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#### BERMUDA CORRESPONDENCE.

Sabbath School Pie Nic-Social Tea and Entertainment at H. M. Dockyard— Xmas and New Year—Political—Editorials-The Week of Prayer-Bazaar-

Let no one think because of the array of topics at the head of this article, there is to follow a series of long and wearisome platitudes. There shall be nothing of the kind. One hour of sunshine is worth two days rain fall to harvesters. One " gloria in excelsis" does more to revivify dead souls than all the "Dead Marches in Saul" that ever were played with muffled drum and solemn pomp.

Nothing suits Sabbath School children much better than a grand festival or picnic, except it be a mid-night visit from Santa Claus. Well, during the latter part of November, when the boys and girls in Nova Scotia, (we ought to have said Canada) were trying to keep their fingers and ears from freezing, we went out from our school-room in Hamilton marching rank and file, amid glorious sunshine and balmy air, to a beautiful grove of cedars on the North shore, distant from the city about two miles. Here we pitched our tent for the day, and here we held our Sabbath School festival. Here we were in sight of the blue waters that sing and dance and make merry on the coral reefs and banks that lie around our shores. Here lads and lassies and birds made glad notes resounding over hill tops and tree tops, amid undying foliage and beautifully romantic scenery. Teachers and scholars and friends enjoyed this holiday to their hearts content. And after sending up to our God and Saviour a grand doxology of praise, we came home with glad and thankful hearts to rest and work.

Soon another entertainment awaited some of us. Bro. Tyler, so happy and efficient in his plans and in executing them, conceived the idea of giving the marines and sailors and others at the Royal Dockyard a social tea, accompanied by music, readings and recitations. This was carried out with perfect success in the early part of December. A finer evening could not well be given. We gathered in the Royal Theatre (almost every thing is royal in this land) and after invoking the divine blessing, we sat down in company with about 150 as jolly blue jackets, with a sprinkling of red coats and black coats, as ever you did see. These British tars are a fine lot of men the world over-so we thought as we looked upon and mingled with them.

Bread and cake and tea are soon dispatched. We thought if they had tried their best they could not have done better. Dishes are off in a trice. Then came the mental repast. Here for variety and excellence there was nothing wanting. The chair was taken by the writer. Music fittingly opened the programme. The instrumental part was well performed by Mr. Atwood. Recitations were excellently rendered by a number of the men. One by T. T. Davis, M. A., was given in fine style. Rev. J. M. Fisher was easy and graceful in his deliverance. A good solid address, suggestive of noble and heroic doing, was given by Rev. W. C. Brown. Leek Seed Chapel, of early methodistic notoriety, was a happy reading, by Jas. Carruthers, Esq. Then followed a very pleasing and patriotic address by Prof. Rice, of Milltown, Conn., who has been spending a few weeks in Bermuda for scientific purposes. Cheers for our beloved Sovereign, for Admiral Key, and Captain Somerset, who has been raised to the high dignity of being Naval Aide de Camp to the Queen. And last, but not least interesting, the men offered their thanks to no Methodist Chaplain, as such distinct-

he bore up right nobly under it all, and act in the capacity alluded to."
seems none the worse for it. Never did In your report of the action of the Cen-

The festive season has come and gone. hand

There is an old custom here, which, to the devout heart, is certainly very touching and impressive. As soon as it is fairy known that the grand old Xmas day is born, all over the city float out sweet plaintive airs from instruments that seem so well qualified for this delightful performance, one unused to it scarcely knows whether it is earth or heaven born-perhaps both.

Our Watch-night service was a season of solemnity and holy influence. Never have we enjoyed any similar service more fully, and the conviction is deep upon our neart that the new year has come brimfull of promise. We feel there is a great tide of holy influence sweeping us forward to the eternal shore. It is not the wild rushing floods of Niagara, but the grand flow of the Misissippi or the Amazon. God will surely be gracious this prophetic year, and the disenthralment of vast multitudes of sin-bound men shall be proclaimed.

Political matters here without signi ficance. A few months ago His Excellency Maj. General Lefroy prorogued the Colonial Parliament. His speech on that occasion cast an ominous cloud on the political horison. It was unlike any cloud we ever saw. Its Crown Colony policy was the protuberance which made it look singular to our somewhat republican vision. Whether this cloud has floated over to the Parliament at home to be indicated there or has evaporated into smoke. we cannot tell. Of this we are certain -nothing is seen or heard of it at pre-

One thing would surprise our news tions here are seldom or never discussed. The man who ventures to express candidly and fully thro' the press the deep and find himself hopelessly in the jaws of unrelenting and greedy alligators. Nor is this state of things a novelty in the world's Listory. It has always been so remain long in power undisturbed. Politically Bermuda needs a Nova Scotia Joseph Howe, or a Prussian Bismark. would be sufficient to rally the dying energies of the people and give them free institutions-the glory of all free lands. May the deliverance soon come.

We always read editorials, and especially editorials of the WESLEYAN. They are usually bold, incisive, full of pith and vim. And when we read them, we sometimes ask ourselves the question-" Who wants to fight with giants?" Not we, certainly; although striplings have done

credit in this line sometimes. When younger, we used to think that editors, ministers and generals, somehow this day. In your editorials, especially for the last few months, you have been lavish towards Bermuda. We all most heartily thank you, Mr. Editor, for those characteristic letters in the WESLEYAN, about the land we live in and its generously hearted people. We hope you will not suffer them to be put in the wastebasket, but give them to us in compact

Under the head of " Military and Naval Work," in the WESLEYAN of Dec, 9th, appears the following: "It is noticeable that

enthusiasm was unbounded. I was glad military or naval station in North Ameri- He did not feel he was in the Queen's Do- what preaching will be done then! ex-

men seem to enjoy themselves better, and after singing the National Anthem we sought our homes, thankful to Him who supplies all the infinite need of His chil- act as Chaplains to the army and navy." Looking at both the above statements, in We send Xmas and New Year's greet- so far as they relate to Barmuda, the conings, cordial, gladsome and hearty, to all clusion was drawn that our true relation our dear old parishioners and friends, and to the army and navy would not be clearif we might be allowed, would say with ly understood by them. We do not act greater emphasis—grace and peace and love to our beloved brethren toiling with ministers here chaplains to both the army us in the vineyard of our God. Our minister in St. George's is Chaplain by faith alone, a new era had dawn and left us many happy mementoes of to the Wesleyans in the army at the garfriends, greatly beloved, afar and near at rison there. Our minister in Hamilton is come in reality until Wesley and others chaplain to the Wesleyans in the army aroused the people to the spiritual and navy at the garrisons at Prospect and Boaz and the sqadron in these waters. The St. George's minister has appoint. ment from the "Horse Guards," and is duly gazetted at the Head Quarters in heathen in his own good times. When Bermuda. The Hamilton minister has his appointment from the "Horse Guards" and the Lord's Commissioners of the Admiralty, and is duly gazetted at the Head Quarters of these departments in Bermuda.

have no different relation to the army and navy from what we have. He will simply be in a position to give more attention to the marines and seamen at H. M. Dockyard, and the men of the Garrison at

that this promised help may not fail to come in due time. We have greatly need-

Hamilton. The attendance was fair, the good. China was to be saved by the exercises were very earnest and impress- | Chinese, India by the Indians, and old Gerive. A most gracious influence rested many to be revived by the Germans. The upon us during the entire service. Tonight, Tuesday, the service is held in Zion Methodist Church. We are looking for the manifestation of the divine glory. Our great need in these fair isles is Pentecostal revival of God's work.

During Xmas holidays our lady friends held a sale of fancy and useful articles. There was a great variety of goods; some from the Centennial city. The sale brought them the sum of fifty pounds sterling, which, after deducting expenses, paper men of Canada, viz. : Public ques- goes towards the building funds of the he was a scalawag (laughter.) and soon a

Our outlook-always hopeful. The consecrated hearts at the opening of the new strong conviction of his mind, may soon | year, the thousands and tens of thousands of our mighty Israel that are on their knees before the great God and Father of us all, and who, with pleading spirit, are imploring the down-shedding of His powwhere old cliques and old family compacts | er, His saving grace, upon the world, give assurance of mighty victories. We unquestionably believe that he who has ransomed at so great a price will visit His Their tread on these fragmentary isles heritage with showers of salvation. Amen.

Hamilton, Dec. 9th, 1876.

SPEECH BY DR. REID, OF, N. Y AT GERMAIN ST. MISSION-ARY MEETING, ST. JOHN.

Rev. Dr. Reid, of New York, was received with applause on rising. He said he enjoyed this honor and high privilege on account of his old friendship with the pastor of this church. He was not so familiar with the work of the Society as the brethren here. But he liked the way they were a sort of superhuman giants, and we did things here-making a great occaconfess that we cannot quite divest sion of a cause like this-meeting night ourselves of this awful feeling to after night for a week. He was glad to see the chairman present, as the representative of the laity, as the missionary spirit was the great civiliser. He was glad, also, to meet his brother Dr. Maclise. The missionary cause knew no sect. In the late civil war in the United States parties aries know of Methodism or Presbyter-

sionary as a foreign one. This Society had but one foreign mission, except that to fore they died. But heresy sprang up, a polemical age arose, the Church became dogmatic, and piled up tons of theological lore. She built universities and cathedrals, but lost her spiritual power. But when the old monk found a neglected Bible and read that men were to be saved ed. But the Reformation did not wants of the world. The millenarian doctrine prevailed, and Doctors of Divinity, who were oftentimes the slowest to learn, said that God would convert the foreign missions were first proposed the missionaries did not know where to go, for the whole world was shut against them. The isles of the ocean were inhabited by cannibals, China was walled in, and India was shut by the East India The additional minister to be sent will Company, which only wanted gain and not care for souls. But things had changed since then. Although the Methodist Missionary Society of the United States was but one year older than himself, and had been the last to enter the foreign field. some of their missions had grown to the Let me here add-we hope and pray stage of raising up their own pastors and workers, who were converted on the spot by God, and trained up, after the good The week of preser. The first of the series was begun last evening, Monday, Bible has been translated into almost every language, and the missionary finds grammars and lexicons ready made to his hand

> At first the heathen world did not understand the object of the missionaries but they have begun to understand them. He referred to the length of time some missions had been established before making a convert-some ten, eleven, even twenty years. The Methodist Episcopal mission in China got one convert after eleven years, and then they were afraid Baptist came along and immersed him. (laughter). But, an opening once made. the work had progressed rapidly until some of the congregations were quite large. He dwelt on the results of the mission work in Rome, where 400 Papal soldiers had been converted to Methodism by one man. Last year the Methodist E. Church in the United States had raised \$600,000, and were \$260,000 in debt. God was marching on faster than he had ever marched on before, and the Churches were falling behind hand. They were all in debt. There are two things for Christians to do-To give more to the cause of Christ or stop praying. Men enough could could be got, but money was wanted ! money was the key of the situation as it had been before.

They had lost the thunder they used to work with-the crocodile devouring the babe the car of Juggernant crushing its a wood-pile these days." "John." victims, the widow burning on the funeral pyre. These customs have been abolished by grand old Great Britain, and missionary speeches have to be made without their aid. They had been told that they could not go into old nations with history, poetry and religions of their own, and make converts, but he had lived to see whole nations converted from heathenism to Christianity: there were Christian Missionaries now who knew the taste of human flesh. Japan, he felt sure, would be the next nation to embrace Christianity in a national manner, and he was glad were forgotten, and what should mission- that the Canadian Methodist Church would share the honor of the conversion. ianism when they stand in the presence of The fact that His glorious promise was Mahommedanism? When we stand in fulfilled in the conversion of the isles of the presence of the Devil we must only the sea, was an earnest that the promise remember that we are Christians. Ap- of His second coming would be fulfilled plause. The grave of the Methodist also. When God shall set us on fire we martyr of Beyroot is watched over by shall set the world on fire. What giving my colleague, Bro. Tyler-in this their ively, has ever been appointed to any Picsbyterian eyes. There is no sect here. will be done then! And, O my brethren, mortgage. Amen.

when this part was over, for I was afraid that my dear brother might be overcome by the intensity of their jubilations, but in Christ's Dominions. There are no boundary lines here. In his country they did not reckon the Indian missing will be done then: exclaimed the speaker. A Catholic lady who often went to hear him preach, in try they did not reckon the Indian missing with him about the difficulty of getting money for religious purposes, told him about the little boy, with his first the Indians, the Mission to Japan. A pair of trousers, who asked for a penny to great change had come over public senti- put in the plate. But the poor little felment in respect to foreign Missions. The low had a terrible time to get it into the Apostles, at the command of Christ, pocket, as many men now have (laughter), preached the Gospel in all their world be- and the little boy told the collector "he dessed he'd have to get down on his knees before he could get his hand in his pocket." That is the way with many men, they can't get into their pockets unless they get down on their knees-unless they have the prayerful spirit and elevation of feeling. He hoped the people would not subscribe for this great work as though they were subscribing to build a porch on the parsonage, but give liberally. The soldier who falls out of line in a charge on the enemy's fortifications cannot join the ranks after his companions have effected the capture and throw up his cap in triumph, nor can men who keep out of line in the charge on heathenism join the noble army of the redeemed in the shouts of triumph over the adversary.

#### ANECDOTE OF MR. MOODY.

An cld man once got up to speak at meeting in the West. He had for years lived on borrowed time. He could remember but one thing about his father. He could not remember his death; he forgot all about the funeral But there was one little thing which followed him in all his pilgrimage: One cold bleak night, in his New England home, the father took up a little chip and made a cross, and held it up before the boy. He told how the Son of God left heaven, and suffered and died on the cross down here; and said the old man, "All those years it followed me." There is no child too young to be impressed with that story. What we want is to bring our children to Je-

#### PLEASANTRIES.

A little girl, when asked by her mother about suspicious bites in the sides of a dozen apples, answered: "Perhaps, mother, they have been frostbitten ; it was so cold last night."

" How do you like your new Minister, Madge," asked one very stylishly dressed young lady of another, in a Highland car the other day. "Oh, he is just splendid," she replied with animation. "You ought to see him, Maud. He is so handsome, and he prays so beautifuley, and reads the hymn in such a lovely way."

A firm in this city advertises "Velvet Sermon Covers," at only five dollars each. A Philadelphia exchange says they are intended for presents to dainty young rectors who hide in delicate little sermons, which they read softly, finish quickly, and which the congregations forget rapidly. Think of the apostle Paul with a "velvet sermon."—New York Advocate.

A man was sawing wood yesterday afternoon in a back yard. He severed two sticks as thick as your wrist, and then went into the house. "Mary," said he to his wife, " my country needs me; there's no use talking, we just got to slaughter all these Injuns; no true patriot can be expected to hang around said his wife, "if you fight Injuns as well as you saw wood and support your family, it would take one hundred and eighteen like you to capture one squaw, and you'd have to capture her when she had the ague and throw pepper in her eyes." John went back to the wood-pile wondering who told his wife all about him .- Salt Lake Tribune.

DEDICATORY CHURCH PRAYER OF THE PERIOD. - Scribner has this sarcastic paragraph: "We dedicate the edifice to thee, our Lord and Master; we give it to thee and thy cause and kingdom, subject to a mortgage of \$150,000. We bequeath it to our children, and our children's children, as the greatest boon we can confer on them (subject to the mortgage aforesaid,) and we trust that they will have the grace and the money to pay the interest and lift the mortgage. Preserve it from fire and foreclosure. we pray thee, and make it abundantly useful to thyself -subject, of course, to the aforesaid

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1877.

#### SHAME! SHAME!

This letter appeared in the Church Chronicle of the 11th inst., and explains

To the Editor of the Church Chronicle:

SIE. - Something about one of the most deserving Parishes on earth is certain to have an interest for every Christian in Nova Scotia. It is a little village, with a population not much over a thousand souls, increasing in size, but decreasing in godliness as it grows. It has no church. The Methodists have annually a fair near the place, on which occasion large numbers of girls and young men assemble to spend several nights together. They sleep in sheds erected among the forest trees, and John Wesley gives up praying on Sunday afternoons to sell sweets and liquors, or to buy them. This is what the villagers call religion, and naturally there are many unbelievers. Would to God many more were among the faithfull! There can, however, be nowhere more deserving people than the few who have kept the faith of Christ at Berwick, and who wish the glad tidings of great joy may be dieard among their neighbours. They -have worked hard, with this object, to build a house for God. It was for these most worthy people that a Concert was given a short time ago in Haifax. It brought them \$54 in coin, and treble the amount in encouragement. Need those who helped them greater thanks than this? They have raised by manual labor no less a sum than \$390. \$40 of this amount was collected, and as much more subscribed, by one whom the little flock will remember throughout eternity, and ail the readers of your paper be glad to know. \$500 is still wanted before the Church of Jesus can open her lips at Berwick. A debt of \$321 was unavoidable, in order to save from climatic influence work already expended on the building. This is no begging letter. They pray for help. They have emptied their tiny purses before stretching out their hands to those who don't live in Macedonia.

J. L. KEATING. Curate in charge of the District Parish. The Rectory, Kentville, Jan. 8, 1877.

Every allowance must be made we

suppose, for the immaturity of Mr.

Keating. Of a lad just donning his ecclesiastical petticoats and cutting his ritualistic teeth, too much should not be expected. We overlook his weakness of judgement. But what shall be said of the slander which he thus publishes, respecting villages which give him a home, and the people he is striving to convert? If there be a spark of latent indignation in the Episcopal breast for the crime of writing, and the sin of publishing in a religious paper, barefaced slanders upon a branch of the christian church, we exhort them to lay this boy over the parental knee and - Really this is a pretty pass! Oftener than once, a venerable Episcopal elergyman was seen on the Berwick camp ground, with uncovered head, at least breathing a benediction. And now here comes an apostolic stripling to all but affirm that the Methodists of Berwick are turning religion into licentiousness. We may assure the Church Chronicle that a letter like that in our columns, respecting the Episcopal Church, would lose us a thousand subscribers. If the Chronicle can survive stituency. Much as we regret and sensure the growth of a Romanizing party in the Church of England, and sympathize with the true friends of that cumstance very extraordinary. A postchurch'in consequence, we feel perfectly assured that there remains still sufficient of the grand, original elements, to stamp out the false fire, or to leave the building to the flames, and erect a better one. In this conflagration will be consumed, "wood, hay, stubble." And the Chronicle, which has already died more than once, will, if it have not a purer aim and more of Christ, perish finally. Public journals must take sides, with or against principles. For those that serve two masters—that are defenders of truth in one column and defumers in the next-there can be, with our present enlightened and better public disposition, but one end.

In a recent issue of the Temperance Journal, published in St. John, N. B., an editorial from the WESLEYAN on "Pulpit Combativaness," is published with approval, and its point turned against the unfaithfulness of the pulpit in respect to intemperance. Possibly there may be lack in this respect. The results of our own observations are all to the contrary, however. Dramdrinking is denounced very frequently by most ministers in our time. The

Before parting with this subject will the WESLEYAN take a kindly hint in reference to itself. It is a long while since we have heard a decided sound from our esteemed contemporary in reference to this great and increasing curse. Why is this? The denomination it represents are not proof against the seductions of this monster. We could tell of a great change in this particular during the past twenty years, and the direful consequences of this reaction. The serpent is closing in upon the church, aud if the church don't destroy it, why it will destroy the

That writer has scarcely read our columns very closely. If he mean that editorially, intemperance has not been alluded to by us for "a long while," he may be partly correct; but our editorial oversight has not been wanting in respect to a supply of strong, salutary counsel and warning on the sin of drunkenness. Our's is a family paper, for general instruction and profit; so that no particular question of morals predominates in its columns. But no faithful journal can ignore the crying evil to which the above writer has reference, and we are quite sure we do

We may as well inform the Journal that we differ with it in toto, as to the growth of drunkenness among Methodists, as indeed among all Christian bodies. The temperance reform has made this not only a shame but a sin, and left it without apology. A true, wholesome sentiment has grown up amongst us, and a very general dread of this iniquity pervades society. We do not approve of suffering the temperance agitation to drop by any means; neither do we approve of croaking. We too, can look back twenty years, and the vision makes us thank God and take courage.

ONE of our Halifax morning dailies half hints that the religious press has nothing to do with the manner of their cotemporaries in the treatment of publigmen. This is just what we averred. The intention is to crowd out all opinion save that of a certain tenor, and emanating from a certain class. As to the holy rage" of certain persons. meaning we suppose, by way of retaliation, the clergy, and the curses they heap upon their enemies, all that is wide of the mark, on the Protestant side of the house at any rate. Our dailies have much ability, as all must acknowledge, and if a little conceit creeps into their columns now and then, we forgive them. But they ought to keep within bounds in discharging even duties which require severe and pungent criticism. Fine gaurdians of the public weal our religious papers would be indeed, if they allowed men whom they knew to be good and true, to be pilloried for the whim of any

The Nashville Advocate, which originally opened the question as to their being a Wesleyan Wesley now living, copies the reply made by the Rev. W. L. Cunningham in the WESLEYAN some weeks ago. Our English corand fatten upon such provender, so respondent has also, as may have been much the worse for itself and its con- noticed, thrown additional light on the subject.

In the same number of the Advocate we see editorial comments upon a ciral-card reached the Publishing House, Nashville, directed to Bishop Joshua Soule: and a letter came just previously addressed to Bishop Andrew. These good men have been dead several years. The editor asks what shall be done with the letters, as the United States postal arrangements do not extend to the country to which the two venerable Bishops have removed. As a corrective to the ignorance which these letters betray, the writer reccommends that the Advocate be generally circulated.

WE are very sorry to see that the Publishing House at Nashville is in trouble through debt. Subscribers of \$500 are coming forward to help the we will bless them.

concern. Desperately trying times have these been for connexional literary establishments. Some very capable managers in such concerns throughout the States are able only to report a profit of five or ten per cent. on 1876, while | Messrs. Teed and Hart-are reported others have gone behind hand. But at length in the dailies, and read well. times are brightening.

THE campaign on behalf of the Endowment for the Theological Hall is progressing favourably. We hear of several \$1, 000 subscriptions in Halifax. The Chaimers Church collection is over \$1,000.-New Glasgow and Picton are to be visited shortly .- Pres. Wit.

Well done! It is always a healthy sign when higher education, in whatever department, is thus taken hold of. One sure evidence that these Provinces are advancing rapidly, is the eagerness with which colleges, academies and common schools are fostered.

How sad the termination of life with some of the great hymnists and musicians. Mozart's last hours were so pitiful! The author of "Home, Sweet Home." wandered the streets, home. less, while listening to his own sweet plaintive air, through open windows from many a happy family gathering. And within a few weeks Mr. Bliss, author of that most inspiriting "Hold the Fort," with his wife perished by a railway accident.

THE sermon published by us this week was furnished at our request. Having a train of original thought particularly adapted for the young, we considered it ought to be circulated in this public way. Any inducement to lead the rising generation to an early consecration of their services to God, ought to be prized, and we considered in hearing the sermon that it had a peculiar force in that direction. Our readers will appreciate it.

The Third Quarterly Meeting of the BOOK ROOM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held in the Wesleyan Office, on Tuesday, 23rd inst, at 3 p.m.

ALL kinds of comments have reached us anent last week's article upon the use of tobacco. A general wish seems to be expressed that a reform may come, and as generally coupled with either a doubt, or a fear of lengthed combat before much is gained. A single misapprehension which we have observed, deserves to be corrected. It is, that the writer could have known but little of the tenacity with which the habit clings to its victim, and so could have afforded to be less severe. There is just where he held a vantage ground. Aftermany years of captivity to the vice, he mastered it so effectually shortly after entering the ministry, that he has passed through fifteen years of emancipated enjoyment. And if there be one particular conviction which his experience has brought home to him it is, that no man with a degree of firmness can reasonably take shelter behind the excuse, that the habit of tobacco using cannot be abandoned.

WE record with regret the death of J. Wesley Hennigar, son of our esteem ed father Hennigar. This is the second death of a Methodist minister's son, who has been connected with the Halifax Custom House, reported by us within a few months. In both instances the removal of good servants is felt to be a public loss. Mr. Hennigar leaves a wife and family in this city.

BERMUDA, this week speaks for itself in the letter of " R. W," We add that by letters from two or three brethren. we learn much that is encouraging respecting the health of Rev. S. F. Huestis. As we prophesied, his wonder was unbounded on landing amid the flowers and the glorious verdure. We have not the slightest doubt his visit will be made a blessing to others as well as himself. If only the brethren could effect in him the miracle of moderation -could bring his energies down from the high-pressure to even ordinary human engine work, he could do much with them in counsel and co-operation. But we warn them against leaving the fires burning and shutting down the safety-valve. We did not send our friend yonder to turn the whole ecclesiastical machinery of the island. Let

By St. John papers we see that the Bible Society's annual meeting still keeps its proper place in that city, as a great union gathering. Speeches by several clergymen - among others our own It is a somewhat curious phenomenon, this survival of a great non-denominational meeting in full strength, while the Bible Society annuals have declined elsewhere. Some of the most stirring speeches and largest audiences we ever witnessed, were in the St. John Mechanics Institute at Bible Society meetings. The choiccet eloquence of the land has always been expected there.

THE alumni of Princeton College are complaing that the powers that be in that college have been spending much time hunting up legacies among the rich and childless to put into buildings, while the work of instruction has been much neglected. The students have taken the matter in hand, and have called upon one Professor to resign for alleged incompetency.

#### METHODIST MATTERS.

N. B. AND P. E. ISLAND. The friends of Rev W. W. Lodge met at the Parsonage, Apohaqui, Dec 26th, spent a pleasant evening, and presented him with a purse of \$71. A tea meet ing which was held in Nov., realized \$1-00, which has been expended on the

A short time before Christmas some of the friends on the Elgin circuit, presented their Pastor, Rev. J.K. King, with an overcoat, a buffalo robe, and other articles of value.

Fairville, St. John, keeps up a spirited series of literary entertainments. One recently reported in the News, is said to have embraced a great variety of local talent. Rev. J.S. Phinney has been lecturing very ably on temperance in connection with this course.

Here is an item from the Fredricton Reporter, indicating that Marysville is actively at work in the intellectual Fisher, S. G. Blizard. Henry Maxwell,

The young people of Marysville have recently organized the "Marysville Young People's Institute," for mental and moral improvement, which, at present is in a flourishing condition.

The following is a list of officers:-Rev. R. Duncan, President; Mr. Day and Miss Gibson, Vice

Presidents; R. W. H. Duncan, Secy. Treasurer Com. of Management.—Mrs. McCon. aghy, Miss Libby, Miss Lint, and

Messrs. Murray, and Rowly. Each member of the different families connected with the Methodist Sabbath School was presented with a handsome volume, on Xmas Day, by A.

Rev. D. D. Currie preached before the Free Masons on Dec. 27th, at Moncton. VThe sermon appears in the Moncton Times of 11th inst.

Gibson, Esq.

It gives me pleasure to state through your columns, that on New Year's day. at Bideford, P. E. I., the congregation of the Rev. Henry Penna, presented him with a new sleigh, "both elegant and useful," as an acknowledgment for ted by the Newfoundland authorities his services, accompanied with their to supply Windsor for some months. sincere and hearty thanks for the kindness which he had shown in respond- Sackville. ing to the united call of the people to make that place a part of his field of labor; having been abandoned by the congregation which occupied it before. In reply Mr. Penna said that he felt incapable of commanding language to express his feelings with regard to them. That although his motive in coming among them was to obtain the consciousness of having done his duty; yet he would receive the sleigh as a memento of the warm-hearted and open-handed generosity which had ever characterized the people of Bideford and Northam. Yours, &c.,

ONE PRESENT.

As advertised, the Tea in behalf/of the Wesleyan building fund, of Bedeque, came off at Centreville, on Thursday evening last. The weather being fine and the roads good quite a large crowd assembled. The tables were crowded with viands of the choicest description. which reflects credit upon the ladies who got them up. During the evening some of the friends favored the audience with singing. Near the close some speeches were made, but owing them send him back to us restored and to the excited state of the crowd, and the lateness of the hour, not much attention was paid to them, not heard what the proceeds amounted to. - Summerside Jour.

DONATION. V MONCTON CIRCUIT. Some of the members of Rev. D. D. Currie's congregation, at Moncton, N. B., visited the Parsonage, on the evening of the 15th inst., whereupon Mrs. Edward Milliken, as their representative, presented Mr. Currie with a complimentary address, and Mrs. Currie with a respectable looking pile of bank bills as a New Year's Gift. The pile contained several tens, a considerable number of fives, a few jours and a number of other notes of lesser value

ST. JOHN MISSIONARY MEETINGS. The Missionary Meetings in St. John have been wonderfully stirring as was anticipated. Dr. Reid's sermons on Sabbath in Exmouth St. and Germain are given in the papers. We will pub. lish the synopsis next week.

At Germain St. public meeting on Monday evening, E. Fisher, Esq., occupied the chair, Excellent speeches were delivered by Rev. Joseph Hart and Dr. Maclise. Then Dr. Reid delivered an admirable address. An account of the proceedings at Exmouth St. on Tuesday evening, which had not reached the office in time for this issue. must stand over till next week. We append two or three paragraphs from the News in respect to Germain St. Anniversary.

Rev. Mr. Clark announced that Mr. W. A. Robertson, although now living in England, had written to say that he would make his usual annual donation of \$500 to the missionary funds of this congregation. He would also announce that a member of the congregation had offered to give \$1,000 to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada, the amount to be invested and the interest of it used.

The contribution was taken up, and Rev. Mr. Clark read a list of the committee and collectors for the year.

The Missionary Committee for the year is constituted as follows: Thos. U. Humbert, Andrew Gilmour, Dr. J. C. Hatheway, J. R. Marshall, J. W. Barnes, Edwin Geo. E. King, J. O. Potts, J. R. Woodburn, Jos. Bullock, Dr. Sheffield. The collection amounted to \$44.18

The gentleman to whom Mr. Clark referred, as having given \$1,000 to the Missionary Society, is Mr. Jos. Bullock, oil merchant.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

Charles St., Halifax, began its Sabbath School five years ago, with an attendance of 36. It now numbers about 330, having had an average attendance during 1876 of 250. The School held its anniversary this week, when about 70 prizes were distributed. This is marvelous success.

Acadia Mines, Londonderry, had a nice concert and entertainment at Martin's Brook on New Year's day, realizing \$82,20 toward completing the

PERSONAL. - Rev. D. Hickey, who recently left the Nova Scotia for the Maine Conference, has been visiting some of the Annapolis Valley circuits and rendering valuable aid during the week ef prayer.

Rev. George Boyd has been permit-He had been studying at Mt. Allison,

Hillsburg is supplied, owing to Mr. Sargeant's illness, by Rev. G. F. Johnson, who had also been a student at Mt. Allison.

#### LITERATURE.

THE SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HALIFAX INFANT Home has reached us. This institution originated with most serious necessity, the dreadful cries of which awoke our population into activity and sympathy. Its two years work has been exceediugly creditable. During last year fifty have been admitted. The deathrate bath been as low as  $21\frac{1}{3}$  per cent. For three and a half months there was not a single death in the home. One consequence of this care for infants will be a large number of applicants for good homes. This provision is carefully attended to. Strangers are invited to call and see for themselves. The treasurer, Miss Nordbeck, wil gladly receive contributions. The Home deserves all encouragement.

The Royal Readers, T. Nelson & Sons, London, 1975.

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ed. The higher numbers contain selections from eminent authors and speakers, among them persons who are or have been in public life in our own Dominion. The matter, indeed, is all modern; and with a vocabulary connected with each lesson, questions appended, rules of punctuation introduced, besides several other valuable aids, the Readers cover a great deal of ground, while they are simple and attractive. They will, doubtless, do good service. Missionary Notices of the Methodist

Church of Canada for January 1877 contain letters from Japan, British Columbia, and the Red River District, also the Memorial from Bermuda to the Central Board, which led to a change in Missionary relation of those Islands more directly with the Mission House. The news in this number is very cheering; but as all our ministers are supposed to read these Notices to their congregations, we need not enlarge.

The New Dominion Monthly for January is quite up to the standard of this excellent Magazine. Its contents embrace chiefly Canadian stories and topics of interest. Published by John Dougall & Son, Montreal.

Ministers on the different Circuits request that subscriptions for the "Wesleyan" not yet paid. shall be sent in to them at once, where it is at all possible, without waiting to be called upon. Please comply. Those who wish to be reported as intending to pay at a future date, will be kind enough also to inform their Minister soon. as our lists must soon be revised.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

PORT MULGRAVE AGAIN.

DEAR MR, EDITOR,-Our good people at Port Mulgrave, are net permitting themselves to be altogether discouraged about their church building. Out of the abundance of their poverty, they have raised a further sum towards the building fund. On the evening of the 27th Dec., a Tea Meeting was held, and though the financial results were not all we could have wished, yet they were thankfully received. Unfortunately, as it appeared to be to us. the strait was nearly filled with floating ice so that persons could not cross from Port Hawkesbury, else the receipts would have been larger; as it was however the sum of thirty one dollars was obtained. The almost total failure of all the fisheries during the entire season last in this county, has made the cry of hard times here. and, having an adequate cause, so that we consider the effort of our Port Mulgrave friends a noble one. They are expecting to have a bazaar next summer.

#### \_\_\_\_ SYDNEY.

The closing days of '76 were filled with events of more than ordinary interest. On Monday 18th, was held our Missionary Anniversary. Aided by ministerial brethren of other denominations, our staff of speakers was large. The speeches were interesting, and to the point. The audience larger than we have heretofore seen. The results, despite business depression, felt here perhaps more than anywhere in the conference, about equal to last year,

Thursday 21st, was devoted to a Christmas tree, which gave for parsonage purposes, some \$70.

On Sabbath 24th, the new church at the Forks was dedicated. Bro. Astbury preaching the dedication sermon. Years ago, on two different occasions, efforts were made to erect a place of worship in this locality, timber for the frame being placed upon the ground. These efforts were unsuccessful. Now the goal has been reached, and the little sanctuary has been set apart for Divine worship and service. This successful issue has, under the blessing of God, been largely owing to the zeal brethren Howie.

W. are thankful to record many encouraging signs in our work here, and are looking anxiously forward, expecting great things at the hands of our Lord.

DISTRICT CONVENTION AT WOLFVILLE.

On account of the illness of several of the brethren, and the unpleasantness of the weather, our meetings were very thin-

1/81 Nova Scotia, and make very great. We felt it good to be there. the th 10 set now authorized for the Public Schools. The set consists of six The special presence of the Master more than made up to us the absence of books, well printed, and fully illustratbrethren and friends. How often do we prove the truth of the declaration-Where two or three or gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." The session on Wednesday morning was spent in praise and prayer, and as heart joined with heart in earnest supplication, our united faith prevailed and God made us His presence feel. In the afternoon session, the subject-" How may we most practically respond to the obligations, under which, as christians, we are placed to promote the revival of religion?" was introduced by the Rev W. Purvis in a thoughtful address. The discussions of this convention were more general and conversational than at Halifax, and Bro. Purvis was followed by Brethren Heartz, Coffin, Boyd, D. W. Johnson, Elder. and Caldwell, in short and earnest

> In the evening Bro. Boyd, from the Sackville Institutions, now supplying the place of Bro. S. F. Huestis at Windsday, preached a stirring and eloquent sermoa from Rom. I. 16:-" I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Bro. B. has much of the old Scottish fire and magnetism. The Thursday morning session was spent in a general conversation on entire consecration. In the afternoon the subject-"The claims and penalties of God's law, the divinely appointed means for producing conviction of sin" was introduced by Bro. Parker in an earnest and forcible address, which called forth considerable discussion. This was the most animated session of the convention. Excellent addresses were made by Brethren Heartz, Coffin. McMurray, Elder, and Morrow. As Bro. McMurray was not present at the morning session, he was urged by the brethren to give an address on the subject of Entire Consecration. As we listened to his clear and powerful presentation of the truth, we were led to see clearly that perfect love is the privilege of the christian, and that the challenged declaration- Entire Consecration to God, is the price of spiritual peace and power" is really true.

> In the evening Bro. Purvis preached a very original and greatly persuasive sermon from 1 Kings XVIII. 12:-" I thy servant fear the Lord from my youth." Bro. Merrow followed with a loving and highly encouraging address to the young men, and Bro. Heartz made an impassioned appeal to all to decide for Christ. Thus ended a convention poorly attended, and yet not soon to be forgotten by those who

> > NEWS IN BRIEF.

#### FOVA SCOTIA.

Mr. Lemmel J. Morse, of Berwick. has been missing since 1874,-when, it will be remembered, his satchel was found in his room in the International Hotel, Helifax, (where he had been staying a few days), and the impression went forth that he had been robbed and murdered. He is in California, "as well and hearty as ever he was." He tells a story about being kidnapped in Halifax, and taken on board a ship, and after some years of forced service was landed on the shores of California.

The brigt. Jean, Captain Simpson, of and for Halifax, from Inagua, put into St. Thomas, Jan. 13, with loss of sails. The schooner Ellie, Capt. O'Brien, frem Halifax, for Porto Rico, put into Hamilton, Dermuda, with loss of foremast and sails.

A Board of Trade has been formed in Pic-

The awards of the jury appointed to appraise the damages to property on the line of the W. C. Railway, from Victoria Bridge to Annapolis, have been published. The total amount is \$21.774.62.

The hull of the schr. Ann Amelia, which went ashere at Lawrencetown on the voyage from P.E. Island to this port, was sold at auction, recently by Mr. E. Lawson, for \$150. Mr. D. H. Pitts was the purchaser. The hull and materials realized 8500 The Nova Scotia Legislature will open on

the 15th of February. The Pictou Bank has declared a dividend

of three per cent. for the half-year. The Dartmouth Steamboat Company intend removing the men now employed as ticket agents in Halifax and Dartmouth, and replacing them with young ladies.

A very sad accident occured at Northfield. Q. C., on Tuesday, 2d inst., by which a man by the name of Ringer lost his life. A number of men were getting out timber, and Mr. Ringer had succeeded in cutting through a large tree, but in falling it lodged against one adjoining. He then attemped to cut the second one down, when the tree he had been to work at fell, and crushed him to the and care of the family and friends of our ground. He lived but a dew minutes efter be was taken up.

On Saturday evening about six o'clock, a fire broke out in a barn belonging to Mr. W. H. Pomeroy, Wilmot, and in a short time ist was burned to the ground, notwithstanding the efforts made to save it by his neighbours. The fire also communicated to his dwelling house, and other outbuildings which were totally consumed. The horses that were in the barn at the time were gescued. Mr.

Pomeroy's loss is over \$800. The steam-tug G. W. Johnson, Yarmouth, was totally destroyed by fire Jan, 11th. No

The Digby "Courier" says, Intelligence reached here last week of the heroic rescue of the erew of a sinking schooner, by Mr. ly attended, but, as is often the case with James Morrison, mate of the barque Crown the sholidion of tax exemptions.

small congregations, our blessing were Jcwel, and a native of this place. The Crown Jewel sailed from St. John, N. B., and fell in with the schooner Thomas Winans, off Grand Cayman, Gulf of Mexico. James Morrison, with a volunteer crew put off in a boat, and rescued the crew, and the deed was performed under circumstances of danger such as to attract the attention of the Secretary of the Treasury who asks for the names and residence of the rescuing crew, in order that such details may be obtained as will enable the department to recognise the services in a suitable manner. The crew of the lost vessel was landed at Galveston on the 30th of Oc-

Yarmouth shipping list for 1877. The total onnage amounts to one hundred and fortytwo thousand tons, an increase for the year of en thousands tons. Under contract, or now building, fifteen thousand tons. Lost during 1876, five thousand tons. Sold, six thousand

#### NEW BRUNSWICK & P. E. ISLAND

Messrs William Thompson & Co., of St-John, having been appointed agents for Messrs. J. J. Miller & Co. of Miramichi, are receiving a quantity of their extract of hemlock bark for shipment to London. It is anticipated they will have sufficient to load a couple of vessels of 400 tons in the middle of March. In summer this commodity has been shipped from Miramichi.

When the inward train on the Houlton Branch Railroad, was passing White Settlement on Saturday evening it came into collision with a sled crossing the track, and James Stewart, aged 21 years was instantly killed. and four of his companions injured more or

Mr. Thos. Gill, of Robinson, had ten sheep killed recently by some dogs that broke into the sheep fold at night.

A Kent County, correspondent of "The Watchman " writes :- There is more doing in lumbering this winter than last. All the logs were sawed up in the summer by all the water mills, except McLeod's, and he carries over in deals and logs about fourteen million feet, but his was the only stock on hand when navigation closed, He is in the woods pretty strong again this winter.

On one occasion last week the Princeton train took two days and one night to force its way through the snow drifts between Calais

Hake are being caught in large numbers through the ice on the Kennebeccasis river. Two men who went out yesterday were successful in taking a large box full in a few

New hats have arrived for the men connected with the St. John Fire department. The chief and assistant engineer, as well as the chairman of the Fire Department Committee. are to have hats of white leather, while the others will be black.

Darius Jones, of Tripp Settlement, had a valuable horse killed by a falling tree while loading some logs on his sled in the woods. The accident happened on the 4th inst.

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., as Abraham Young, son of the late Andrew Young, of Lower Montague, P. E. I., was assisting in putting up a yard on board the brigantine some of the ropes gave way, and he was precipitated a distance of 45 feet. In falling, he came in contact with some of the rigging, which somewhat retarded his descent, and thus prevented him from being instantly killed. He is still in a very low condition, but Dr. McLaren, by whom he is attended, has hopes of his recovery.

Mr. Dunean McMillan, in the past ploughed up on his farm, at Woodville, P. E. I., a stone axe resembling those brought from the South Sea Islands.

Ship David G. Flemming, Esson, from Liverpool, Nov. 4th. for Mobile, has been wrecked. The crew were saved. (The D. G. F. was 1497 tons register, and was built at St. John, N. B., in 1864.

The sales of goods made by the Sussex Boot and Shoe Company in 1876 exceeded the sales of 4875 twenty-five thousand dol-

The Shelia, of St. Joen, N. B., Mosher, from New York (timber), has arrived in the Surrey Commercial Dock, London, G. B., with loss ef a portion of the cargo overbeard. Messrs. Conway & Deen have on exhibition

in the Country Market St. John, a hog weighing 802 lbs. It was raised by Mr. Thomas Ryan, of Sussex. Mr. G. E. Fenerty; Queen's Printer of New Brunswick, has been elected Mayor of Fred-

Notwithstanding the dull times, Messrs. S. R. Foster & Sons, the enterprising tack and nail marufacturers, of St. John, are determined to give steady emplopment to all their hands during the winter season.

#### UPPER PROVINCES.

REV. W. PURVIS. Official assignees are required to make a thy servant fear the Lord from my youth." 1 Kings, xviii. 12. return of expenses of insolvent estates to the Minister of Agriculture. The form of return is published.

Dominion reformatories and acylums in Ontario are handed over to the Local Government of that Province by an Order in Council. It is stated that the Bank of Montreal loses \$200,000 by the defaulter Barber, Mr. Boy, City Attorney, Montreal, has

been sent to England to argue cases before Her Maiesty's Privy (Council. & new pedo-Baptist Church, Emmanuel, and a French Presbyterian Church, Montreal, to be conducted by Father Chiniquy, were

opened on Sunday last. Barber, the Montreal Bank embezzler, pleaded guilty at Torogso, and was sentenced to five gears in the penitentiary,

About 15 French immigrants, whe claim to have been brought out ander false pretences, have best Montreal, for France, sided by the Government and French societies. Fifty more will leave next week.

The twelch Convention of the American Dairymen's Association met at the Ingersoll. Ottawa, on the 9th inst. Delegates were present from all parts of Canada and the nited States. Horatio Seymour ; of New Tork, was elected President.

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ienlars of the winding up of an insolvent astate. Twenty per cent. went to the creditors and eighty per cent to costs. The imports of Montreal for December is ope million and sixty-three odd thousand

Patitions still pour into the Ontario Legis lature in favour of Orange incorporation and

The statement of expenditure of the Public Works Department of Ontario, from 1868 to 1876, shows a total of two millions nine hundred and nineteen thousand three hundred and sixty-three dollars.

Three laborers, employed on the Lachine canal, were brought to the Montreal general hospital, one of them with both legs broken, the other two with one leg each broken, and other injuries received by an embankment, he said, "What have I singed that the of earth falling on them.

The Quebec Government has given Sulte & Lajoie, two French Canadian authors, fifty. dollars a year for ten years, for the privilegeof publishing extracts from their works in Provincial chart books.

D. J. Craig has been appointed assignee to the estate of Bond Bros. & Co. Montreal. A statement was submitted, showing the good fused to return, adding the plea, "I thy assets to be \$150,000 and the liabilities a million, half of which is to Sir Hugh Allan and is partially secured.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

The European plenipotentiaries, at a meeting held at the Russian embassy. Constant-inople, Jan. 12, decided to make their last communication to the Ottoman delegates on Monday, and demand a categorical reply. The Conference will meet again on Thursday to receive the reply. If the Turks persist in their refusal, all the members of the Conference will quit Constantinople on Friday. It is said the Sultan has resolved, if no agreement is reached, to recommence hostilities against Servia aud Montenegro March 1st.

At the beginning of the week Prince Bismarck sent Baron von Werther a curt despatch, criticising the extreme slowness of the Conference, declaring the plenipotentiaries had gone too far in concession to the Porte, and that such concession and modifications, in the face of Turkey's delay and resistance, were contrary to the dignity of Europe and impaired the force of its collec-

The "Pall Mall Gazette" expresses the belief that Germany's action is a fresh indication of Bismarck's desire to see Russia at war and the Russian Empire shaken or des-

The Hungarian General Klapka has inspected the arsenal and stores of Turkey, and certifies that the Turkish Government has 100,000 breech-loaders and accoutrement sufficient for 400,000 men. The Turkish army in Bulgaria is rapidly increasing; 83,000 men from all parts of the Empire have arrived in that province within the last 8

All the correspondents of the London papers consider the failure of the Conference probable. The attitude of the Turks is un-

The Paris "Pays" publishes an article signed "Cassagnac," insolently attacking the Government and prophesying the return of the Prince Imperial to France in three

The steamer State of Virginia, from Glasgow, Dec. 22, for New York, is reported off Crookshaven, with her main shaft broken.

The frigate Svetlana, flagship, of the Russian squadron, arrided at Hampton Road on Friday, having on board the Grand Duke Alexis and Admiral Bentajoff. The steamer Montezuma has been burned

on the Honduras coast by her Cuban captors, who escaped. The Spaniards on board were saved by a Spanish man-of-war which in Near Alexandria, Va., two sleeping on a passenger train were thrown down an

embankment by a broken rail. Fifteen passengers were injured. Another accident occured in West Virginia a passenger train jumping down a 45-feet embankment; several persons were badly hurt.

Commodore Vanderbilt's will bequeaths all

his wealth to his own family. A duel was fought in Kent Co., Delware, last week between James Gordon Bennett and Frederick May. The seconds were Dr. Frederick May, of Baltimore, acting for his cousin, and Howland Robbins, acting for Bennet. There was only one exchange of shots. At first fire May received Bennett's fire in his forearm. Bennett was unhurt.

James Gordon Bennett, who has been concealed on board the "Herald" steam yacht at New York, during the past few day, boarded the steamer City of Richmond, bound for Liverpool, off Sandy Hook.

Br. Charles Phelps, who accompanied Bennett as surgeon, has been committed to jail for thirty days for refusing to testify belore the Grand Jury in relation to the duel.

#### A SERMON

TREACHED ON BRUNSWICK ST. CHURCH, HALE AX, DEC., 24, 1876, BY

The entire line of Israel's kings was formed of unworthy, godless characters. Many of the kings of Judah were noble. God fearing men; but the kings of Israel were, without an exception, worthless and vile. And of the whole series none was worse than Ahab. "He did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him." A more contemptible man is seldom met with in the annals of civilized government. King John of England and Ahab, king of Israel, were rulers whose fearing man! As we look at him on his memories will be he held up to execuation, face before Elijah, stuttering out his disso long as men have minds to judge and jointed question, it is hard to say which hearts to feel. Ahab's wickedness brought is the greater man of the two: the humupon his country a drought which con- ble but brave governor, with his herd of timed with unbroken severity for three starving horses: or the mighty but imyears and six months. Driven to extremities the unbappy monarch ordered the and to be thoroughly searched for before whom I stand, there shall not be water and pasturage: he himself taking dew nor rain these years, but according to one route, and Obadiah, the governor of my word." Among the saviours of his his house, another. And, forasmuch as nation; among the nursing fathers of this drought and famine had been pre- the persecuted Church; among the dedicted by Elijah the Tishbite, no effort fenders of the true faith, Obadiah, goverwas spared to discover and apprehend nor of Ahab's house is not the least worthat man of God. Into all the neighbor. thy. In the list of Hebrew worthies who, ing states and kingdoms did Ahab send in dark and troublous times, "endured to find the prophet; and each chieftain as seeing him who is invisible," this man's was made to swear that he knew not his name holds no mean place.

retreat. Imagine, then, the surprise of Obadiah, on meeting the stern, mysterious Tishbite face to face. In his surprise and fear he fell to the ground, confusedly exclaiming, Art-thou-my-lord, Elijah? the man of God answered, "I am : go, tell thy lord, behold, Elijah is here." And shouldst deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?" Reminding Elijah of the efforts Ahab had made to arrest him, and of the probability of the Spirit of the Lord now carrying him away, (see verses 10-12,) he reservant fear the Lord from my youth."

1. It is said of this good man (verse 3 that he "feared the Lord greatly." Now, no man under Ahab's rule, and occupying so prominent and influential a position as governor of the royal household, could fear the Lord greatly without greatly risking both his office and his life. No man at such a time and in such a position could fear the Lord greatly with any degree of ease or safety. He needed a rare combination of prudence and principle who could, at such a time, both fear God and honor the king. It required an enlightened mind and a tender conscience to determine in those days what things should be rendered to Cæsar, and what should be rendered to Go 1. The steward of such a man as Ahab could not fear the Lord greatly without having often to act in direct opposition to the will of his royal master. Himself the son of an usurper, Ahab took to him for wife the daughter of an usurper, a woman more fit to be companion to Satan than wife to an Israelitish king. What Ahab lacked to make him complete in wickedness was fully made up in the character of Jezebel. When these two heads and these two hearts in counsel met, woe to the man that stood in the way! See what the sacred historian says of them, "But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord, whom sezebel his wife stirred up." Now Obadiah knew his master and mistress well; he was fully aware of the risk he ran in opposing or frustrating their designs; he knew they were persons with whom he could not trifle. Why! the king was so peevish and cruel that he would not hesitate to take the head of his own steward, should he unwittingly befool him by saying, "Elijah is here." Some time after this did he not throw himself upon the bed and take pet of his dinner. like a sulky child, because Naboth the Jezreelite refused to sell him his vineyard to make a kitchen garden of? And at the instigation of his wicked wife, did he not, in the most cold-blooded manner ossible, murder that innocent man? A ruler that could do things like these might well be feared. Then, think of his queen-Solomon, (than whom few had a more extensive experience in such matters) among his many "findings," said: And I find more bitter than death the woman whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands. (Eccles. vii. 26.) . Now, such a woman was Jezybel, queen of Israel. More bitter than death, more cruel than the grave. At the mention of her name Elijah trembled: at the outburst of her anger he fled for his life. Elijah, whose voice like a trumpet rang through the land, calling the apostate nation back to its God-Elijah, who, in stern and solitary grandeur, stood on Mount Carmel, and, in the presence of the king and all the people, challenged, single-handed, the entire pricethood of Baal-no sooner hears of Jezebel's rage and Jezebel's vow, than he flees into the wilderness and prays God that he may die! Were we severe in calling her "more bitter than death: more cruel than the grave." When the Son of God, in His revelation to His servant John, described the Church of Rome and the abominations thereof, as though anxious to give it the strongest and most significant title possible, styled it, "that woman Jezebel:" a term indicative of the deepest wickedness. Yet Obadiah feared God more than he feared his queen, fiendish woman though she was. Risking his reputation, his office, and his life, he put himself between her rage and the Lord's prophets : hiding Am hundred of them in caves, and feeding them with bread and water. Brave, godpulsive prophet who had the power to say: "As the Lord God of Israel liveth,

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

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

#### REPORT

OF THE GENERAL SABBATH SCHOOL HOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA FOR THE YEAR END-

ING OCTOBER 1st, 1876. (Continued.)

#### SABBATH SCHOOL CONSTITUTION.

A Committee consisting of J. W Bickle, Esq., and Rev. W. Williams of Hamilton, and the Secretary, was appointed to consider any desirable amendments to the Constitution contained in the discipline, and published by the Committee, who will be thankful for any suggestions that may be forwarded to them from our Sabbath School officers and teachers in any part of the Dominion.

#### SECOND-HAND BOOKS.

As many of our larger schools have a considerable number of books that have served their turn, and been laid aside, perhaps they will kindly forward them, at the expense of the S. S. Board, to the Rev. A. Withrow, M. A., Toronto. or Rev. A. Andrews, Tilsonburg, by express, who will send them to schools making application for such

#### LEQUIREMENTS OF THE WORK.

In view of the great amount of labour involved in carrying on our Sabbath School work as required of this Board by the General Conference, we are decidedly of the opinion that we should leave the entire attention of one person devoted to it immediately, and the Board has passed a resolution respectfully requesting the London Conference to allow the Secretary to labour under the direction of the Board duing the next ensuing Conference year. This would involve considerable outlay in addition to what we have yet ventured upon. But if it be necessary to the satisfactory working of our Sunday School interests, as we believe it to be, we have confidence that the collections will amply meet the additional expen-

#### COLLECTIONS.

According to the discipline, there should be a collection taken up in the schools once a year for our general Sabbath School work. This is to meet the expenses of preparing schedules for anqual returns, purchase of books for examination, as already mentioned, and other expenses of the Library Com. mittee; and for grants to new schools. We would suggest the month of Feb. ruary as a suitable time for these collections, and in schools which are closed in winter, the month of May. When the collections are made, the best way will be to pay them to the minister in charge of the circuit, who will forward them to the Financial Secretary of the District, to be handed to the Sabbath School Treasurer for the Conference, and he will forward the Conference returns to the General Treasurer. This is in harmony with the method pursued in relation to all other Church Funds. The amounts ought to be credited to the circuits in the Minutes of Conference, to avoid mistakes, and shew what circuits sustain this work. This is done in the London and Montreal Conferences and the result is very satisactory. We would respectfully commend the practice to all Conference Secretaries. SUGGESTIONS.

We venture to suggest that it would be of much interest to our Sabbath School workers, if when a new school is organized by any of the ministers on our various missions and circuits, it should be announced through the Guardian or Wesleyan, and in every case through the S. S. Banner, published by the Rev. S. Rose, Toronto,

We are convinced that an afternoon session during each annual Conference, set apart for conversations on our Sabbath school work, with arrangements previously made for several brethren to speak for a limited time, (say ten minutes each) in introducing the several topics, would be productive of great

#### TEACHING THE CATECHISM.

We cannot speak too strongly of the necessity of regularly using our catechisms, in these days of loose doctrinal teaching. In the judgment of this Board, the most successful method of teaching the catechism, is to make it a concert exercise. somewhat as follows: The Superintendent having selected the section for the day, immediately after school is opened, will read over the first question and the answer, very slowly and distinctly. Now, repeat the question, and request the school, officers, teachers, and scholars, in concert to repeat the answer, at the first with him, then without. This he will do perhaps three or four times, until the whole school can readily give the answer without prompting. Then he will take another question and proceed in the same way, to such length as his judgment shall direct. Occupying from five to ten minutes in the whole exercise. Thus a large portion of the catechism must be learned by the school in the course of of the year. Some prefer to have copies of the catechism enough for each person to have one, and then to be kept in the school. When the question is given as before, the school will read the answer, say twice over, then, with closed books, give it from memory, &c. Both methods are excellent, and we commend them highly to those schools which have not tried them. It is found that the scholars come to enjoy the exercise very much, and it adds to the popularity of the school in every case.

ESTIMATES. Our estimate last year was that we should need during the year \$491. The amount raised as per Minutes of Conference, is \$478.68. This year we ought to be able to make grants to destitute schools, of books to the value (at wholesale prices) of at least \$600.00 Cost of Schedules, &c.....

Expenses of Mailing and Registering Letters..... Stationary and Postage... 25.00 500 additional books to be sent out this year..... 150.00

\$925.00 Total

For this amount we ask; and we solicit the fervent prayers of all lovers of the Sabbath school work, that God may guide us to his glery in all we do in behalf of the youth committed to

BOARD MEETING.

The sessions of our Board Meeting were most harmonious. Members resent :- Messrs. J. W. Bickle, Hamilton, James Edwards, Baine, Robert Wilkes, and W. Kennedy, Toronto, and Rev. A. Andrews, Tilsonburg, Wm. Hall, M.A., Cornwall, and Ja mes Caswell, Dungannon. Before closing the sessions, the unanimous thanks of the Board were presented to the Secretary for his zeal, and earnest efforts in behalf of the interests of the Methodist Sabbath Schools in the Dominion, and for his full report of the operations of the past two years. A resolution was also passed directing that this Report be published in the "Christian Guardian," "Wesleyan" and "Sunday School Banner."

J. W. BICKLE. Chairman pro tem S. S. Board. Hamilton, Dec. 8, 1876.

LABRADOR MISSION, 1876.

#### (BY REV. GEO. PAYNE.) (Continued from last week.)

In the evening, I went round and visit ed many of the families, inviting them to attend service. The house in which I preached was crowded, many not being able to get in, and many who gained a place inside had to stand during the whole service. If it had not been for the storm I should not have visited this place, l therefore felt glad to have been driven there for shelter, and hope and pray that the seed so unexpectedly sown, may spring up and produce an abundant harvest Next morning we made another attempt to proceed: the sea was high but not so bad as the day before, the wind had also abated. This time we reached Fishing Ships Harbor on the Saturday. On the Sabbath morning it threatened to be stormy, so we had but few present; and at twelve o'clock it commenced to rain very heavily, and blow very hard, so that the few who were present must have been very wet before they reached home. The storm continued to increase so that none ventured out again on that day, not being able to put out in their boats. So that after all the risk I ran to get here by Sunday, we had but one service and that but poorly attended. During my stay at this place it continued stormy, so that the three men who came with me could not return. In fact I left them there, and have since been informed that they were away from their work for thirteen days, which is rather a serious matter, when we consider that they all belonged to one man; besides they had to be given board and lodgings by the friends at Fishing Ship's Harbor.

The next place on the route is St Francis' Harbor, where the Episcopalians have a church built, but it being consecrated must not of course be polluted by poor Methodist evangelist, though it be but seldom opened for divine service. When the church was first built, the greater part of the people visiting the place belonged to that church, but now nearly all are Methodists, and there we get the largest congregations of any place upon the mission. Though not able to gain admission to the Church, we are very comfortably accommodated in a large

My next journey was on foot to Wilnam's Harbor, where I visited some Indians. Amongst the number was a very old woman, who was at the time sick in bed, she could understand but little English, so I had to speak to her through an interpreter. In answer to my question, she said, "She was not afraid to die, but would rather go than stay."

She wept when I spoke of Jesus and heaven: and seemed to be fully relying on Christ, the sinner's only hope. So even upon that isolated coast was one who had heard of Christ, and it is to be hoped, had received Him as her Saviour, waiting for His call. Will not such as this Indian squaw, rise up in judgment to condemn the many thousands who have been raised to heaven by privileges, but have neglected them.

I wanted to cross from William's Harbor to Merchantman's Harbor, but the men were all away, so I had to muster a crew of women, which was composed of two Indians and two Newfoundlanders, with an Indian lad about eleven years of age, who took the sculling oar; a better crew I did not wish to get, the way in which they plied thir oars and kept time. would have been creditable to a crew training for a boat race.

At Merchantman's Harbor I spent a week, conducted services in a store which were well attended, and a good influence felt. Amongst the congregation were some belonging to a vessel called the "Mary J. B. Reeves." which was wrecked on her way to America, and all hands lost. I hope that some of the truths they heard may have had with them the desired effect, and that they were prepared for their sad end.

The last, but by no means the least, place I visited, was Little Harbor. Many visit this harbor in the month of September to make their fish. Upon the Sabbath the store in which I preached was comfortably filled in the morning, but in the afternoon and night many could not get A church is greatly needed there. and our friend, the Hon. J. J. Rogerson, Rec. Gen'l. of Nfld., has kindly offered twenty pounds towards building one; and some of the friends from Green Bay, who visit the place every summer, have promised to take some lumber. We held a meeting upon the subject, and many agreed to go next morning to get some timber for a frame, and when I left there was upou the site nearly enough uprights and sufficient other pieces, with the exception of sills, which Mr. Rogerson has promised to send down next summer, the size of the church is to be thirty feet by twenty. Contrary to expectations, I had the second Sabbath here, through the mail steamer being behind time.

had three services again, but not so many | ling of Mr. Tyndall's theo present, for many had left for home. On Monday the steamer arrived about midday, and I boarded her for home; she was filled with passengers, many of whom were from wrecked vessels: to make it more unpleasant it was very rough, and many on board were sea-sick, your humble servant not escaping. We had to eek shelter in different harbors, so that re did not reach Harbor Grace until Saturday noon, when I gladly put my feet ence more on Newfoundland soil.

This brings to a cloose the report of my nission. In conclusion I would just say, it is a pity some better arrangement cannot be made for carrying out this important mission. No person, under present arangements, can possibly do justice to it. vessel large enough to live on board is needed, in which the missionary can go about from place to place, and visit such places he now cannot reach, and where no minister of the Gospel is seen from one year's end to another. If the Missionary Committee could but see their way clear to start such a mission ship, it would be the means of doing much good, and would soon be almost self supporting.

Another great want is a supply of tracts, without which no missionary should be sent. I am sorry to say I have not been provided with any either this year or last, the small stock I had I begged. Hoping ard praying that soon a mission ship will be provided for Labrador, with a good supply of bibles, hymn books and useful literature for sale, and a large stock of tracts and periodicals for distribution, in charge of an earnest ambassador of the cross, who will carry the good news of the cross to places it now never reaches, and that many through such means may be brought to Christ.

> I remain, your's sincerely, GEORGE PAINE.

P. S.—I feel greatly indebted to those people I visited for their kindness; especially those who, to their own inconvenience, so comfortably entertained me. G.P.

President Mark Hopkins is deliver-

ing a course of lectures this week in Wesleyan Hall that is exciting a good deal of interest. His subject is "The Scriptural Idea of Man." His introduction has been quite lengthy but an exceedingly interesting one. He has been discussing in a very masterly manner the philosophic and scientific principles connected with the subject. He has had the faculty, not at all common to men, of long continued philosophical habits of mind, of presenting abstruse subjects so that people of or- she was enabled to "walk in the light of dinary intelligencee can succeed in getting an idea occasionally. It is a matter of great satisfaction to sit down and hear such a grand old master as President Hopkins discuss these great questions. One feels, when comparing this kind of masterly work with the disgusting smattering and pedantic nonsense heard from the would-be scientific preachers of the times, that a patent should be granted a few men on these discussions, an infring ment of which should incur capital punishment. The President is now at an age indeed venerable but his mental vigor is not a bated. He stands now almost alone as a representative of the heroic age of work she took great delight. Thus she American theology. The deep lines upon his face seem as scars received in the fierce thought battles through which he has passed. The ease and power with which he wields the sword ot argument was not acquired in any intellectual fencing school but on the open field of conflict. His sober discussions are occasionally lighted up by glow of humor highly enjoyable. He was discussing the point that in order to believe a proposition we must understand something of its meaning. In this connection he spoke of the profound indefiniteness of many of the definitions and propositions coming from modern oracles of science and philosophy. As an illustration he gave the following: "I ask of Herbert Spencer, What is life? and immediatey he puts on his philosophical cap and, with the gravity of an owl, replies, aged 26 years. During her last illness Life is a continuous adjustment of internal relations to external relations.' And then he asks me if I believe that. And forthwith I put on my philosophical cap and with the same gravity I say, 'The boiling of a tea kettle is the continuous adjustment of internal relations to external relations.' And then ask him if he believes that. Now both of these definitions are perfectly grammatical in their construction, who have no hope." They are proving the they are made up of familiar words truth of the Lord's word to Paul, "My they are made up of familiar words, and the only difficulty with them is We that they are -nonsense ?" His hand-

evolution of the multiform animal organisms from his primal "tissue, vaguely sensitive all over," was a piece of philosophic ridicule of the first quality. Speaking of the evolutionist's account of the development of the eve he thought it remarkable that it should have required such countless ages for the great development of a single eye, when a plan was at last discovered by which two eyes are developed and placed in their proper position in the short space of three weeks, every time a chicken is harched! These lectures. together with Mr. Cook's sturdy Monday discourse, are furnishing Boston with orthodox science in anything but homeopathic doses. It is to be boned that thee lectures of President Hopkins' will be given to the reading public.—Cor. Cent. Advocate.

#### OBITUARY.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall ful.

low me all the days of my life." "I who have been ill am nearly recovered, and am thankful, that while death has been round as on every side, our family circle is yet unbroken." Thus wrote a dear friend on the first day of January, 1876. To day that friend is numbered with the dead. and that family circle, then unbroken. has had sad breaches made in it. Thus Online 8th of Aug., at Scotch Town, Grand Lake. N.B., died DAVID, eldest son of Jas. and M. Palmer, in the 23rd year of his age. As a son, dutiful, as a brother, loving and kind, of an amiable disposition, kind and obliging to all-he was greatly beloved by his own family, and had the esteem of the community in which he liv. ed. Last year he left home for the purpose of beginning life for himself, and after an absence of a few months returned home rather unwell. Medical aid was obtained, and for a time hopes were en. tertained that with such care as loving hearts and hands were ready to bestow, he might be spared, when quite unexpectedly, diptheria claimed him as his victim. and on the 8th of August, he passed away. we trust to that land, "where there shall be no more death."

On the 11th of September, at the same place, of diptheria, MARIAN E., in her 24th year, second daughter of James and M. Palmer, and sister of the above. Marian was enabled to trust in Jesus, and obtained the blessing of pardon some years ago-under the labours of Rev. J. Shenton, then stationed on the Sheffield circuit. Having obtained mercy of God, His countenance," and to retain his favor until the end of her life. Marian began the year as she had others,-reviewing the past, recounting the mercies of God and in acts of fresh consecration to her Saviour. Thus she wrote on the first day of the year." "The past year presents many pleasant scenes upon which I would fain linger. There has been the sacred confidence of friends, the secure happiness of home: the battle with error and temptation, followed by the peaceful consciousness of having done right. And above all the calm assurance of the child trusting in the love of the 'all Father,' the sweet assurance of the saved, trusting in the Saviour." Our departed sister was a teacher in the Sabbath school, in which wrote at the beginning of the year: "Last summer I had a class of eleven girls in the S. S. O how I loved to talk with them of Jesus. Since the previous summer three of them have given their hearts to the Saviour, and had joined the church. O what cause for gratitude. I hope to have the privilege of talking to them again, God help me to be faithful, so that of me it may be said, "She hath done what she could." I want more of the spirit of Christ, that by my example I may witness for Him. My desire this year is to get—" Nearer my God to thee." Surely that desire has been granted far more fully than she expected, for now she is " with Jesus which is far better." Her end was peaceful. In her case was fulfilled that Scripture, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is staid on thee, because he trusteth in thee." So said her sorrowing father to the writer 'soon after her death. At Scotch Town, Nov. 3rd, died CAREY,

infant child of Carey Esterbrooks, and grandchild of James and M. Palmer. And on the 30th November, JANET A., beloved wife of Carey Easterbrooks, and eldest daughter of James and M. Palmer, which was of some months duration, our departed sister was led to feel her need of mercy-and to "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." At first the way seemed dark, but He who is "the light of the world," was pleased to reveal himself, so that she was enabled to trust in him as her Saviour, and to testify that she loved him. A sorrowing husband is left, with one child to mourn her early death. While a father, mother-several brothers and sisters sorrow fo the "Loved ones gone before." They sorrow, "But not as those grace is sufficient for thee; for my

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LESSONS.

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

B. C. 910. Lesson IV. ELIJAH THE TISH-BITE; or, Providing for the Faithful. 1 Kings 17, 1-16. Jan'y, 28,

EXPLANATORY.

ELIJAH. Heb. Elijahu-" The Lord Jehovah. He is God." Elijah well na "ed. Tishbite. His home Tishbeh in Gilead. east of the Jordan. Of Tishbeh we know nothing. Not what he was, nor whence he came, but what he is, is the important question concerning any man. Unto Ahab. A bold, bad king hears brave unexpected words. Lord God of Israel liveth. This man of God rebukes Ahab, who worshipped other and dead gods, and led Israel from their own true God, to do the same I stand. A loyal, attentive, obedient and willing servant, and a companion as well. Like Enoch, he walked with God and spoke for him. Jude 14; Heb. 11, 5. Like the Levites. Lev. 10, 2. My word. God's secret with his servants. "How big doth he speak when he speaks

vile Ahab and the faithful Elijah. WORD. Christ the Word and the written word have come to us. The personal directing Word through the Holy Ghost now comes to those who "stand before the Lord."

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GET THEE HENCE. God divides between the righteous and the wicked. So between Israel and Pharaoh. So at the last day. Hide thyself. It was necessary for Elijah to retire from Samaria in view of Ahab's anger. Perhaps in view of his own spiritual necessities. Brook Cherith. Probably the Wady el Kett, or some other gorge and stream running into the Jordan Valley. The word means separation. The place a minor matter.

DRINK ..... FEED. God is the protector of and provider for his people. He takes care in minute matters, directing Elijah to the exact spot and providing for his support. Ravens. Even the birds have their ministry. Some try to weaken the miraculous element by supposing that the word translated "ravens" should be Arabians or merchants. But this is unne-

WENT AND DID. Elijah thus gave proof of his faith. He not only obeyed, but he obeyed in the precise particulars specified by the Lord whom he served. God regards little things as important when they express the larger things of faith and character. Dwelt. A lonely but a secure place. Ahab could not find him.

Elijah walked there with God. MORNING ..... EVENING, Here is only one side of a picture. We see a good man fed every day, and yet from this statement we can form no conception of the life which the prophet actually led by the brook Cherith. What fare he must have had, thinking, communing, living, hoping. What memories as he looked over to the Jordan and Saw Nebo where Moses died, and the Plain of Jerico where Israel encamped under the leadership of Joshua. Did he foresee the crossing of that same river and his own ascent to heaven in a chariot of five? Let the poor who depend alone upon God be comforted? "From hand to mouth" is not a bad way to live, if it be from God's hand to the mouth of his child. The ravens. They served Elijah as though they knew the words of Scripture concerning themselves and their young. Job. 38. 41; Psa. 147, 9.

DRIED UP. A proof to Elijah that his word had been fulfilled, and a test of his faith in the promise and purpose of God." Though Cherith failed, God's fountains as he can. - President Tuttle. of consolation had not failed. He is a well of living water.

WORD CAME. Elijah did not complain and ask a change. He waited and trusted. But God did not forget Elijah. God path. This was a long journey through a parched land, to a land of idolatry, to Jezebel, s land. "He needs the staff of faith and the sandals of hope for such a journey."-R. Tinker. "It was as if one flying in terror from a lion was directed to seek refuge in a lion's den." Guthrie. Here was a step which, judged by ordinary human standards, would seem unwise."

HE AROSE. Still obedient. And went a lonely journey, and yet he is never alone who has God for his best friend. Gathering sticks. An unpropitious prospeet. Almost as bad as the brook Cherith. "It was like leaning his whole weight on a support as frail as the thread of a spider's web."-Guthric. But Elijah knew that the thread of God's purpose, however frail to human thought, is a

cable human strength can never break. SHE WAS GOING. God, who had promised to take care of Elijah, had anticipated his coming by preparing the woman's heart to receive him and obey his commands. Blessed is the poverty

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE that brings such an occasion for hospitality as this, and that grants unto her who exercises it such abundant grace. A morsel of bread. He asked but little bread as he had asked but "little water." God does not always give his people the luxuries of life, and he often tests their faith by giving the necessities under pressure and in limited measure.

A CAKE. Hebrew moagh, from ug, to go round. A round cake baked in the ashes. Two sticks. A Hebraism for a few. Josephus, quoting fro m Neander. says that "a long drought prevailed in Phonicia, in the reign of Eth Baal, the father of Jezebel." Eat it and die. The prophet finds sorrow where he sought a supply. He came to be helped and he found that he must help. And die. A melancholy condition, indeed-full of grief to her, and but for Elijah's large faith in God it would have occasioned him distress.

FEAR NOT. Elijah knew his God, and by his knowledge and faith consoled her feebler faith. He remembered Cherith and the ravens. He knew of the "manna" in the wilderness. We are here reminded of the feeding of the five thousand from the lad's portion. "Blessed are they who are allowed to harbor Christ. '-Augustin. ' Happy was it for the widow that she was no niggard with her last handful."-Trapp. "What is set out in pity or charity is set out to the best interest upon the best securities."-Henry. Oil. Olive oil, used in cooking as we use butter.

HER HOUSE. It seems that there were more to be provided for than her son. Perhaps finding that the blessing of the Lord was upon her, her nearest relatives came for support in the famine. Many days. The margin has "a full year." Cruse. Gesenius says that " it was possibly of earthen ware, a globular vessel with a crooked handle and narrow spout; such is not uncommon at the present day; or it might be a skin bottle." Barrel. A jar or vessel used for meal. Learn from this subject: 1. The grandeur of a courageous faith in God; 2. The wisdom of an obedient faith; 3. The beauty of a patient and submissive faith; 4. The serviceableness of a sympathetic faith; 5. The allsufficiency of God, who is the object of a true faith—his authority over great matters, bis attention to minor matters.

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2. We have seen, then, that the sacred historian paid this man's memory no undeserved compliment when he said he " feared the Lord greatly." We have already seen, in this short history, sufficient proof of this his godly fear. Now how shall we account for it? How came such a character to be formed: formed, too, under influences so adverse, and amid surroundings so unfavorable? I think we have the explanation in the words of our text. "He feared the Lord greatly. because he feared Him from his youth.' Greatness of character is never the result of sudden, rapid growth. It vegetates slowly. That which springs up in a night will perish in a night. No,a great character cannot be turned out, all at once, perfect and complete, like the casting from a gradually built up, stone upon stone. till its top reaches to heaven. then, if character is formed gradually. regularly and slowly, is it it not of the greatest importance that that formation be rightly guided from the beginning. build up again. And what follows? In bour, the building is not ready when wanted: the character is incomplete at death. Allow me to put the question in another form. If no part of a journey can be ridden over or omitted; but if each mile is to be walked, are we wise in delaying the start: especially if there be only a given time to do it in, and that time be running on ? And thus it really is. Our time is fixed: moreover, it is limited—so is the work: there is a certain quantity to from his youth. Is it likely we would be done: there is only enough time to do it in, If then, any part of the time be wasted, part of the work must remain unfinished. We are so apt in our youth to suppose that if we but begin to fear the Lord before death: if we are only converted some time it matters little whether that conversion come soon or late. We are so apt to imagine that the man who. begins to fear the Lord at 40 years of age, does as well as the man who feared the Lord from his youth. In this we do most grievously err. The man has lost time which can never be made up to him: he has neglected work which must remain undone forever; and though he live to an advanced age, the plan of his life is unfilled: he has failed to do all the will of God. I know that a workman may have a certain quantity of work to do within a given time: that he may trifle away the first hour, and then by dint of unusual energy make up that lost time, and have it in a weakened body and an enfeebled the work completed by the appointed mind. You will reap it in habits of mind hour. But, has he done his duty? No. | and body which will follow and annoy Work done in a hurry cannot be done well; and though he leave the workshop in very many cases, choke the good seed, at the appointed hour, his work suffers loss. I know too that a man may be ex-· pected to pay £1 sterling into a bank each day: that he may neglect so to do: and yet at the end of the year pay in his £365. But, has he acted honestly? No indeed. He robs the banking concern of the interest: and should be pay in interest also at the end of the year, the case is not met for the bank during the year may have of a godless youth in the case of one who had to borrow other monice interest, for the want of such de-

posits. Now these are but imperfect il-Justrations of an eternal truth. St. Paul says, (1 Cor. iii. 11-15), "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid. which is Jesus Christ." Well, upon that foundation one man builds "gold, silver, pregious stones:" another builds thereupon "wood, hav, stubble." Now, is it immaterial what kind of work he builds-is it matterless how carelessly or hurriedly he builds-so long as it is built on Christ Jesus? Far from it. "Every man's work shall be made mantfest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: yet he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." The fact is, every man's life work is planned and ordained by God, not as to quantity only, but as to quality; and not as to quality only, but as to time; because of its relation to other men's life work, which has each its own place in 'God's universal plan. I am required by the Supreme Governor, not only to do certain things, but in a certain way, and at a certain time; so that, though I perform the duty; and though I perform it perfectly; yet, if I do it not at the appointed time, I disarrange the Divine plan; and may then have done it in vain. For instance: God, in his comprehensive providence, arranges that a certain poor widow and her orphans shall be relieved: and that I shall relieve them. I am able to do it, and willing; though all unconscious of the Divine plan. But I hesitate; and instead of giving my donation to the relief society this year I give it double next-I have done my duty; and done it to the required extent; but not at the appointed time. What then? Mean time, the widow and her orphans may have

Not only so; they may not have been reliev' ed at all. Obedience, we repeat is required by God not as to quantity and quality only but as to time. The work of youth is required in youth; and cannot be done at any other period. It cannot be done in mid-life: because mid-life brings its own duties; and because the flow and fire of youth has then forever gone. In like manner, the work of manhood's prime is required in manhood's prime. It cannot be done in old age; because old age brings its own obligations; and because the strength and wisdom of manhood has, by that time, forever fled. Moreover, what becomes of the influence and example of youthful piety? Can such an example be exhibited by the man converted at formould. Rather, like a tower, it must be ty? No, he has lost that opportunity forever. Young men, remember this. It serve God; only you refuse to enter upon

may be, you purpose in your bearts to that service now; and you delay because you imagine it matters little when you do it, so long as it is done before death. You Otherwise, we shall have to pulldown and | fancy that your present disobedience will be forgiven; and your lost time made up. consequence of this loss of time and la- It never can be made up. Lost time and opportunities can never be replaced. The loss will be felt in all time to come.

3. This brings us to another great truth. Not only is youthful piety required of us in youth because it cannot be rendered at any other time; but, if we do not learn to fear the Lord in our youth, it is extremely improbable that we will ever learn. Obadiah would not have feared the Lord greatly had he not feared Him have heard of his uucommon piety, (or heard of him at all) had be first turned to the Lord along with the noisy, volatile crowd that shouted when they saw the fire, "The Lord, He is the God, the Lord, He is the God." Young men, turn, O turn now. Perhaps you say, let me first sow my wild oats, and then? Yes, what then? Now mind, the great God has said. Whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap." Pray consider what this means. If you sow wild oats you will reap wild oats, and conversion itself will not prevent it. You may sow this evil seed, indulge in youthful follies and sins, and then experience the saving grace of God. But remember, though forgiven and though converted, you will reap what you sowed-reap it in a harvest of evil thoughts and evil recollections which will crowd upon you in your holiest moments, and at your holiest work. You will reap you more or less until you die; and which and render salvation impossible. Many a good man has all his life to pray. "Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions," for whilst God in His

himself can never be forgotten. Now, if this be so in the case of a converted man, I hat must be the influence higher | has not experienced such a change. " If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the nngodly and the sinner appear?" Each succeeding day strengthens existing habits, before which he is driven as helplessly as a withered leaf is driven before the autumn wind. "The herb yields seed after his kind, and the tree yields fruit after his kind;" and, in like manner, the wicked ways of a godless youth produce successive crops of thistledown, which cover and poison the soil of the heart, leaving it like wild moor land, rough, stony and bare.

mercy, has forgiven and forgetten them.

their consequences remain and by the man

Dear young friends, our only hope lies in prompt, hearty decision. Decide to enter upon the service of God now. Give vourself to Jesus to-day. Accept Him fully as your Saviour and Master. Let lime satisfaction of looking back upon a whole life spent in the service of God; a

#### RMMARKABLE CONVERSIONS.

Some remarkable instances of conversion were experienced, during the

died; and my opportunity for relieving know it and thought it a small matter. prises. Hence, to succeed, such a paper On the 1st of January over twenty October.

those particular persons is forever lost. I took in all about twenty pounds. When I heard you preach the other night about restitution I saw at once that I never could be saved till I 'gave again that I had robbed.' I will make restitution: I am thankful to say I am able to do it, and will pay back thirty pounds for the twenty I have taken; but I want to know if I will have to confess the theft to master. I am still employed by the same man, and he has entire confidence in me, and I can return the money as I took it without his knowing any thing about it." He then explained to me some peculiar facts in egard to his family and business rela-

I replied that under ordinary circumstances, and in all cases when the injured party had knowledge of the fact, confession was an essential part of the business; but I believe there were cases in which a confession of that sort might do serious damage, and when no principle of justice required it I believed the restitution without the confession would meet the demands of righteousness. I thought, under all the circumstances of his case, the restitution without the confession would be sufficient. He did accordingly, and found peace with God that day.

But another man in Victoria, who dishonestly appropriated one hundred and fifty pounds of his neighbor's money and slandered and abused him besides, could find no relief at our altars of prayer till he had not only arranged the matter of restitution, but made confession, and, so far as he could, repaired the damage he had done to the reputation of his neighbor. He wrote him a letter, asking his pardon, and requesting the injured man, who forgave him freely, to make any use of it he thought proper for the reparation of the injury he had received by "false witness."

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"He spoke of the early religious newspaper as a mere religious tract, dealing little with matters in general: Him save and rule you. And if borne to and of the change, a first-class religious extreme old age, you will have the sub- paper now requiring the expenditure of \$10,000 or \$15,000 a year for editorial life-time spent in preparation for eternity. labors alone. It stands by the side of the pulpit and authorship. Its eye is | Till bathing in the sunshine of the eternal light. ever watching all aspects of the religious world, and it speaks without delay. It has vast influence in molding opinions. If you enter a family and look at its religious paper, you at once labors of Rev. William Taylor in Aus- form an opinion of the influence under tralia, among which he gives the fol- which it is trained. Hence, any decided paper will have friends or foes ac-A man in Melbourne was seeking cording to the grounds it takes; and it pardon for days, but could find no re- must take sides, it must have a characlief. Many of his friends wondered ter of its own, able and fearless, or it why, and seemed almost disposed to will not be wanted. A model religious charge God with "slackness concern- paper, therefore, will need a large ing his promise." He called on me capital, from \$75,000 to \$100,000 to privately and said : "I know the diffi- start with. The "Independent" did culty in my case. Some years ago my not pay its way for many years. It wages were not equal to my imaginary was so with the "Union, the "Adwants, and I ventured occasionally to vance," the "Interior," and other first. obliged to provide \$20,000 more with take a shiling from my master's money. class papers. The expenses of such a which to pay the quarterly stipends of A great deal of cash passed through paper are fearful, and this was shown nine missionary Bishops and more than my hands, and I knew he never would by the vast sums sunk in such enter- two hundred other missionaries. 3 surroundings.—From the Quiver for

needs an editor in-chief,—a strong man with helpers strong and in harmony with himself. Differences will weaken. If the paper takes no sides, it will have no character and will not commend itself to the public. Hence it must have a strong, decided leader, free to think for himself. Thus the "N. Y. Tribune," " Herald" and " Times" became great and strong under able leaders. Errors there will be, blunders, but these will be forgotten in the vigorous progress of the paper. Such a paper will be often ahead of the times, but it can afford to wait."

This is the testimony of one who has had long experience in newspaper life, and to the truth of which every editor and publisher of a religious newspaper can bear witness. In no other business have more signal failures been made. Not a single enterprise of this kind started within the last ten years has been a success. We have enough religious newspapers now to meet the demands of this country for many years in the future. What they need is a large support that their quality may be made better from year to year Every subscriber should make it a matter of conscience to pay promptly; while all the friends of religion and education should exert themselves to extend the circulation of religious newspapers which inculcate and defend sound doctrine and pure morality, that the infidel and immoral literature which is flooding the land may be counteracted. The good that may be done and the evil that may be averted by placing a good religious newspaper in a family previously destitute of such reading matter, can hardly be estimated. The amount of vile reading matter now in circulation, and its poisonous character, should arouse the public to the enormity of the evil, and lead to active effort to displace it by what is pure, healthful and saving. — Presbyterian Banner.

#### "THE MINISTRY OF ANGELS." At eventime, that holy hour, when hearts live o'e

again, The bright hours of their sunshine, and their darket When the ministry of angels seems a silent unsee A sacred benediction comes mith the evening hour

Oh, tell me not, ye never heard sweet voices from Nor tell me not they never press the lips they kissed For they surely soothe the old, dull pain, and ease the bitter smart,
And rest the troubled tossings of the poor, wearied

They breathe their influence round us, and soul And by our hearts we know them, " not lost but gone before!"
Though dark, and deep, his shadows may lay upon

our soul, And all his waves of sorrow in billows round us We may not hear their spirit tread, but yet we

feel them near, Add bending low, they hush our grief, with balm of love and cheer;
And the yearning heart grows calmer, and bright the clouded day,
For white hands beckon upward, and beckoning show the way.

Yes, unseen hands, so pure and white that slowly unclasped ours, Only a moment cre they clasped a wreath of fadeless And hearts that waved their signals back, while crossing Jordan sea, Soon, soon were touching airy clouds, of Heaven's

minstrelsy.

Then tell me not, O tell me not, that Heaven is far For hearts and voices blended notes come to every day; Death's waters hid them from my sight, but yet no crest or wave deep enough, or wide enough, to make for them

How oft come guardian angels, on white wings to They come and lay ethercal hands upon the dream

Or when the to bear, Their ministry nerves wearied hearts, again to For the veil that hides the unseen, a breath might heave aside.

For the soul can leap the abyss of time, nor trem-

Then tell me not, oh tell me not, that Heaven is far away,
For echoes from sweet voices come to us every day; And when we lay our armor down by the river sid And breast the surging waters of Jordan's icy tide. When the Phantom boat shall bear us, from life's

We will see the long lost faces, And our ears shall catch the refrain, that our hearts -Mrs. J. Shenton.

Bishop Potter, as Chairman of the Domestic Committee of the Episcopal Board of Missions, makes the following statement: 1. The indebtedness of the committee, Sept. 30-the close of the fiscal year-was \$23,000 2. On the 1st of October the committee were

thousand more will be needed to pay stipends and other bills for the quarter ending with the date. 4. The receipts from Oct. 1st to Nov. 20th have been much below these for the corresponding period of last year. 5. The committee have, therefore, been forced to postpone all appropriations for 1877 until the mind and will of the Church can be

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As stands you lighthouse forth, and braves The anger of the stormy sea, Casting its light on those fierce waves Which round it break unceasingly Warning the doubtfal mariner That danger there awaits his bark. Sending the friendly message far
Through cloudy spray and shadows dark. So standest thou, thou noble one 'Mid the dark waves of earthly life, And where they the most fiercely run, Sheddest thy calm light on their strift To storm-tossed spirits, wandering nigh, Dark rocks of death, thy warnings speak,

And they, those grim shores passing by, Reach the fair haven which they seek. Round there the wearying tempests break, The wrath:ul waves against thee beat, But nought can that foundation shake On which are set thy stedfast feet, Thy light upon that treacherous sea, Brightly in storm as calm doth shine. For its pure beams are given thee And guarded by a Hand divine.

Thou canst not know the blessings wrought By thine endeavour, canst not know As yet, what souls from peri caught As jewels in thy crown shall glow. But when at length Heaven's light shall dawn. Past the long night of doubt and tears, That bright-gemmed crown thou shalt put of the wear through everlasting years.

January 5th, 1877.

FINDING HIMSELF IN THE HOSPITAL.

"What place do you call this here?" Benny asked, at length; "and how did I come here?"

"This is the Victoria Ward of St. Thomas's Hospital," answered the same soft voice, "and you were run over in the street this morning, and brought in. That is all I know about you, my little fellow."

"Oh, I remember now," said Benny, with a flash of returning intelligence. "I was trying to find some work, and was running across the street, when I got knocked down."

"Trying to find work!" echoed his new friend. "Such a tiny mite as you looking out for work?" she repeated half incredulously, half pityingly.

"Yes; cause father can't work; he's bad and won't never be no better; and momer, she can't do anything half her time, cause of her hands. So I was thinking of trying for something, and I had earned a penny already," he added, as if to prove his own powers, for the compassionate look on the face before him seemed rather to doubt his capa bilities.

"You are indeed beginning betimes," she rejoined with a little sigh; for she knew how long it would be before the poor maimed little form would be going about again.

I must get up and go back to mother now. I s'pect I've been away a long time already."

" No. my boy, you must lie quiet and still where you are for the present," said the lady, who was training at the hospital to be a nurse. And she put her hand gently upon him as he was about to attempt to rise. "You can't get up yet, so don't try."

"But I must go to mother !" he cried, his large brown eyes fixed wistfully upon the other's face, whilst tears began to gather in them. "I want mother, and she'll want me, and she won't know what has become of me. If I don't never go back she'll think I'm killed." Tears were pouring down the little cheeks by this time.

"My poor little man, it is impossible for you to go back now, because you have been hurt very badly, and it will be some time before you can walk again. But we'll try and let mother knowall about it, and some day, I dare say, she'll be able to come here and see you. And, meantime, you'll try to be a brave boy, so that we may be able to tell her how good you have been."

But Benny could not repress that yearning for "mother" which grew the sorer the time his pain increased. His longing was so great to lay his little head down upon her breast. For all around him was strange, pleasant though it might be. But it was not

Oh, the magic sound of that word! the hold it takes upon the heart! Poor little Benny loved that dark, dicary, miserable room in Pincher's Alley, in spite of its wretchedness, just because it was home; and he wou'd rather lave gone back there than staved amid tall the comparative grandeur of his present

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A POR THE CHILDREN.

Never was a girl more proud of shoes than Hetty was of her scarlet slippers. For one thing she had often wished for a pair, and had never been able to obtain them before; and now her wish was gratified. It came about in this way. Hetty was on a visit to a friend, and very happy were the weeks that she spent in the country, though there was not much to see in the garden's besides chrysanthemuns. and from the fields and lanes everything had been gathered, even to the blackberries. But the house was a cheerfu: one, and the people who lived in it were kind and pleasant, so the time passed as merrily as possible.

One day Miss Robinson surprised Hetty.

"I want you to tell me what you would like best in the world," she said. " In the world?" said Hetty, wonderingly.

" Well, no; not quite that. What I really mean is this. My brother would like to make you a present because you have marked his stockings so nicely, and he wishes you to decide as to what it shall be."

Hetty's eyes brightened, and a smile that was full of delight spread over her

"It is kind of Mr. Robinson," she said, "and I know very well what I should like, only I am afraid it would cost too much money,"

"Perhaps not. Say what it is,"

" It is a pair of slippers." " Then you shall go with me to-day aud buy which pair you please."

You may be sure that Hetty was ready when the time came, and that Miss Robinson had not to wait for her. "I know a shop," she said, "where

there are all sorts of beautiful slippers." "That is where we are going," said Miss Robinson, " for there is only one shop of the kind in the place."

When they reached and entered it, Hetty's friend quite thought that little girl would find some difficulty in making her selection; but she did not. She bad made up her mind when first she heard of the good fortune in store for her as to the pair which she would

" Well, Hetty, which would you like." "I should like the scarlet ones, please, Miss Robinson."

"Very good, then you shall have them-"

If she had not been afraid of soiling them, Hetty would like to have worn them home for she was so very pleased with them and they fitted her beautifully; but as it was, she carried them in a parcel, and put them on as soon as she reached the door-mat.

From that time until the hour of which I shall presently tell you, Hetty wore her slippeds on every possible occasion. The first thing in the morning they were put on; and so they were the last thing at night. Mr. Robinson declared that he believed Hetty slept in them; for he thought she could not bear to part from her favourite. But he was only making fun of her, for, of course, Hetty knew the slippers are not for sleeping in. It is true, however, that she wore them whenever she could, and was as proud of them as a peacock is of his tail. And yet she gave them away!

When she had stayed a few weeks with Miss Robinson she returned to her home, and one of the first things that she did when she saw her mother was to tell her about the slippers.

" Did you ever see see such beauties, mamma?" she acked.

"They are pretty, certainly," said her mother; "and are very warm and comfortable, are they not?".

"They are just levely, mamma; and I have not had cold feet since they were given to me," replied Hetty.

A few days later Hetty and her mother went to pay some visits, and among the rest of the places where they called was a small house where a poor widow woman and her boy lived. They found the woman in great distress, for the boy was sick, and she was too poor to be able to procure medicine for him; neither had she warm clothing enough to make him comfortable. He laid on two chairs, and almost the first thing Hetty noticed was that he had on his feet a pair of thick hobnailed shoes. Her mother observed it too.

"Would he not be better without his boots?" she asked.

" No, ma'am, for he is so cold that I had bard work to keep him warm at all. We cannot have a very large fire, you see, and the boots are thick and prevent his feet from being as cold as stones, as I have known them to be."

" But you might cover his feet with blanket." "Yes, ma'am, but the pain makes him so restless that he kicks a blanket off. I think it is better for him to wear his shoes, thoughthey do sometimes make him very tired."

If any one had been watching Hetty's face at that moment, he would have seen it change colour. The little girl thought first of her own warm, comfortable slippers at home, and wished the boy had a pair like them.

And then another thought came into

" Perhaps I ought to give my scarlet

slippers te him." But she sent the thought away with some indignatiou.

" No, I cannot do that. It is not required of me; and besides, it cannot be right, for they were given to me."

But following that thought came yet

"Mr. Robinson would not mind.

He would be passed." Still, she did not feel that she could part with them so easily, and she there-

fore said nothing to the little boy or his mother. But that night Hetty did not enjoy her slippers as much as usual, and she kept thinking of some words which she knew. " I was a stranger, and ye took

me not in; naked, and ye clothed me

At last she made up her mind. She knew that she could spare the slippers; and that they would really be far more useful to the poor boy than to her. So the next day she toak them in a parcel, and said, "John, I have brought you a pair of slippers, because they will keep your feet warm, and be more comfortable than your boots."

John was too ill to thank her then, but he has done so many times since. This happened several years ago, but John never forgot it, and always declares that it was the slippers that made him well. The other day he presented Hetty with a beautiful pair; and he says that he means to spend the rest of his life in proving his thankfulness for her kindness.

A CHILD'S PETITION.

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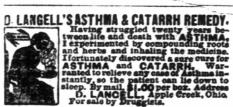
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