



THE WESLEYAN. FRIDAY. OCTOBER 29. 1880.

ENGLISH METHODISM. English journal a explanation of certain erroneous state-
ments respecting English Methodism.
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A return to the topic is prompted by
a suggestive inquiry from the pen of an esteemed senior minister of our own
Church. At the same time we readily
admit that the repetition of false, and of partially true, paragraphs in some
of our secular exchanges furnishes an
gdditional stimulus to present refer-
utes of the English Conference, we can
only use round numbers. Published tabular statements, however, establish
these facts:-that 43,000 persons were received into full membership during
the last Conference year, and that at the close of the year the names
$\mathbf{2 5 , 0 0 0}$ others were upon the lists probationers for membership.
same statements meanwhile sh further net loss of 14,000 by remorals ber of 24,000 who have ceased to me in class. Exact figures prove a dea decrease which would have been late arrangement required a separa enumeration of the junior members. ly quoted:"English Mothodism wa never stronger than it is now in every of all other Churchos, but as member hip amongst us means altendance at the weekly class-meeting that has a ways been fluctuating from Mr. Wes
ley's days down to ours." Even the nembership, as ascertained by th test of the class-meeting, and measure Twenty years ago the members of the English Wesleyan Methodist Church were 310,000 in number; ten years
later they had increased to 348,000 to-day 376,000 are found within he ranks. Besides these are a number of
communicants alone, whose names are not included in church-lists, though would elsewhere be complience with the single condition of mon The publication by Methodism her annual compilation of statistic denominations, more reticent in their igures, escape. In view of this fact it seems at first sight unsatisfactory
that her modes of computation should be such as some fail to comprehend
and such as permit others, jealous of her influence, to circulate ambiguou herents. Her statistics, we believe made up according to modes in use by
other Churches, would show an in rease which, with some show of, rea son, might awaken jealousy. Only
the other day a prominent English Episcopalian, when laying one of the in Cornwall, stated that, in his opinion, members and not to the number of he adherents."

One watches with interest, just now dism furs those who regard Metho stincts, the Church Times supposes the reat efforts that have been made by masses." The Fountain, of which Dr Parker is editor, thinkst that in "INetho-
dism the yount peorlt arce not tuthod enough," and that "the lis ligher olucucaproader opinions of religition, ani that
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 Methodist Church is growing; the
Methodist Society is declining. You
will have to alter your test of mem-
bership and then you will hear no
more of decrease.
It is worthy of remark that this dis-
tinction between the "Methodist
Church" and the "Methodist Socie-
ty" was first suggested by Dr. W. B.
Pope, during the Conference conversa-
tion on the work ot God. For a time
at ant, oracular utterance. Then he, to
of an disappointment of many, made no
explanation of his remarks. Some one

## Like one who on a lonely road, Doth walk in tear and dread, And having onee turned round, Analks And turns no more his heiad," In an article in the current number

In an article in the current number
of the London Quarterly Review the
words find an explanation. Our reader words find an explanation. Our reader
will find a reference to this article in will find a reference to this article in
quotation from the Methodist; on ou first page.
"The solution of the difficulty" (the
adjustment of the relation between
the Methodist Church and the Society)
says the reviewer "will come ; for an irresistible necessity demands it. But it will come through the operation
he same Hand that formed the organ zation at first. John Wesley, and the City Road, must have had a present ment sometimes of the difficulties tha
would confront their successors. The must have foreseen that in due time the class-meeting would have to b Preachers would become Pastors. Bu
thoy left the embarrassment to Pro idence and posterity. The mo holy Providence of God will
things well in His own time."

## Please remind your friends that Tw dollars will pay for the Wesleyan fro $\xlongequal{\text { The }}$ THE N. B. AND P. E. I. OONFERE -CHURCH EREOTION.

 Any reader of our "Methodist Itemsfor the past few weeks must have felt, a we have done, that the Methodists of th
N. B. and P. E. I. Conference are takin new departure in church building. spite of the hard nmes, from which we ar just emerging, the last two Sabbaths have Brunswick, and several other churche are to be set apart for their sacred
pose about the commencement
 by quotations from the columns of the
secular papers, any communication from the active superintendent of the Kingsclear
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pleciste the comort of their new and pretty church. The Board of Trustees seems to have entered
int it stacles, and to hare received a commendable degree of encouragement from friends Respectıag the places adjacent.
$\qquad$ the superintendence of the Rev. E. C.
Turner, the latter minister states this pleasant fact: " Subscriptions were obtained,
plans prepared and the work completed without a single tea-meeting or bazaar, and without leaving any balance of debt
to be discharged by further effort, and all
this within themselves." Our friend Ris within themselves." Our friend
Richmond may eretore well say, as als those at Lincoln, "Ot thine own have we
 tront of a stage coach on our way to our
first circuit, we passed a building of am-
biguous architecture. "، What building is biguous architecture. "What building is
that ?" we said to the driver. His gruf
reply was, "Ol, it's some sort ot a soul-
saver." We bave oft
 our short experience in the drudgery of
journalisan; but these have not reached
the public ear. One paper, however, in which the above question is both asked
and answered, has no right on our private

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 latter through illness. With these excep
tions, the members of the Board were in their places. We are glad to learn that
Dr. Douglas was able to preside throughgiven to Dr. Hunter, the Secretary, to pre
ger Guardian and WEsLeryAN, it is inneces
sary to make further remarks.
$\overline{\text { TOPICS }} \xlongequal[\text { OF THE WEEK. }]{ }$
The gale of last Friday evening and Saturday was the heaviest of the season,
which in these latitudes has been comparatively free from storms. Crowded news. of serious injury to a prumber of vessels sale destruction of trees and injury to barns, but, happily, we have so far heard of
the loss of only one life There is yet




Amid strifes of nations and rumors
wars, we are apt to forget the sangui struggle between two small South Ameri-
can Repubics, which has not yet ceased. can Republics, which has not yet ceased.
As we write of small wars we are haunted As we write of small wars we are haunted
by a fear lest the struggle, already com-
menced between British colonists in South
Africa and the neighboring natives, may
prove to be the prove to be the reverse of trifling. Hor-
rible atrocities are already reported.
Without reinforcements, the little com-
pany of troops under Col. Ctarke is labbe
to be destroyed. A sad chapter of evil
may be wrought out before effective aid
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Complications upon the continent, with
the South-African difficulty, and the re-


 Alfred Woodill, Esq., M. D., Yas con.
cluded to spend the winter abrod for the
benefi of his health. We sincerely hope that his own expectations and those ot his
numerous relatives and friends may be
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 ghan ruler, will doubtless give a certain
boldness to the measures of the Irish agi.
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in that country, and a large number of the Irish constabulary is ordered to r\%.
dezvous at the Curragh of Kildare. On
the other hand, it is believed that the
quantity of firearms imported into Ireland quantity of firearms imported into Ireland
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$\qquad$ are not to be transferred for trial to Eng-
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bers of the Cabinet are denied by the Chief Secretary for Ireland, who asserts that they are united in the policy of coer
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social revolt. Many are moving toward

## EDITORIAL NOTES








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sons asked him to send the paper to the
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| Nova Scotia Conference. <br> The Meeting of the Missionary Committoe, of |  |  <br>  |  |  |
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|  |  | Christian Guardian, of Toronto. More than one hundred persons have presented themselves as seekers of salration at Mill |  |  |
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|  |  | Vroomanton Camp-meeting, Toronto Con- ference. A number have also professed faith in Christ, at Blyth, Torontu Cunfer- |  |  |
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