these are to be found, not only in our more pretentious communities, but in some of our quiet obscure country circuits. All honor to them, wherever they are! We thank them for their painstaking attention to their duty. They have undertaken to lead in the praises of God, and they are not found, year after year, under the humiliating necessity of sending a messenger to the pulpit, to ask that this or that hymn be changed. May they never become weary in well doing!

There are many of our ministers and people, who are inclined to protest most vigorously against the exclusion of these peculiar metres from our Psalmody. We appeal to the "Committee," in behalf of hymns which are sung with delight and profit, by hundreds and thousands of our people. We beg that Committee not to exclude these hymns from their forthcoming collection. Women, spare these trees! They have sheltered, and refreshed us! They are to us "as the apple tree among the trees of the wood." We have sat under their "shadows with great delight, and" their "fruit has been sweet to our taste." Touch them not! If already the axe is laid at the root of any of them, we beseech you to spare! If our beautiful grove must be thinned out at all, let the stroke fall upon the more common growth. Spare these, for which we plead, and we will bless you!

Jos. S. COFFIN.

HAMILTON, BERMUDA.

EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS.

We held our annual Educational Meetings during February. Our first of the series was at St. George's. The attendance was good, and the addresses interesting and instructive. The speakers on this occasion were T. T. Davis, A.M., Revs. J. M. Fisher, S. F. Huestis, and the writer; the Superintendent of the circuit occupying the chair. The choir added to the interest of the meeting with excellent music.

Bailey's Bay came next in order. The meeting here was considered a success, although the attendance was small, owing to the dampness of the evening.

The speakers gathered fresh power, and were in excellent trim for their work at the meeting in Hamilton. The addresses on this occasion were certainly of a high order. This was an intensely interesting service. Philosophy, history, poetry, music and the holy oracles were all laid under contribution to render this one of the most interesting educational meetings we have ever attended.

Somerset closed the series, and was in some respects ahead of the others. Our church here was crowded, quite a number of the military from Boaz being in attendance. The collection here was almost up to Hamilton, and ahead of the others. In these meetings we had a disadvantage to contend against, viz.,—we had no report of the society's operations. This we felt deeply, for we could not furnish the information which our people wanted to know. Can any one tell why we do not receive the Report of the Educational Society in Bermuda? Perhaps we may have this explained.

THE CROPS.

At present the prospects of Bermuda farmers are not by any means flattering. Heavy rains and severe gales during February have had injurious effect on the growing crops; but what is more alarming, the blight has made its appearance in the potato fields. If this should spread, and become general, the consequences will be felt very deeply—for many are depending upon this branch of husbandry for their support. The onion crop looks tolerably well, but our impression of the tomato is that the yield will not be nearly equal to last year.

OUR NEW CHURCH.

Up to this date we have said comparatively nothing through the Press about the new and important interest of our work here. Now we feel constrained to say a word about it. Our first word is gratitude—thanksgiving. We present our unfeigned thanks to the elect lady of the church in Nova Scotia, her name we have not heard, who sent us, by the last mail steamer, "Beta," \$5 towards this work. We greatly appreciate this unsolicited donation. We would mention also in this connection a fact which gives us much pleasure and encouragement in our work, viz. An American gentleman, who is spending the winter here, a few days ago donated to this self-same object \$150 in gold. Thus our good Lord is saying to us—Go on and build. For these and similar gifts we thank God and feel much encouraged.

The Methodists in Canada want to know about this enterprise. We are only too glad to tell them. Well, we have undertaken to build a church that will meet the need of the present and also that of coming generations. A detailed account of the church at this stage of its progress cannot be furnished. The following statement will suffice:—The building is 106 x 52 feet with basement and spire. Those who have carefully figured on the whole work calculate it will cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000. Looking at these calculations, we confess to a feeling not far from bewilderment when we consider our circumstances. We have begun to build in hard times, but the majority of our people are willing to do everything in their power to push this work ahead. We are resolved not to go heavily into debt if at all, and to forward the work just as fast as we can raise means with which to build. We have felt the necessity of this great undertaking. In no town or city in Canada, or within the bounds of our work with which we are familiar, is a new Methodist Church more necessary than in Hamilton, Bermuda. How our heart yearns to see

this work accomplished. Are we able to build? If we were compelled to do all this work from our own resources it would require a good many years to bring it to a completion; but we do not expect to do it alone of ourselves. The Lord is sending us help. We expect help from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, the Upper Provinces, the United States of America, and from England. We verily believe that our God, in whom we perfectly trust, will send us help from many if not all of the above places. Will not our brethren help us to build this house for God in Bermuda? We believe they will. If our brethren in Canada and other places knew our circumstances they would, I am sure, quickly come to our aid. Will not our Yarmouth ship-owners help us, whose vessels in distress often come into our harbour, and whose crews may wish to find a Methodist welcome in this Isle of the Sea? Surely they will. We expect it. The work is going forward, and as the means are forthcoming so we trust will the work advance.

Religiously all we can say at present is that we are enabled to proclaim the glorious Gospel of the blessed God full and free to perishing men, and we believe in due time our God will give the increase.

It will afford the many friends of the Rev. S. F. Huestis in Canada much pleasure to know that since he came to Bermuda his health is decidedly improving.

R. W.

Hamilton, Bermuda, March 6, 77.

ST. GEORGE'S, BERMUDA.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—Your readers, have not, certainly, been allowed to forget that there is such a place as Bermuda—a sunny spot, where the smiles of a perpetual summer gladden; and where nature is always arrayed in queenly attire; where white cottages nestle in valleys of perpetual green; and where, though never a brook meanders through its meadows, delighting the ear with the sweet ripple of its waves, yet the sounding sea makes ample amends by the murmurs of its ceaseless intonations—still, at the risk of surfeiting your readers with news from this much praised land, we must crave a few inches of space to keep our country and our circuits fresh in your memory. The winter with us, if that season may be called winter in which the mercury never falls below 50° of Fahrenheit, has been one of unusual severity. Storm after storm has swept our coasts and the surrounding waters. The rainfalls have been far above the average. And the number of raw and disagreeable days has been greatly in excess of what is usual. The first winter I spent here seemed all sunshine, this one seems all storm. The crops throughout the country have suffered very much from the high winds, and in consequence the tomatoes and the second crop of potatoes will be much later than usual.

The "ill wind," however, has brought a large number of vessels into the port of St. George's in a more or less disabled condition, the necessary repairs upon which gives employment to a large number of mechanics and labourers. Many thousands of pounds have thus been put in circulation during the past few months, and as a considerable proportion of this community are quite dependent upon this business for support, times have been much better, here, than usual. It is not perhaps a pleasant consciousness that one is living by the misfortunes of others, and Bermudians are sometimes rallied upon the fact that disabled ships and impaired constitutions are amongst the sources of their wealth. Let the outer world, however, remember that this is by no means an uncommon thing in Society. Whole professions are dependent upon the sufferings and misfortunes of mankind. What would become of the medical profession if people were never sick; or that of dentistry, if our teeth would but last a lifetime? How would lawyers live if people were wise and godly enough never to quarrel? What would become of policemen if our citizens were all decent and sober? and even the minister would find his "occupation gone" if sin did not blight mankind with its cruel curse; and so it has fallen to the lot of Bermuda to repair what the tempest has shattered in our navies, and, if possible, what the severities of climate, overwork, and perchance, vice,

may have shattered in the constitution. It is well that the mighty hand of the Divine Creator has thrown up in mid ocean this delectable spot, a refuge for the distressed in all coming time.

Our religious services have been accompanied with some measure of the divine blessing. The watch night service was one of special interest. Our sanctuary was crowded with an attentive and serious congregation, and as we spoke of the flight of time, the nearness of eternity, and the preciousness of Christ, the spirit of solemnity appeared to pervade all hearts. On the following Sabbath I received into church fellowship, three persons who had passed the usual probation, and have since taken into the classes several who are seeking the Saviour, or have already found him. The usual week of prayer observed by all evangelical churches, was one of great spiritual enjoyment and was followed by a week of prayer-meetings in our own church during which our members received much quickening influence. This was followed by the Anniversary exercises of our Mission Sabbath School. The chief feature of these exercises is the public examination of the scholars in the lessons studied by them during the past year. These are the Catechism and the International Series of Scriptural Lessons. In both of these the proficiency showed would have done credit to any school in the Dominion of Canada.

The first part, conducted by myself, were the lessons in the lives of David and Solomon. All books were laid aside, the lessons were entirely impromptu, and yet were answered promptly and without hesitation. After singing, the Rev. S. F. Huestis examined them in the New Testament lessons in the same manner. The answers were prompt and accurate, and Bro. Huestis expressed himself as extremely gratified at their familiarity with the incidents and lessons in the early history of the Church, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, and paid a high and merited compliment to Mr. Edward Wolfe, the superintendent, to the teachers and to all.

One noticeable thing came out during the distribution of prizes. Two prizes had been offered for punctuality. The first of these was taken by a little boy named Giles, the second by his sister; and the Secretary's report showed that, during the past four years, this boy had never been absent from school once, for any cause, and had never been a single minute late. During the same time his sister had lost but one day and that through sickness. The report also showed the school to be in a healthy and prosperous condition.

Our Educational meetings came off the week before last. In St. George's the attendance was very good. Clear, weighty, and earnest addresses, were delivered by Bro. Davis, of Hamilton, (Teacher), and the Rev. Messrs. Fisher, Huestis, and Wasson. Considerable interest was manifested in the subject of Education, and in the special objects of this Fund. The collection was considerably in advance of last years. The fact is that, last year, business in St. George's, and through the whole colony, was in a bad state. In consequence, our collections for all the Conference funds fell below the average of what they ought to be. This year as times are much better, we expect the contribution from St. George's and Bailey's Bay will be nearly double that of last year. Remoteness from the great centres of Methodist influence does not impair the loyalty of our people here, or lessen their interest in our connexion enterprises, and though the stringency of the times may occasionally cause a falling off in our financial returns, yet Bermuda will not, in general, be found behind any other circuits of equal resources.

Yours, &c.,

W. C. B.

THE late Signor Blitz, the magician, once said to Daniel Webster in Washington, "Give me 100,000 Treasury notes to count, and watch closely, and you will find only 75,000 when I return them." "Signor," responded Webster, "there is no chance; there are here better magicians than you; they would not leave 50,000 after their counting."

WESLEYAN ALMANAC, MARCH, 1877.

Last Quarter, 6 day, 5h, 47m, Afternoon. New Moon, 14 day, 10h, 36m, Afternoon. First Quarter, 22 day, 8h, 53m, Morning. Full Moon, 29 day, 1h, 33m, Morning.

Table with columns for Day of Week, SUN, MOON, and RISES. Lists sunrise and moonrise times for each day of the month.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's setting gives the time of high water at Parrisboro, Cornsalls, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport and Truro.

High water at Picton and Cape Tormentine, 2 hrs and 11 minutes LATER than at Halifax. At Annapolis, 8h, 10m, N.B., and Portland, Maine, 3 hours and 25 minutes LATER, and at St. John's, Newfoundland 20 minutes EARLIER than at Halifax. At Charlottetown, 2 hours 54 minutes LATER. At Westport, 2 hours 54 minutes LATER. At Yarmouth, 2 hours 29 minutes LATER.

FOR THE LENGTH OF THE DAY.—Add 12 hours to the time of the sun's setting, and from the sum subtract the time of rising.

FOR THE LENGTH OF THE NIGHT.—Subtract the time of the sun's setting from 12 hours, and to the remainder add the time of rising next morning.

THE LONG AGO.

This well-known, beautiful poem, by B. F. Taylor, is reprinted by request. O, a wonderful stream is the river of time. As it runs through the realms of tears, With a faultless rhythm and a musical rhyme.

THE RECOGNITION.

Grace Greenwood tells, in "The Interior," a story of one Malcolm Anderson, who, at the age of sixteen, left his widowed mother in the Highlands of Scotland to seek his fortune as a sailor. After several voyages, the proceeds of which were largely bestowed on his mother, he went to India, and by diligence and shrewdness became wealthy.

two children, a son and a daughter. He did not write to his good mother that he was coming home, as he wished to surprise her, and test her memory of her sailor boy. The voyage was made in safety.

One summer afternoon Mr. Malcolm Anderson arrived with his family in his native town. Putting up at the little inn he proceeded to dress himself in a suit of sailor clothes, and then walked out alone. By a by path he well knew, and then through a shady lane, dear to his young, hazel-nutting days, all strangely unchanged he approached his mother's cottage.

At length he knocked, and the dear, old well-remembered voice called to him in the simple, old-fashioned way: "Come in!" (come in). The widow rose at sight of the stranger, and courteously offered him a chair.

"Yes, Madame," he replied; but I have been away in foreign parts for many years. I don't if my own mother would know me now, though she was very fond of me before I went to sea.

"In India—in Calcutta, madame." "Ah then, it's likely ye ken something of my son, Mr. Malcolm Anderson."

"My son is a rich merchant," replied the widow proudly, "but he is younger than you by many a long year, and begging your pardon, sir, far bonnier. He is tall and straight, wi' hands and feet like a lassie's; he had brown, curling hair, sae tick and glossy; and cheeks like the rose, and brow like the swan, and big blue een, wi' a glint in them like the light of the evening star! Na, na, ye are no like my Malcolm, though you are a guid enough body and a decent woman's son."

Here the masquerading merchant, considerably taken down, made a movement as though to leave, but the hospitable dame stayed him saying: "Gin ye have travelled a' the way from India, ye moun to be tired and hungry. Bide a bit, and eat and drink wi' us. Margery! come down and let us set on the supper."

The two women soon provided quite a tempting repast, and they all three sat down to it, Mrs. Anderson reverently asking a blessing. But the merchant could not eat. He was only hungry for his mother's kisses—only thirsty for her joyful recognition; yet he could not bring himself to say to her: "I am your son."

"Where are the unerring, natural instincts I have read about in poetry and novels?" His hostess, seeing he did not eat, kindly asked him if he could suggest anything he would be likely to relish.

"Porridge," repeated the widow.—"Ah, ye mean parritch. Yes, we hae a little, left frae our dinner. Gie it to him, Margery. Bat, Mon, it is cauld."

"Never mind; I know I shall like it," he rejoined, taking the bowl and beginning to stir his porridge with his spoon. As he did so, Mrs. Anderson gave a slight start and bent eagerly toward him. Then she sank back in her chair, with a sigh, saying in answer to his questioning look: "Ye minded me o' my Malcolm then, just in that way he used to stir his parritch—gieing it a whirl and a flit. Ah! gin ye were my Malcolm, my poor laddie!"

voice; 'or gin your braw young Malcolm were as brown, and bald, and gray, and bent and old, as I am, could you welcome him to your arms, and love him as in the dear auld lang syne? Could you mither?

All through this touching little speech the widow's eyes had been glistening, and her breath coming fast; but at the word 'mither,' she sprang up with a glad cry, and tottering to her son, tell almost fainting on his breast. He kissed her again and again—kissed her brow, and her lips, and her hands, while she clung about his neck, and called him by all the dear old pet names, and tried to see him in all the dear, old, young looks. By and by they came back, or the ghosts of them came back. The form in her embrace grew comelier; love and joy gave to it a second youth, stately and gracious; the first she then and there buried deep in her heart—a sweet, beautiful, peculiar memory. It was a moment of solemn renunciation, in which she gave up the fond, maternal illusion she had cherished so long. Then looking up steadily into the face of the middle aged man, who had taken his place she asked:

"Where hae ye left the wife and bairns?" "At the inn mother. Have you room for us all at the cottage?" "Indeed, I have; two good spare rooms, wi' large closets well stocked wi' linen I hae been spinning or weaving a' these lang years for ye baith and the weans."

"Well, mother dear, now you must rest," rejoined the merchant tenderly. "Na, na, I dinna care to rest till ye lay me down to tak' me lang rest. There'll be time enough between that day and the resurrection to fauld my hands in idleness. Now t'would be uncon irksome. But go, my son, and bring me the wife—I hope I shall like her; and the bairns—I hope they will like me."

I have only to say, that both the good woman's hopes were realized. A very happy family knelt down to prayer that night, and many nights after in the widow's cottage, whose climbing roses and woodbine were but outward signs in the types of the sweetness and blessedness of the love and peace within.

DESTRUCTIVE CONFLAGRATION IN ST. JOHN, N. B.

St. John has not been visited by so destructive a fire for years past, as that which broke out on Prince William St., about ten o'clock last evening, and destroyed some of the finest business stands in the city, as well as a vast amount of stock contained in the various establishments, very little being rescued from the hands of the devouring element, after it once obtained a footing in a building.

THE FIRE BROKE OUT in the building on Prince William Street, owned by the Ennis and Gardner estate, and occupied by Mr. M. C. Barbour and Mr. John H. Golden, as dry goods store, on the lower flat, and Stevens Bros. in the upper. It is supposed to have originated in the cellar of the former's store, although that point is not absolutely certain. Engine No. 1 was on the ground within two minutes of the time the alarm sounded, and taking up its station at the corner of Princess and Prince William streets, began to play on the fire, which at that time was still confined to the cellar of Mr. Barbour's store. The floors of both stores had to be cut through to get at the fire, and it was then supposed that the mass of flames beneath was not great, but this turned out to be an error, the whole basement being one sheet of fire. For a time the firemen seemed to be getting it under, and so confident were they in this belief that at 11 o'clock all the engines but No. 1 were sent home. Half an hour later they were re-called, and word sent for more hose, when it was discovered that THE FLAMES WERE GAINING HEADWAY, and were beginning to wrap the whole building within their fiery embrace. No. 3 then took up its station at the corner of King and Canterbury streets; and the new engine was placed at Tisdale's corner.

AID FROM PORTLAND.

So serious had the fire become at 1.30 a.m., that Engineer Kane sent over to Portland for his engine and men. The fire at 11.30, had gained an entire mastery in the building where it had started, but hopes were indulged that it would be confined to that building, and the most heroic efforts were made by the firemen to effect that object. They were all in vain, however. The flames mounted from one story to another, and rising above the cupola, which shrivelled within that fiery girdle, lit up

A SCENE OF DISASTER AND RUIN.

In the rear of Messrs. I. & F. Burpee's building one of the iron shutters on an upper story was off, and through the window the devouring flames poured in a destructive stream. In a few minutes the building, the lower part of which was occupied by Messrs. Kerr & Thorne, was entirely filled with fire, and it was seen that this fine edifice was doomed to destruction.

As the fire mounted into the roof, it sent forth a shower of sparks into King street, the like of which has never been seen at any fire in St. John, within the memory of living men. The sea of sparks which filled the lower part of King street for fully half an hour, resembled nothing so much as what would be created by a burning pine forest. They fell in a fiery shower like flakes of snow, and like snow they were driven by the whirlwinds which formed at the corners of the streets, into fantastic forms. As the fire progressed in the Burpee building

TWO EXPLOSIONS TOOK PLACE

from the powder stored in the upper story of the building. At the same time thousands of cartridges went off, and for five or six minutes their explosion resembled the sound of a regiment of soldiers firing a feu de joie. At 1.45 a terrible sound fell on the ears of the assembled multitude, and fell with a deeper horror on the ears of those whose lives were then put in peril. Most people thought it was an explosion, and still affirm that an explosion preceded it. However that may be, at the same moment the southern wall of the Ennis and Gardner building fell through the roof and side of the building of Messrs. Watts & Turner, and the Northern wall of the Burpee building fell through that of Messrs. Beard and Venning. Quite a number of people were in both the buildings, that were thus rudely invaded. On the roof of Watts & Turner's building some twenty firemen and others were gathered, and in the building itself were fifteen or twenty others, one of them being Mr. E. D. Watts himself. At this present time of writing it is impossible to tell how men are missing. Mr. Watts certainly is, and it is feared that he is buried beneath the mass of brick and rubbish which the men were this morning slowly trying to remove.

FOUR MEN ARE SAID TO HAVE FALLEN THROUGH THE ROOF.

and it may be that many others were inside and did not escape. It will not be until some time to-day, then it will be certainly known whether St. John has to mourn the loss of only one life or many. Amongst those who escaped from the building were Messrs. Fairall and W. W. Jordan, Amos Fales, his son, John Eagles, a young man named Underhill, Fred and Saml. Clarke and a man named Clark who lives on Erin street, and who had his thigh broken. He took the matter very coolly, and his leg being set by Drs. Sheffield and DeVeber, he was sent home.

LATER—FOUR BODIES FOUND.

The bodies of four men were found in the ruins of the store of Messrs. Watts & Turner. One was recognized as that of Mr. E. D. Watts; another that of a man named Budd, clerk in the establishment, while the names of the other two had not been learned.—Telegraph.

PRESIDENT-ELECT HAYES.

A correspondent of the N. Y. "Witness," writing from Columbus, O., gives the following admirable account of President-elect Hayes, which augurs well for the country which he is to govern during the next five years:

I venture to predict that President Hayes will be as popular among the women of America as ever Mr. Lincoln himself was. And I give these as my reasons: First of all he is a large, muscular, well-proportioned man with a pleasant face; plain, frank and unaffected as that of Lincoln was. He has a deep, strong, sonorous voice, and as he addresses you he looks you squarely in the face with those two large deep blue eyes. He is candid, modest, frank, affable, with no airs, no mock dignity, no affectation—in a word he is himself. The ladies like that kind of a man. Then his life has been pure and unclouded by any shadow of suspicion of any sort. His family relation is all that man could desire or woman respect, happy as happy can be. His home life is illuminated by the smile and blessing of heaven itself, of which it is a type. His wife and children and his home are dear to him, and he is never happier than at his own fireside. He never tasted the cup that intoxicates, never tasted tobacco, never profaned the name of God. He is a sincere, modest and pure Christian of the highest type. Every hour of repose is preceded, and every hour of waking followed, by prayer to God. How can the women of America help admiring the great President, who is so pure and good? Engaged for fifteen years in politics and the law, mingling with the world, he has kept himself through all unpotted from the world. Four years of army life failed to draw him away

from the vow taken at the knee of his widowed mother, whose only darling boy he was, to be a gentleman and a Christian, pure and above reproach.

STARS AND DAISIES.

The stars are tiny daisies high. Opening and shutting in the sky; While daisies are the stars below, Twinkling and sparkling as they glow. The star-buds blossom in the night, And love the moon's calm, tender light; But daisies bloom out in the day, And watch the strong sun on his way.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Halifax, 6th March, 1877.

His Honor the Lieut. Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:

In the County of Annapolis.—To be a Justice of the Peace—Charles E. Troop, Granville Ferry.

In the County of Kings.—To be a Justice of the Peace—Duncan Dapich Clarke Reid, Gasparaux.

In the County of Colchester.—To be Commissioners of Sewers for the Meadow, or Intervale, on the St. Andrew's River, in Shubenacadie—David Moore, James Miller, and Samuel Frame.

A laborer of Hibernian extraction was not long since lamenting the hard times, and drawing for a contrast a bright picture of his home in the old country. "Ah," said he finally, "as I was only back again in me father's pallis." A jolly fellow-workman squinted his eye and replied: "Sure, an' ar ye were there ye might sitan' on the groun' an' reach yer han' down the chimbley an' open the door av it."

Dr. Tyng, Jr., tells a story on himself, which has some point in it to those who are eager to preach before they are ready. While studying in Virginia he was in the habit of hold service at a neighboring chapel. A friendly old darkey used to pass his church, and trudge a mile behind to the Methodist meeting-house. When asked why he did not go to hear Massa Tyng, he made this shrewd reply: "Ah, no; don't catch dis tigger lettin' de students practice on him."

An Irishman's friend having fallen into a slough, the Irishman called loudly to another for assistance. The latter, who was busily engaged in cutting a log, and wished to procrastinate, inquired, "How deep is the gentleman in?" "Up to his ankles." "Then there is plenty of time," said the other. "No, there is not," rejoined the first; "I forgot to tell you he's in head first."

"You see," said Uncle Job, "my wife's a curious man. She scrippied, and saved, and almost starved all of us to get the parlor furnished nice, and now she won't let one of us go into it, and hain't even had the window blinds of it open for a month. Sue is a curious woman."

"O WOULD SOME POWER."—Adonis—"Miss Jones, do you think Brown so awfully ugly?" "Miss J.—"Ugly! No, indeed! Why we all think him extremely piee looking!" Adonis—"Well, I was talking to him on the stair just now, and a lady passed, and I heard her say, 'That's the ugliest man I ever saw! And there was nobody there but him and me!'"—[London Fun.]

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

LITTLE MAMMA.

BEAUTIFUL little mamma, What do you think I'd do If you were a baby smiling, And I a mamma like you? I never would leave my baby Waiting to be caressed, But reach out my arms and take her; And gather her on my breast! That's what I'd do If I were you.

Beautiful little mamma, Sometimes I hear you sigh, Sitting alone at the window, Looking up at the sky. If I had a baby cooing, Trying to win a smile, I'd kiss her, and so be happy, And forget, forget for a while! That's what I'd do If I were you.

Beautiful little mamma, How would you like to be A wide awake patient baby, Nobody looking to see? If I were a beautiful mamma, And knew what my baby knew, I'd be at the crib to welcome After her nap was through! That's what I'd do If I were you."

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SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1877.

ONE PHASE OF THE GREAT CONFLICT.

Christian countries have their periodical seasons of discussion upon the question of popular amusements. Not only this, but most of the churches have spasms of agitation, caused by occasional inroads made by certain forms of questionable games and plays upon the peace of communities otherwise quiet and consistent. It is readily seen that an excessive love of amusement among Christian professors is the direct result of a decline in spiritual strength and faithfulness; hence, when a church finds it necessary to challenge the conduct of its members as regards worldly enjoyments, it may as well confess that religion among them has reached a low ebb. Souls closely akin to Christ Jesus, breathing much of His Spirit, living in His companionship, athirst for His favour, have little inclination to waste time in foolish or unprofitable society or pursuits. Humiliating though it may be, we are brought to the conclusion that much of the argument now forcing its way into our papers and pulpits upon the subjects of dancing and theatre-going, really weighs against Christians themselves. If they habitually incline in these directions, their love of religion must have suffered to a serious extent. And, perhaps, the surest antidote to the poison complained of would be less contentment with the advocates of those amusements and more of direct work for the promotion of such Christian piety as will not stoop to frivolity and evil.

Lower the breakwater and the waves at once rush in. It is one part of the churches work to keep up the restraints of sin in the hearts of its members. Love to God and filial awe are the surest safeguards against improper conduct. Therefore, let us strive, as temptations increase, to render the people stronger for resistance by leading them directly to the Saviour. Satan, who gains some advantage from controversy, flees before the sword of the Spirit.

NO CHILDREN WANTED.

This heading is not original. A Montreal paper uses it as the text for some wholesome advice. Proprietors of dwellings are expressing weariness with themselves, a preference for tenants without children. The consequence is that a new motive is given for the strengthening of a very foolish and sinful prejudice. It is quite enough to have children regarded as a hindrance to parental comfort and social intercourse, without having this new argument against offspring. Growing up in our midst there are hundreds of children who owe their existence to crime, and cannot be expected to profit the community in the same proportion as if they had honest, pure antecedents. Let them have all that genuine charity can afford—shelter, education, restraint. But side by side with this benevolence, will we allow a prejudice to gain strength year by year which must inevitably end in giving our country to the children of the weak and the fallen? While the homes of refinement have but few children, and in the lower abodes of society the superabundant offspring crowd out into the streets, to become beggars, or enter dens of iniquity to live in lawlessness, what may be expected? A medical gentleman of considerable experience and undoubted moral integrity, we heard some time ago express himself in severe terms against many men and women of these times. His conviction was that the prejudice—to call it by no harsher name—to which we have alluded, is so intimately interwoven with religious and moral consid-

erations, that many who think they are wise, have but a faint idea of how far they disqualify themselves for an honest profession of the principles of our holy Christianity. Our pulpits and press have neglected the discussion of this subject too long. Modesty may be cherished sometimes to the serious injury of a nation.

AN AFFECTING LETTER.

It seems scarcely credible that an appeal like the following can have any substantial foundation in this land of abundance. Yet the writer gives every evidence of possessing a degree of refinement which entitles him to the utmost respect. We suggest that the Methodist minister nearest the settlement from which this letter comes, visit the place or enquire directly into the circumstances. Should the facts be as represented, there is surely enough benevolence in our provinces to bring to the distressed some amelioration of their sad condition. We will cheerfully become the medium for forwarding assistance so soon as the facts become thus verified.

BALMORAL, N. B., MARCH 1877.

DEAR SIR,—Will you allow me a short space in your well conducted paper to say a word or two to your numerous readers. Three years ago May next, I, in connection with many more, being persuaded by emigration agents, was induced to leave England for Balmoral near Dalhousie, Restigouche, New Brunswick. That spring being wet we could not get "a burn," and therefore got no crop that year. The following summer we did our best, but could not raise enough to support us during the ensuing winter; however through the work found, and the provision granted by the Government, and the assistance received from kind friends at Dalhousie and Campbellton, we struggled through the second year. During the little time we had last year, (I say little time, for the frosts continued till June and commenced again the latter end of August,) we toiled hard, but being left by the Government, we could not raise enough to sustain us through the winter. I am speaking in respect to ourselves as a family, although our fellow-colonists (with a few exceptions) are in a similar position. Having been in the ministry 25 years before leaving the old country, on our arrival here, I commenced preaching to the people, and have continued doing so until now, and on this account, together with burying their dead, baptizing their little ones, and constantly intermingling with them, I have got a knowledge of their temporal as well as their spiritual state; however I wish, Mr. Editor, particularly to lay my own case before your readers.

I have an almost broken-hearted wife, and eight almost clothesless, shoeless and half-starved children, for we have not had more than 10 or 15 lbs. of meat in the house since midsummer last, but little tea, no sugar, and not more than half enough bread; potatoes have constituted the principal of our food, and here we are, shut up in this forest, with the little seed only we had preserved for the coming spring, to live upon, for three weeks or a month longer. Great God; what a state we are brought to! Well to do Christian friends, it being well with you, will you think of us? A few of your left off clothes, prepaid to Campbellton station, would be thankfully received by your

Humble servant,
GEORGE BLACKWELL,
Balmoral, Dalhousie,
Restigouche, N. B.

P. S. We are asking the Government of Kansas to lift us up out of this bleak and dreary region.

A LETTER which appeared in the WESLEYAN of 3rd inst. from St. John, we are sorry to find, has been quoted by a paper of that city against the present Government of New Brunswick. We would be slow to think there was any intention to use this paper as a political medium; at all events we must repeat what previously we have expressed most emphatically.—That we disclaim any political mission or intention in the management of the WESLEYAN. We have personal friends on both sides of politics in all these Provinces, and the paper is received alike into the homes of persons holding every variety of political opinion. It would at once interrupt between us the confidence necessary to secure for our paper a cordial welcome, if the irritation of subjects beyond our sphere were allowed to come in to our papers. There are abundance of political newspapers in the land; and they can do their work much better than we can. When a question of moral character is on the surface, we always deem it a part of our duty to speak out, whether the accused be politician or what else; but as to politics, pure and simple, we invariably leave them to men who have made them a study, and journals designed for their elucidation. If there be one cautious thought which has con-

trolled the editor more than any other since coming into office, it has been to avoid politics. We have always found quite enough to do in "minding our own business;" and our readers may take our promise anew that the same solicitude shall still guide us.

FROM THE SOUTH.

We took the liberty of asking by a private note, as to the time and place of meeting for the next General Conference of the Southern Methodist E. Church. At the same time we forwarded a copy of our little Hymnal to Dr. Summers Editor of the Nashville Advocate. Here is the reply—genial as Southern sunshine and carrying information from which some of our brethren may gather a profitable hint. Will some good executive mind enter on the plan of conveying a party from our Province to Atlanta next year? He might find a sufficient number to make a very delightful excursion. Dr. Douglas and Judge Wilmot are our delegates to that body. Under the ample folds of the reputation of two such men—apart from the hospitable invitation of Dr. Summers—ascertain least might find admission into the Atlanta General Conference. Come, let us—God sparing our health—become birds of passage to Georgia in May 1878. Here is Dr. Summer's note:—

We have received, from the Conference Office, Halifax, N. S., a copy of a "Hymnal for Use in Prayermeetings, in Sabbath-schools, and on other occasions." It contains 216 hymns. Hymn 13 is "God save our gracious Queen"—showing the true loyalty to the throne of our British American friends. The great body of the hymns are taken from our standard books; and we must say that we feel complimented by the fact that many of them are taken from the Southern Methodist Hymn Book, bearing the titles which we prefixed to them. There are some of the best of the popular songs which are sounding over the world—which we have in our Songs of Zion and Sunday-School Tune-books. It is a good book, and we hope our British American brethren will use it to the exclusion of Hymnals of questionable doctrine and doggerel poetry which are flooding the land. There are no stancher Methodists in the world than those of the Canada Connection. We have them in very high regard. The WESLEYAN, edited by Bro. Nicolson, at Halifax, and the "Christian Guardian," edited by Bro. Dewart, at Toronto, are capital papers—and the "Canada Methodist Magazine," is excellent—as are other of their publications. Canada Methodism is a living, growing branch of the great Wesleyan tree. We hope to see its representatives at our General Conference in Atlanta, Ga., May, 1878. We have received a private note from the Rev. A. W. Nicolson, editor of the Wesleyan, dated Halifax, N. S., Feb. 14—from which we beg permission to copy a paragraph—assuring our esteemed correspondent that Southern hearts and hands and houses will entertain all the "visitors" that may accompany the "delegates" to our General Conference.

REV. J. EMORY HAYNES.

Our Baptist brethren are in high feather. The "Messenger," for instance gives two or three columns this week to the edifying spectacle of a Methodist minister in Brooklyn, N. Y., renouncing his old faith and friends and turning towards close communion baptism. It may be assumed there are those who know Bro. Haynes better than the men with whom he has been coquetting for a year or two. Young lovers are apt to see rose-color in each other's habits. But here is the judgment of one of Mr. Haynes' near and intimate neighbors, writing from New York to the "Central Advocate." This writer sheds no tears.

You will have heard perhaps of the defection of the Rev. Emory J. Haynes, who, stationed at the Seventh Avenue M. E. Church in Brooklyn, has decided to leave us and join the Baptist denomination. It is his undoubted right; but we may find room for comment. When younger we heard a wise man say among simple folks, something about "chickens hatched out of a big egg," which applies aptly to this case. Indeed we may go further, and quote a sermon preached by a local preacher from the text, Mal. 4: 2, "And grow up as calves of the stall." "Now," said the speaker, "Some Christians think they are like bumble bees, and wasps, full-sized when they are first hatched, but they must grow like calves in the stall." We fear Bro. Haynes has taken the text a little too much to heart, and sought the water courses to enhance a growth that is not possible. It may be that Darwin's theory of evolution is at work in his case; but he should recollect that to make the least change in a horse, according to that doctrine, takes ten thousand years at the least; and to make a close-communication Baptist out of a live Methodist preacher certainly ought to take three times that. Meanwhile we commend to our departing brother, and all such as are inclined to go with him, the very touching story of Esau, who sold his birthright for a mess of pottage.

METHODIST MATTERS

NOVA SCOTIA.

Mrs. Temple, lady of the popular President of the N. Scotia Conference, was presented recently with a purse of \$116 besides other articles of value. A donation visit in the Amherst vestry was the occasion of the gift.

Rev. J. Strothard received a donation of \$128 last Tuesday-week. This was a very thoughtful act on the part of his good people. Rev. E. B. Moore holds the superintendency of Avondale till the ensuing Conference, receiving help from several Ministers in the District.

Rev. J. B. Giles reports having received last Sabbath to membership at Acadia Mines, Londonderry, 13 persons, 5 by baptism; followed by a solemn sacramental season. He has a good work at Folleigh Mountain, "nearly every person in the settlement seeking Jesus." Mr. Giles received lately a purse of \$80.

At Liverpool, Mr. and Mrs. Shenton are giving much satisfaction by their social as well as other good qualities. A concert there last week, in which both took active part by readings and otherwise, was very entertaining. A correspondent says of it:—The programme opened with music, Miss Hameon presiding at the organ in her usual efficient manner. Rev. J. Shenton gave an original reading entitled "Extracts from the Autobiography of Liverpool." Then came Dialogues, Recitations, and Readings, interspersed with Music. We would like to particularize and give names here of many who excelled in the different parts, but space forbids. However, we would make honourable mention of Wm. Marshall, a former student of Sackville, whose intonation and Elocution were of a high order in the parts he performed, both in recitation and dialogue. One of the most pleasant features of the evening was a recitation by Mrs. Shenton, an original poem, entitled "A Dream." The audience concluded they would always like her to dream before a concert. The programme closed by another original reading from Rev. J. Shenton, "That girl what shall we do with her."

NEW BRUNSWICK & P. E. ISLAND.

CHURCH PROPERTY.—The premises owned by the Methodist Church on Main Street in this town, including the church and parsonage, were sold at auction on the 1st inst., and realized the handsome sum of \$4,705. Messrs Andrew Raddick and Thompson and Edwin Taylor were the purchasers. This property could probably have been bought six months ago for about \$3000. The difference between these amounts is a tolerably fair indication of the growing value of real estate in the business centre of the Town. The sale was made by Geo. C. Peters, auctioneer. The Trustees of the Methodist Church have purchased, within the past week, a lot of land adjoining their property on Church St., from James Robertson, Esq., and also another lot from Wm. J. Robinson, Esq., adjoining the lot purchased from James Robinson, Esq., and on the corner of Robinson and Queen streets. These purchases secure for the new Methodist church and parsonage, a block 100 feet wide by 370 feet long, and bounded on the east by Church street, on the north by Queen street, and on the west by Robinson street. The situation is a very fine one.—Moncton Times.

Tenders have been received, and one accepted for the building of a church at Moosepath, three miles from St. John city. The preparatory work has been energetically pushed forward by the pastor of Exmouth St. Church, under whose charge this preaching station is. It is expected to be ready for opening in June.

As an instance of the work being done by our ministers for the cultivation of a pure and elevated literary taste among their people, we see it announced that Rev. T. L. Williams gave an evening of "Readings" in Hardwicke, which the "Union Advocate" describes as a "far off parish in the Mirimachi District. To persons in remote settlements a treat of this sort might be furnished betimes to excellent advantage.

PERSONALS.—Rev. C. H. Paisley, A. M., has been unanimously invited to continue his pastorate at Woodstock. Rev. D. Chapman has been unanimously invited to take charge of Sackville. Rev. J. S. Allen has been lecturing in P. E. Island on "Mabomet." Rev. J. Prince is again out and beginning his loved duties. Mr. John Gardner, long a faithful Supt. of Centenary Sunday School, has been waited upon with a testimonial and address. Revs. J. J. Colter, of Florenceville, and T. Stebbings, of Hartland have been generously treated in donations by their people.

Portland, Exmouth St. and Carmarthen street, St. John, are engaged in special services, and in each church there is en-

couraging evidence that still "the soul converting power" attends the preaching of the word.

A friend writes from Charlottetown We have been receiving rich blessings here in Charlottetown this winter, and I rejoice to say our Sabbath School has shared largely; very many Bible class scholars have consecrated themselves to still greater effort in the Master's Service. The attendance in our school has wonderfully increased, three Sabbaths ago there were present 525.

WOODSTOCK, N. B.—Our special services have, after about five weeks duration, been brought to a close with very satisfactory results. Week after week the basement of the church was thronged with deeply affected congregations, numbering usually from 250 to 300 persons, upon whom the Holy Spirit rested with power. The result has been that the Church has been quickened and revived. Backsliders have been reclaimed and sinners converted. Our classes which have been well attended during the year, are full to overflowing, and the experience of the members is most encouraging. I am much indebted to Bro. Dobson, and Rev. T. Marshall for efficient aid during the progress of the services.

C. H. PAISLEY.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Bliss's "last Hymn" as published by us some weeks ago, was merely the last hymn he set to music. We imagined this would have been understood. Whether he was the author of the verse, or who was the author, we have no means of knowing. But it was very remarkable that his musical genius should have been engaged upon a verse of that particular nature—beginning "I know not what will befall me," &c. Just as he was about to pass into the fearful railway catastrophe.

The fire in St. John, reported in an article elsewhere, taken from a city paper, was a most sad affair. Rarely now-a-days do fires attain to great proportions where facilities for extinguishing them are in existence; but more rarely do the papers report such calamities in connection with these serious occurrences. With all human precaution, how uncertain after all is life!

If any one would ascertain the value of the Boreas system of Sunday School lessons let him go into some family whose members have been studying them during the past few weeks. The eager interest which even very young children take in the narrative of Elijah's marvellous life is sufficient evidence that an agency of immense power for good has entered our religious and social economy.

Our correspondence has accumulated to a degree which obliges us to set aside editorial matter prepared for this issue. Our readers will find a great variety of letters this week. A few contributions are held over till next issue.

Rome—in the person of Rev. Henry J. Pigott—is extending an invitation to English Methodists to go over and witness the opening of a new Methodist Church in the seven-hilled city. And this without saying to His Holiness the Pope—"By your leave, Sir." We wish we could go. Dr. Punshon has gone to visit stations in France and Italy.

Wendell Phillips is announced to lecture in St. John this week and next. This will be a rare opportunity for hearing a great orator—a man who has done not a little toward moulding public opinion in the United States.

The Canadian (like the British) House of Commons, is gaining a reputation for "great debates," "stormy nights," "grand field-days, &c." This will make Ottawa a centre of attraction in March; but how much better if the session were held at a season when travelling would be more pleasurable.

The new Hymnal has been introduced into several social meetings in central circuits. The first edition will soon we hope, be run off, when improvements will be in order. Any necessary changes can be made without interfering with the use of the first edition.

Montreal anti-vaccination prejudices are bearing fruit. Fifteen deaths from small-pox occurred in that city last week. Twelve of these were Roman Catholics three Protestants. Perhaps this is about the relative proportions of the population who oppose vaccinating measures. The worst of it is that the innocent suffer with the guilty in these instances.

Our friends the publisher and editor of the Woodstock Sentinel, are in trouble. Mr. E. D. Watts, one of the victims in the distressing St. John fire, was their brother. We sympathize deeply with them in their loss.

The second annual Report of the Educational Society of the Methodist Church of Canada has reached our office. The array of names on this Committee ought to command attention; we are quite sure they will secure the perfect confidence of our people as to the administration of the Educational affairs of the church. The Board call for \$16,000 this year, which will need an immense advance upon last year's receipts. The report shows an inequality in the expenses of examining Boards in the several conferences which we cannot understand.

DEAR BROTHERS true pleasure in special kindness Brunswick St. given the Dartmouth proof of help them in their church received from sum of \$170. On behalf of their church and thankfulness for the successful aid done it unto brethren, ye

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DARTMOUTH-ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

DEAR BRO. NICHOLSON.—If affords me true pleasure to acknowledge the following special kindness. The ladies of the Brunswick Street Methodist Church have given the Dartmouth Methodists a tangible proof of their sympathy and desire to help them in their progress, by generously providing a tea social in the basement of their church on the 1st inst. I have received from the Managing Committee the sum of \$170. nett proceeds.

On behalf of the Trustees, congregation and myself, I hereby express our thankfulness to all the friends who commenced and brought this effort to so successful an issue. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

GODFREY SHORE.

Dartmouth, March 12th, 1877.

HYMNAL AND HYMN BOOK.

DEAR BRO. NICHOLSON.—My attention has just now been called to the editorial notice of the "Hymnal" in the "Guardian" of the 21st. The origin and design of the publication are explained with sufficient explicitness, in the prefatorial paragraph. There is one clause, however, upon which some uncertainty rests; and though not more responsible than other members of the committee, whose names are appended, I may venture to add a word of explanation. The General Conference Committee appointed to revise and prepare material for a new hymn book, to be submitted for consideration at the next General Conference, has up to this time done nothing; but I should be sorry if any section of the committee, East or West, should undertake to assume a responsibility which belongs to the whole. "We do not know," says the editor of the "Guardian" "of course, how far it is intended to anticipate the work of the General Committee." There was probably not a thought of the more important work entrusted to the General Conference Committee, in the mind of any one who had to do with the preparation of the Hymnal—when first the work was undertaken. It was designed, as stated in the Preface, to meet a pressing necessity of our Eastern work; but when completed a thought was cherished, that in a very subsidiary and general way, it might constitute a contribution towards the movement for securing a hymn-book for the Methodist Church of Canada—unless a new arrangement of hymns were determined on. Many of our people, however, clung tenaciously to the hymn-book bequeathed to us by our venerable Founder;—consecrated by the histories and associations of a century—and should it be decided to arrange for continued publication of the time-honored "Collection" of 1779, with such additional hymns as might be deemed desirable, we should have in the hymnal a selection of compositions suitable for the purposes for which it has been prepared.

The new Wesleyan hymn-book has proved a decided success; and many of our ministers and people are unwilling to, and would not without urgent necessity, bring about any change in our relation to British Methodism, upon the vital subjects of hymnody. If in some such shape as that now published, at the Halifax Conference office, we could have a volume of hymns and hymns. Whatever may be the ultimate decision of the committee, and of the General Conference, the Hymnal will still be demanded by the varied necessities of our work. Its publication may possibly simplify the question before the committee, and may carry with it a suggestion towards the safe solution of a confessedly difficult problem.

J. LATHERN.

Charlottetown, March 4th, 1877.

SHELburne NOTES.

The snow has disappeared from our streets; carriages take the place of sleighs. The harbor opposite the town, and a mile or two below, is a sheet of clear ice. On its mirroring surface skaters are sporting themselves. Four ice-boats, mounted on skates and furnished with sails are swiftly gliding to and fro. The skates are so arranged that the boats' course can be quickly changed, at the will of the steersman, they tack, beat or fly before the wind. For three weeks we have had the usual April weather.

On the 12th ult., at 8 p. m., a crowd of persons gathered in front of the Methodist parsonage. From their silent movements and mysterious whispers it seemed that some kind of an assault was contemplated. At once, as if by concerted signal, the whole party rushed to the door, and unceremoniously took possession of the hall and lower rooms. At this juncture, the Rev. Mr. Pickles unexpectedly

made his appearance before the house; (having just come from Barrington to accompany Mr. Taylor to Lockport the next day.) He followed the invaders in, and springing up the stairs, met the pastor at the study door, with, "Bro. Taylor! what does all this mean?" Looking from the stairway they were soon convinced that no harm to the family was designed. The smiling faces and merry voices of the self-invited; the kindly greetings to the members as they presented themselves; the show of baskets and bundles, produced a favorable impression concerning the object and aim of those who were piling them up in the kitchen and pantry.

A good supper was soon provided for all; of which the minister's family were invited to partake. A purse of money was presented to the pastor, and another to his wife, by Bro. Crews—a behalf of the party—with kind words of personal esteem, and hearty appreciation of their labors for the spiritual good of the church and congregation. Short, ready replies were given severally by Mr. and Mrs. T. Rev. Mr. Pickles, in response to the general call, gave one of those appropriate, pleasing addresses, for which he is widely and justly famed. A few hours, spent in social converse, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, quickly passed—there came the offering up of an earnest prayer, and the benediction;—and the "surprise party" departed to their homes. They came with the "giving hand" and left with the enjoyable experience that—"It is more blessed to give than to receive." May the richest donations of heavenly grace be theirs.

On Sabbath, 18th ult., thirteen persons were publicly received into church membership by Rev. Mr. Taylor. Six of these were three husbands and their wives. Our Sabbath-school is increasing in number of scholars and general interest. The spiritual outlook is encouraging. But—"but" and an ugly "but" it is: The undesirable legacy be found here—the debt on the church—burdens the pastor terribly. If all the members and adherents felt the burden as he does; and saw as clearly, how its removal would enhance the Methodist-type of Christianity, in town and country, there would be a united, general, self-sacrificing vigorous effort, to shoulder and lift it. It can be done. It ought to be done. May God put it into the hearts of all concerned to help in effecting its liquidation—according to their several ability—and that right early—so that we may make the glad report: It is done. Amen. Then we can show good cause for a new start to complete the upper audience room. At present we worship in the basement.

March 1st, 1877.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION. SHELburne.

The Shelburne Co. Sabbath school Convention held a series of very interesting meetings on the 21st and 22nd ult., in Shelburne town. Papers were read and discussions followed on subjects bearing upon S. S. work. Both evening meetings were large. The last one was so crowded that many had to go away not being able to get in. It is encouraging to see the interest in this connection increasing, and to know that good results follow its meetings in larger Sabbath-schools. The responsibilities of parents were made quite prominent in the discussion. If they could be aroused to greater fidelity in training their children at home and throwing around them a Christian influence, if they gave more sympathy and co-operation to S. S. teachers and ministers in their efforts, and if they would come themselves to the Sabbath school with their children, no doubt through the blessing of God a new impulse would be given to S. S. work, and more blessed results would follow in more numerous conversions among the young.

The next meeting of the Convention is appointed to be held at Port la Tour in November next.—Com.

FROM ST. JOHN, N. B.

BLACK FRIDAY.

The past two months with bright warm sunshine almost constantly, have seemed like April, rather than blustering March, or cold February. Since autumn there has not been one dreary day of fog; but last Friday was an exception that will long be remembered, one of the gloomiest days that ever settled down upon the city of the Loyalists. It was ushered in by teeming torrents of rain dashed to the ground by March wind, the striking six by the sonorous gong, and the frantic ringing of the jarring fire-bells. The awakened citizens generally decided that on so wet a night there could not be a serious fire and went to sleep again, to be awakened by light shining into their rooms so brightly that the city was illuminated to its furthest extent for quite a distance, so brightly that by the light one might read. By the fire were destroyed some of the best business stands in the city, situated on Prince William and near to King Street, viz.—The stores occupied by Barbour, Golden, Ray, Beard and Venning, J. & F. Burpee, Steeves Brothers, Kerr & Thorne, and Watts & Turner. The loss of property (covered largely by insurance) has been estimated at \$250,000. But that which makes the calamity severe and casts a shadow upon every heartstone is the loss of life. In Watts & Turner's while a number were packing stock, suddenly the wall between them and the adjacent building expanded with the heat, fell toward them, imbedding in the ruins five persons, viz. E. D. Watts, Esq., proprietor, Messrs. Budd, Lester, Akerley and Comby. On the other side of the fire by a similar accident Mr. Frank Venning was buried to his breast in heated brick, but being imme-

diately extricated received no serious injuries. Language cannot express the gloom of that day. A solemn quiet like a funeral pall hung over us. During its hours we followed to the grave one who having passed his three score years and ten had, amid long-protracted suffering, looked for death as for a friend. Passing the cathedral we saw there another funeral; at the cemetery we met the cortege, which bore to the tomb the amiable wife of our esteemed Fairville class leader, Bro. Mealey; taken away suddenly at the youthful age of 33, when life yet was bright and a young family needed a mother's care. We learned also of a sweet little girl being the victim of that terrible disease, diphtheria, which still is prevalent here. In this one day mortality were old age, vigorous youth, and laughing childhood; those who patiently waited for the last hour, and those who were taken without time to say a prayer or think a thought, while the rain beat pitilessly and the wind whistled angrily, we felt as never before—"The air is filled with farewells to the dying." The calamity, we trust, has not been an unmixed evil. Its lesson was the subject of discourse in all pulpits yesterday; there has come "after the fire a still small voice."

The special services at Portland, Exmouth St and Carmarthen St. continue with encouraging results. At Portland, particularly, the rail is frequently filled with anxious inquirers.

ONSLow.

MR. EDITOR.—In last week's issue, I observe that one of our very zealous and intelligent members furnished you with tidings relative to our labours here. I presume I may take this as a gentle hint that as I may be supposed to have the best knowledge, as a whole, as it regards the present condition of affairs on the Onslow circuit, therefore I ought to furnish some items which may serve as a bird's-eye view of the retrogression or progression of Methodism on this circuit, embracing as it does, a field of at least 40 miles long, in the several communities of which I visit and preach at least once a fortnight.

On my arrival here after Conference, and after acquainting myself with the character and work of the circuit, I concluded that in order to realise any legitimate result to my labors, I must preach at the two ends at least once a fortnight instead of once a month as heretofore as a consequence, the change has been attended by both financial and spiritual improvement, souls have been converted, others are inquiring after salvation, while many of our older brethren are expressing a yearning after a higher Christian life. This in its delectable aspect, if I may be allowed the phrase, has been attended by an increase in our congregations. We have three regularly organized society classes, and a fourth, which is only met when opportunity is afforded; and notwithstanding the revolutionary feeling expressed by some, with respect to this department in our economy, yet our people in this region, not only feel, but testify to the importance of it, in its experimental and practical bearing.

At the last Financial District Meeting, held in Truro, it was resolved that I should bring before my people the desirability of raising this to an independent circuit; but in doing so found it had a paralyzing tendency, than otherwise; especially in view of the fact that Truro, then Acadia, had been so recently cut off each of which from its mercantile and industrial facilities—naturally foreign, of course to a purely rural or agricultural community, such as this is—necessary exercise a growing and extending capacity. This fact coupled with the speedy requisition, that this circuit should next year assume independence, did seem to infuse other than stimulating force. While I quite believe that Onslow circuit, possesses a latent capacity of standing upon its own bottom—to use John Bunyan's idea, after spontaneously dispersing the tubs, piled one upon the other, on his way down the streets of Bedford—yet this being essentially a Presbyterian community, and Methodism comparatively young, our people are naturally void of that training which is essential in order to their realising both their ability and duty in this respect; they therefore need a further period of reflection and consequent development before they can promptly and satisfactorily respond to this just and reasonable demand.

It is matter of satisfaction to state, that thus far, there is a decided improvement on every part of the circuit, and were it not for the fact that it is so vicariously and therefore prevents our concentrating more time and labor in a given community than we otherwise should; we believe a glorious harvest of souls would be reaped, as there is a growing interest manifested by our people, in the things that are spiritual and therefore in their nature. We have already taken steps towards securing an edifice of our own as a church in Great Village, a community, as it regards population and geographical dimension, is fully described by the name it bears, and stands contiguous to Acadia. It gives me satisfaction and pleasure in communicating this intelligence, as I seem to see, though in embryo, this small town becoming the head of an interesting circuit. Should this be realized, of course Onslow would become famous as the parent of sundry circuits.

We held the last of our missionary meetings on Monday, when Bro. Sutcliffe from Amherst was present and favored us with one of his vivacious and instructive speeches, in which he assured us that he had seen in this Missionary Society in its infancy, in its progress, and now it had become hoary with success and the vastness of its field. We were grateful and pleased for this as well as for the sermons he preached on the previous Sunday, one of which was characterized by one brother as "blessed." Our people here have manifested no diminution of the missionary spirit and zeal, but a very certain improvement. Including a bequest of two hundred dollars by the late Chas. Crowe,

Esq., we hope to be able to hand in near \$290. Hence we give thanks to the great Head of the Church and take courage.

Yours, &c., WM. LUKE CUNNINGHAM. Onslow, N. S. 3rd March, 1877.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

NOVA SCOTIA.

A house owned by Mr. Lewis A. Murphey, Wolfville, and occupied by a tenant, was burned on Friday last. The house was situated on the ridge between Wolfville and Gasperau. Cause of fire not known.

Malcolm Graham, aged about 58 years, died at West Bay, C. B., on Sabbath morning 4th inst. He had been confined to his bed 41 years, from the effects of acute rheumatism, was perfectly helpless, and had to be fed like an infant.

The Nova Scotia Government have offered a reward of \$500 for the apprehension of the young man M. L. Henry, who is accused of having caused the death of William Dillon, the lad who was struck in the head with a stone on Pleasant street, Halifax, two weeks ago.

J. Taylor & Co's schr. Lennox, commanded by Capt. Henry Suttis, which sailed from Halifax January 19th for Cuba, is now 52 days out.

James Brown, of the Canada Steel Works, who was arrested in connection with the death of McDougal, at the Londonderry Riot, has been discharged by the Magistrates.

Mrs. Jane McKenzie died at Cariboo, Pictou, on the 23rd ult., at the great age of 108 years.

The Acadian Marine Insurance Company, Yarmouth, declared a dividend on the past year's business of one hundred and twenty-five dollars per share, to its one hundred and fifty shares. The current year's business is unprecedented so far as good luck goes. The gross premiums are forty-two thousand dollars, while the losses for the year amounted to only seven hundred dollars.

The "Amherst Gazette" says: Mr. A. J. Hill, C. E., is nearly through with the survey of the projected railway line between the Joggins Mines and Maccan. An excellent line has been found from the Joggins to River Hebert, which is crossed near Abraham Latta's. It crosses the water shed near the Lawrence Mine Brook, and will probably run along the north side of Harrison's Lake, thus accommodating the various mines. The agents of the several mines evince a warm interest in the undertaking, and it is proposed to open new mines in view of the communication.

The captain and seven seamen of the brigantine "Euclid," of St. John's Nfld., which was condemned at Turk's Island, arrived at Halifax on the steamer "Beta" on Saturday, from St. Thomas. The captain and three seamen of the schooner "Mabel" of Digby, which was wrecked at St. Domingo, came home in the same steamer; also three seamen of the brig, "Hero," of Parrsboro'.

N. B., & P. E. ISLAND.

On Sunday week the lifeless body of Mrs. Moses Scott was found covered in the snow, some thirty rods from her son's house, in Holmesville, Kent, where the deceased resided. Mrs. Scott disappeared mysteriously from the house of her son on the night of the big storm last month. The snow having settled from the effects of the warm weather, on Sunday an axe handle was discovered sticking up above the snow, and on attempting to remove it the dead body of Mrs. Scott was found.

The recent rains have so softened the lumbermen's roads, that many parties had to come out of the woods.

There are several parties engaged in the vicinity of Annapage, Peticodiac and Salisbury getting out the heavy timber for the Railway wharf at the deep water terminus St. John.

The dogs about Bullmoose Hill, having made sad havoc among the sheep of that place this winter, it is not so very surprising that the well known bark of these canines has suddenly and so mysteriously ceased of late at many a farmer's door.

A party in Summerside, P. E. I., received a postal card on which was written 758 words. He replied by postal card and succeeded in writing 1012 words.

It is rumored that a new paper will shortly be started in Woodstock.

A fire was discovered in Capt. Joseph McAlmon's woodshed, about seven in the evening on Friday last. The building was totally consumed, together with all his farming utensils, a quantity of grain, wood and other articles. Probable loss about \$400; no insurance. The house was, with much difficulty, saved, there being only about 5 or 6 feet space between the woodshed and the main house. This is the second loss the Capt. has sustained by fire during the last three or four weeks. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

Robert McEgan, aged 75 years, died at Williamstown, on the 12th ult. The deceased was one of the first settlers in this section of country, having located when it was in a wilderness state, but by industry and economy he made a home and provided for the wants of a rising family. Some twenty years ago, under the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Phinney, he took an active part in erecting a Methodist meeting house, in which he worshipped, being a constant attendant at the house of God, and where it has been the privilege of many persons to listen to the good man warn sinners to flee from the wrath to come. There is a vacancy in the church and also in the family circle which will not easily be filled. He was a good neighbor, kind parent and a devoted Christian, and died as he lived, in the triumph of faith.

A first class clerkship has been created in St. John Post Office, and the position given to Mr. M. J. Potter, who is in every way qualified for it.

A committee from the old officers, teachers and scholars of the Centenary Methodist Sunday School, St. John, waited on John Gardener, Esq., at his residence last week, and presented him with a handsome testimonial and address, in consideration of his services as Superintendent of said school for upwards of twenty-five years.

Policeman Richard Evans of St. John, has received a letter announcing the drowning of Robert Cunningham, of Pisarino, from the American schooner Royal Arch, while on the passage from Alexandria to Boston. Deceased was fifty-three years of age and had been following the sea for the past forty years.

A young woman, 17 years of age, wife of Mr. Thomas Moore, English Settlement, Queen's Co., fell into a well, a few days since, and was drowned.

UPPER PROVINCES.

A person in Toronto has received a letter from a friend in Florida, who states that J. W. Smith, who absconded with \$7,000 from Toronto, and who was supposed to have been killed at the Ashabula bridge accident, is in that State, and has met him.

One hundred and fifty men, women, and children from the Ottawa district will leave for Manitoba early in March, to form a settlement.

The authorities in Philadelphia have been communicated with by the detectives of Montreal, who are under the opinion that the long-lost Charley Ross can be found in Toronto, where he resides with a woman at St. Jean Baptiste village.

Two carloads of horses have been shipped to Winnipeg by Messrs. Benson & Ross, of Montreal, who, if the animals arrive safely, will engage in the shipment of first-class Canadian horses thither on a large scale.

The friends of Mr. Gilmour, the missing lumber merchant, believe that they traced him to the Montreal Back River at Grand-Recollet, and there lost their clue. A later despatch says this rumour is groundless. Placards offering the reward of \$500 for information of his whereabouts are posted all over the streets of the city. The city detectives have obtained no clue since his disappearance.

A gentleman who arrived in Quebec asserts that he saw Mr. Gilmour at Prescott recently, but knowing nothing of the anxiety about his disappearance, took no steps in the matter.

The steamers are now running between Brockville and Morrisburg in connection with the Utica and Black River Railway. This is the earliest trip remembered by our oldest inhabitants.

While a young man named Donald Macpherson was returning from Guelph with a load of lumber, the wagon was by some means upset, the lumber falling on him. When found shortly afterwards the unfortunate man was lying under the load quite lifeless.

T. J. DeVan, a crazy man from Dundas, Ont., jumped into the river at Richmond, Virginia, the 12th Feb., with the intention of drowning himself, but was taken out by some sailors. He left a farewell letter on the bank addressed to his mother and sisters. Among the numerous things in it he said: "I have been as good as George Washington, but didn't last long enough for the people to find it out."

The mild weather at Winnipeg, has now lasted six weeks, and points to an unusually early spring. The ice on Red River to Grand Forks, Minnesota, is already unsafe.

The Executive Committee of the Manitoba and Western Railway has adopted a petition to the Governor-General asking for aid in the shape of a grant of land.

Another Manitoba boy, James M. McVicar, has applied for admission as a cadet to the Military College, Kingston.

The people of the extreme western settlements are much pleased with the convenience which Mr. C. P. Brown's new mill at Gladstone is affording them. It is turning out a first-class article of flour and giving universal satisfaction.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A cable despatch says—"It is authoritatively stated that General Ignatieff, in conversation with foreign statesmen, will demonstrate that Russia aims not at pursuing a separate Eastern policy, but at obtaining declarations from the powers; that it is the Porte's duty to execute the Conference programme, and unless the Porte fulfils the duty Europe will be at liberty to claim its fulfillment."

LaPage, convicted of murdering Miss Langmaid at New Hampshire, is sentenced to execution a year hence.

There was a colliery explosion near Swansea, England, yesterday; 16 dead and many have been recovered, and many others remain in the pit.

A large building, No. 5 Bond Street, New York, occupied principally by manufacturers of watches and jewelry, was burned last week, loss, half a million of dollars, 3 firemen were burned.

According to an official statement of the Serbian War Minister, the Servians lost 8,000 killed and 20,000 wounded during the late war.

The long contemplated works for the improvement of the Tiber at Rome were commenced on Tuesday.

The Pacific solution of the Presidential contest gives great firmness to American securities in England and on the Continent.

The steamer Weser, which arrived at New York on Saturday, brought \$250,000 gold, on account of the proceeds of new United States 4 1/2 per cents sold in London.

The disputants of Commodore Vanderbilt's will allege unsound mind or memory, and that the execution of the will was procured by fraud and circumvention by Wm. H. Vanderbilt and other persons unknown.

Horatio N. Messenger, aged 76, a respectable farmer of Norfolk, Mass., was strangled to death in his bed, on Friday night, by burglars, who escaped.

The London "Times" says an Association has been formed in Edinburgh for the purpose of purchasing and slaughtering cattle and other stock from the United States and Canada, and also purchasing farm and dairy produce for sale in Edinburgh and other parts of Great Britain. It is intended to dispense with middlemen.

Cheap non-explosive oil from wood, chiefly pine, is now extracted in Sweden in fifteen factories, with favourable results.

The outbreak of the rinderpest in Altona which caused England to close its ports against Prussian cattle, has been followed by a new outbreak in Berlin also. The close inspection of the case has resulted in certainty that the pest has been introduced into Upper Silesia from Russia.

Two deaths from eating pork invested with trichinae are reported from Buffalo.

Brigham Young is now so feeble that he has to be rolled about in an easy chair, being unable to walk.

On the 12th ult. Bermuda was visited by a violent storm, which short in duration, resulted in loss of life, and much damage to shipping and other property.

Taylor's Saleratus Factory in Brooklyn was burned on Sunday. Loss, \$140,000.

Two children were burned to death in a New York tenement house, last week.

THE DIPLOMATS.

Copied for the Wesleyan. The diplomats came like a wolf on the fold. With their uniforms gleaming in green, blue and gold...

HE THAT HATH AN EAR TO HEAR LET HIM HEAR.

HOW TO BECOME HOLY.

REV. A. LOWREY.

A great advance is made when the question is settled in our convictions, that God alone sanctifies, and that He does this by the direct action of the Holy Spirit upon the soul...

This point being gained, the idea of any material application, or human aid, or self-effort, as possessing meritorious virtue and sanctifying efficacy, is dissipated and banished from the mind.

Though at first blush it would seem absurd to suppose a man capable of entertaining any proposition, other than that God alone sanctifies, yet we find poor human nature continually trying to substitute its own patch-work for God's purifying power and process.

At every turn we meet busy multitudes hard at work hewing out "cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water." It is the sacrament, or penance, or priestly absolution, or ritual and liturgy, or excessive fasting and violent fasting, or attractive architecture and artistic music, or sensational preaching, or oft-repeated creeds and solemn ceremonies.

The blood of goats and bullocks slain. Could never for one sinner atone. To judge the guilty of their stains. Thine was the work, and thine alone.

ings of the Bible. The scriptures were never intended to be written with systematic and propositional exactness, but in a style of accommodation and popular ease.

All such passages therefore must be interpreted as imposing an obligation to become holy in harmony with the plan and provisions of the Gospel, and in connexion with the accountable agency of man, who may change his moral state, and determine his destiny by the power of his own choice.

The converse is equally true. A man may so effectually close his eyes to the light, and alienate his heart from the subject, as to prove impervious to all ordinary means. This alone makes men and churches differ.

The result is patent. Of the same fellowship and in the same city we find some men and women and some churches, beautifully, spiritual and consecrated, others frigid and formal. They differ as widely as temples and sepulchres. What is it that makes them to differ? It is not God, it is not natural constitution, it is not circumstances.

We reach then the conclusion that while God alone sanctifies, yet man may and must do something in order that God may sanctify him. God says: "The Spirit and the bride say come. And let him that heareth say come. And let him that athirst come. And whosoever will let him take of the water of life freely."—Rev. 22: 17.

God has rent the veil that intercepted approach to the holiest place, and Christ has consecrated a new and living way into the sacred enclosure, but man must enter, he must leave his outer court worship, and pass into the immediate presence of God. "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us through the veil, that is to say his flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God. Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."—Heb. 10: 19-22.

D. L. MOODY.

But no man ever listened with such patience to another setting at defiance the simplest rules of grammar, as the most scholarly and fastidious hearers in the Tabernacle listen to Dwight L. Moody. Why? Because there is something present infinitely more important than correct speech. Why? Because the speaker has such a firm grip upon his audience—the blood earnestness of the man holds the vast assembly, and every man and woman in it, with such a tenacious grasp, that no slip in the grammatical structure of a sentence has the least influence.

Mr. Moody is a sympathetic man. His life has brought him into contact with the people. He knows them and feels with them, therefore they hear him gladly. His heart is larger than his head, a fact which explains why the emotional element so largely prevades his sermons.

In one of Bishop Haven's official visits in the far West, preaching in a frontier church; he noticed an Indian chief standing with his arms folded during the whole service. He kept his eye intently upon the Bishop throughout his sermon upon Christian forgiveness, although his face was characteristically impassible.

REACHING THE NORTH POLE.—Mr. J. H. Stevens, of Dayton, Ohio, writes to us to suggest the use of balloons, to be carried as far north as possible in sledges containing compressed gas, the gas being then utilized to inflate the balloons, which are then to be started with wire ropes attached.

OBITUARY.

CAROLINE M. BUCHANAN.

She was born in Amherst in 1821, but owing to the decease of her parents when she was young, we have not been able to obtain any reliable information with regard to her early life.

For seventeen years of the last 23 of her life she has lived with Dr. Beckwith a relative, and though absent for two years, until within the last few months, she spent her last days with them. Her life from the time of her conversion was that of quiet consistency and unobtrusiveness rather than anything else, apparently content, having chosen the better part, to sit at the feet of Jesus.

From what little it was our privilege to know of her we should think that no one who ever knew Carrie Buchanan would fail to observe the half hidden and yet all absorbing love she had for Christ; not that she was ashamed to speak for her Master, but that her natural timidity prevented one would feel "natural with her that desire was rather to be

"Little and unknown, Loved and prized by God alone." Towards the close, that is for a month or two God permitted her to pass under a cloud, she said she was sure of heaven but did not enjoy as much happiness as she had in by-gone days, but a few days before she died the clouds dispersed and she became happy in the Lord, being much encouraged and comforted by a visit from Revs. James Taylor and F. H. W. Pickles. On Saturday evening the 17th, some young friends went to sing for her. She got them to sing "The home over

there," three lines, and said she would "soon be at home over there," and spoke warmly and affectionately to them, telling them to seek the Lord, and how religion was designed to make people happy. She conversed freely until within half an hour of her death, and passed peacefully away, quite unexpectedly about half six on Sabbath morning, the 18th of February, just as the day dawned and the sun rose, to that land where there is no night.

Lockport, 3rd March, 1877. P. S. Her remains were placed in the cemetery here.

MRS. ELIZA ANN BECK.

Died at Newtown, Sound Island, Newfoundland, on Wednesday morning, Jaan. 3rd, sister Eliza Ann Beck, aged 34 years. We have lately laid many of the members of our church in this place in their graves there to await the call of the Son of Man on the resurrection morn. We record for the comfort of friends who knew our departed sister, that her end was peace, and she is gone to be with Christ which is far better.

One Sabbath, nearly two years ago, service was held in the school house instead of the church, on account of the inclemency of the weather. In the evening the text was from Luke xix. 42. "Saying, if thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace, but now they are hid from thine eyes." The Holy Spirit was present convincing many of their sinfulness and their need of salvation.

At the close of the preaching a prayer meeting was held in which those who desired to find peace with God were exhorted to stand up and confess their desire for pardon, and their determination to be on the Lord's side. Sister Beck arose, and others soon followed, and that night God spoke peace to the troubled souls. That service was the beginning of better days to this mission. The class-meeting, though neglected by some, was greatly prized by her, as a means of renewing strength. Her experience there was rich, and edifying to many who were fellow travellers to Zion. We shall greatly miss her voice in our prayer meetings. Often whilst she supplicated the throne of the heavenly grace, have we felt the presence of the Highest overshadowing us.

Her sickness was short but very painful. The promise, "When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee; and through the rivers they shall not overflow thee," was graciously fulfilled. As we read to her from the Word of God, and quoted parts of Wesley's beautiful hymns, she would strive feebly to repeat the same, or waive her hand in appreciation. Communion with the dying saint was sweet. We seemed to be near the gate of the city as she spoke of the home over there, and assured us Christ was waiting—with outstretched arms waiting to receive her spirit. She exultingly exclaimed

We shall range the the sweet plains on the banks of the river, And sing of salvation for ever and ever.

and pointed in joy to something which mortal eye could not perceive. Again with ecstasy she replied, "My Jesus is mine and I am his." The parting with her husband and little ones was truly affecting. When a little-boy of three years was brought to her bedside the mother's love burst forth in the plaintive cry, "mother's boy," "mother's boy." She invoked the blessing of the Almighty upon her infant of a few days, and shortly after bid farewell to her mother and her pastor. A few hours after without a struggle or groan she peacefully passed over Jordan. A smile of holy triumph lit up her countenance leading us to exclaim, and our tears as we we knelt by her side, "O death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? The strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

"The other side! its shore so bright, Is radiant with the golden light Of Zion's city fair; And many dear ones gone before— Already tread the happy shore— We seem to see them there."

H. C. H. Sound Island, Jan. 12, 1877.

JOHN MORRIS, OF GRANVILLE, NEW YORK.

Brother Morris, father of the late Rev. Augustus Baxter Morris, A. B., has been a member of the Methodist Church for over 50 years. He was the principle support of Methodism in Granville for many years, until infirmity and affliction prevented him from attending the house of God. He was a great sufferer for a long time before his death, but he endured as seeing him who is invisible. He said to the writer a few days before he died, "I shall soon be home," and "Christ is all in all." He has left several sons and daughters, who are loyal to the church of their father, and liberal supporters of the same.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FIFTH YEAR, 1877. MARCH. FIRST QUARTER: STUDIES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL.

LESSON XII. REVIEW OF FIRST QUARTER. March 25.

GOLDEN TEXT:—But God is the judge; he putteth down one, and setteth up another. Psa. 75, 7.

[If the review be conducted by the teacher with a class, a slate and pencil, or blank book and lead-pencil, may be employed in writing the suggestive hints mentioned below. If it be conducted by the superintendent with the whole school in a concert exercise, they may be written upon a blackboard, or with charcoal on a sheet of manilla paper, either in advance, or, better, in presence of the school as each is called for. The letters should be printed in capitals, rather than in script or writing-hand.]

REVIEW SCHEME. 1. Let the conductor of the review (either teacher, superintendent or pastor), announce the number of each lesson, and call for its TITLE; writing, as a suggestive hint, the initial letters of each title. thus:—

- Lesson 1—K. D. Lesson 2—S. J. Lesson 3—O. A. Lesson 4—E. T. Lesson 5—E. A., etc.

2. Let the titles be announced by the conductor, and the TOPICS given in response by the school, the initial letters being written as before; for instance—

- 1. The kingdom divided; or, G. C. F. 2. The sin of Jeroboam; or, F. S. 3. Omri and Ahab; or, G. S. 4. Elijah the Tishbite; or, P. F. 5. Elijah and Ahab; or, R. U., etc.

With each topic may be asked a question or two as to the person who illustrates the topics, his acts, etc., etc.

3. The GOLDEN TEXTS may next be called for in their order, the beginning of each being written as a suggestion.

- 1. But he forsook— 2. And he shall— 3. But evil men—etc.

A brief practical explanation may be given of the Golden Texts, or some of the most impressive among them.

4. The OUTLINES may next be reviewed, provided the school has given them due attention during the quarter. Let the initials be written, the title of each lesson announced, and the outline repeated by the school or class.

- 1. The kingdom divided. 1. R. A.; 2. R. T.; 3. R. P. 2. The sin of Jeroboam. 1. S. S.; 2. S. D.; 3. S. I. 3. Omri and Ahab. 1. S. O.; 2. S. A., etc.

A few questions on the outlines will bring out the facts of the lessons.

5. The DOCTRINES may be the next subject. Let one side of the school repeat the titles, and the other respond with the doctrines, of which the initial letters may be written as before, thus:—

Supt. "Lesson 1." Boys. "The kingdom divided." Girls. "The immutability of God's word."

Supt. "Lesson 2." Boys. "The sin of Jeroboam." Girls. "Man's tendency to sin."

Supt. "Lesson 3." Boys. "Omri and Ahab." Girls. "The exceeding sinfulness of sin."

Supt. "Lesson 4." Boys. "Elijah the Tishbite." Girls. "Faith in God."

6. Next, let the PERSONS prominent in the lessons be called for (their initials being written), and a few questions asked concerning each—as who he was; what incident in the lessons connected with his name; what his character, etc., etc.; as,

- Rehoboam, Hiel, Jeroboam, Elijah, Omri, Elisha, Ahab, Obadiab, Jezabel, Naboth.

7. The PLACES should be pointed out upon the map, their situation described, and the events occurring at each called for, thus:—

- Shechem, Zarephath, Bethel, Mount Carmel, Samaria, Mount Horeb, Jericho, River Jordan, Brook Cherith.

8. A selection may be made among the TEACHINGS of the lessons, and the questions asked, which lesson shows—

The necessity of wise choice of counselors? That a sinful heart leads others into sin? The way God looks upon sin? The dreadful results of avarice? That God punishes the wicked? The helplessness of false gods? That in helping others we may help ourselves? The end of a godly life?

9. So, also, a selection may be made among the PRACTICAL DUTIES, or, "Words for Little Folks," a number of the "words" being read, and the scholars assigning each to its appropriate lesson.

Be always ready to help the poor. Don't get angry, and do rash things. Don't try to put your own sins on others.

Beware of what seem little sins taking root in your heart. Don't make selfish prayers.

[SUGGESTIONS TO THE CONDUCTOR.— 1. Prepare the review in advance, and know just what you are going to do. 2. Drill the school from week to week through the quarter on the points which you propose to review at the end of the quarter. 3. Do not undertake too extensive a review. Select from the above only as much as can be taught in the allotted time. 4. Do not dwell too long on each section. 5. Make the review pointed, practical and spiritual.]

LISTENING TO EVIL REPORTS.—The longer I live, the more I feel the importance of adhering to the rule which I have laid down for myself in relation to such matters: 1. To hear as little as possible whatever is to the prejudice of others. 2. To believe nothing of the kind till I am absolutely forced to it. 3. Never to drink into the spirit of one who circulates an evil report. 4. Always to moderate, as far as I can, the unkindness which is expressed towards others. 5. Always to believe that, if the other side were heard, a very different account would be given of the matter.—Carus's Life of Simeon.

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