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COMMEMORATION SERVICES—
AT FREDRICKTON, N. B.

Very interesting services in connection with the twenty-fifth Anniversary of the dedication of the Methodist Church were held on Sabbath last. An Anniversary Sunday School service was held in the church in the afternoon participated in by Rev. Messrs. Henry Daniel, D. D. Currie, and G. M. Fisher. Mr. Currie delivered an appropriate and interesting address, recounting the rapid progress made in the nursery of the church during the last twenty-five years. The children occupied the galleries and choir, and their singing, led by the Superintendent, Hon. Judge Wilnot, was excellent. A collection was proposed by the Superintendent who stated that he would make it up to \$100 in commemoration of the occasion.

One of the largest congregations ever assembled in the church was present at the evening service, when the Rev. D. D. Currie preached an admirable sermon, from the 10th, 11th and 15th verses of the 77th Psalm. His description of the first formation of the Methodist Church in this city seventy years ago, was a recital of its history heretofore unknown to many of his hearers. He named the ministers who preached the dedicatory sermons in the old church in 1840, which building was destroyed by the great fire of 1850. The present edifice was dedicated in December 1852, the sermons in connection therewith were preached by Rev. Richard Knight, and the Rev. Charles Churchill, the Pastor. Mr. Currie then related many of the hardships encountered by the Trustees in their attempts to build the present church, many of the congregation having lost their all in the fire that destroyed the old church. He gave an amusing account of the difficulties Methodist preachers met with in the early days of Methodism in this country. Until a comparatively recent date no Methodist preacher could marry a couple in this Province; the first legal marriage of a minister of this denomination being in the year 1835, when the Rev. Epock Wood united in the holy bonds of matrimony our respected townsman S. D. McPherson, Esq., and his present amiable partner. The preacher adduced statistics showing the amount of valuable property held by this church, and from his figures the Methodist Church in the United States and Canada at present holds a very enviable position, being the leading denomination in the former country, and the largest protestant denomination in the Dominion. He very feelingly referred to the pillars of the church in this city who had passed to their reward, among whom he named the following worthies: Jos. Garnet, Thos. Pickard, Robt. Chestnut, Jas. Hogg, Henry Fisher, Andrew Richey, John Simpson, Jas. Hale, A. T. Coburn, Alexander McCausland, and C. S. Lagrin.

At the conclusion of his sermon, the Rev. Mr. Currie stated that there is at present a debt of \$2,000 on the church, and that it should not be allowed to continue another day. He proposed to raise the amount from the congregation in a few minutes, and requested the

pastor, Rev. Mr. Brewer, to go down the aisles and receive amounts from those who might not wish to publicly announce what they would give, and it was only a short time before he had more than was required.

His Honor Judge Wilnot, who has given largely to the support of the church, announced that he would give \$400. Sheriff Temple stated that he would be one of twenty who would wipe off the debt, and thought there was bad management somewhere to allow the debt to remain so long. Messrs. Lambert & Sons then gave \$200; C. H. B. Fisher, \$200; C. Fred. Fisher, \$125; and the following gentlemen subscribed \$100 each: M. Colter, F. B. Coleman, John Edgecombe, George Hatt, Sr., Sheriff Temple, a father in memory of a sainted boy, the Sabbath school, LeBaron Smith.

The following persons subscribed \$50 each:—S. D. MacPherson, H. J. Thorne, Fred. P. Thompson, Dr. Atherton, George Hatt, Jr., Dr. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gill, A. A. Miller \$30. (A number subscribed \$20, \$15 and smaller sums, whose names we cannot find space to publish.)—Ed. Wes.

The amount asked for was \$2000, and the amount subscribed was upwards of \$3,200.

This is certainly creditable to the congregation, especially when it is remembered that a week before many of those who subscribed gave a large portion of the \$2000 to aid in procuring a Temperance Reform Club.—Reporter.

THE TEACHER'S CONVENTION,

Held in Halifax last week, was a great success. The effect of the discussions must have been to greatly stimulate teachers in their important vocation. We append notices of several addresses, showing that our Methodist home and academic teaching showed to good advantage in the general exercises.

Mr. A. N. Archibald, formerly Miss Mellich, Preceptress of Sackville Ladies' Academy, having been called upon, came forward and read in the most pleasing manner a poem prepared for the occasion. The literary merit of the production is high, and the rhyme and rhythm seemed to be perfect. In the opening stanza by the use of a well-wrought figure of a plant growing in

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Mr. D. H. Burbridge, M.A., of the Morris Street School, read a paper on "Home Lessons." They injure the health when given in excess. Short school sessions, about four hours a day, give the best results. Home studies should not be expected from young pupils, and should be gradually lengthened as age advances.

No tasks should be required, excepting such as can be certainly learned and understood, without any supplementary aid at home. Consequently, when assigning a lesson the teacher should add a clear outline of the subject, and the best method of studying it, so that the child may not be discouraged. Home lessons, when properly conducted, are most useful in teaching children the use of Text-books, and habits of self-reliance and self-study. The committing to memory of choice poetical gems is attended with excellent results.

Home lessons are as necessary to teachers, as to children.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Calkin, A. H. McKay, P. O'Hearn, Mellich, Tufts, to consider the merits of school books.

Financial matters engaged some attention.

The election of officers then ensued. Condon and McKay moved that Dr. Allison be President of the ensuing Convention. Passed.

Mr. Condon and Paterson moved that Messrs. Calkin and McDonald be Vice-Presidents. Passed.

Mr. McKay, of Dartmouth, was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

The following 13 Councillors were elected:—

- A. H. McKay, M.A. President of Pictou Academy.
- B. Russell, Barrister-at-Law.
- A. McN Patterson, M.A.
- A. N. Archibald, Esq., Principal Richmond School.
- P. O'Hearn, (Grade A), St. Mary's School.
- Hinkle Condon, Esq., Halifax Inspector.
- J. T. Mellich, M.A. Principal of Albro Street School.
- D. H. Burbridge, M.A. Morris Street School.
- Herbert Bayne, A. M. D. Ph., High School, Halifax.
- J. Scott Hutton, M.A. Halifax.
- A. H. Smith, Esq., Halifax.
- Rev. Mr. McGillivray, Hants Inspector.
- W. H. Waddell, Esq., High School, Halifax.

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Far away from the gardener's tended plot,"

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SACKVILLE DISTRICT CONVENTION.

Pursuant to the ruling of the late financial Committee of the Sackville District, a goodly number of Ministerial and lay brethren assembled at Sackville, on the 29th inst., to attend a District Convention, the primary object of which was mutual improvement by the discussion of various topics suited to the times.

In the absence of the Chairman who was unavoidably detained from meeting with his brethren, the Rev. D. D. Currie was appointed to preside and Rev. O. W. Dutcher was chosen Secretary.

After the usual opening preliminaries the Committee appointed by the District to arrange the time and place for the Convention submitted the following programme of topics:—

1. Personal Consecration.
2. Pulpit preparation.
3. Best mode of conducting Revivals.
4. How to make our Social Services interesting.
5. Dangers and duties of Church members.
6. Our financial condition.

The respective members of the District to whom these several topics were previously assigned, did themselves infinite credit both by papers read and in their debate on the various questions, all of which showed most conclusively that no little time and attention had been devoted to a preparation for this popularly-growing branch-institution of our church.

Worthy of note among the several papers read, was one forwarded by Rev. Bro. Stewart, on Pulpit preparation, which was replete with valuable suggestion and elicited an animated debate.

All the Sessions were open to the public and at the evening especially many availed themselves of the privilege of being present to hear, "mark, learn and digest." At the evening session every brother, ministerial and lay acquitted himself admirably and did ample justice to his theme. On the question of finance the Rev. Robert Wilson, to whom this topic was given, spoke fluently and effectively, and many were evidently persuaded to present more liberal "offerings" than hitherto, especially when they learned the fact of so large deficiencies sustained by the brethren on the several dependent circuits, and the duty of striving to make all our domestic missions self-sustaining. With a view to bring about this most desirable end by stimulating the members of our church and congregations "to bring all their tithes into the store-house," that this drawback by our churches' prosperity may be remedied, the following plan of arrangement, deputations, etc., was approved of:

- Sackville. Local arrangement.
- Tinamar. The Dist. Chairman.
- Point de Bute. Local arrangement.
- Bale de Verte. do.
- Moncton. The brethren Wilson and Dutcher.
- Coverdale. Bro. Currie.
- Shediac. Bro. Currie.
- Dorchester. Local arrangement.
- Hopewell. do.
- Hillsboro'. The Brethren Currie and Wilson.
- Havelock. Local arrangement.
- Salisbury. do.
- Elgin. Brother Baker.

The time for holding the several meetings on the above circuits to be arranged by the respective superintendents during the latter part of the present ecclesiastical year, and the offerings given by collections and subscriptions to be passed to a fund called the "Circuit Aid Society" and to be equitably appropriated at the Annual Dist. Meeting. This arrangement is inaugurated on the assurance that no diminution of the church shall sustain any diminution compared with the previous year.

On the morning of the 21st inst., a fair congregation assembled at the Sackville Church for prayer and supplication for the higher benediction to descend upon Zion that scores of souls might be won for Christ. A holyunction preceded the services.

This ended a most profitable Convention and all returned somewhat hopeful of many gathered sheaves ere the year had passed and pleased with the manner by which the Assembly was begun, conducted and ended.

December 26th, 1877.

A NEW AMERICAN SCIENCE EXPEDITION.

Professor Alexander Agassiz is starting for Havana with an assistant, there to go on board the Coast Survey steamer Blake, which has just sailed on a surveying cruise, that will occupy this winter, in the work of obtaining soundings in the Gulf of Mexico. As this work is conducted, it is made no less useful to terrestrial physics and natural history than to navigation. By a study of the animals dredged from the bottom of the Gulf, Professor Agassiz will be enabled to make important comparisons with the fauna of the Atlantic and especially as to growth, habits, migrations, and changes of living forms found in the waters near the British Islands and the Scandinavian Peninsula. The expedition is under the command of Lieutenant Commander Charles D. Sigbee.

HISTORY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA, NEWFOUNDLAND, AND BERMUDA.

BY THE REV. T. WATSON SMITH.
Vol. I. Pp. 491. Price \$1.50. Methodist Book Room, Halifax, N. S.

To read the story of the heroic achievements, trials and triumphs of the pioneer founders of Methodism in this land is an inspiration to duty, to faith, and to zeal in the cause of God. And in no portion of the Dominion was the planting of Methodism a grander work or beset with greater difficulties than in the old Maritime Province. This History fitly embodies and preserves for our profit and delight the records of those brave days of old. Methodism is the child of Providence. Both in the Old World and the New it

was rocked in a rude cradle and met with stern buffetings. But it developed thereby a grand moral strength and force of character which have made it one of the most aggressive forms of Church organizations in the world.

In the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, the rigours of the climate, the sparseness of the population and the political and military complications resulting from the war of American Independence made the labours of the early missionaries all the more arduous. Much light is thrown upon the civil history of Canada by this volume. The fidelity to their sovereign of the loyalist exiles from the revolted colonies, among whom were ancestors of our own, is one of the grandest records in the annals of our country. These were the brave true-hearted men, who, forsaking often ease and comfort, houses and lands, developed this great northern nation as the fairest possession of the British Crown.

"Thousands of men, women and children," says our author, "after sorrowful farewells, had gone on board ship, and with the flag of Britain to the fore, had sailed away to seek new homes in the wildernesses of Nova Scotia. Late in the autumn they were joined by several thousands more of loyalists and disbanded troops, whose privations during the long and severe winter which followed, are still kept in memory at the fireside of many of their descendants."

Many of the names which appear among those early annals were those whose fame had filled two continents. The memories of Garretson, Cromwell, Cook and others link Maritime Methodism intimately with that of the United States and of the motherland. But the central figure in the history of Nova Scotia Methodism is that of William Black

He was a grand character—a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and of intense and undying zeal. "To him," says our author, "belongs the high honour of having developed, in no small degree, in the heart of Coke that missionary spirit which never ceased to impel him, until his body found a resting place, nearly thirty years later, in the Indian Ocean." The story of the life and labours of Black reads like a romance. His journeys through pathless forests and on stormy seas, his adventures in winter morasses, his encounter with French privateers, his persecution by men clothed with a little authority, and, above all, the wonderful religious success of his labours, give to these records a fascinating interest.

In the Bermuda Islands, although they were favoured with the ministrations of Whitfield, the persecution of Methodism was exceedingly virulent. For years might be read on the cedar floor of his cell the following inscription cut by a prisoner for conscience sake:—

JOHN STEPHENSON,
METHODIST MISSIONARY,
WAS IMPRISONED IN THIS JAIL
SIX MONTHS,
AND FINED FIFTY POUNDS,
FOR PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF
JESUS CHRIST
TO AFRICAN BLACKS AND
CAPTIVE NEGROES.
ST. GEORGE'S, BERMUDA,
JUNE, 1801.

But notwithstanding this persecution, the Word of God grew and prevailed, till Methodism to day is one of the most powerful elements in the religious life of those sunny islands.

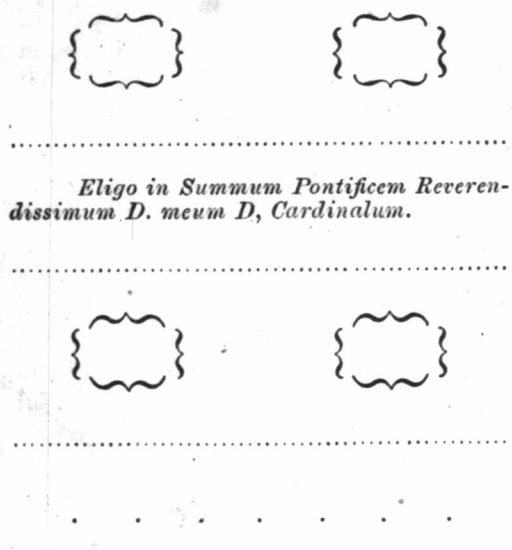
Mr. Smith has done his work as a historian well. He has been indefatigable in gathering exact information. He has digested it into an easy flowing narrative. His graces of style still further enhance the intense interest of the subject. The publisher has presented the book in an elegant dress,—clear, bold type, and handsome binding. We had marked several passages for quotation and comment, but limits of space at present prevent. We recommend our readers to procure it for themselves. It will do good both to their heads and their hearts. We shall await with interest the concluding volume of this History, and trust that the success of this first volume will warrant the speedy production of the second.—Canadian Methodist Magazine.

MODE OF THE PAPAL ELECTION.

We condense from the officially prescribed directions the chief points of interest in the election of a new Pope at Rome. The Cardinals assemble on the third morning in the Vatican, in general congregation, and appoint two of the prelates, one to read the funeral service, and the other the mass de eligendo summo pontifice. Three Cardinals are selected to superintend the erection of the Conclave—the inclosure where the Cardinals are shut up in close confinement till a successor is elected. Every detail is cared for, a confessor-general selected, to whom they can tell if they wish—of the secret stirrings of ambition, envy, vanity, etc., in their own hearts. On the day after the tenth congregation the Cardinals hear mass in the chapel of the Choir of St. Peter's; after it two orations, one on the virtue of the deceased, and the other about the proper selection of a successor. They then retire to their cells; for every living Cardinal there is a cell constructed of boards, in length eighteen Roman palms, and in breadth fifteen, covered with brown cloth, or for those connected with the late Pope green. There are no common partitions, a foot space between each sufficing; on the door of each cell are the armorial bearings of the Cardinal to whom it belongs. There is only one way of egress, and there are four keys to this door; food is introduced by apertures in the wall—like those in nurseries, providing communication without sight. At noon each day the carriages of the Cardinals drive up laden with provisions; officers break the seals which guard each revolving box. As soon as the hurry is over the Vatican is again buried in silence: ambassadors bearing injunctions from their sovereigns are allowed to speak through the grating of the one door carefully covered with a curtain.

The election is usually by scrutiny or vote—tickets are printed after the manner shown—the Cardinal writes

EGO. CARD.



Eligo in Summum Pontificem Reverendissimum D. meum D. Cardinalium.

his name in the first space,—I, E. Cardinal, N. Y.—and folds it over the second space. On the third space will be two seals. In the 4th he writes, "I elect to be Supreme Pontiff my most reverend Lord Cardinal, W. X." The fifth space falls on the third, and receives the seals. In the 6th the Cardinal writes a number and motto, in order that, if another has forged his name, it may be detected.

In the chapel a large table is placed before the altar, and on it tables containing blank forms, with as many balls as Cardinals present, and on each a name. They are put into a bag, well shaken, and then the first three drawn are the Tellers, the second three are the superintendents, or collectors from Cardinals too infirm to leave their cells. The Cardinal Dean writes his first, then the Tellers, so as to be able to do their work, the others voting in seniority. Each one as soon as completed goes to the altar, kneels before the pyx, holding his ballot between two fingers, remains in prayer for a moment, then standing in a loud voice, says, "O Lord Christ, who will be my judge, I call thee to witness that I elect him whose, according to God, I judge that I ought to elect, and that in accordance with the same;" then lays the vote on a paten, and then from the paten drops it into a large chalice. If there are more ballots than Cardinals, it is seen some have voted twice; if less, some have missed. In either case all are

chimney-top shows persons outside there has been no election that day. Whoever has a majority of votes—not less than two-thirds—is canonically elected; sometimes when they have failed to do this, a compromise is effected by a nomination.

When the name of the Pontiff elect is ascertained one of the Cardinal-Deacons rings a bell, when all the Masters of Ceremonies, Secretaries, and other witnesses, surround the object of their choice, and demand: "Acceptasne electionem de te canonice factum in summum Pontificem?" Dost thou accept the election of thyself, canonically made, to be Supreme Pontiff? As soon as the consent is obtained he is asked what name he will be pleased to assume, for, in receiving the dignity, he lays aside his former name. Then two Cardinal-Deacons lead him to the altar, where he kneels in prayer. After this the new pontifical robes, already provided, are put on. White stockings, red velvet slippers embroidered with gold cross, white cassock, with golden girdle, episcopal rochet and mozetta, stole, and a cap with a tiara. Coming to the altar he gives his first benediction to the Sacred College, seats himself, presents his hand to be kissed by each Cardinal, in return embracing them personally. The Cardinal-Deacon meanwhile announces to the people: "I bring you glad tidings of great joy. We have a Pope, the most eminent and most reverend Cardinal—," etc. The castle of St. Angelo rolls back its welcome in a grand salute: from the Chapel of the Conclave to the Sistine the Pope is carried in state, preceded by a cross, singers, chanting "Ecce Sacerdos Magnus"—Behold our great High-Priest; a second time the Cardinals adore him and kiss his feet. The coronation follows after an interval of eight days.—N. Y. Adv.

The British Bible Society reports an astonishing demand for the Bible among the Cossacks. Over 60,000 have been distributed within the last few weeks.

OUR GOOD QUEEN.

Dr. Milburn, the blind American missionary, who is now in England, says there is not a word of truth in the stories circulated about the Queen's niggardliness. Her fortune, whatever it may be, has come from judicious investments, which were made by the Prince Consort. He was a most sagacious business man, and he invested in directions which have yielded lucrative returns. It requires all her allowance, and more, too, to keep up her expenses. When Dr. Langley was Archbishop of Canterbury he was entitled to various livings whose yield was nearly \$200,000 per annum; and, yet, such was the expense of the archiepiscopal position that he died in penury; and were it not that the Queen secured the admittance of his daughter at Hampton Court, she would have been without a roof to her head. The Marquis of Bute has an income from his estate of £500,000 a year; but so much of this has to go back to keep up the estates that his actual net income is less than a twelfth of this amount. In the case of the Duke of Chatworth, two hundred servants sit down to his tables, and they in turn have each a servant to wait on them. The same thing prevails everywhere; and applies to the Queen as to others. Dr. Milburn adds: "The tradesmen may grumble as they will but Victoria is to-day shined in the hearts of the English people, and is by them beloved to an extent that is absolutely wonderful.

Enmities are bad baggage for the Christian to carry.—The Methodist.

Canon Farrar, the well-known author of the most popular life of Christ, is now to be added to the lists of those who hold what we may call the doctrine of rescience regarding the future state of the impenitent at death. The most gravely important foreign ecclesiastical news of the past week is the report in our English exchanges of his two sermons delivered to great throngs in Westminster Abbey on this subject. The eminent personality of the speaker, the solemn importance of his theme, and the special interest it has at this juncture to American churches, com-

bine to fix public attention on these discourses. A brief report of them will be found in last WESLEYAN. The attentive reader will notice that the strength of these sermons lies in their strong assertion and impassioned appeal rather than in the cogency of any argument, either critical or philosophical; but he will also recognize the fact that the position and character of the preacher and his recognized scholarship give to his solemn declaration of the words Damnation, Hell and Everlasting the force of an argument. Whatever may be thought of his conclusions, we believe that the pulpit will do well to heed his denunciation of the contemptuous manner in which this subject is too often treated.

One of the great and lamentable mistakes of many pastors is not "weaving in" something for the children at every public Sunday service.—Examiner and Chronicle.

QUEEN VICTORIA AS A HOSTESS.

Gen. Grant has been royally entertained by Queen Victoria, but she once gave a more hearty reception to a less distinguished American. The Springfield Republican tells the incident:

One of the pleasantest stories told of her concerns the reception she gave to Capt. Henry J. Hartshorne, in 1856, when he took to England the British exploring barque Resolute, found abandoned in the Arctic seas, rescued by a New London whaler, and bought by Congress as a present to the British Government. The Queen invited him to be her guest at Osborne House from Saturday evening to Monday morning, and paid him the compliment of treating him with just the courtesy and ceremony practiced by any lady to a guest.

To his pleased surprise, he dined the evening of his arrival, with the Queen and Prince Albert alone, his hostess observing that she presumed an American would prefer to escape the formalities of state dinner. The children came in and shared the desert; and the Queen poured out the tea when that meal was served. At bedtime she said good-night, and left the captain to chat with the Prince. The Sunday was spent in the same simple way, and he went to church with the folks. The next morning he came away, and he always said, when he told of his visit, "I could not have felt myself more at home if I had been on a visit to my sister and her family." Queen Victoria has always been fond of dispensing with formality, as at Balmoral, where she is nothing but the good woman, a friend to all the people.—Youth's Companion.

Wouldn't it be a good idea to call upon Providence to raise up an apostle to go round and prevent churches from getting into debt?—Golden Rule.

INSURANCE ON CHAPELS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Mr. Thos. Potts, Emigration Agent for New Brunswick, now residing in Liverpool England, writes to the Recorder London, explaining the condition of our churches in St. John. His letter deserves to be reprinted on this side the Atlantic.

To the Editor of the Methodist Recorder.

SIR,—My attention has been called to a letter in your issue of the 7th from the Rev. J. Rippon with reference to the fire in St. John, New Brunswick. Mr. Rippon says, "The question has been put to me by several practical business men why the friends in that part of the world do not insure their Connexion property, and thus obviate the necessity of appeals for help?" I knew St. John when it had but one Methodist church. At the time of the great fire it had four, and one of those burned was the largest and most commodious place of worship in the city; besides this, it had a large mission-school capable of seating about 300 persons. These buildings were all of wood; and it may not be generally known to the large hearted Methodists of this country that the pioneer Methodists of that new country were compelled to build their churches of that material. The consequence was the premiums of insurance was very high; and although I speak from memory, I think I am not far wrong when I say it cost from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 per cent per annum. You will therefore, plainly see that to insure at full value, would make a great drain upon the income of the Church. The result was an insurance very much below the value, which was the case in the City of St. John.

The business men who make the inquiries referred to would meet me at this point—and very soon—by saying:

If they had insured at full value they would have been safe, and it would have required the congregations to dip their hands a little deeper into their pockets to maintain the Church. That is quite true. But I need not tell English Methodists how great must have been the strain, how continually repeated the calls upon a rapidly increasing Methodism, such as St. John and its connections has presented for the last forty years. And I will venture, on behalf of Methodism at St. John, to affirm that had the churches been burned and the congregations left intact they never would have asked for help. But, unfortunately for them, the whole property of the congregations was swept away with the church, and hundreds who would have contributed with heart and hand to rebuild the churches are utterly unable to do so. I am sure that you will excuse me for adding that my intimate acquaintance with the high tone and spirit of New Brunswick Methodism convinces me that in their appeals to the large heartedness of their brethren on this side of the Atlantic they are not influenced solely by a selfish motive, having no object but the interest of the congregations who have worshipped in those ruined churches, and coupled with that they have a desire to restore to its natural vigour and energy with as little delay as possible, a mutilated and shattered limb of the great Methodist body, in which the whole of that great body must feel an interest.—I am, yours truly, THOS. POTTS.

OBITUARY.

Died at English Harbor, Trinity Bay N. E. on Nov. 15th, 1877, Harriet Barnes, aged 73 years. Sister Barnes was the widow of Mr. John Barnes—Planter—at whose house the Methodist Ministers have long found a home. She often spoke of the various ministers who had preached the word of life on that circuit and delighted in calling over their names as under:—The Revs. Messrs. Wm. Ellis, J. S. Addy, John Corlett, Barr, Norris, Nightingale, Wilson, Peach, Shenston, Fox, &c., some of whom remain unto this present, but others are fallen asleep. Sister Barnes, from her earliest years, realized a sense of God's great love to her: and under the teachings of the divine Spirit, was brought to yield herself to God's service at an early age. She took pleasure in reading and meditation and from the testimony of many now living, was through life, a quiet, thoughtful and consistent follower of Christ. She was a great sufferer from Rheumatism of late years, but bore all patiently and with much fortitude. She was fond of instructing her grandchildren at such times as her strength permitted. To her minister she frequently spoke of the goodness of God, and the preciousness of Jesus as her Saviour. On the 12th inst., before leaving her, she engaged in a sweet conversation about spiritual things, and followed his prayer very heartily—earnestly responding Amen! Amen! She spoke confidently as to several of her family being in heaven, and believed the others would follow after them. She was quite resigned to God's will, and commended her children to His mercy and care. A large number of persons attended her funeral on the 17th inst., although the day was very wet, and showed their respect for the deceased. "The memory of the just is blessed" truly. A sermon was preached by the Rev'd. Jessie Heyfield, from Phil. 1 ch., 21st vs., who made touching allusions to the life and death of our sister who had exchanged mortality for life. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord," &c.

Mr. Judson A. Fox, late of Young St., Halifax, was born at Newport on Oct. 20th, 1832, and died Dec. 16th, 1877. When a youth he enjoyed all the advantages of godly training. His parents, who were consistent members of the Wesleyan Methodist Society, brought him up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." But it was not until the year 1861, when he married, that he gave his heart fully to God, and became a member of the Wesleyan branch of the Church of Christ. From that time until the close of life his whole course was marked by blameless consistency. He "walked in wisdom towards them that were without," and let his "light so shine before men" that they, seeing his good works, "glorified God his Heavenly Father. His life presented the harmony of principle and practice. His creed was embodied in his conduct. He exercised himself "to have always a conscience void of offence toward God and toward men"; and adorned the doctrine of God his Saviour in all things. For some time past it had been obvious to his family and friends that his health was breaking up, yet no danger was apprehended until graver and more complicated symptoms developed themselves, which not yielding to the efforts of professional skill, awakened the most serious apprehension that the decay of the vital powers was beyond reparation or remedy. His

sufferings during his last illness were severe, but he who had glorified God by a steadfast and unwavering faith in health, was enabled to glorify Him by unflinching resignation and patience in affliction. After such a career of devoted christian discipleship and consistent christian testimony, no last words of witness were needed to reassure the hearts of sorrowing friends, nor did his affliction in its latest crisis admit of frequent or lengthened communications, but all his utterances were indicative of profound trust and perfect peace: hence when unable to speak, his beaming countenance, lighted up with heavenly hope and joy, showed that the glory of the better country was dawning upon him, and thus without a struggle he fell asleep in Jesus. His mortal remains are laid beside those of his sainted mother, in Newport cemetery, there to await the first resurrection.

MISS MARIA KENT, of Bentville, daughter of the late Henry Kent. Being of pious parentage and religiously instructed, she feared God from her childhood, and through life gave evidence of a work of grace; fear to do wrong, and an earnest desire for the right seemed the pervading principle of her whole life.

Without ignoring the facts of universal human depravity, this gracious principle under Divine influence, was seen with the passing of years to become increasingly developed.

The same infinitely wise and gracious Providence which at the age of thirteen bereaved her of a christian father, continued to her the prayers and promptings of a devoted mother, resulting in the speakable satisfaction that these labors were not in vain in the Lord, but were among the many things working together for her good. The reality of her becoming a subject of God's justifying and renewing grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, was demonstrated by her peace and happiness of mind, the fruit only of receiving the atonement, and by the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, and her religious determination. Agreeably hereto, about ten years ago, after much and close conversation with her own beloved sister on the subject, they together came forward, and as an expression of consecration to Christ and his service were publicly baptized with water in the sacred name, and more closely connected with the Wesleyan Society. She ever manifested a particular affection and respect toward the house of God and toward His ministers and cause, and seemed averse to any display on her behalf when gone.

About two years ago she had indications of disease, but these, by the use of means, were partially overruled, yet alternately with all that hope could do, there was but too much room for her friends to fear a fatal result. Could anything available be devised or done in the home circle or among her friends, not so soon would she have been apparently torn from fond and family associations. But the decree had gone forth. The habitual flatness of that wasting disease played well its part, and soon those whose life seemed bound up in hers, were instead of having her presence to comfort them, to learn to maintain connection with her by that mysterious method of spiritual communion, by that faith which looks upon a separated christian friend not as lost nor dead (see John 8, 51, 52, and 11, 26) but gone before. Only one fortnight was to separate her from that part of the Lord's worshipping host beyond the flood, when by an extra effort she attended God's house and word, thinking it might be (as it proved) the last here.

During the time of her severe cough and distressing weakness she was patient and resigned to the will of her Heavenly Father, and repeatedly spoke to those about her of the manner in which God was blessing her, and of the particular satisfaction she had had in conversing with certain christian friends.

On her last Saturday evening she intimated to the two or three about her their holding something like a little class-meeting, of which, when done, she spoke as if it were a little heaven below. The last sunlight she saw upon earth was that of the Holy Sabbath, which was soon to brighten into that of an Eternal Sabbath, and now with all simplicity she told her sister and her mother how happy she had been through the night, and in this happiness she continued.

Very early on the morning of September 3rd, 1877, in the 39th year of her age, at the Saviour's kindly bidding, she laid down the earthly tenement, until her ransomed and bloodwashed spirit comes to put it on afresh. When at the Almighty fiat of Christ that which was sown in weakness shall be raised in power and undecaying and blissful immortality, and He shall have all the glory of her salvation. Amen. J. F. BENT. Bentville, Dec. 22nd, 1877.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FIRST QUARTER: STUDIES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH.

B. C. 955. LESSON II. ASA FAITHFUL TO HIS GOD; or, Help for the Faithful. 2 Chron. 14. 1-11. Commit to memory verses 2-5. January 13th.

EXPLANATORY.

ASAH. The second king of Judah; reigned but three years; warred successfully against Jeroboam, and wrested the cities on the northern frontier from his grasp. But, as is often the case, with wars abroad, sins grew rife at home, and he left the kingdom farther away from God than he found it. Asa. His name means "physician," appropriate to one who was the healer of the nation's disorders. Quiet ten years. As the result of Asa's victory and the unsettled succession in the northern kingdom, there came a decade of peace in centuries of strife, like a patch of blue sky on a dark day. Right in the eyes of the Lord. He took for a standard not his own impulses, or opinions, or convictions, but the will of God. He who sees upon himself God's eyes will not stray far from God's ways.

HE TOOK AWAY THE ALTARS. Ever since the evil example of Solomon's decline, idolatry had flourished, bringing in universal depravation of morals. First of the kings of Judah Asa appears as a reformer, and strikes at the root of the evil by destroying everywhere its outward institutions. "Tear down the nests and the rocks will take their flight," said John Knox, referring to the monasteries in Scotland. So shut up the saloons, and the next generation, if not the present, will be saved from drunkards. High places. Shrines for idol-worship, generally built on elevated situations. Groves. "Ashtaroth," a form of idolatry, whose rites were accompanied with the vilest immorality, practiced generally in woods and secluded places. The energy of the king was not supported by his people, and before the close of his reign the evils were again in full power. Eternal vigilance is the price not only of a nation's liberty, but also of its morality.

COMMANDED JUDAH. It is not sufficient to remove temptation; inducements must be presented toward righteousness. Cold water baptism is not the end, but the beginning. Only those who seek the Lord will have power to do the law. Images. Literally, "sun images," through which worship was paid to the sun. The kingdom was quiet. Free from foreign war and domestic strife. Asa was able to carry forward his reforms. [Teacher, impress the thought of thoroughness, wholeheartedness, in doing right.]

LET US BUILD. Industry and religion go hand in hand. "Tramps" have no piety. The land is yet before us. The way to avoid danger is to make preparation for it. Rest is not idleness but activity. "When the sword is sheathed, take up the trowel."—M. Henry. We have sought the Lord. God ever smiles upon the people that seek his face. Not always thus do people and kings remember God in peace and prosperity, and recognize national blessings as his gift. [Teacher, suggest the thought of thankfulness for happy homes, church privileges, etc.] Rest on every side. On the north, the kingdom of Israel was too closely absorbed in civil strife to undertake foreign war; and on the south the frontiers were left uninvaded by the Egyptian arms. Built and prospered. Trust in God must not beget neglect of personal effort; faith and works should supplement each other. Targets. An old term for shields. Judah with spears and Benjamin, that drew bows, could aid each other, one in the close fight, and the other at long range. God's warfare requires the varied weapons and abilities of every Christian soldier.

ZERAH THE ETHIOPIAN. Probably Osarchoon I, the second king of Egypt after Shishak; called the Ethiopian on account of his birth, as he was not the son, but the son in law of the previous king. (Bavlinson.) He invaded Judah to recover the Egyptian supremacy, which had been thrown off by Asa. A thousand thousand. Notwithstanding the precautions of Asa, he found his dominions suddenly menaced by an army twice the number of all the fighting men in the land. God often reveals to us our own helplessness, that he may teach us to lean on him more fully. Maresbah. A city fortified by Rehoboam, (11, 8) on the borders of the Philistine plain, between Hebron and Ashdod.

ASA WENT OUT. Though his army was greatly inferior to the foe, he did not hesitate, for he had a mighty ally. "One with God by his side is a majority." Asa cried unto the Lord. Having done his best, he now confidently claims the divine blessing. We must work as though every thing depends on ourselves, and pray as

though every thing depends upon God. [Teacher, urge your scholars to pray about all things.] Nothing with thee. Great and small are one with him. Prevail against thee. If Judah be overthrown, it is God's cause that will suffer defeat. The religious interests of the whole earth, for all time, were centred in that insignificant land. His plea was not in vain. The enemy fled, and the scepter of Egypt was so completely broken that during four centuries no enemy threatened Judah from the banks of the Nile.

GOLDEN TEXT: Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power. 2 Chron. 14, 11.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION: Divine Providence. The next lesson is 2 Chron. 15, 8-15.

CLASSICAL USE OF THE WORD BAPTIZO.—Achilles Tatius says: "Whom having baptized with the same drug." Here the baptism seems to have been taken off with the same drug by which it was put on. The state of stupefaction is what is called the baptism. The mode was by taking the drug internally. There was no dipping here.

Athenus says:—"You seem to be baptized with unmixed wine." That is made drunk. The mode was by drinking the wine. There was no dipping here.

Canon says:—"Having baptized Alexander with much wine." Drunkenness again, but no dipping.

Erenus says:—"Baptizes by sleep: neighbors of death." There was no fluid used in this baptism, and therefore could not be dipping.

Lucien says:—"Resembles one heavily headed and baptized"—i. e., drunk.

Diodorus Siculus says:—"They do not baptize the people with taxes." Bankrupted, he means. Here there was no fluid used, and could be no dipping.

Plutarch says:—"Baptized with a debt of fifty millions." No dipping here.

Heliodorus says:—"Baptized by the calamity." No fluid here and no dipping.

Again Heliodorus says:—"Had baptized the city in sleep." No fluid used and no dipping.

Procus says:—"Baptized with much wantonness."—N. D. E. in the Texas Presbyterian.

EXPOSITION OF 1876.

Wandering through the United States section of this truly wonderful Exhibition, hyperornamented and over-displayed as the most of it is, I came upon an elegant glass case, whose modesty was the more conspicuous from its neighbors' finery, surmounted by the motto Dignis Præmia and displaying, in neat packages, the medical preparations of the house of Dr. J. C. AYER & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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To Christians generally the same standard may serve, applied in other ways. They accomplish only what they aim at.

Let 1878 be entered upon with grand aims; so shall it close with grand results.

In the rush of last week's business, editorial remarks which we intended to make upon Canon Farrar's utterances in Westminster Abbey were crowded out.

As to the Christian Union, we were glad to see its very apparent disapproval of Canon Farrar's position that we were willing to quote from that source in preference to some others.

sermon in Westminster Abbey was, as the Christian Union well expressed it, "devoid of argument," a fact which we are quite sure our readers would discover for themselves.

We give an extract from the Methodist Recorder, Pittsburgh, whose editor, Rev. Dr. Clark, is always good authority on book lore, and who thinks very highly of his "Life of Christ."

"Canon Farrar, the distinguished author of 'The Life of Christ,' has created a sensation at Westminster Abbey. His orthodoxy has been unquestioned. His sermons and writings have been welcomed by multitudes of Christians, both in this country and in England.

A paragraph in an inside page of this week's paper, and which ought also to have been credited to the Christian Union, clearly takes issue with Canon Farrar, though it would seem to look favorably upon a qualification of the terms "damnation" and "everlasting."

SIR.—Since many complete misrepresentations of the language and purport of a sermon which I recently preached in Westminster Abbey have found their way to public notice, I am reluctantly compelled to trespass upon your courtesy.

Dr. Moffat's intellectual face, in a Magazine engraving just to hand, reminds us of the fallacy of a sentiment often heard in pulpits and on platforms, and delivered with all the emphasis of gospel doctrine.

The following letter explains itself. Eastern Provinces are not likely to be practiced upon thus; but we may as well be forewarned:

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METEOROLOGICAL.

HALIFAX, NOV. 30th. The temperature of the past month has resulted a little above the normal; being 30° C. 60.

The rainfall has been excessive—perfectly in accordance with my prediction of a "wet November"—being 8.878 inches against a normal of 5.011.

FREDERICK ALLISON.

Ha! ha! "A cold December" indeed! We clipped the above from our dailies, and kept it for comparison. And now, what of these weather prophets? They have the records of scientific observation for years past.

other data. But as for any reliable anticipation of the weather for a single month, they are as blind as any ordinary mortals.

Here is the prediction of Vennor, whose reputation is something remarkable in Canada.

We take the following from Mr. Vennor's almanac for 1877-8:

December will, in all probability, set in sharp, but this cold term will be of short duration, and give place speedily to rains and some snows.

January, of 1878, looks to me at present gloomy, wet and foggy, and not unlike that of the year 1876—unusually open February again—I must be cautious about this fickle month this time—will set in severely.

March will bring more snow during its early part, but the month will end wet and cold, with heavy winds, and bids fair to go out exceedingly stormy.

April, May and the first part of June, will be very wet and cold. This impression is firmly imprinted on my mind, and this wet and cold spring will be followed by an intensely hot midsummer.

The whole autumn and winter will be favorable to the increase of throat diseases and fevers, also, cattle diseases; and I agree with Prof. Mansill in anticipating the approach of Asiatic cholera towards northern latitudes during the ensuing summer.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

By private letters we learn that some dissatisfaction exists among New Brunswick Ministers, relative to the Grant for this year. They have the impression that undue liberties have been taken by the Central Board with estimates of Receipts as made up by financial District Meetings.

Our Missionary Secretaries acting upon the suggestion of the General Board—an excellent suggestion—forward for publication to the organs of the General Conference occasional letters from the Mission field.

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Tidings of revival reach us from a few places. Are our brethren pressing hard upon the consciences of their hearers—concentrating their truths and energies and prayers to the one point of helping souls to decide now for Christ and Christian service? One minister writes of whole families—seventy penitents at one time—seeking mercy.

Have our readers ever perused the life of Billy Bray? Take this one sentence from the book—a cheap treatise, on sale at the Book Room.

Methodist Magazines—Our own Canadian Magazine for January, is a pleasant surprise. With a greatly improved title page, thicker paper, first class illustrations and several very spirited articles, it has surely surmounted all prejudice, if any ever existed against it.

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THE PRESIDENT ELECT OF SACKVILLE COLLEGE.—The members of the Centenary Church, who feel very keenly the prospective loss of the Rev. Howard Sprague, president elect of Sackville College, are taking steps to induce Mr. Sprague not to accept that position.

CHARLES ST.—In the Charles St. Church on New Year's morning, immediately after the close of the usual Watch Night Service, a very interesting circumstance took place. A number of the members of the congregation met for the purpose of presenting their organist, Miss Maggie Rogers, with a purse of \$42, in recognition of her services during the past year.

NEWS FROM THE CIRCUITS.

WELSFORD CIRCUIT.—On the 12th inst., the Parsonage was visited by a surprise and donation party. The surprise was a very agreeable one and the donation quite liberal in degree and various in kind, consisting of vegetables, meat, butter, tea, sugar, &c., a very comfortable easy chair, and cash.

On Thursday last, 27th inst., we held a supper soiree, in aid of parsonage funds. The affair was very enjoyable, and financially quite a success.

If your Pastor does not call for your subscription send it on yourself. The cost of registration will be put Two Cents for Two Dollars.

NOTES FROM OXFORD.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—I have just concluded a series of special services at East Leicester, an interesting portion of my circuit. Believing that it will be for the glory of God, and the encouragement of the many devoted brethren who have preceded me on this circuit, I send you the result.

Truly it is glorious work pointing sinners to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. The people of East Leicester, believing that the temporal interests of the church should be attended to, as well as the spiritual, insisted upon having Christmas-eve free, that they might have their annual donation gathering.

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for the erection of the building. We hope
to have a good house built, ready for oc-
cupation by the middle of August. The
people have already made a very generous
expenditure in furnishing the house which
we now occupy.

Our Missionary meetings held in No-
vember, resulted in an increase of thirty
dollars over the receipts of last year.
Some of my predecessors will not be sor-
ry to hear that a carpenter is now at work
lowering the much abused pulpit of the
Oxford church. Wishing you the compli-
ments of the season, I must close.

D. W. J.

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DIGBY NECK.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—We held our Mis-
sionary meetings here, and though not so
largely attended as we have seen meetings
of this character yet financially they
were in some degree successful. The
receipts will be in advance somewhat of
last year. Two members of our expected
and announced deputation were conspic-
uous by their absence, causing some disap-
pointment, but the President of the Con-
ference being present, gave us a powerful
and effective address.

For some time one of our churches here
has been in a condition unworthy of the
service of the Most High. Some years ago
it was lengthened and made to appear
like a new house outside, but the inside
was left in a very rough and neglected
condition. We resolved to have the in-
side equal to the outside profession, and a
little better. The ladies got to work, and
the results of their labours were a Christ-
mas Tree and Festival, by which we net-
ted nearly seventy dollars. This sum and
the proceeds from the sale of the new pews
and the opening services, with subscrip-
tions that have been promised, will we
expect place the church in a condition in
which we may comfortably worship God.

We expect to commence the work of re-
storation in the spring. Immediately
after the Christmas Tree a goodly num-
ber of the members and friends of the
Centerville Church met at the house of
Bro. H. Morphouse and contributed toward
circuits expenses, quite a respectable sum.

We are praying for, and earnestly ex-
pecting the shower of blessing to descend
upon us; that the word of Divine grace
which is preached, may be savingly ap-
plied.

Yours truly,

G. J.

COBourg ROAD, HALIFAX.—The third
anniversary of the Cobourg Road Sab-
bath school was celebrated in the church
on Thursday, the 27th inst. After the
friends and children partaking of a boun-
tiful repast, the meeting was addressed
by Revs. W. H. Heartz and W. L. Cun-
ningham, also by Mr. Major Theakson and
Hon. S. L. Shannon.

Joseph Belcher, Esq., occupying the
chair, expressed the pleasure it gave him
to welcome the speakers. He was glad to
intimate that the Sabbath school was now
larger than at any previous period of its
history. And if it should continue to in-
crease as heretofore we shall be compelled
to enlarge the building.

After the distribution of prizes and
music rendered by the scholars the meet-
ing closed with the benediction.

ARCADIE, YARMOUTH, held Missionary
meetings this week, proceeds somewhat
in advance of last year. Tasket church
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Yours, &c.,

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CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE METHODIST
CHURCH, SUSSEX.—An interesting affair
came off in the Methodist Church last
night. This beautiful edifice, which has
for some time past been handsomely and
appropriately decorated, had new attrac-
tions added to it on the present occasion
in the shape of a superb and costly
Christmas tree, which was loaded with
gifts of no trivial kind, and many of them
were really costly. These articles were
distributed, in a humorous manner, by
old Santa Claus, who had his Christmas
suit on. The children were filled with
ecstasy at the old man's generosity. The
Methodists have fairly outdone their
neighbors in their laudable efforts to
please the little folk. Recitations and
singing by the children formed an inter-
esting feature. An oyster supper was
also served up. The congregation has
the good will of many children, the circum-
stances of whose parents would not have
admitted of such a feast.—Tel.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RICHMOND CIRCUIT.

CARLETON, Co., N. B.,
20th Dec. 1877.

Dear Mr. Editor:—
Since our arrival on this Circuit we
have received from the people every ex-
pression of kindness which the most
expectant nature could desire.

On Christmas day morning, we were
made the recipients of a donation of \$25
in cash and other articles, amounting in
all to \$30.

We hasten to record our appreciation
of this timely and acceptable surprise,
and hope that this generous treatment
will be extended to the ministerial fratern-
ity generally, by their circuits in which they
labor.

We are thankful to say that the various
interests connected with this charge are
in a very encouraging condition. The
congregations are good and exceedingly
attentive to the ministration of the word.
May the over-hanging cloud of blessing
break upon us and upon all the Churches
in a glorious manner.

Hope that the matter referred to in our
last week's issue by "A Financial Secre-
tary," will receive that attention which it
certainly demands. Am sure that the
Brethren on the Mission Stations in the
N. B. and P. E. I. Conference will thank
the writer for his clear exhibit of the fi-
nancial cramping which appears to be in
process of initiation.

Congratulating you on another year's
successful management of the "Wesley-
an," and extending to you the compliments
of the season.

Believe me to remain,
Yours truly,

W. HARRISON.

LOCAL ITEMS.—ALBERT CO., N. B.

ALBERT RAILWAY.

Very many availed themselves of half fare
Excursion Tickets during Xmas holidays,
in fact the passenger car was tolerably well
filled. The following table shows traffic
receipts for the last four months.

Table with 3 columns: Passengers, Freight, Totals. Rows for August, Sept., Oct., Nov., and Totals.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT ALBERT MINES.

At Albert Mines on Xmas Eve, all the
children of the Sabbath School number-
ing 100 and over, assembled at the Mines
Church and participated in the many good
things provided mainly by the local man-
ager, and enjoyed themselves admirably.
The church was elaborately festooned and
appropriate mottoes becoming the season
beautifully portrayed on the walls. Bro.
Haddow is the Superintendent of this
School and seeks most ardently its pros-
perity.

CHRISTMAS EVENING AT HILLSBORO.

In the Methodist Church on the eve of
the 25th, the place was literally full and
all enjoyed the rich treat in store for the
children of the Methodist S. School. The
Superintendent of which is C. S. Warman,
whose efforts to please the children is most
commendable.

The family of J. T. Tompkins, Esq., of
the Plaster Works, contributed largely
for the Xmas tree and by which the
scholars were highly delighted.

THE WINTER SEASON

so far has been most pleasant—sufficient
snow to afford fair sleighing and the
streets during the present holidays have
been made lively by the Hillsboro' inhabi-
tants.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Large audiences attend the Methodist
Church every Sabbath evening and this
section of the church is evidently growing
in interest.

ACCIDENTS.

A boy was seriously injured and a horse
killed a few days since by collision with
an excursion train near the Village of
Hillsboro'.

A floor gave way on De-moiselle Creek,
last Tuesday evening, on the occasion of
a Baptist tea meeting, and many were
more frightened than hurt—none fatally.

PROFESSOR HUXLEY ON TECH-
NICAL EDUCATION.

Professor Huxley has recently deliv-
ered a lecture on technical education
before an English working men's asso-
ciation, in the course of which he gives
his views as to what working men
should know. He defines technical ed-
ucation as the teaching of handicrafts,
and the requirements thereof he sums
up to be reading, writing, and cipher-
ing, a taste for one's calling, an ac-
quaintance with the elements of phys-
ical science, a knowledge of a foreign
language, and the scrupulous avoidance
of the practice known as "cramping."

As to the means for carrying out
this ideal education, Professor Huxley
strongly advocates the more extended
teaching of natural science in the pub-
lic schools, and he thinks that the mode
of instruction should be especially
practical and experimental. He also
recommends some special means for
utilizing in the public interest unusual
talent or genius found in schools.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Samuel Guthro, of French Vale, C. B.,
was killed by the falling of a tree while chop-
ping in the woods last week.

Malcolm Sillars, Hobson, brought to Pic-
ton last week two hogs, both being under six-
teen months old, one of which weighed 640
lbs., the other 682.

A thoughtless young man, belonging to a
Parrsboro' lumbering establishment, doubt-
less in search of distinction, recently ran to
a barn with a red hot iron to enlarge the tap of
a kerosene oil cask, by burning, but was
stopped by another man in time to prevent
an explosion and probable loss of life.

Mr. Charles Marshall, of New Annan, Cum-
berland Co., was found dead in his bed on
Saturday week. He leaves a wife and two
children. Aged 23. Mr. Robert Lewis, of
Wentworth, went out on Wednesday morning
and did his work as usual, then sat down.
His son noticed something peculiar in his ap-
pearance and called in his mother, who laid
him on the bed, and before any further assist-
ance could be called the old man was dead.
He was about 90 years of age.

One night in the early part of last week
the store of Mr. Smith Harding, Tusket, was
broken into by prying the front door open
with a crowbar. About \$2 in cash and \$5
worth of underclothing were stolen.

On Thursday evening of last week, a son
of William Keho, of Hantsport, fell over a
sled load of lumber on which he was riding,
and the runner passed over his leg, crushing
it so badly that amputation was rendered
necessary.

The brig Idle Wild, owned by James Dun-
can & Co., of Charlottetown, P.E.I., from
Cadiz for Cascumpe, P.E.I., loaded with
salt, went ashore Wednesday, 26th ult., on
Cape George, N.S. It is feared she will
prove a total wreck.

On Christmas eve, whilst Mr. John Beular,
proprietor of the corn mill at Milton, was at
the office in one of his buildings was
burglarized, the desk, piled open, and \$300,
mostly in silver coin, purloined therefrom.
A sum of nearly \$1000 in the bottom of the
desk escaped the notice of the burglar and
was left undisturbed.

A large quantity of smuggled liquor, con-
cealed at a place in Argyle, Yarmouth County,
has been ferreted out and destroyed. Another
store in the same locality is also suspected
and closely watched by the Reformers. The
authorities, it is said, are about to make a
descent on it.

Another craft has been added to the already
fleet of vessels owned at Granville
Ferry. A brig, named the Caribbean, of
very fine appearance, was launched from a
building yard at Granville Ferry, on Thurs-
day last, of the following dimensions—length
99.5 feet; beam, 24.3 feet; depth, 10.6 feet,
and registers 173 tons. She has been con-
structed of the very best materials, and we
have no doubt will give a good account of
herself under the able management of Capt.
Joseph Hall. She is owned by Messrs. Wm.
McCormack, James E. Shaffer, Robt. Delap,
Troop & Irvine and Capt. Hall.

The Liverpool Foundry Co. have decided
to go on with the business in which they were
very successfully engaged until the fire de-
stroyed their buildings, stock and patterns.
They are putting up a new building near the
spot where the old one stood. It will be
commodious and convenient. Mr. James
Annis is the master-builder.

The Parrsboro' correspondent of the Am-
herst "Gazette" reports that on Christmas
eve whilst the Spring Hill and Parrsboro
Train was passing the West Brook tank two
young men with guns were noticed on the
side of the road. A passenger went out to
the rear of the car was fired at point blank by
one of them. Fortunately the aim was un-
true and the man was not injured, but the
end of the car was riddled with shot.

A letter recently received by Mr. Pickup,
of Granville Ferry, announces the death by
cholera, at Batavia, Java, of Capt. John S.
Lent, of Granville Ferry, master of the
barque I. W. Oliver. He was a man much
respected in the community, and his sudden
removal is deeply regretted. He leaves a
wife and several children, who were with
him on board the vessel.

The Hantsport correspondent of the Bridge-
town "Monitor" furnishes the following: A
young man named Layton employed by
Messrs. Churchill, in their steam mill, got
caught between the hoisting drum and the
rope when engaged in ballasting the new ship.
He was carried round the drum five times,
the rope winding about his head and neck.
When cut clear it was thought that he was
dead, but is now in a fair way of recovery.

The Windsor and Annapolis Railway Com-
pany have stopped the tide out of the Half-
way River. It is a first-class job. The men
employed on the work left about four thousand
dollars for board alone in the town, no acci-
dents occurred of any account, and as no
liquor is sold there was no drunkenness.

A son of David Hatfield, of Tusket, Lake-
side, Yarmouth Co., and another boy named
Edwin, in crossing the ice on 25th ult., near
their homes fell through. Mr. Hatfield and
his family went to their rescue, and the boy
from under them and all were struggling in
the water. No assistance came and after a
time Mr. Hatfield and young Gavel with great
difficulty succeeded in getting out, but Mrs.
Hatfield, her son and two daughters were all
drowned together. Their bodies were recover-
ed. A young man named Malanson, whilst
skating, broke through the ice and was also
drowned.

Nova Scotia's big ship, the W. D. Law-
rence, Capt. Ellis, arrived at Aden on the
29th of November, from Cardiff.

NEW BRUNSWICK & P. E. ISLAND.

The Rev. D. Macrae, of St. John, N. B.,
has for several years received the sum of
\$400 annually, from a young man in New-
foundland, as a contribution to the schemes
of the Presbyterian Church. The young man
is not rich, but desires to increase his gifts to
good objects and does not wish his name to
be made public.

In the recent examination at the University
of London, in November last, Mr. Charters
James Symonds, a native of St. John, son of
the late Charles Symonds, junior, took the
degree of Bachelor of Medicine (M. B.) in
the first class, obtaining the gold medals in
medical juris-prudence and obstetric medicine
and the third place in first-class honors in
medicine. At a subsequent examination he
obtained the degree of Bachelor of Surgery
(B. S.) taking the gold medal in that subject
also.

The ice is now pretty firm on the Mirani-
chi, and teams are passing to and fro at
Newcastle.

The St. Stephen, N. B., "Courier" boasts
that on the occasion of a recent fire in that
town, the St. Stephen steam engine only
occupied three minutes from the time that it
left the Engine house until it threw water on
the fire.

On the 26th ult., while Mr. David Miller
and his two sons and two daughters, with
Mr. and Mrs. William McColgan and their
son and daughter, were crossing over the ice
at Indian Island, Milkish, in a wagon drawn
by two horses, the ice gave way. It is said
that the ice was cracking when they had pro-
ceeded a short way and continued so up to
the time of the accident. They all escaped,
Mr. McColgan being saved by Mrs. McColgan
who left the wagon first. The horses were
drowned.

A large she bear and three half grown cubs
were killed by Daniel Carroll and his sons
early in December at the Forks, Cain's River,
Parish of Blackville, Northumberland Co.
Mr. Carroll got \$12 bear bounty and 8 gal-
lons of oil from his prizes.

A man named Conderon, in the employ of
Chas. Sergeant, Esq., Moncton, was nearly
drowned Christmas evening by driving into a
hole on the ice near Canadian Point, just be-
low the ferry landing. Had it not been for
the timely assistance of some parties who
were near, Conderon's wife and children who
were with him would have been drowned.

While crossing Musquash River, below
Sherwood Lake, on the afternoon of the 26th,
George Hennessy broke through the ice and
was drowned. His cries were heard by some
men working in the woods, near the river,
but before they had reached him he had dis-
appeared beneath the ice. His body was re-
covered that night. Deceased leaves a wife
and several small children.

The Zion Church Presbyterian bazaar,
which came off two or three days ago in
Charlottetown, was very successful, and
realized the large sum of \$1,264. The dis-
play of ladies' work, in particular, was mag-
nificent. All denominations seemed to mingle
at the bazaar. The ladies who worked hard
since April saw their labors crowned with
success. Where all did so well, it is invidious
to name any one, yet our correspondent
thinks that Mrs. Stronach, who was President
of the Committee, and whose labors were
great, is entitled to that distinction. A novel
idea was carried out. The labels on the cakes
recalled many of the great "powers that be,"
including Lord Dufferin, Premier McKenzie,
Sir John, Governor Hodgson, Governor
Laird, President Hayes, the Press, the Govern-
ment, the Opposition, etc., etc.—Ezek.

George Seamans, Esq., track-master of
that section of the I. C. K. between Moncton
and Barbiogue, was presented with an ad-
dress accompanied by a handsome gold watch,
at Newcastle, on Christmas evening, by the
trackmen under his employ. A supper was
afterwards served at the United States Hotel.

For several days, a young man belonging
to Charlottetown, Royalty, P. E. Island, has
been missing and it is supposed that he has
perished.

Ship "Erin's Isle," built in Captain
McFee's shipyard, Courtenay Bay, which
sailed for England a short time ago, has ar-
rived at her destination. A letter has been
received here stating that the vessel has been
classified in English Lloyds for 11 years, as
follows: 6 for spruce frame, 2 for yellow
metal and galvanized fastenings, 2 for mixed
material, and 1 for sailing. This is the first
St. John built vessel, it is stated, that has re-
ceived such a high classification in English
Lloyds.

Mr. James Day, who lives at Long Reach,
King's County, brought the carcass of a bear,
weighing about 300 lbs., to the city, and it
was on exhibition in the market. The bear
was captured about two miles beyond Bald
Mountain, after a ten mile tramp by Mr. Day
and his two sons. The animal had evidently
been trapped before, as he had only three
legs.

Mr. A. D. Freeze, of Penobscus, was
killed on the 25th ult. He was driving a
load of milk cans from the station, and when
crossing the track west of Penobscus, the
Quebec Express came along, striking the
wagon, and throwing Mr. Freeze out, killed
him instantly.

A lecture was delivered in Salisbury on
the evening of the 19th inst., by the Rev.
Robert Wilson, of Hopewell, in his own
eloquent and inimitable style. His subject
was "The Characteristics of the Irishman."
He instructively gave "Paddy as a war-
rior, a wit, a patriot, a poet, and a Christian."
A Ministerial Convention of the Sackville
district was held in the Methodist Church on
the 20th and 21st inst. Various topics of a
religious character were discussed and the
services were seasons of profit and blessing.

The Moncton "Times" editor has cancel-
led a good quality, said to have been taken
from a mine in Cape Breton. The St. John
"Telegraph" reports a discovery of coal near
Fairville, N. B.

J. L. Davis, who sojourned at Parrsboro'
last summer, and represented himself as a
writer of articles for Harper's Magazine, and
under false pretences, has been sentenced to
five months in jail at Dorchester. It will be
remembered that he victimized sundry peo-
ple by taking pay in advance for advertise-
ments to be inserted in a mythical Railway
Gazette, of which he told that he would pub-
lish an edition of twenty-four thousand in
Halifax.

The "Globe" estimates the loss by Satur-
day's fire at \$60,000; insurance less than one
third of this. The disaster throws 200 peo-
ple out of employment. Valpey's factory
alone employed 100.

The test case of a commercial traveller
being compelled to pay a license of \$50 per
annum in P. E. Island has been decided in
Charlottetown against that city. The defence
was undertaken by the Dominion Commercial
Travellers' Association, Montreal, and all
costs of the trial paid by the Association.

UPPER PROVINCES.

Mr. Thomas Adair Reeve, of Southampton,
last summer acquired a patent process for
freezing fish. The process in itself is very
simple, consisting of a mixture of ice and salt
around an air-tight chamber made of galv-
vanized iron, in which the fish are held. Mr.
Adair expended \$3,000 in constructing the
necessary buildings and freezing chambers.
He froze sixty-five tons of fish during the last
season, and sold them at a good profit to a
Canadian firm, who placed them in New
York.

The Windsor and Sandwich Street Car
Railway Company put an engine on the road
Dec. 24th for the first time. The engine,
which is of 30 horse power, does not differ in
appearance from a street car, and makes no
steam or smoke, and so far works very satis-
factorily, turning short turns with two cars
attached under good speed.

The Weland "Tribune" says:—The peo-
ple of Clifton are making a move to utilize
the splendid water privileges at their feet. It
is estimated that a small race 200 or 300 feet
in length, would give 100 horse power, en-
largement and elongation producing propor-
tionate results. The power would be trans-
mitted to the top of the bank by means of a
cable, and then be immediately available.
Messrs. Secord & Biggar have offered to con-
struct the raceway and carry on a grist mill
for \$3,000 bonus.

Old inhabitants say the winter of 1837 was
very much like the present season. Forty
years ago this month Capt. Armstrong made
several trips with the steamer St. George be-
tween Montreal and Quebec.

The Winnipeg "Free Press" is of opinion
that the cash terms imposed upon squatters of
the Railroad Reserve in Manitoba as to the
time to be modified. The notices calling for pay-
ment have brought scores of squatters into
Winnipeg, nearly all of whom assert their ab-
solute inability to comply with the regulation.
Meanwhile the names of those who report
themselves at the Dominion Land Office are
registered in order to protect them against
the encroachments of others who might seek
to deprive them of any improvements they
have made.

The hostile attitude of Canadian squatters
at the Pembina Mountains towards the Men-
nonite colonists has caused some trouble. No-
tices to quit have been served on the former
by officials of the Dominion Land Office.

The excitement over the Caribou quartz
discoveries continues at Victoria, B. C., and
a great impetus has been given to business of
all kinds. News of fresh discoveries is con-
stantly coming in.

A crop of hay from the dyked lands on the
Fraser River arrived at Victoria by steamer
Enterprise on the 5th. It is as good as any
offered in the market. More than a thousand
acres in the section where this hay was grown
will be next year sown with grain.

The Hudson Bay Company offer for sale
their splendid tract of farming land on the
Fraser at Langley. The land will be sold in
blocks of 100 acres, more or less, on easy
terms of payment extending over a number of
years.

The Dominion Government are in communi-
cation with the British authorities as to the
cruel treatment of Canadian cattle while wait-
ing inspection at the English ports.

In Manitoba unimproved lands sell at from
30 cents to \$1; improved farms on the rivers
from \$5 to \$10.

The total revenue collected during the first
five months of the present fiscal year is \$9,-
781,104; expenditure for the same period
\$7,443,414, showing a surplus of over \$2,000,-
000.

The returns of exports and imports for No-
vember show an excess of exports over im-
ports of \$2,675,890.

His Lordship Bishop Jamot speaks highly
of the natural resources of North-Western
Ontario, particularly Muskoka, Parry Sound,
and Nipissing, as containing a large amount
of land suitable for agricultural purposes.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The British Government has consented on
the solicitation of the Porte to approach the
Czar with a view of bringing about negotia-
tions for peace.

The Chinese troops in Kashgar have fortified
Touchongain and Arka, two strong strate-
gical points, and the inhabitants are fleeing in
terror to Russian territory.

Reinforcements ordered for the Russian
army exceed 250,000 men. An army of the
Baltic numbering 90,000 men is also being
formed. Russia has bought 200,000 rifles in
Berlin.

Six hundred colliers who were on a strike
in Macclesfield, England, have submitted to a
reduction of wages.

The colliers of South Wales have agreed
to accept a temporary reduction of five per
cent in wages. Some details remain to be
settled, but a general closing of the pits,
which the masters at one time contemplated,
seems to be averted.

It is believed that 50,000 British troops at
Batoum, in alliance with the Turks, with mo-
ney and arms to distribute, would raise a
storm which would drive the Russians out of
Trans-Caucasia as well as Armenia. For some
time previous and munitions of war have
been accumulating at Malta, from which
point could be easily drawn supplies needed
for an English army at Constantinople, or a
fleet to bar the Dardanelles against the Rus-
sian ships of war.

There has been severe cold with heavy
snow throughout the North of Ireland. In
Paris the weather was stormy with sleet and
rainfall. On Christmas Day, nevertheless,
the streets were thronged and the boulevards
presented a gay appearance.

It is reported that the Pope is relenting,
and wishes to concert a *modus vivendi* with
Germany.

A Calcutta despatch says the expenditures
in helping the sufferers by the famine have
reached nine and a quarter million pounds
sterling.

The wife of William C. Gilman, the New
York forger, has recovered her reason and
gone to visit her husband at the Auburn
prison.

Richard Davitt, a Fenian sentenced to 15
years penal servitude, was released from
Dartmouth, on ticket-of-leave, after serving
half the term of his sentence.

It is reported that Don Carlos was ordered
to quit France partly in consequence of the
ex-Queen Isabella's overtures to him. These
overtures are regarded as an expression of
her displeasure at the marriage of Alphonso.

The "Times" in its military and naval in-
telligence says: "During the past twelve
months ships have been constantly employed
conveying stores to Gibraltar and Malta, at
each of which is now a vast collection
of war material."

Orders have been received at Woolwich for
the manufacture of sixteen pounder field
guns. It has also been determined that the
four eighty ton guns for the Indefatigable
were chambered foreshot.

The conviction which has been growing
several days now almost amounts to a cer-
tainty, that the Dutch steamer Friesland,
from Java to Rotterdam, has been lost with
all hands off Cape Finisterre. She passed Gib-
ralter Dec. 5th. Wreckage has been sighted
which without doubt came from the Friesland.
Her crew numbered about fifty; no passen-
gers.

It is reported that gangrene threatens the
Pope's leg.

It is estimated that there are at present 400
colleges and Universities in the United States
which graduate annually between six and
seven thousand students.

WESLEYAN ALMANAC JANUARY, 1878.

New Moon, 3 day, 9h, 32m, Morning. First Quarter, 11 day, 2h, 32m, Afternoon. Full Moon, 18 day, 7h, 56m, Afternoon. Last Quarter, 25 day, 11h, 35m, Morning.

Table with columns for Day of Week, SUN (Rises Sets), NOON (Rises Sets), and HAUL (Rises Sets). Rows include days from Tuesday to Thursday.

THE TIDE.—The column of the Moon's Southing gives the time of high water at Parrsboro, Cornwallis, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport and Truro.

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.

LEFT ALONE AT EIGHTY.

What did you say, dear "breakfast?" Somehow I've slept too late. You are very kind, dear Effie, Go tell them not to wait.

Put up the old pipe, deary, I couldn't smoke to-day. I'm sort o'dazed and frightened, And don't know what to say.

The bees go humming the whole day long, And the first June rose has blown, And I am eighty, dear Lord, to-day, Too old to be left alone!

You've cut the flowers? You're very kind, She rooted it, last May; It was only a slip; I pulled the rose, And threw the stem away.

I can't rest deary—I cannot rest; Let the old man have his will, And wander from porch to garden post—The house is so deathly still;

O, well, Dear Lord, I'll be patient, But I feel so broken up; At eighty years it's an awsome thing To drain such a bitter cup.

My little Polly, so bright and fair, So winsome, and good, and sweet! She had roses twined in her sunny hair, White shoes on her dainty feet.

White shoes on her dainty feet, And I held her hand—as it yesterday That we stood up to be wed? And—No, I remember, I'm eighty to-day, And my dear wife, Polly, is dead.

SPECIMENS OF NEWFOUNDLAND HUMOUR.

We get the following from a late copy of the Toronto Globe, furnished by a correspondent.

THE HETERODOX STOVE AND THE UN-CHRISTIAN COAL.

Jeremiah Batstone had been for thirty years sexton and beadle of the Episcopal Church of Punch Bowl, Newfoundland. He was as may easily be imagined, a sound, steady-going Churchman, strongly conservative in his views—utterly opposed to all innovations and so-called improvements.

His love for the good old Church of England was only equalled by his dislike to Methodism. The zeal of the Methodists had harrassed the Church considerably and drawn away many who were once regular church-goers, and the soul of Jeremiah was vexed within him at such proceedings.

The sexton's ideas were destined to receive a rude shock. Some of the Church had been to St. John's and had become fascinated with the new and improved mode of heating the churches.

When they returned they were eloquent in their praises of the Chilson furnace, and told how the warm air stole in through gratings in the floor, and how a powerful heat was generated by a new kind of smokeless coal called "Anthracite."

Jeremiah's stove was pronounced unsightly, "bestly." Even the parson fell in with the new-fangled notions, and the end of it was that the stove was discarded, and a new furnace with a supply of Anthracite coal was ordered.

The difficulties connected with the heterodox stove have been overcome long since; but to this day Jeremiah persists in calling the coal by the dreadful name of "Anti-christ."

There has been compiled by a young lady for an English Church journal an amusing paper on the names of clergymen at present in the Church clergy list. From this it appears that "parties in the Church" are represented by 1 Broad, 2 Low, and 4 Dry.

while there are also 9 Garlands, 2 Banners, 3 Images, 12 Crosses, 1 Crucifix and 1 Crozier (among 12 Bishops). In the musical department we have Singers and Fiddlers in abundance.

THE FAMILY JOURNAL.

In a certain farm-house, twenty years ago, a great blank book was kept, and labelled "Home Journal." Every night some one made an entry in it.

On toward the middle of the book was the entry of Jenny's marriage, and one of the younger girls had added a description of the bridesmaid's dresses, and long after this there was written.

But nothing could have served better to bind that family of headstrong boys together than the keeping of this book. They came back to the old homestead now, men and women with grizzled hair, to see their mother, who is still living, and turn over the pages reverently, with many a hearty laugh, or the tears coming into their eyes.

SIGNIFICANT FIGURES.

The "Presbyterian" (Philadelphia) quotes some significant figures from a "Blue Book" recently published in Great Britain. It is the report of the Inspector General of Prisons in Ireland, and the following facts are established by it:

Roman Catholics 86 2 3, Episcopalians 9 4 5, Presbyterians 2 2 2.

The quota for other Protestant denominations are not given.

The proposal made some time since by the Rev. Arthur Murrell, of a closer union of English Baptists and Congregationalists, has led to a very intelligent discussion of the differences of faith and practice by which they are kept apart.

tendency of opinion is strongly in favor of treating baptism as an individual duty, incumbent upon the believer, and not as a term of church communion.

Recently, when a church steeple was in the course of erection in a Scotch town, the provost had a conversation with the architect, and pointed out the danger which he supposed might arise from the action of the wind upon the weathercock, the great size of which surprised him when he saw it before it was put up.

BAPTISM OF SAUL.

If any one should feel interest enough in Saul's baptism to inquire, how was he baptized? the question can be answered, at least in part. He was baptized standing. He stood up and was baptized.

The text is, "And immediately there fell from his eyes, as it had been, scales, and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized."—Acts ix: 18.

The same Greek word is used, Mark xiv: 60: "And the High Priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus," &c. Luke iv: 16: "And he came to Nazareth, and stood up for to read," &c.—Acts x: 26: "But Peter took him up, saying, stand up; I myself also am a man."

AN OLD DIALOGUE RE-PRINTED.

"Returning from a council the other day, I overheard a discussion between my delegate, Deacon Grumbold, and Deacon Webfut, of the Baptist Church at Riverside. Of course the topic was immersion, and it was introduced by Deacon Webfut remarking that his pastor, Dr. Jordan, had baptized five persons the previous Sunday.

"Well, I hope he did it in the Scriptural method."

"Certainly; our pastor always does according to Scripture."

"Well now, Brother Grumbold, what was your idea of the Scriptural method?"

"O, I got my notion of it from the first case of baptism on record."

"What was that? Not Philip and the eunuch?"

and water above them; they were completely surrounded by water.

THE DECEIVED SON.

The usually bright, handsome face of Harry Endford was disfigured by having his cheek terribly swollen. All night he had suffered intensely with a defective tooth, and the camphor and crocote his mother had applied brought no relief.

"Harry," said Mrs. Endford pityingly, "I must take you to Dr. Hilton. He will stop the pain at once."

After a little pondering Harry decided to accompany his mother to the dentist's. He was nearly mad from pain, and was willing to accept any possibility of relief.

DR. HILTON: I shall soon bring my son Harry to your office.

He has an ulcerated tooth which I am sure will have to be extracted. Please resort to a little artifice to hide your intention; he is a nervous, timid boy, and thereby will be spared the dread which would be to him more than pain.

A little later Harry and his mother were inside the dentist's office. He examined the aching tooth carefully.

"I will put something on it that will cause the pain to entirely cease in a short time," replied Dr. Hilton.

He poured a few drops of a dark liquid from a small bottle on a bit of cotton, and taking it up with his forceps, he said to Harry—

"Open your mouth wide now, and let me lay this on the tooth."

Harry opened his mouth, but in an instant the treacherous forceps had tight hold of his tooth; and it was extracted and in Dr. Hilton's hand before he had the slightest suspicion of his intention.

"What, you haven't pulled it out?" exclaimed Harry greatly astonished.

"Yes, I have. You didn't feel it much, did you?"

"You've cheated me?" returned Harry, with an angry, flushed face.

"I did. These forceps are the truest pain-killer I know," laughed the dentist.

"Well, it is all over now," said Mrs. Endford, "and the tooth will never ache again. Are you not glad?"

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

HANG UP BABY'S STOCKINGS.

Hang up the baby's stocking, Be sure you don't forget, The dear little dimpled darling!

Dear! what a tiny stocking! It doesn't take much to hold Such little pink toes as baby's

I know what we'll do for the baby, I've thought of the very best plan, I'll borrow a stocking of grandma—

Write: "This is baby's stocking, That hangs in the corner here, You never have seen her Santa,

DOLLY.

Papa brought home a big square bundle one evening. Dolly didn't know what it could be.

First came brown paper, two or three pieces of it, and then a lot of soft white tissue paper, and then out came a funny looking thing made almost all of glass.

"Perhaps it's a glass washtub," she said.

"No," said papa; "it's a little house for fish." Then Dolly was worse off than ever.

"Now, Dolly," said papa, "do you think you can keep your eyes shut while I count a hundred?"

"Mussn't I peep at all?" said Dolly. "No, not a single peep."

Papa was counting all the time, but after he got to eighty he went so very slow that Dolly thought she could have counted a hundred between every one.

There stood the funny glass case all full of water, and in and out among waving green ferns, white shells and little moss covered stones fish were swimming—

That is a birthday present from mamma," Papa said to Dolly, "but you can have one of them for your own."

So Dolly picked out one that looked a little more golden than the rest, and the way she was going to tell him was by a little black spot on the tip of his nose.

But she said good-night to the fish with the spot on his nose and kissed her papa and mamma, and Jack too, and went off with Sarah without a murmur.

"I wonder," said Dolly to herself, how that dear little fish of mine is getting along?" and the more she thought the more she wanted to know.

"Poor fishie, he must be real cold in that water. I guess I'll go and see."

"Poor things!" said Dolly; "they're running about to keep themselves warm."

She got a chair and climbed up on the table.

"I believe," she said, "that if I could catch my fish I would take him to bed with me to keep him warm until morning."

The little fish rushed about so that Dolly had to work a long time; but she finally caught him. The fish wiggled with all his might.

"There! I knew he must be cold," said Dolly, "Just see how he shivers!" She took her lamp and went softly up stairs again, holding the fish tight in one hand.

"Now he's comfortable," said Dolly, and she went to sleep.

The next morning, when papa came in to kiss his little girl, there was the fish, dead as could be, in Dolly's arms.

"Why, Dolly," said papa, "How came the fish with the spot on his nose up here? Poor fellow, he's dead!"

"Oh, dear!" said Dolly; "I didn't take him out soon enough, and now he's froze to death!"—Selected.

PLEASANTRIES.

"You have often," said the clergyman, "heard the brethren say 'Amen! Amen!' while some one was praying.

Mistress. "Come, Bridget, how much longer are you going to be about filling that pepper-box?"

Bridget (a fresh importation from where they don't use pepper casters): "Shure, ma'am, and it's meself can't say how long it 'll be takin' me to get all this stuff in the thing through the little holes in the top."

A clergyman and one of his elderly parishioners were walking home from church one frosty day, when the old gentleman slipped and fell flat on his back.

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DIED.

On the 14th December, at Middleton Wilmet, Maria Bayard, widow of the late Rev. S. Busby, and daughter of the late Colonel Samuel Veitch Bayard, leaving a large circle of children and grandchildren to mourn her loss. Aged 76 years.

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